

HISTORIC SITE

Kingdon Barrel Factory

George and William Kingdon emigrated from Devon, England in the 1830s. They made barrels by hand in the cooperage established at Simcoe and Aylmer Streets about 1840. After William's death in 1899 his son George Samuel moved the mill to the site opposite this plaque. His sons George Stanley and Orville operated it from the early 1920s, and then Stan and his sons from the early 1930s. In the winter the Kingdon Barrel Factory made "loose" barrels, for holding dry goods, mainly for the Quaker Oats Company, while cedar shingles were the main product in the summer. Growing adoption of machine-made barrels led to the end of barrel making by hand in 1947, and asphalt shingles replaced cedar roofing. The factory closed in 1950.

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