

Visions of Maine, NY

A Visual Historical Essay of a Small Town

Featuring original paintings, sketches and photography

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

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BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN AND THIS PUBLICATION

The town of Maine was first settled around 1793 and was formed in 1848. It was part of the vast frontier after the American revolution ended. The land was for sale by the members of the Boston Purchase (Ten Towns) and the earliest settlers secured property just south and north of the current Hamlet. The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society of Maine, NY. is collecting the early artwork which reflect the life and countryside of the Nanticoke Valley including sketches, paintings and photographs. Many photographs came from Franck Bowers a locally born artist and photographer, whose collection is found on the web at: Franck Bowers from [Bowers Collection | New York Heritage](https://nyheritage.org/collections/bowers-collection) <https://nyheritage.org/collections/bowers-collection>. Other early photographs, including postcards, are located in the archives of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society located at the museum found at 13 Nanticoke Road in Maine. Many artists have painted landscapes of the region and we have a good collection of those who have participated in the Maine Fest Paint Out event over the last few years. Clarence Stratton an historian and painter created over 400 works of art over his lifetime and many can be found in a publication of NVHS entitled “Clarence Stratton artist and historian.” In this publication we have added more of his works. We have done our best to locate representative artwork from various local artists. Photographs by Philip Michael Childs can be found throughout this program.



Barn located on East Maine Road looking west.

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The Hamlet



1855



View of the Hamlet from King Hill looking northeast ca 1908. When this area was first settled around 1794, the hills and valleys were all covered with old growth forests. In less than 100 years that forest was removed. The first industry in the region was lumber with over 27 water powered saw mills lining the Nanticoke.

Views of the town of Maine around 1910



Post card of Main Street looking north. To the left is Church street with the Pagoda in the center of the road. Just north of Church St. the Brooks store occupies the building which was constructed after the 1893 fire. The Taylor house hotel is to the east with the Marean Store further north



Winter scene looking north on Main Street c 1908. To the right side (east) of the street is the F. H. Marean Block built in 1870,



Post card view of Maine looking south. On the east side (right) of Main St. is the sign for J.R. Allen Undertaker located at 2586 Main Street. In 1915 the Allen's moved their business into Endicott, NY



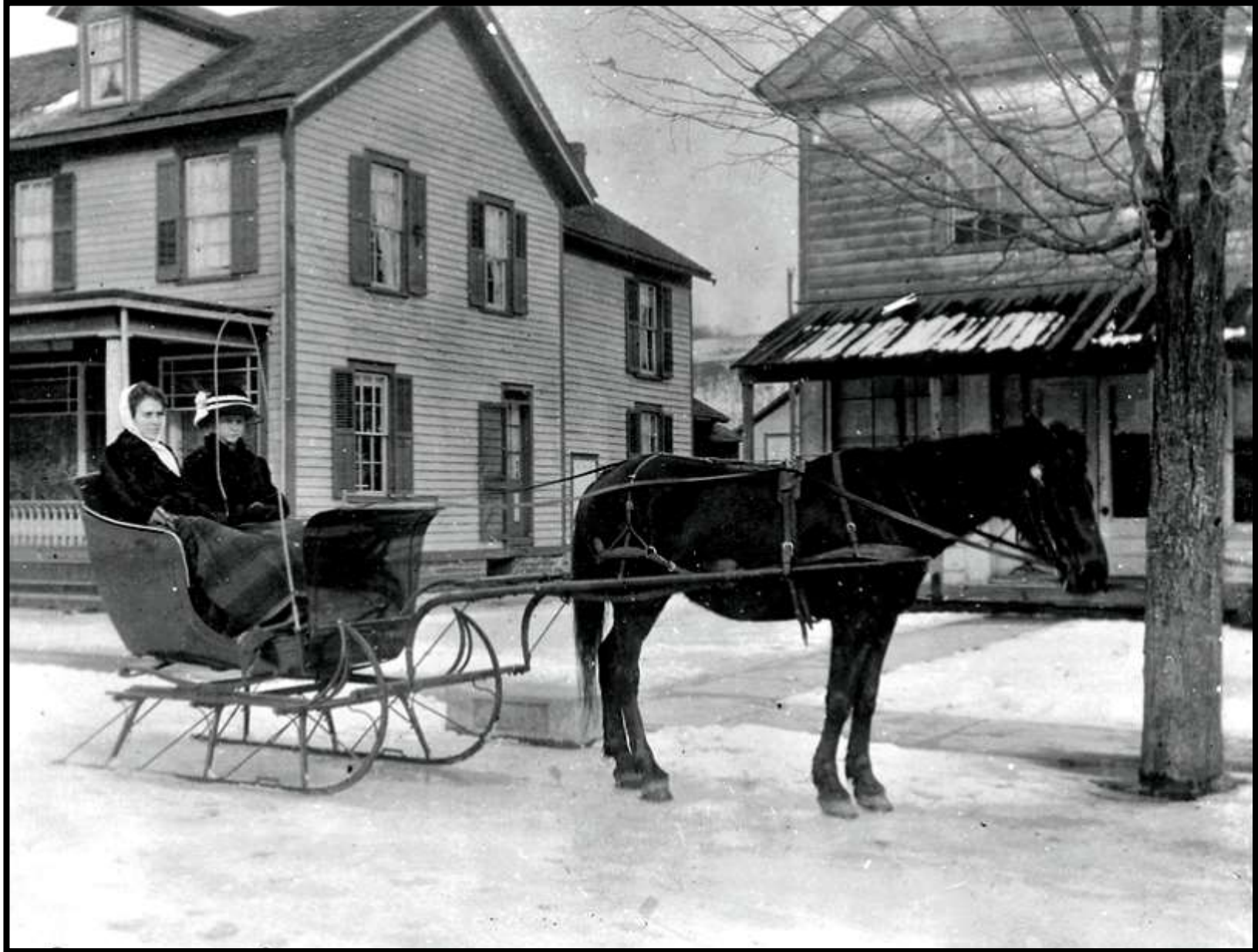
Post card view of Church Street Maine NY around 1910 looking west. The street ended before Lewis Creek and one would turn right onto Maple Ave and then left onto Lewis St where a bridge crossed the creek. The road would then hook up with King Hill Road and continue west to the town of Newark Valley. Note the sugar maples lining the south side of the street and the sidewalk along the north side of Church Street.



Post card view of McGregor Avenue around 1910 looking north. A creamery sits at the end of the road where today's fire-house stands. To the right is William Dyer's ginseng growing area. Many of the homes on this street were built by James McGregor and the road became an official road after 1866. The road turns to the south and joins Lewis Street which "opened" about the same time.



1907 Taylor House ca 1841 Names changed Ketchum Inn, Taylor House and Willowhurst Hotel. In 1942 it was purchased by the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church. This structure is still here with the new church behind it.



c. **1908** the home in the back is 2590 Main St. The cutter that the ladies are in was probably made in the Norton Wagon Shops on Nanticoke Road. The shops stayed open until the 1920's . The winter time driving conditions were not favorable for automobiles.

“Man in cart being pulled by ox in front of store.” 1915 ?



Photograph by Franck Bowers from Bowers Collection | New York Heritage
<https://nyheritage.org/collections/bowers-collection>



2597 Main Street, c. 1895. The fire of 1893 destroyed buildings on both sides of Church street . Leroy Brooks built and owned this building. The previous building was the Sherwood store built in 1847. The Tymeson family ran the Tymeson Bothers store there from 1912 until 1945. It is now the Maine Post Office 13802.

Scott Yurko 2020

Map of the Hamlet of Maine--1908

MAINE

LOCATED IN MAINE TOWNSHIP
Scale 300 feet to one inch.



This map is reprinted from the 1908 Plat Book of Broome County, New York, published by the North West Publishing Co., Des Moines, Iowa. It was compiled from county records and actual surveys.
The lots on the map refer to the Boston Purchase Lot Numbers.



Clarence Stratton painting (1966) of the original Pagoda, which was in Main Street. It burned down in 1928 and in 1973 Clarence Ames built a replica on his property to celebrate the 125th town anniversary.

THEN & NOW A Pictorial History of the Town of Maine, New York by Ann Page Lewis, May 1998



Glimpses of Life Outside the Hamlet



Haying operation, unknown location, c. 1900

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Man with bowler seated in one-horse buggy on country road



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Small village in distance as seen from country road. 1890 -1920



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Man working in a pumpkin patch 1890?—1910?



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Small village in distance as seen from country road 1890? - 1920?



