

cottage was on the site of Jack Quigley's house. Mrs. Quigley (Eva), her neighbour, Violet English (Mrs. Al Laidman) whose parents lived in the house remodelled by Roland Green, Olive Sherwood and Marjorie Boyd Grout, have contributed to the musical life of the community. The old Sinclair house is now the home of the embryo naturalist, Brian Poole. The old Bowen homestead was purchased by Wm. Boyd over 25 years ago, Mrs. Boyd being a gentlewoman of the old school where darning and making button holes in fine white cambric "Sunday-go-to-meeting-shirts" was considered an art. Don Ellis and his family were the first tenants of the remodelled West Plains frame church, which became a duplex when a brick church was built on the old site.

The Browns then owned the land on the East side from the wharf to Waterdown to the Anglican Church and part of Hidden Valley. Young Alexander Brown proved to be a shrewd and enterprising businessman, for in 1820 he built Brown's Wharf, where the LaSalle dock now stands, and Aldershot quickly became one of the busiest shipping centres on the Great Lakes. Fruit and vegetables from the district, flour from the

mills at Waterdown, and lumber from Guelph were loaded aboard the steamers which called at the wharf.

Judge Proudfoot built the large stone house where Howards lived. It burned down in 1933.

William Applegarth was an enterprising settler and built the first grist mill in this neighbourhood when sea salmon might still be caught in his own mill stream. This structure was burned to the ground in 1812, and its successor suffered the same fate later. The third and greatest of the Mills was then begun. Miller Applegarth announced to his friends that neither devil or man would be able to destroy the stout stone structure being set up. He was right, but time, the great leveller, has succeeded in ruining almost every vestige of the once thriving mill. Only one gaunt gable remains as a monument to the courage and industry of the miller who was known near and far, as a "White man". No seeker of employment was ever turned away from his hospitable door. If there was no job for the prospective worker, Miller Applegarth created one.