

### MAIN STREET-WEST SIDE-HEADING NORTH

- A. Sam Parson Farm-Roy Parson-Bill Parson-Bob Parson
- B. Derby-Dip Restaurant-Bergie's
- C. Toyota Dealership
- D. Milo Snell Farm-operated by Mr. Perkins  
Elmore & Gerald McBride Farm
- E. Jim Wilson Brooke house (Buzz Saw Operator)  
Nelson Monteith
- F. Ed Hunter-Duvar Garage. Stu Taylor Volkswagen dealer  
Josiah and Minnie Kestle  
Tom & Carol Arthur

### WATERLOO TO HURON STREET:

- A. House on south west corner belonged to B.V. Elliott-Exeter's first lawyer  
The home was built in 1861 to accommodate the family of 10  
  
In later years family physician, Dr. Dunlop lived in the stately home -his offices were located in an office on the east side of Main street close to the Town Hall.
- B. "The Thomas Carling House"  
William May home  
Robindale's Restaurant  
The Frenchman's Inn  
Eddington's Fine Dining
- C. The Snell home-addition on front operated as Exeter Flowers  
Willow Valley home décor

1. Molson's Bank-established in 1874-became the Bank of Montreal in 1925

John Drew Furniture and Undertaking Business

R.N. Rowe took over business from Drew

Robert Dinney-Rowe's grandson operated the business with his grandfather

2. Cecil Stuart Plymouth Car Dealership

When I think of Cecil Stuart I think of the 2 Chrysler cars he sold in Exeter- from 1936 to 1939- called the "Chrysler Airflow. It was a shape of a half moon. From the front bumper over the hood and roof to the back bumper was a straight curve and I believe when driving the wind would go right over the car. They were the only 2 cars of this design that I had ever seen. One was owned by W.J. Carling and was a beige colour- the other one belonged to Harry Rowe the coal dealer and it was black. Certainly this particular car design was a way ahead of its time!!!

3. Vacant Lot-became Tuckey Beverages

- 4-A John Taylor Gas and Garage-Tuckey Transport-corner of Anne & Huron Street

**ANNE STREET TO SANDERS STREET:**

- 4-B The Commercial Hotel-Built in 1859

Grant's Bakery-Cliff White's Bakery-

Cliff Ersmine's Bakery

Dr. Wm. Weeks' medical offices

5. John Hockey's Barber Shop

6. George Tanton Butcher Shop

Avalon Restaurant-Dalton Finkbeiner and Gordon Appleton Sr.

7. Frank Coates Groceries

Sanders' Groceries

Bay Berry Inn

White Squirrel Restaurant

8. Miss Vosper's House-

Fred Huxtable-International Harvesters

SK Variety Store

9. John Ward-Optometrist  
Les Tomlinson-Barber  
Bill Parker-Barber

### **LANEWAY**

10. Central Hotel-torn down in mid-1970s  
New building –British Mortgage and Trust  
Victoria and Grey Trust  
George Godbolt Insurance & Investments  
Jane & Company Tax preparation business is located in the  
last remaining portion of the Central Hotel not taken down in the 1970s
11. Saxon Fitton Jewellery Store  
Sylvester Taylor Jewellery Store  
Earl Campbell Jewellery Store  
Bakelaar Jewellery store
12. Isaac Carling Law Offices-upper 2 floors  
Elmer Bell's Law Offices  
Bottom floor-Elmer Harness Barber Shop  
Realty Executive Platinum real estate offices
13. Isaac Carling General Store-W.J. Carling-Isaac's son eventually sold the business  
George Bedford General Store-George Bedford was my Grandfather and as a  
teenager, my mother was a clerk in the general store.  
George Wong Chinese Food Restaurant  
Beavers Hardware  
Custom Covers-Decorating store
14. Bell Telephone office and switchboard
15. Jim Lawson Jewellery
16. May Armstrong Hat Store-Millinery
17. Willis Powell Store  
Cook's Grocery
18. Wes Cole Drugstore  
  
Alley way to rear of stores

19. W.W. Taman Men's Clothing Store  
McKnight & Walper Men's Clothing  
Greeting Card World
20. James Grieve's Ice Cream Store  
Herb Broom-butcher Store
21. Wib Martin Music and Bicycle Store
- 22/23 Green's Variety Store
24. Browning's Drug Store
25. Burt Zubrigg Optometrist
26. George Hawkin's Hardware Store  
Glenn Fisher-Pro Hardware

### **LANEWAY**

27. Benjamin O'Neill opened "The Sovereign Bank of Canada" in 1877 Exeter's  
only private bank-eventually became Imperial Bank of Commerce  
Gladman & Standbury Law Offices  
William Cochrane Law offices  
Raymond, McLean & Gray Law Offices
28. Jack Doerr Photography
29. Ranton Brothers Department Store  
Stewart's Big Bankrupt Store  
Southcott Brothers Department Store  
Gould & Jory Department Store
30. Bank of Montreal-the bank moved to this new red brick building in 1904 leaving  
its original location near the corner of Main & Huron St. W.  
Exeter Public Utilities Commission offices
31. Wes Howey Drug Store  
Les Robertson Drug Store  
Bill Huntley Rexall Drug Store  
Edith Boyle's Ladies Wear  
Looking Good Fashions