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Man holding stalks



C. 1900 Unidentified member of the Pitcher family with grain and to the right corn.

Farmer standing in cornfield



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Charles Bowers in his kitchen *finishing off maple syrup*. Franck Bowers used this scene for one of his paintings entitled “Teaching a Dog New Tricks” painted in 1904. It is part of the collection of Roberson Center for the Arts and Science, Binghamton, NY. The painting has a young boy, possibly his brother Clement, training a dog in this kitchen.

Charles is Franck’s uncle, brother to LaMont. He was a furniture maker and made coffins. His home and shop were just outside of town on NYS route 26.



Two men, a woman and dog around a farm implement



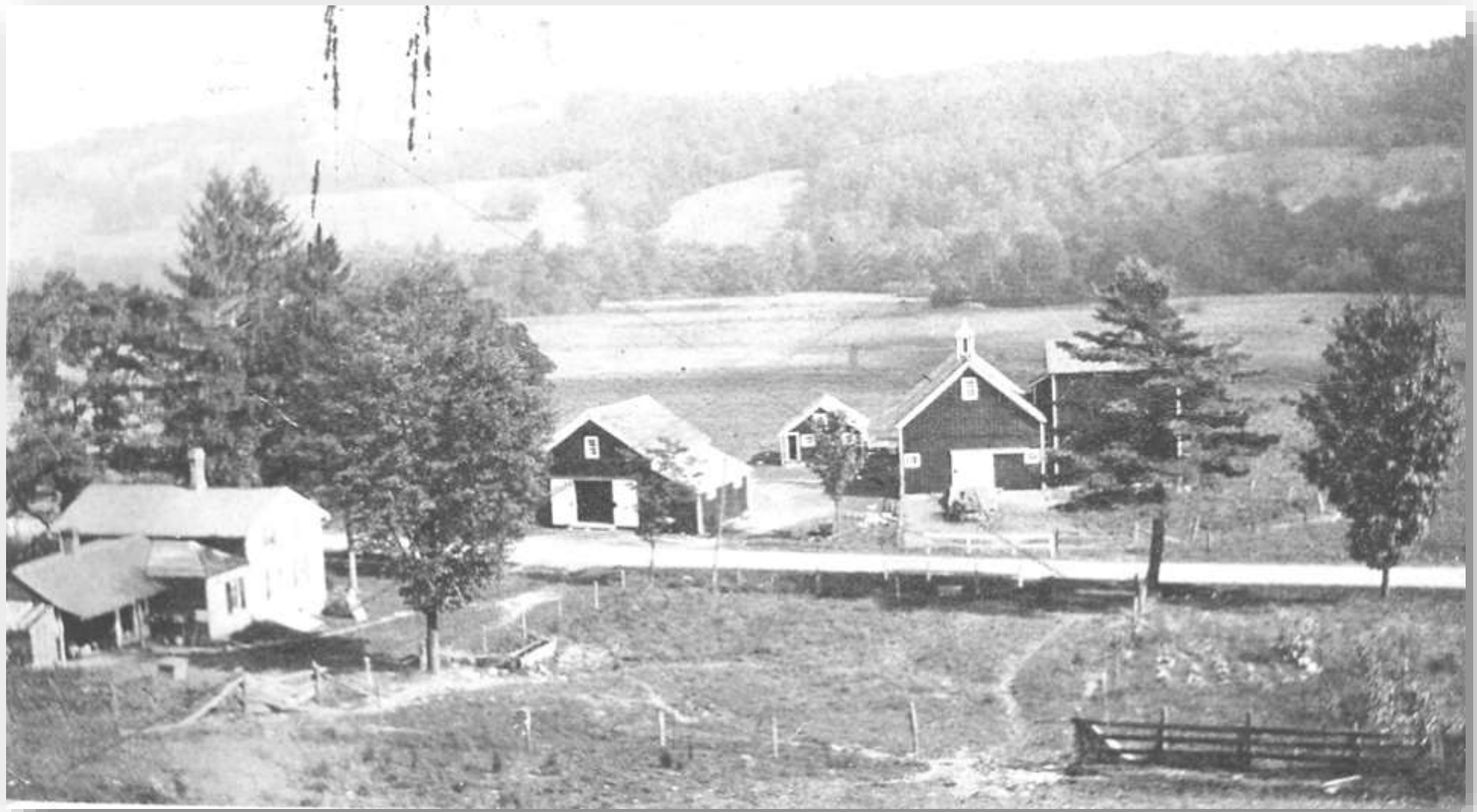
Belden Allen (1837—1916) at his farm. He was a veteran of the civil war,. He is pictured with his wife Eliza, dog and friend, who is the farmer shown in the photos on a previous page. Belden had a wound from a bullet which hit him on his forehead, during the Civil war. See photo from Find a Grave.



