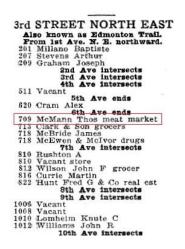
Blowers & Grafton Restaurant/Colvin Meat Market- 709 Edmonton Trail NE

This eatery is a 2016 addition to the neighborhood and was named after an intersection in Halifax known for its street food. Before B and G arrived on the scene, a Japanese-Italian fusion restaurant occupied the spot, Carino Bistro. Carino has since moved on to larger premises on 4th Street SW.





But to go way, way back- to 1914- the Thos. McMann Meat Market was the first resident at 709. By 1920, the Colvin Meat Market had moved in, and the firm would become an established neighborhood fixture for many years to follow. Below on the left is the McMann listing from the 1914 Henderson's Directories. On the right is a Colvin ad from the 1938 Crescent Heights High School "Bugle".





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This old picture- apparently dated 1938- shows Colvin Meat Market, looking northwest from Edmonton Trail. Out front are a couple of young men posing beside their coupe, and one of the pair is a Colvin. There will be undoubtedly be someone here who can confirm the year and make of the car! Just to the north of the meat market- at the far right- is a grocery store which is no longer there.



Burns "Spork". Yum!



This 1961 airphoto looks SW to downtown; an arrow indicates the "Colvin" building.



Halloween 2016; during renovations by Blowers and Grafton prior to opening.

