FEVERSHAM GENERAL STORE
Established late 1850’s or early 1860’s
Re-Built 1938 by Eli Robinson & son
137 River Rd, Feversham
Map link: https://goo.gl/maps/2vqBTizZAq3wTsk9

History: In 1850, the crown granted Edward Horton lots 16, 17, 18, Osprey Concession 9-10. By 1853 the land was cleared. In 1857 he received permission to subdivide part of his property into village lots along the Beaver River for a settlement called Hungry Hollow (later named Feversham).

The precise date for the early construction of the original clapboard store at the corner of Wellington & Mill St is unknown. The property was purchased 1885 by Eli Robinson, a carriage maker who continued in that trade until 1900 when poor health caused by lead paint forced him to retire.

Early on, the postman also brought goods for the store such as patent medicine, hardware and groceries; additional products from Collingwood meant an all-day journey for Eli on his horse.

By 1910 Eli and his wife ran a popular emporium that offered fashions and housewares. The store served as post office, public library, and for a time sold gasoline. More info: Osprey History book p. 963-66 re history of store & owners; p. 871 re Eli Robinson.

Architecture: As with many purpose-built pioneer structures, functionality and availability of rough-sawn first-growth timber took precedence over any elegant decorative features. The high false front, covered porch, and large main floor windows of the original 1860’s wooden structure (shown at top) is typical of many other general stores of that era.

November 11, 1938, the wooden store and the house to the right of the brick house both burned to the ground. Eli’s son John re-built the store in brick, maintaining the high false front and the general façade proportions but with a better foundation and wisely creating a much larger 2nd floor accommodation space. The re-build is also functional, using what were likely the most inexpensive materials available during the depression.

Cultural Significance: Operating continuously since the days of “Hungry Hollow”, the Feversham General Store has always provided many necessities of life as well as social services. Late 2019 when it seemed the store might close, a group of local residents got together so the community would continue to benefit from this important focal point.
Starting w. Eli Robinson 1910, owner was postmaster. **Above** Myrtle Wright at wicket

**Below:** Feversham Heritage Mural

---

**Below:** Myrtle Wright (owner 1964-82)  
**Short’s Store 2000 (owners 1984-2015)**