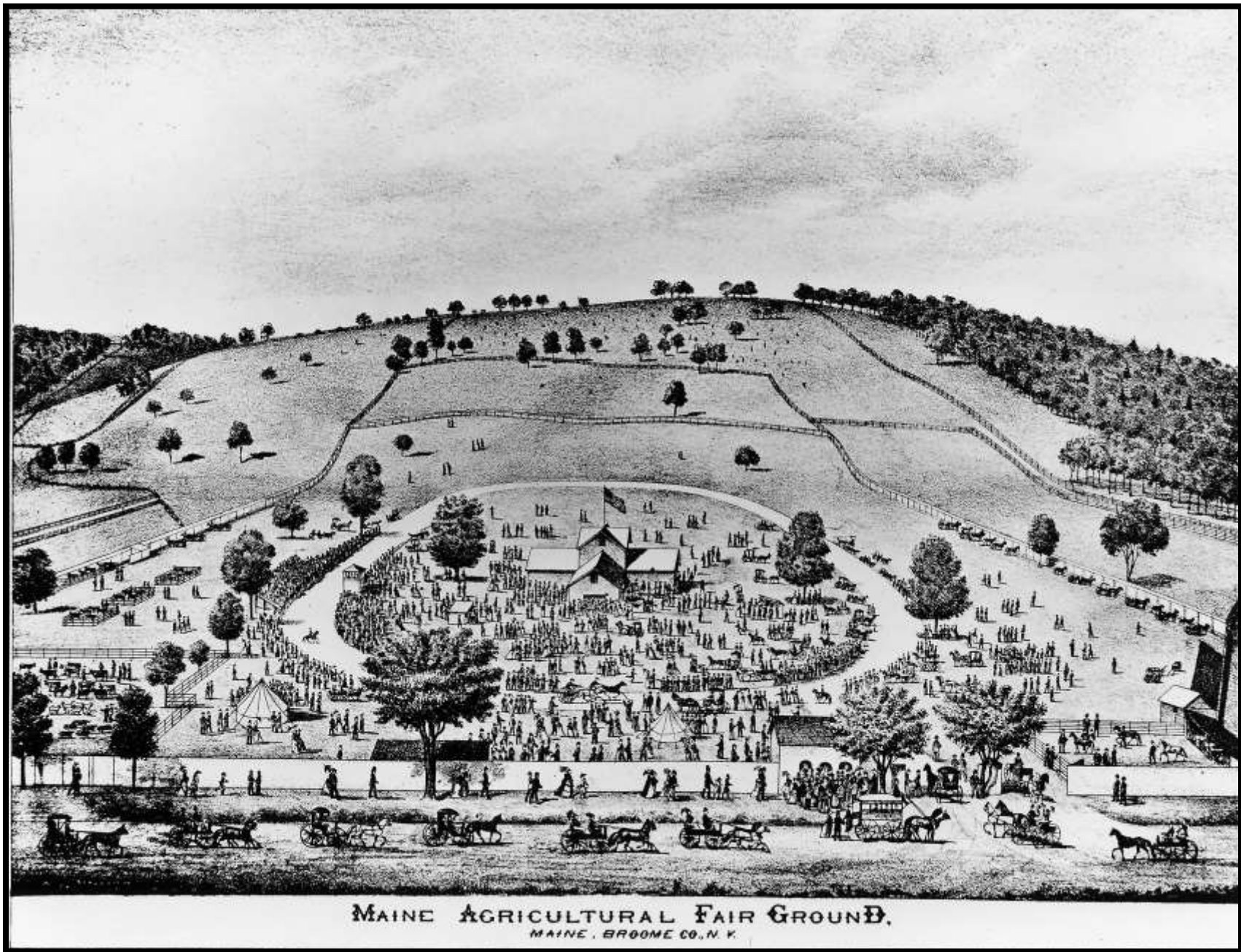
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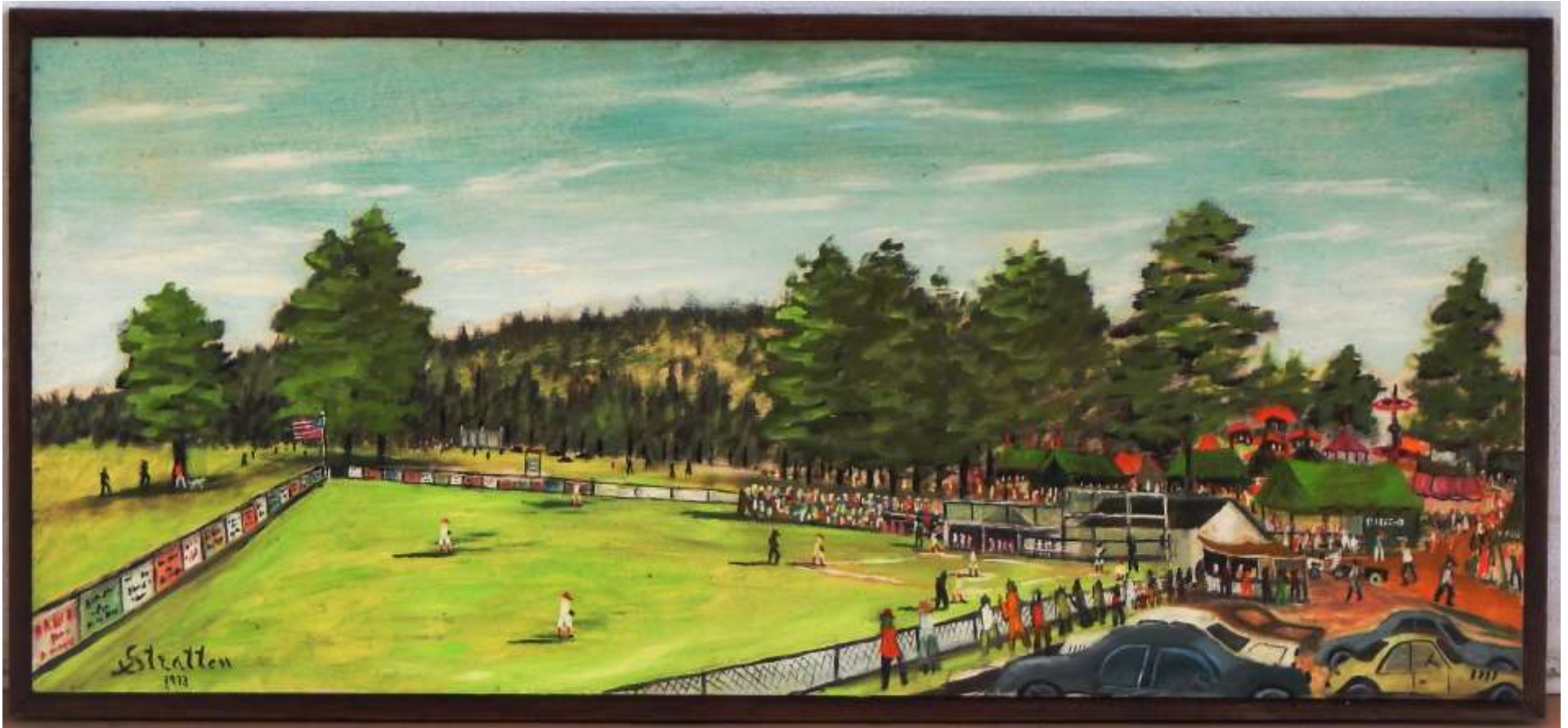
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View from Dudley farm on Union Center / Maine Highway (Route 26) looking east. Around 1915. Today this valley is where the Shadowbrook neighborhood is found. The name Shadowbrook comes from the Dudley family homestead in Stockbridge MA. Jedidiah (1774 –1812, four children), first arrived at this site around 1794 and built a log cabin near Nanticoke Creek. This ca 1820's home was the third on the property. All of the buildings across the road are gone along with the farm being sold off around 1938.



Sketch from the 1876 Plat book of Broome County showing the agricultural fairgrounds. This event was first held in 1876 and continued through 1884. The location was just south of the Maine Memorial Elementary School. Notice how devoid of trees are the hills. Less than 75 years previously the region was a old growth forest.



Little League Game at town park, new Zimmer field in 1973. painted by Clarence Stratton. This painting was commissioned by Lee Stanford. Around 1970, the V.C. McGregor and Sons, Inc., a poultry and egg company sold the land to the town which was used for this new town park. The new park contained picnic areas, playground, tennis courts and a walking trail along with the little league and softball fields. The old park was located behind the Most Holy Rosary church and was the site, for a few years, of the Firemen's Field Days. The new town park was the site of the Firemen's field Days this year, 1973, and for a few more. The town used the land also for the location of its town garage.



Chicken coops, V.C. McGregor Inc. c. 1940



Town Park 12.3.2019



View up Lewis Street looking southwest from the Kaczynski farm on Kay Road, taken late May 2017. Lewis creek starts in Tioga County near Russell Road and flows to Nanticoke creek. In the region, small earthen dams were constructed in the 1970's to contain the creeks during high rainfall, most valleys have these small dams. . Twice before the 1970's a bridge across the creek was washed away, in one case causing the deaths of five young people in 1955 , around 1960 Church St was extended to King Hill Road and a new bridge was constructed near J. Ralph Ingalls school.

