

MEMORIES AND FACTS OF JARVIS BY CELENA ERWIN

EARLY SETTLERS

The names of the first settlers in Jarvis to my knowledge were the Danfields, they kept an hotel over the railroad track near the station. The Boyd's Hotel was on the south west corner of Main, and Talbot streets. Mr. Maxwell kept a store, where the Pro Hardware now stands. Mr. Shannon kept the Post Office, where the Wabisa Fire Insurance building is located.

Mr. Shannon operated the first toll gate on the Plank Road leading to Port Dover.

Mr. Nat Davis, and Mr McMicken owned farms on the west side of the road. Mr McMicken's son Jim built his blacksmith shop on his father's farm.

Next to the Post Office was Mr Park's store, and next to that was Mill's Drug Store, then Mr Wilson's tailor shop, Mr

Marshall's shoe store, and Lee's Grocery, and Bake Shop.

Across the street was the Peterson Block consisting of a jewellry shop operated by a Mr Robertson, a Tailor Shop owned by a Mr. Brackenbridge. These buildings belonged to the Petersons.

Mr. Peterson was a carpenter. Dr. Coleman a veterinarian lived where Mr. David Wilson now resides. The Pelly, and Waterhouse Barrel Factory was situated on , and by the creek.

A new street was opened westward, when the Methodist Church was built in 1869. Across the street was McClean's Foundations There was a shed, and hotel, next to the Mill. The old Mill was beside the railroad as it is to-day. Back of the mill was E. Rodgers grain store. Across the railroad was the Canfield Hotel. On the west side of Monson Street, Dr Curlos first Doctor in Jarvis built a hospital, a frame building with three peaks at the front. The Jackson's lived across from the hospital. The Hind place was on the corner, and Montgomery's, and Secord's lived next to the hospital.

On the east side of Main Street next to the railroad, was the Nelson Boyd home built in 1856. The street next to his home was opened in 1870.

The building of the Talbot Road caused a railroad to be built running from Niagara to Windsor, and following as closely as possible to the Talbot Road. Others living on Main street were Donaldsons, Fergusons, and Sills.

There was no Church where the Presbyterian Church now stands. The first Presbyterian Church was built on the ground, which is the cemetery. The Manse was built in 1859.

On the west side of the street lived the Cunninghams, Teebles McMillens, Creightons, Lees, and Dr. Hiwell. Mrs Smith ran the hotel, which is now the Hotel Jarvis. The Montgomery Hotel was on the corner of Talbot street, and the Plank Road. Going east on Talbot Street, was Moblo's store, The burbridge Furniture Store, and Daniel Steele's Blacksmith Shop.

The first school was built on Talbot Street near the creek. Mr. Frank Brock was the first school teacher. He was a pensioned soldier and had lost a leg in the war before coming to Canada.

The School was built in order that the children of the early Settlers might receive a little knowledge of Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. There were no churches in the village at that time and occasionally a travelling minister would conduct services in the Schoolhouse.