

# TIM HORTONS 4160 PETROLIA LINE

While this building is relatively new, the history of its location is interesting. In 1877, J.W. Downer built the original block and sold farm equipment, buggies and sleighs. In 1915, Downer's grandson, Wesley R. Thompson obtained the first Chevrolet contract in Petrolia and by 1925, expanded this business onto this location and called it Thompson's Service Station Ltd.



THOMPSON'S SERVICE STATION

Robert Germain, harness maker, leather goods retailer and historian, set up shop on this location for 40 years before the building was demolished in 1964. John Boges, grandfather of Ivan and Ralph Boges, who were local hardware merchants, erected Germain's building in about 1870. For many years it remained a butcher shop under the ownership of John Boges, Boges & Spurr, Spurr & Spurr, Spurr & Vigor, Frank Stenlake, and Spurr & Rose.



The building was later bought out by the Gambles who used the building for a variety store and the garage became Gambles Service Station. Becker's Variety was an occupant for some time before Tim Horton's put up the current building.



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