Back into the Hamlet

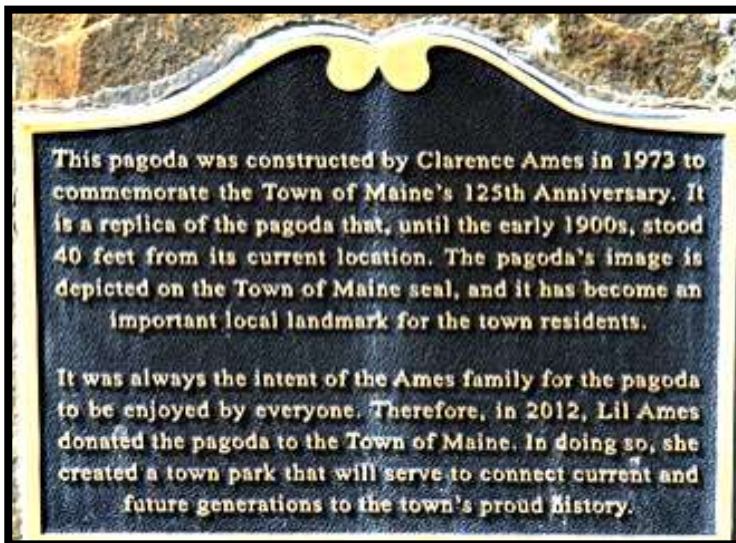


"Waiting for the Band" - Susan Harrington



Lincoln Ames House

SUSAN HARRINGTON

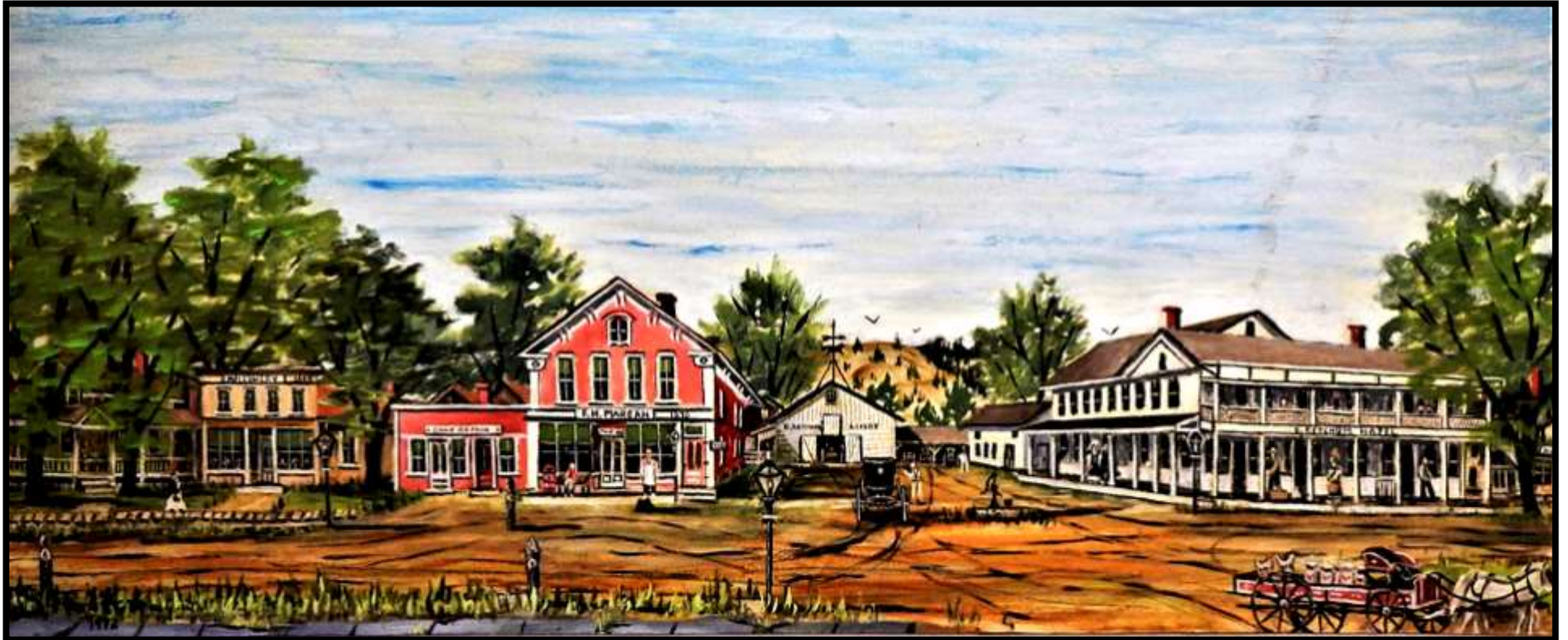


Plaque found in front of the Pagoda on Main and Church streets.



Proud of the Past—Trusting in the Future

Some Clarence Stratton Paintings



Historical series: “ ***One Hundred Years Ago in Maine, NY***”. Painting # 407, (52“ X 22”), Painted 6.29.1972, by Clarence Stratton. Located here on Main Street from left to right: Jefferson Ransom home built in 1867, Balch Millinery and Shoe Repair built 1865, F. H. Marean Block built in 1870, Ketchum Hotel and Livery built in the 1840’s.” Information from the back of the painting. This scene is located at Main St. and Church St. looking East. The hotel building is still here and is used as the Most Holy Rosary Hall. Painting located Maine Memorial Elementary School auditorium.



2620 Main St Clarence Stratton 1970 painting of his home. Behind it is the Little Red Barn which was once part of the tannery property and then used as the town garage. To the extreme right is the garage (barn) of the property. Mr. Stratton painted over 350 paintings, some historical others of recent properties within the town.



Historical Series: *"The Spirit of Maine NY on the 4th of July in the 1800's,"* Painting # 230, 1967,(47 ¼" X 23"), Donated to Maine PTA, located at MMES auditorium. The parade is headed south on Main St. The green house is currently 2620 Main Street which was Mr. **Stratton's** residence.



Historical Series: *“The Tannery Story - Front View,”* 1973, Picture # 413, (50 ¼” X 20 ¼ “). This painting shows the Columbian Block, tannery and Hathaway house. The Hathaway house (2614 Main St.) circa 1829, was **Maine’s** first inn. *“Cattle dealers stopped here for the night when taking cattle to Endicott for shipment on the Susquehanna.”* Ann Lewis Mr. Stratton sometimes arranged buildings to aid in capturing the scene. This painting was given to Mr. and Mrs. Berry in appreciation for their work on the 1973 (125th year anniversary) Maine town celebration. Mr. Stratton gave one painting to each of the seventeen committee chairs of this event which was organized and run by the Naticoke Valley Historical Society. Mr. Stratton was the president of the NVHS that year.



Historical series: *“One hundred years ago in Maine-between Lewis St. and McGregor Ave.,”* 1972, (52” X 20”) located in the NVHS museum 13 Nanticoke Road. Today the stately maple trees are gone, as is the 1876 Curtis general store which burned down in 1905. From left to right: 2625 Rt. 26 built in 1866, 2621 Rt. 26 built in 1865 and 2619 Rt. 26 built in 1867. This building on the corner of Lewis and Rt. 26 was a general store, fire station, town library, restaurant, town hall and apartments.





"Higgins Store in 1929," 1971, (48" X 18") located in Maine Memorial Elementary School auditorium. Current addresses on Main Street; 2631 circa 1880, 2633 circa 1929, 2635 circa 1903. Today (2018) the scene has changed but the buildings are still there.



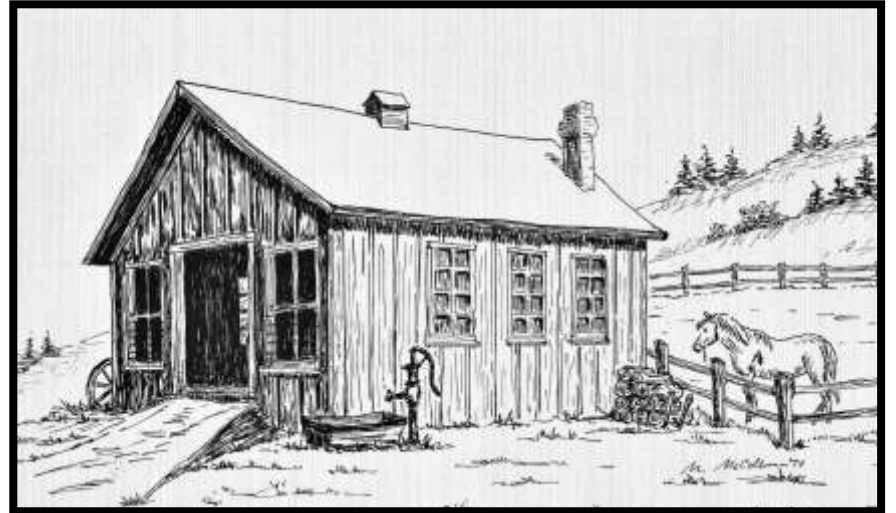


H.E. Delano's Store - Was Crockett's Store— Now part of Frank's Italian restaurant c 1910

