

Charles Lamb, a former Mayor of Lindsay, at one time lived on Queen Street and often eluded to that district of Lindsay on the east and north side of the Scugog River as "East City", but long before Mayor Lamb's time the area was known as the Noble Ward. Probably this was due to the fact that there are so many streets named after Royalty and Nobility and the Biblical Saints. For instance: St. Paul, St. Patrick, St. Peter and St. David. Then there is Caroline, after a Queen of England, St. George and Bond and Colborne after English Lords. Logie Street was named after a family of Logies, originally from England, and Crandell was named after a gentleman who built such passenger steamers as the Crandella and Esturion. King, Queen, Glenelg East and Melbourne West were named after English statesmen.

At one time the East Ward was apparently the oldest settled part of Lindsay with three hotels on King Street, a number of saw mills, stave factories and cooperage mills and there were a number of small corner stores including the Hopkins Store at Queen and St. Paul and the George Mills store at the corner of King and Caroline, The J. R. O'Neill store at St. David and King and the Joe Staples' store at King and St. Peter Streets dates away back.

Previous to the coming of the CPR the houses now on the west side of Lindsay Street north were on the east side of Lindsay Street. A row of small frame homes on the west side of Caroline Street between Queen and Colborne Street were moved mostly to John and Crandell Streets. The old Methodist Church at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets was demolished and the grounds turned over to the town for park purposes.

The store at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets is one which has been associated with the East Ward for several decades and the late Wilber Nicholls was one of the most popular proprietors and he was also the successful operator of the Lindsay Soda Water Works. Other store owners included Gordon Byrnell and Lawrence McArthur and the owner for several years past has been Lloyd Horslen.

Pioneer builders and residents of the East Ward years ago include: Crandell, Blewett, Kineer, Fee, Hartley, Coubourn, Penrose, Mills, Sharpe, Mitchell, Killaby, Appleby, Grozell, Mallon, Calvert, McWatters, Staples, Moore, Kent, Teatro, Perry, Riley, Hooper, Henderson, O'Leary, Carley, Bissette, Wells, Lauder, O'Neill, Bryans, Paudash, Endicott, Vickery, Stevens, Boyea, Jackson, O'Reilly, Loucks, Parker, Sadler, Hudson, Dobson, Baldwin, Barjarow, Hodgson, Cullen, Terrill, Powell, Seaton, Jewell, Haight, Geach, Brooks and others.

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Never, anymore, do we see carpenters carrying the old hammock shaped bag filled with all kinds, sorts and sizes of tools. The familiar former Carpenter working on his own, has disappeared. Alf Bryant was one of the best carpenters and he was also a hunter. He never missed a hunt, even when he suffered from severe rheumatism. Just a few days ago the story of this hunter was recalled, the days when he had to use a special chair. When the season opened for deer, Alf Bryant accompanied the party to the hunting camp at Bear Lake in the Uphill district and his chair was placed on a runway and he could always be counted on to bring down any deer within shooting distance.

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R. A. (Bob) Magahay, well know Insurance man, has had the experience of living in close proximity to two original town sites. The original stakes for the Town of Lindsay were planted on the acreage immediately north of his home at the head of Queen St. on the Downeyville road. Surveys for a proposed village of considerable size were made on the pioneer Magahey farm at the top of the hill at Mt.

Horeb, south of Lindsay on what is known as the Hill Head Road. Plans were on paper for a good sized village but for some reason, only a school, a general store and a blacksmith shop were built and for many years the Mt. Horeb hill was a "hive of activity" in the days of the Hart's, Moore's, Magahey's, Deyell's, Elliott's and other well known local gentry. Mount Horeb is said to be as high as the water tower on Henry Street in Lindsay. Many boys in the district became well known business and professional men.