

As early as 1755 the Michael Bros. who came from Mapleton built a store just west of the present Baptist church.

In 1856 the Michael Bros. built the Red Mill, now owned by Mr George Craik. The site was suggested by James Clinas, son of John and Margaret Clinas, who were among the earliest settlers in this neighborhood. On their wedding day in 1819, in company with William McIntosh and bride drove from York State with two yoke of oxen and wagon and settled on the 9th concession of Malahide. The wagon in which they came was the first of its kind north of Salt Road. In 1868 the east end carriage shop was built by John Bell. This shop has been torn down and rebuilt, and occupied as a garage by Neil Spring.

In the year 1870 was one of great excitement to the people of Springfield and vicinity, when the New York Central railroad (N.Y.C. & P.) was constructed. The first station was built by Isaac Baker and Thomas Winder. The first station agent was Joel Mann and the first operator Charles Mann. After the completion of the railway, the village flourished, and in quick succession followed the construction of many mills. In 1872 the McIntosh saw mill was built on East St. In 1873 the White mill was built by Blake Bros. owned for a time by W. E. Roche. George Harris and George Gardiner later by Harris Bros. In the same year (1873) a ware house was built by J. M. Staley. This warehouse was burned, but was soon rebuilt, and occupied by George Muller, Arthur Barons, and after the White mill burnt by Harris Bros. The present owner J. M. Shively. Of short duration was an oatmeal mill built in 1875 by McRoy and Smith. This stood just west of ware house. It was sold to Oill and Reid and moved to St Thomas. The Lannery was built by Foy Bros on East St. later being sold to James Maggerty, part of which was made into a home, and the other part was sold to Duncan McRae, and moved to its present site.

Known as the East End Grocery Store, <sup>now</sup> owned by Arba Soper  
Henry D. once had a sash and door factory, where  
the Carnation factory was built. This was later  
owned by Wesley Miner, and Mr Mac Garvin.

This factory was burned down, and in 1916 the  
Carnation factory was built. In February 1870 the  
first cheese factory was built - stocks were sold at  
10.00 a share. The first directors were, Samuel Whaley  
Eros Clark, George Dexter, Isaac Baker, John Hall  
A. Clunas, D. MacLachlan, John Yoder, Henry Woolley.

The first cheese makers Mr Harris, Joe Dickson,  
Mac Hoover, Mr Agur, Harry Mannel was the last  
last cheesemaker, just before the Carnation Co.

bought the cheese factory. The Carnation sold to  
the Springfield Enterprise. 1876 Mr Richard

McDonald built the east end Blacksmith shop

The brick store on the corner opposite United Church  
was formerly owned by Mr Phal and Staggan, later

by D. W. Henry and now by Mr F. Shively. on the

north east corner the store <sup>was owned</sup> by J. Sisker, Finch Bros.  
and W. J. Kilpatrick.

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