Hometown Sketches



MARY CROCKETT'S GENERAL STORE—NANCY BERRY



BLACKSMITH SHOP— M. McCOLLUM '71



TAYLOR BROTHER'S STORE—EDWARD R. POMEROY



F.H. MAREAN'S STORE—L.R. RICE



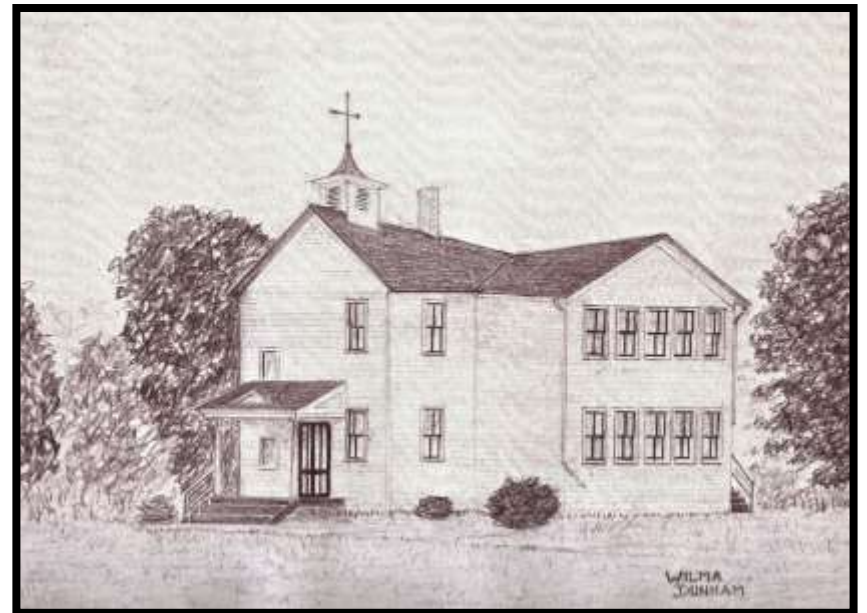
YOUNG—ROZEK HOUSE KENNETH ROZEK



J. R. INGALLS SCHOOL—L.R. RICE



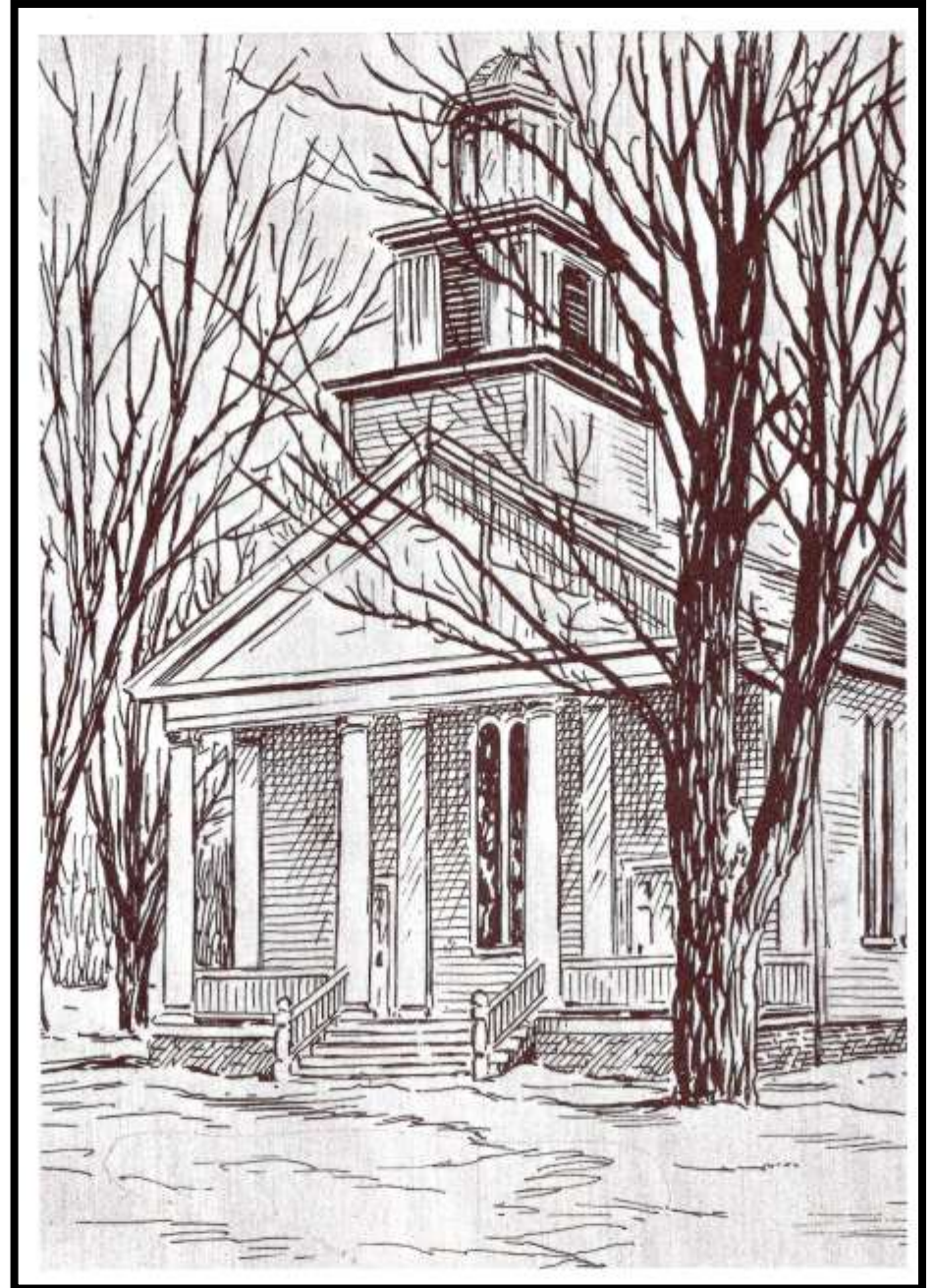
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OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL— WILMA DUNHAM



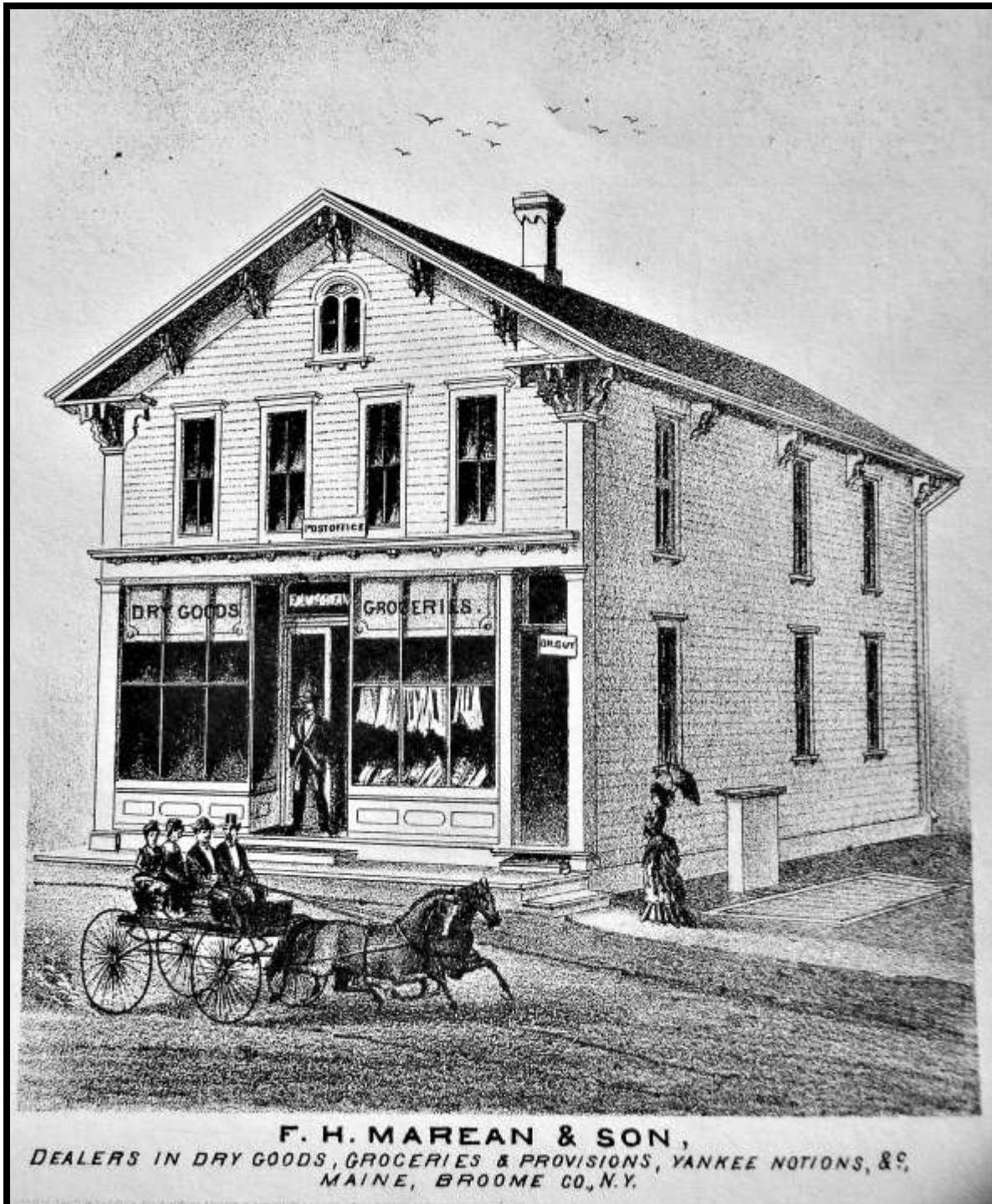
Lincoln-Ames House Susan Harrington



Maine Federated Church



Maine Town Square Ketchum Hotel M. McCollum



Broome county has had official maps and Plat books starting in 1855. The scene to the left is of F.H. Marean and Son store located in the center of the hamlet. This sketch is from the 1876 plat book. The stores location would be where the parking lot of the Most Holy Rosary Church is found. You might notice that it is where the post office was located. The post master was a political position. and the post master and therefore the post office was located in a store with the correct political party. The post offices location would change depending on the political party of the President and the political party of the store owner.



F.H. Marean Store L.R. Rice

2591 Main Street - next to Pagoda



The barn behind Lil and Clarence Ames home -2591 Main St. c 2005



December 2021 Snow Storm 40 + Inches of Snow



Clarence Ames' 1931 Ford truck. He decorated his barn with signage that he collected - 2591 Main Street 5.17.2008



The barn as it looks in 2021



Lincoln House (Lil Ames) (2591 Main St) and store. Corner of Church and Main Street Taken prior to 1893 when fire destroyed the store. Location of the current 1973 Pagoda.



