

Talbot Street, north side, looking east from East Street, 2019



6. Knox Presbyterian Church manse, southwest corner of Mary and Curtis Streets, c. 1885

Courtesy, Steve Peters Collection

Designed by architect David Kilpatrick. The Knox Presbyterian church was on the corner of Mary and Talbot from 1865 to 1882 when it moved to its present location and this site was cleared for the post office which opened in 1883. The house was privately owned until c. 1927 when it was demolished to make way for the present YWCA building.



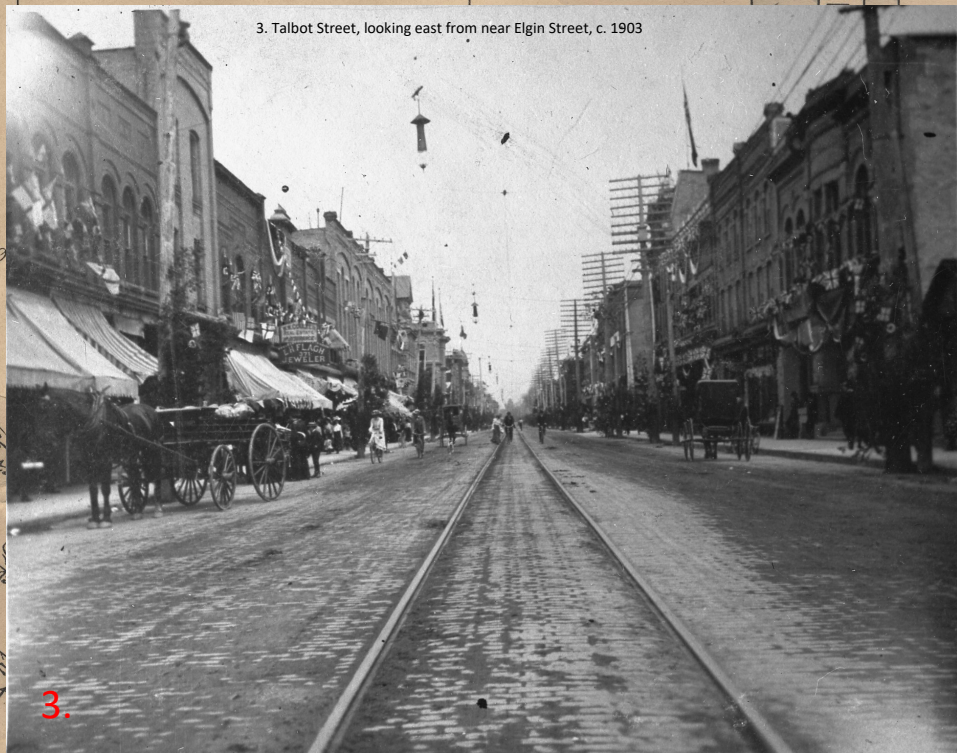
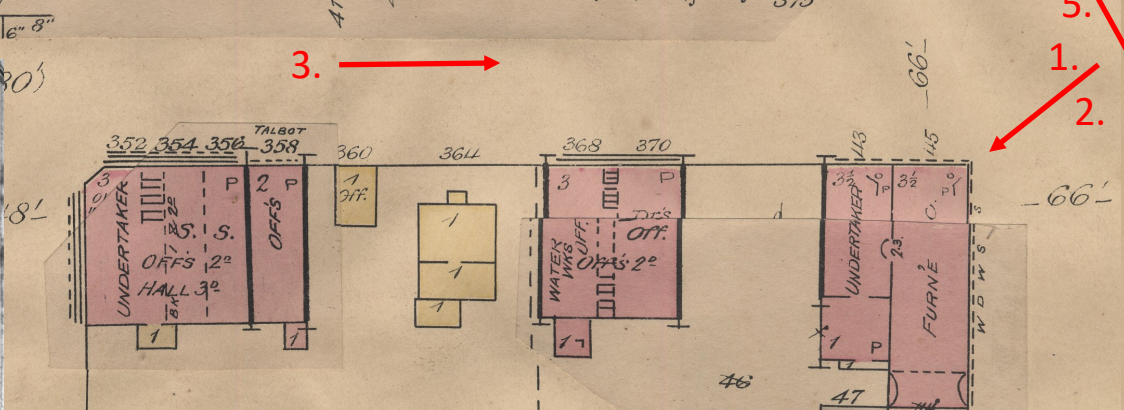
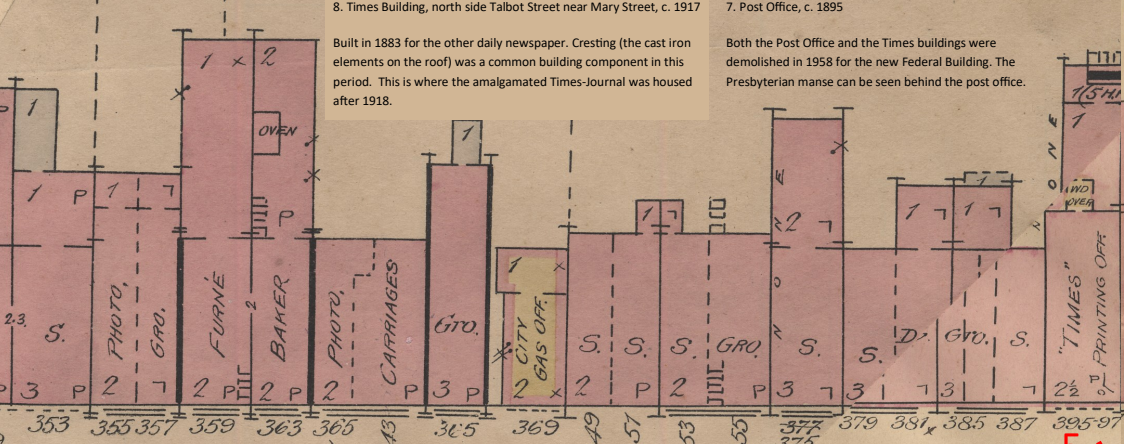
1. Goodwin and Sanders Block, southwest corner Talbot and Hincks, c. 1900. Built in 1886, it survives today as a two-storey structure.



