

FROM “CARRIAGES....TO CARS”

A HISTORY OF THE CARRIAGE INDUSTRY AND THE TRANSITION TO AUTOMOBILES

Local History Program Series

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Carriage and wagon manufacturing once dominated the economy in the Pontiac area. In the late 19th century, it employed 70—90% of the workforce, bringing wealth and recognition to the area.

How did the carriage business respond to the emergence of the auto industry? Carriage manufacturing met a rapid end, but with the infrastructure and labor force in place, there was a drama filled transition to automobile manufacturing. Thirty four companies emerged from this transition, including GM Truck and GM Pontiac.

Join us as Mike West explains this fascinating chapter in the history of the transportation industry that happened right in our own back yard!

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