Martine Barnaby

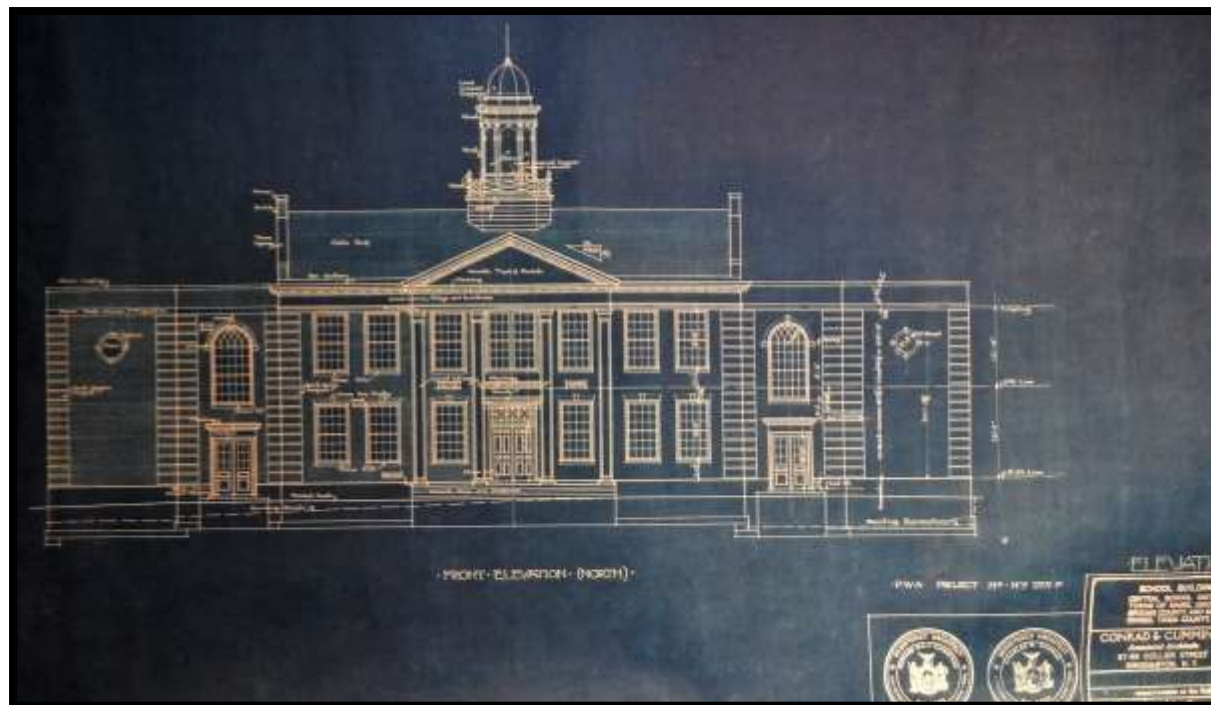




Maine Central School—construction started in 1938 when they voted to close the 13 one room school houses. It was dedicated May 1940. The school was named J. Ralph Ingalls school in 1969. It is located on Church street.

In 1957 the Maine School District combined with Endwell forming the Maine-Endwell school district. The building was closed as a school in 1979. To the left of the school is the M-E bus garage which is still located there today. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in January 1998.

Stratton painting, 1972, showing the grove of sugar maple trees in front of the school



Original blueprints Conrad & Cummings Architects.



Original Maine Center school on Church St. c. 1833. It had two classrooms on the first floor, another classroom on the second floor plus a large community room with a stage. The photo to the upper right is a post card of Maine School. It was remodeled in 1900. It had three classrooms on the first floor, also used for church, political meetings and band practice. This building was used until 1940 when it was replaced. Grades up through nine attended this building.



12.18.2020





Photo by Lynn Winn in front of J. Ralph Ingalls school building looking west. 12.3.2019

First Baptist Church of Maine, NY 12 Church Street



First Baptist Church of Maine, NY



Baptist Church Ruth Merrill



19 Church Street. ca. 1845. Baptist Church parsonage. Acquired in 1854, earliest records stated elder T.J. Cole was furnished use of the parsonage, free firewood and \$300 per year for preaching the gospel. The barn in the back was turned into a recreation center and it was used in the 1960's as the location for kindergarten classes for the Maine School district.



By Lucy Church



Baptist Church c. 1908 Torn down 1980 Church St.

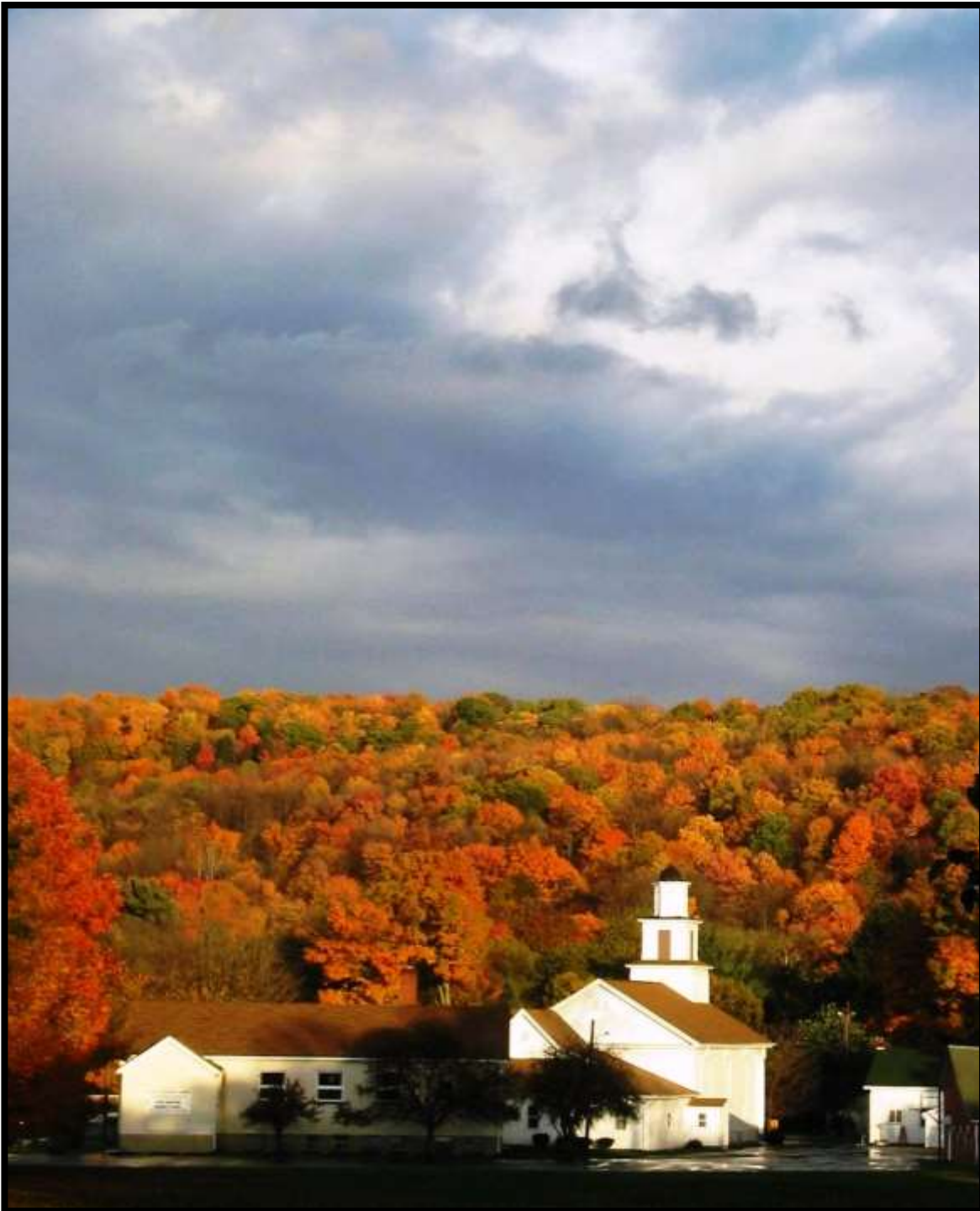
16 Church St. The new church building dates from **1980**. Today the bell from the first church is displayed out front. The stained glass also from the old church is over the door of the educational wing. The original building dates to **ca. 1840**. In 1866 two churches were on Church St. The congregational church was located where the post office is today.