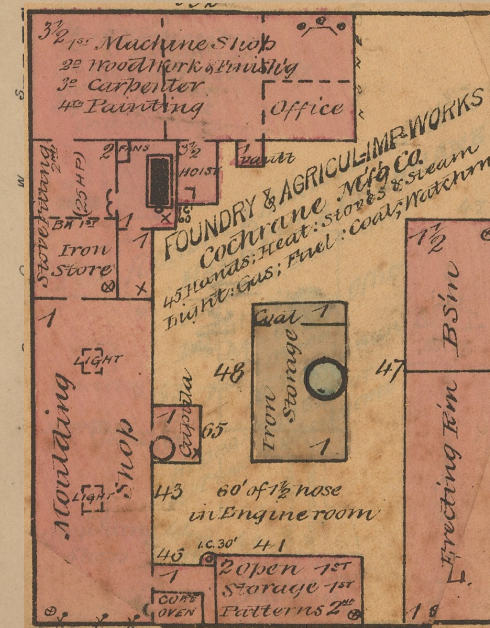
2. Goodwin and Jennings, Furnishing and Undertaking, c. 1890

Traditionally, carpenters made both furniture and coffins to make ends meet and thereby became the first undertakers. Jennings Furniture and Design (still on Talbot Street) is descended from this firm.

Contemporary photographs are by Jan Row. Historic images are from the Elgin County Archives. Red Numbers match the locations from which the historic photos were taken. The red arrow indicates the direction in which the camera was pointing.



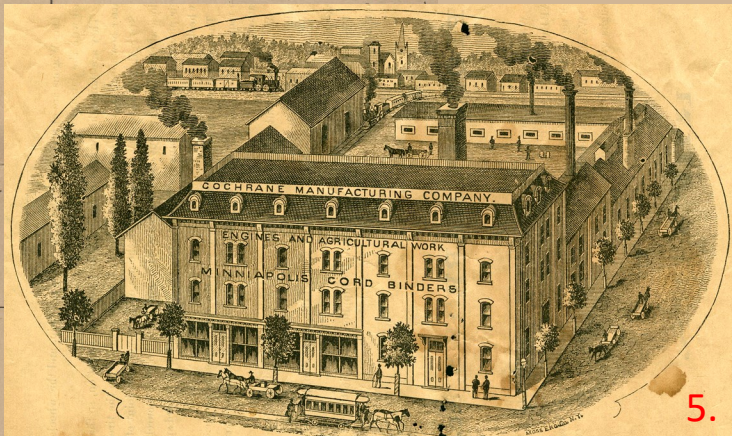
3. Talbot Street, looking east from near Elgin Street, c. 1903



5. Former Haggert Brothers agricultural implement factory, southeast corner Talbot and Hincks Streets, c. 1883

In 1871 the Haggert Brothers came from Brampton and built this factory. For the next 20 years they were the town's largest employers after the railway, building a full range of horse-drawn implements including grain binders and steam engines. In 1877 they were bought out by a group of local investors and incorporated as the Cochrane Manufacturing Company. The factory's facade was replaced around 1902 for Anderson's department store and is now occupied by Shoppers Drug Mart.

Detail from the 1889 St. Thomas fire plan showing the Haggert factory (now Haggert and Cochrane). That year they employed 45 workers and were the largest employers in town after the railways. The factory's location was chosen for its rail access.



4. Anderson's Department store, c. 1903

Probably the former Haggert Brothers factory. The front has been rebricked and the windows changed. The decorations are in honour of the 1903 centennial of Talbot's arrival and the start of his settlement.



Goodwin Building, 2019

