

While reading over my notes, I found this account of history from the files of the Bryant Library in Roslyn.

About 1887 there was a business owned by S.R. and S.L. Hewlett, located on Northern Boulevard in the Flower Hill section of Roslyn. The Hewlett Brothers got a loan from the First National Bank of Hartford, Conn. For \$60. This was to set up a canning factory in our Village. The building was 30' by 30' and three stories high.

The young lads specialized in tomato products, corn, succotash, lima beans, squash and asparagus. Other items sometimes produced were seasonable fruits like apples, pears, peas and even clams. These boys even made their own cans.

When, at full factory potential, 8,000 cans were produced per day. During the year, they produced approximately 200,000 cans of food. 3000 cases were for tomatoes, also catsup was manufactured resulting in 150 barrels per season. Then they were shipped to New York City and New England.

By 1890, these brothers were so successful that they started a pickle factory in the city.

Eventually, a fire destroyed the Flower Hill factory.