LEWIS STREET



To the left is a 1876 map which shows Lewis Street which first appears on the 1876 Broome County Plat map. It was originally called the Newark Valley Road. The land for the road was donated by the Lewis family. McGregor Ave also first appears on this map and was named after James McGregor. Maple Ave is not named on this map and is not named until after 1908.

**Maine Federated Church
view from
the Meadows.**





7.27.2019





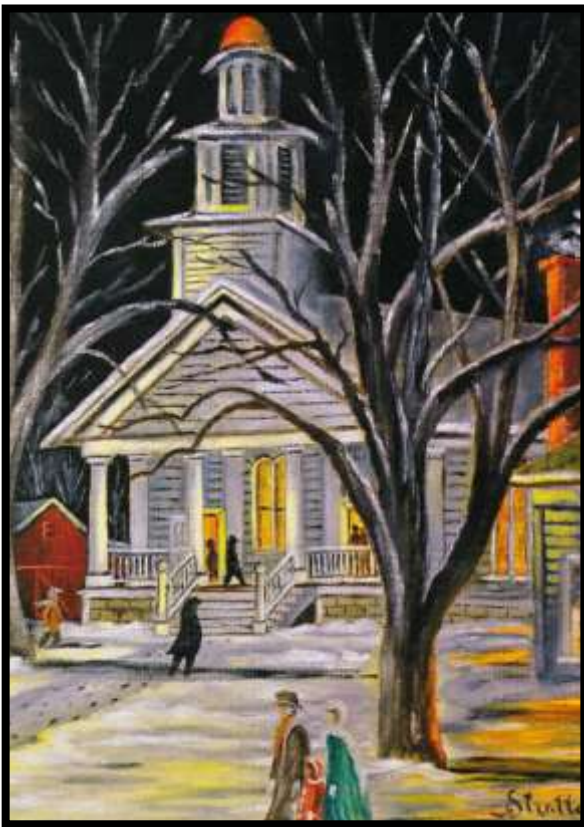
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Views of Maine Federated Church from Main Street (NYS Route 26).





Clarence Stratton Paintings of: Maine Federated Church Maine Street and Methodist Church, which burned down in 1928.
Below the Zimmer House, Church and Parsonage of the Maine Federated Church located at 2615 Maine Street.





Main and Lewis Streets

2619 Main St. Ca. 1867 Taylor Brothers Store
2 ½ story Gothic Revival style bldg.
The windows appear to have been different sizes. It has been a fire station and library with Mrs. Vaughn (Grace) Lainhart as librarian, Chick's restaurant and the Town Hall. Sketch below by **Ed R. Pomeroy**

Historical series: *"Corner of Main St. and Lewis St.,"* 1969, (22 ¼" X 13 ¾"). The General Store on the corner was there between 1867 and 1911. The church was moved from Church St. in 1867 and Lewis St. was created in 1866. Painting owned by Frank LoPiccolo.





By Jack Long

34 Lewis St ca. 1860. The eastern side was a barn whose front faced north towards a small lane. The west wing and wrap around porch was added in 1983. Behind this home is a barn built in 1992 using the old fashioned post and beam method and using old tools..



December18, 2020



34 Lewis Street Flannery's Barn by Luke Kaczynski



37 Lewis Street painted by Ken Rozek 1983

37 Lewis Street ca. 1875 . Norman Wright was the owner of the lot who sold it to William Brooks in 1874. William was a veteran of the Civil War having served in the 16th New York infantry. This is probably the first house built on Lewis St. It establishes the degree of set-back followed by the later homes on the street. This has elaborate double windows for the parlor. The porch was added in the 1940's replacing two smaller porches. You can see how the porch goes right over the fancy woodwork. Notice the second floor and the diamond we have seen on other houses. Note the caps over the windows are like those on the church. In 1982 an edition was added to the south end of the building. The barn was originally used for carriages and the second floor was for storing hay dating before 1900.



37 Lewis Street Maine, NY by Richard Henry 2018



Town Life: *“Nine Lewis Street in 1972,”* 1972, (35 ½” X 17 ½”). William and Vera Anderson and family lived in this 1875 home while he was superintendent of the Maine-Endwell School district. The M-E district formed in 1957 with a new high school opening in 1972. This house is the first house on the left on Lewis St. The field was called the meadow and it was for the pastor’s cow. Its current address is **37 Lewis St.**



Thursday, December 17, 2020 7:14 AM When it finally stopped we had over 40 inches of snow. Barn at 37 Lewis Street



All Seasons at 37 Lewis St.



Rozek House 42 Lewis St ca1875 by Richard Henry



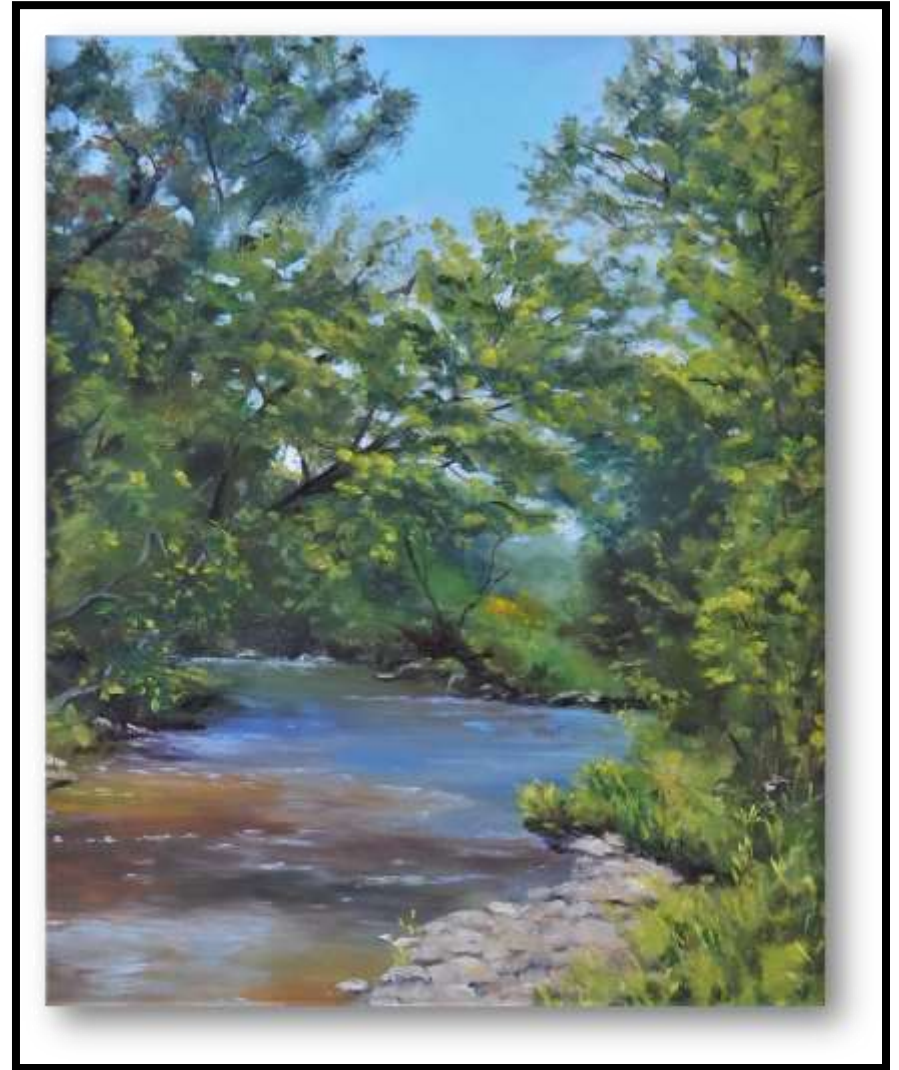
Young-Rozek House—Kenneth Rozek





Behind the house is a barn which dates from 1867. "The home is heavily carved with barge board in the peak. A 1982 addition was added on the east side of the home." Built for William Sherwood who owned a store at Main and Church Streets. He also owned the tannery in town. **42 Lewis Street**

Around the Town



Jennifer Gibson –
“Yancey’s House”
Watercolor
2621 Route 26 – Main St.