32. Post Office (early years)  
Town Office-C.V. Pickard

33. E.R. Hopper Furniture and Funeral Home Business  
Ed Lindenfield Hardware Store  
Guardian Drug Store  
Big V Drugstore-which became Shoppers Drug Mart

The above 2 entries-32 & 33 -eventually became Thomas H. Men's Wear and  
Brigitte's Ladies' Wear

34. Garnet Flynn Barber Shop  
Royal Canadian Legion

35. Davis Feed & Flour Store  
Wuerth Shoe Store

36. Middleton's Bakery  
Bill Dorey's Bakery  
Spicer's Bakery  
The Country Baker  
The Gossiping Goose Café  
Exeter Thai Restaurant

37. Norm Hockey Barber Shop  
Norm Martin-Optometrist

38. Harp Rivers Meat Market  
Darling's IGA Food Market  
Middleton Drugstore  
Hopper Hockey-"Lighting Gallery"

39. Odd Fellows Building-1887-Oddfellow meetings held in the Upper Floor of the  
building

Gidley Brothers Furniture and Funeral Home Business  
Hooper-Hockey Furniture Store-(Irv Armstrong-Bob Fletcher -Gord Ross)  
Hopper Hockey Furniture & Funeral Parlor- a new Funeral Home was built on  
William Street in 1948. The original front entrance was removed in 1976 and a new  
structure extending all the way across was added to make more room and add  
air conditioning to the facility.

40. Dr. Week's Office  
Hermann Hodson & Bert Francis Insurance  
W.G. Seldon Coal & Driver Licence Office  
Gaiser-Kneale Insurance

This office building along with May Jones' stately red brick home were torn down- however, the black wrought iron fence and hitching posts from in front of the house still remain-a large building was erected on the 2 properties that housed:

Shoppers Drug Mart and The Flower Pedlar Shop

The Employment Resource Centre and Tasty Bites Restaurant currently occupy these two locations

**SANDERS STREET TO GIDLEY STREET:**

41. Wes Simmons Black Smith & Implement Dealer
42. M.E. Gardner Furniture and Funeral Home Business  
Art Jones Plumbing & Heating  
Second floor of the building was "The Opera House" - performance hall & meeting room
43. H.T. (Harry) Rowe Coal Business

The above 3 properties were taken down and replaced with a new building for Fred Darling's grocery business:

Darling's IGA Grocery Store  
Dollarama

44. Leavitt's Theatre-this building was also a meeting hall in addition to showing movies.  
Domed ice skating rink was located behind the theatre building

Bruce Rivers Grocery Store  
Bill Rowe Electric-Radio-Television-Records  
Ellison Travel current owner

45. Harvey Brothers Grist and Flour Mill  
Canns' Grist and Flour Mill

Building taken down and new "plaza" was built with 4 retail/service outlets  
Stedmans V&S now occupied by Habitat for Humanity Re-Store  
Canadian Mental Health outreach site-Royal LePage Realty-The Quilt Kitchen

46. Tom Pryde and Sons Monument Works which was originally named  
"Cunningham & Pryde"  
Noah's Ark Second Hand Clothing Store  
Selah Book Store  
Exeter Massage Therapy-The Spa Exeter

47. Frank Taylor Home with horse stables at the back- Frank drove Dr. Dunlop around town  
in the winter snow.

Jarvis Photography and Framing  
Willow Valley—Home Decor  
Quilts and Calicos – fabric store  
Earthen Elegance-flower and gift shop

48. On the corner was red brick home owned by B.W.F. Beavers  
(Hardware Store) which was torn down and replaced with a large building that  
includes:

HearingLife- hearing assessment clinic and provider of hearing aids  
William's Takeout Fish and Chips  
Pizza Take Out restaurant

#### **GIDLEY STREET TO VICTORIA STREET:**

49. On the corner was a red brick house which belonged to Frank Glanville-torn  
down
50. Red brick house belonged to Teddy Bawden –brick layer  
Bill Rowe residence  
Brent Armstrong residence
51. New house built
52. Nat Ogden Residence  
Sharon Campbell Hair Dressing Salon

53.     Gidley Brothers Furniture Factory  
        Taylor –Ross Lumber Company  
        Huron Lumber Company  
        Holtzmann IGA Foodland Grocery Store
  
54.     Mr. Braun’s residence – this gentleman was noted for going to the Fair Grounds  
        where he would fly kites by the hour.  
        Bob Belling Residence  
        Harvey Bierling Accounting offices  
        Dan Sceli Accounting Offices
  
55.     Roy Goulding Music Teacher and church organist
  
56.     Corner house was Fred May residence –partner in Jones & May Dry Goods  
        business

**VICTORIA STREET TO WELLINGTON STREET:**

57.     3-homes were torn down and a new retail store was built  
  
        The Bargain Store  
        The Dollar Tree
  
58.     The Metropolitan Hotel-corner of Main & Wellington  
        Wein’s Chicken Hatchery  
        George Dobbs’ car lot  
        Stratford Memorials
  
59.     The Exeter Creamery was located 1 block west at the corner of William and  
        Wellington on the north side of the street.  
        In later years, the property on which is was located displayed Massey-Harris  
        Farm equipment-currently, there is a 3 storey apartment building on the  
        property.