

Mike Phipps and Bernie Loveless talk with Harry Hutchins about freight hauled on the train.

Mr. Loveless: Could you ever see the train coming down the track from up here?

Mr. Hutchins: Uh there used to be a place up there next to Doris's , Pete Doris's, on 260 that you could see the train coming through, one little section.

Mr. Loveless: Yeah, Uh huh. Well I guess there are probably too many obstructions between here and the Let me ask you about freight. What kind of freight would have come into Owings? I've heard a lot of different things about freight. I know that the lumber company got lumber I suppose.

Mr. Hutchins: Yeah, they had some lumber come in there and uh, they had even some groceries some time would come in on that train. You know, not perishables, but little things like that and also like these nursery companies that put out nursery stock likecall 'em fruit trees, it wasn't shrubbery then and they would crate it up in big crates and ship it from the Eastern shore and some from Delaware would come in on the train, and we'd pick it up from there. We'd deliver for 'em.

Mr. Loveless: And I've heard that, I've heard it said that automobiles even came in the box cars.

Mr. Hutchins: At one time it was a few of them.

Mr. Loveless: Yeah.

Mr. Hutchins: And also they had lime. Lump lime – sidetracked that. And some people would get a carload of lime. And then they hauled it all by oxcart.

Mr. Loveless: Uh huh.

Mr. Hutchins: Way down on Lower Marlboro Road and all.

Mr. Loveless: You say by oxcart? Huh?

Mr. Phipps: Well, they all would come, any traffic would come right by here wouldn't it?

Mr. Hutchins: Come right by the door.

Mr. Phipps: What is known as Mt. Harmony Lane now was old Rt 2

Mr. Hutchins: It was the old Rt 2

Mr. Loveless: Yeah, it had to come up the hill right beside your house to be heading down to Prince Frederick to Solomons.

Mr. Hutchins: That's right. And that's where they used to get the lime at that time.

Mr. Loveless: You saw all the north bound and south bound traffic, didn't you, on Route 2?

Mr. Hutchins: Right.

Mr. Loveless: It all had to go by your house.

Mr. Hutchins: And then, you see part of the gravel for Route 4 come into Owings too and would load it and carry it over for mixing for cement for Route 4.

Mr. Loveless: Uh huh.

Mr. Hutchins: They used to haul it and load it and all right there in Owings and hauled it over on Route 4.