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VOSBURGH BLACKSMITH SHOP

This was the site of William Vosburgh's blacksmith shop from 1866 until the early 1900s. During that time of horses, carriages, machinery and constant repairs, a skilled blacksmith was critical to the farming community and its success. Vosburgh, however, had other interests as well. Behind this shop, he built a community ice rink where local hockey teams played. The goalie stood between two pipes embedded in the ice and the difficulty in determining if the puck actually went between them, often resulted in disputes over the referee's decisions. In 1889, to solve this problem, goalie Bill Fairbrother got a local fisherman, Aaron Grobb, to create nets which could be attached to metal frames built by Vosburgh. It worked well, and the very first hockey net was made right here on this site.

