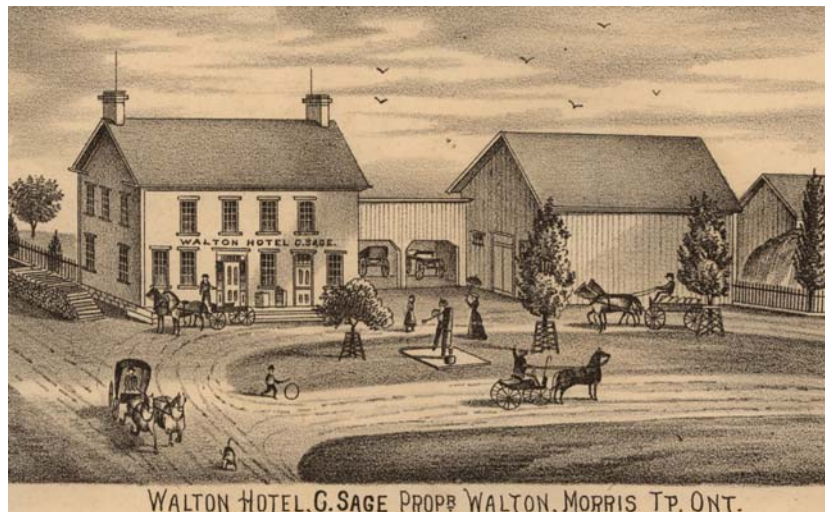


Walton Inn

Location: 83001 Brussels Line, Walton, Ontario
Year built: 1862

THE WALTON HOTEL, as it was first known, was one of two hotels in Walton in late 1800s. Walton Hotel was ideally situated at the corner of two main roads, now the Blyth Road and the Brussels Line. The first proprietor of the hotel in 1862 was John Swallow. Charles Sage, who came from England in 1855, took over in 1868. Sage ran the hotel with the able help of his wife and daughters who waited tables, tended bar, and even provided entertainment playing musical glasses.



The Hotel is a frame building; the brick was added at a later date, around 1900. The *Huron Expositor* of October 22, 1895 advertised an Auction Sale at the Hotel and gave this description: two storey, 50'x34' (14x10 m), seven rooms downstairs and seven rooms upstairs, two wells, a 60'x40' (18x12 m) stable holds 30 horses, 50'x16' (15x5 m) open shed, another stable with five double stalls, two acres of land.

Commercial travelers to Walton arrived by a horsedrawn vehicle, or later by train, and stopped at Walton Hotel for food and lodging. Traveling salesmen, with large trunks of dry goods and samples, could display their wares in rooms provided; sometimes it took two or three days to show all that was available. Bankers, school teachers, and sawmill workers were long-term boarders at the hotel. A hostler was employed and a large barn stabled horses.

The hotel was renamed the Walton Inn and was purchased by Graeme Craig in 1997.
