



These two buildings, a house and a gas station, once stood on the site now occupied by Bruegger's Bagel Bakery in Bushnell's Basin. They were built in 1927 by Harry and Julius Schreib of Penfield for the owner of the property, Ernest Kilbourn. He built there believing that the site was going to be good for business because he expected that the road would soon be paved. The station was a clapboard building with a slate roof and had a canopy which extended over the pumps and included a gift shop run by Myra Kilbourn, Ernest's daughter. Kilbourn and his family lived in the adjacent house and while the family ran the station and the store, Ernest continued to work in the East Rochester car shops.

Over the years and as the Basin changed, the former gas station building served a variety of needs. At different times it was known by residents as the Milk House, the Keenway, the Basin Country Store, and finally Country Meadows Flowers.

By the 1990's, the gas station building in particular was in poor condition. Despite its historic value as typical 1920's-1930's gas station construction, it was condemned as unsafe and razed in 1993. The Bruegger's Bagel Bakery building that was completed in 1995 incorporated design elements from the old building, including a similar roof line and window design, and corner pilasters that replicated those of the original building. The adjacent house was razed in 1999.

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