

## Original Location. . .

On August 11, 1993, the facility at 200 South Main Street was totally destroyed by fire. The business was such an important part of the Nihisers' family life, and based on the response from the community, it was a MUST to rebuild.

The original building had been constructed in the 1800's. Since that time many new zoning and building ordinances had been enforced. Every possible attempt was made to rebuild at the original location; however, it was the next thing to impossible to accomplish. After four attempts of drawing up architectural drawings at various locations, the fifth time was the charm and therefore, the new home of Troy Foods finally became 404 East US Hwy 40. It took over a year to work through the disaster, but in early 1995 operations were on the way back to normal.



**Picture April, 1992  
1944-1993**

## History . . .

In 1944 two brothers, Harold and Earl Schmidt, along with their sister wives, Leola and Marie, founded the business of Troy Frozen Foods. At that time their main business was food lockers, processing of hanging beef, and in the fall, they processed approximately 20 deer. They operated for 27 years at the original location of 200 South Main Street. and in November, 1971, the business was sold to Don and Marilyn Nihiser, along with their two young sons, Todd and Terry who were only 3 and 2 years old. Don's past experience included 13 years in the meat industry as well as being head cook in the First Infantry for the generals in Viet Nam.

The Nihisers added a retail meat counter, a wholesale delivery route, and the servicing of such activities as church dinners, picnics, barbeques and other festivals. With already being a state inspected facility, they started manufacturing products for retail and wholesale trade.

As a result of increased wild game processing, they became a check station for the Department of Conservation. In addition, taxidermy was added for mammals.

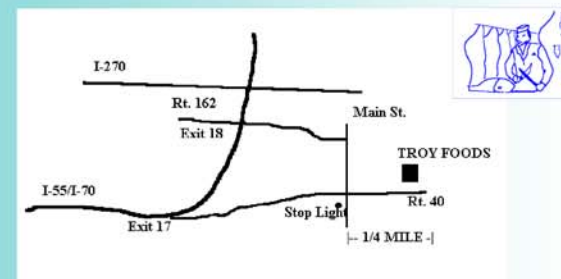
A fire in 1993 left the business devastated, but although the building and contents were gone, the knowledge, goodwill and faithful customers were still there. Since rebuilding at a new location, the business has become incorporated in order to more easily pass to the next generation. It is now a Federal Meat Plant, producing different items for both local and interstate customers.

## Introducing. . .



**Troy Foods, Inc.  
404 East US Hwy 40  
Troy, Illinois 62294  
618-667-6332**

**Retail Hours  
Tue-Fri 9A.M.-6P.M.  
Sat 7A.M.-2P.M.**



**From i-55/70, take Exit 17. This exit puts you directly onto Route 40 East as if going to Highland or St. Jacob. Troy Foods is located 2-1/4 miles on the left.**

**Serving the Surrounding  
Area since 1944**