Chrissy Capriglione – Armonk, NY
Nanticoke Creek
looking upstream near Park Street



**Paint Out at the 2021 MaineFest—
Plein Air Painting of the Hamlet**



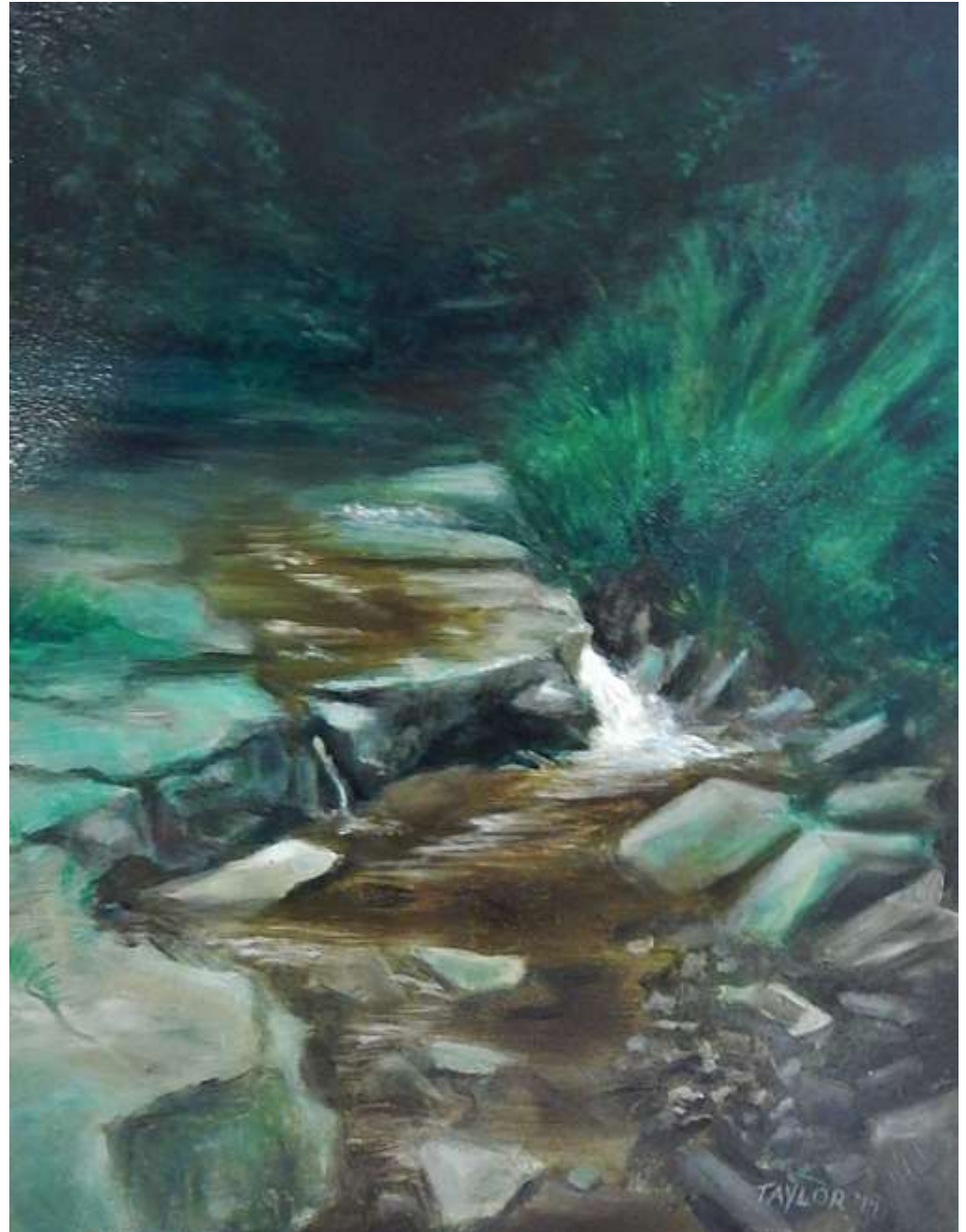
Richard Henry -
2579 & 2583 Route 26 - Main St.



Carlton Manzano
Lewis St. looking east
41 & 37 Lewis St



Burton Taylor, Candor, NY
"Lewis Creek"
West of Maple Ave on Lewis St. 9.2021



Ketchumville Branch Nanticoke Creek 9.2019



Joseph Q. Daily, Vestal NY Ketchumville Branch 3/4 mile west from Nanticoke Creek



Welcome sign on NYS Route 26 across from the American Legion building. The first school was located in this field in 1812.

The c. 1850 building home to the Janet Bowers Museum. It is located at 13 Nanticoke Road with the c. 1845 school house across the road. The bell dedicated to Clement Bowers is from the J. Ralph Ingalls School on Church Street,

Around the Hills



September 10, 2020 Farm to Market Road view west



March 3, 2021



Seasonal Changes on a Hickory Tree on Bridan Lane







Country Wagon Produce

Country Wagon Produce on NYS Route 26, just north of the hamlet, sells produce and baked goods. The photograph to the left is of Plow Days run by the Southern Antique Tier Tractor Club.

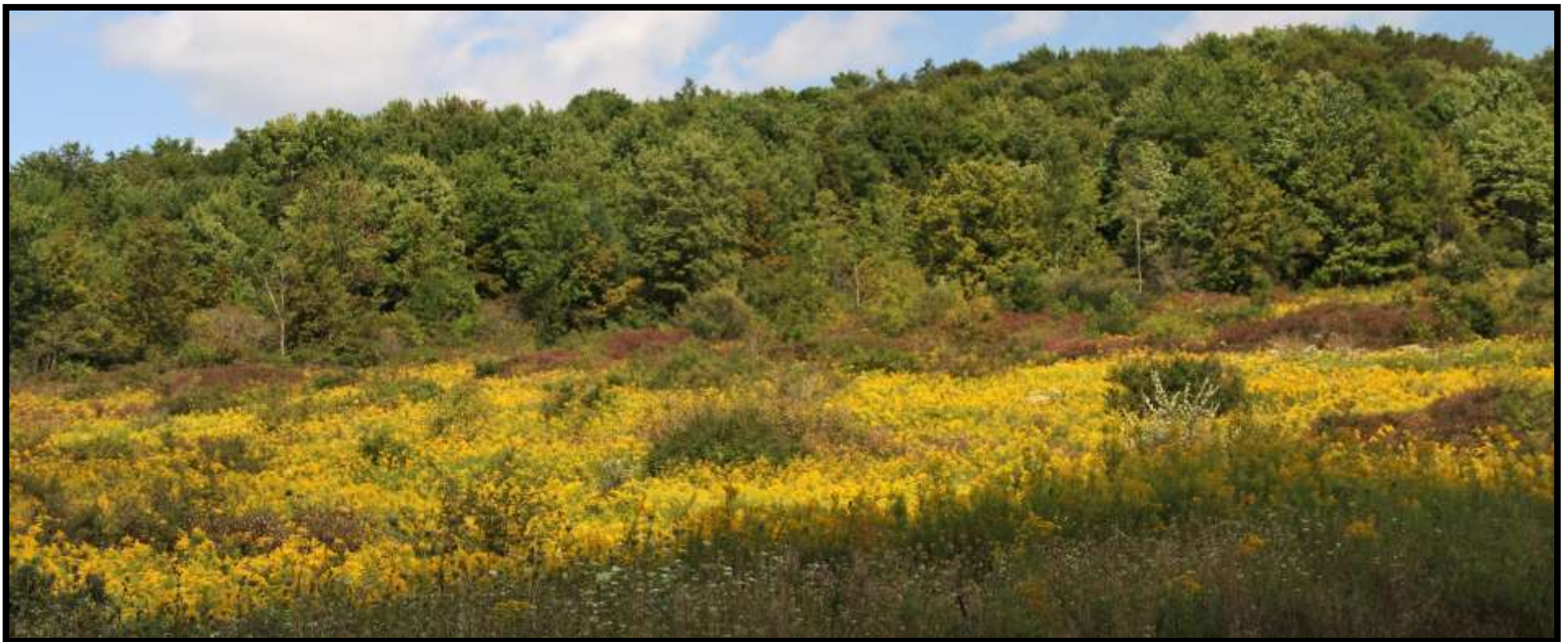




Lotus flower in a pond at the Cyrus Gates Farmstead 2021



View near 14 Nanticoke Road looking east



Edson and Fredericks Road looking east



View of the Airport from King Hill





View from Bridan Lane looking east



Bridan Road looking east by Carol Grace Miller 9.2019



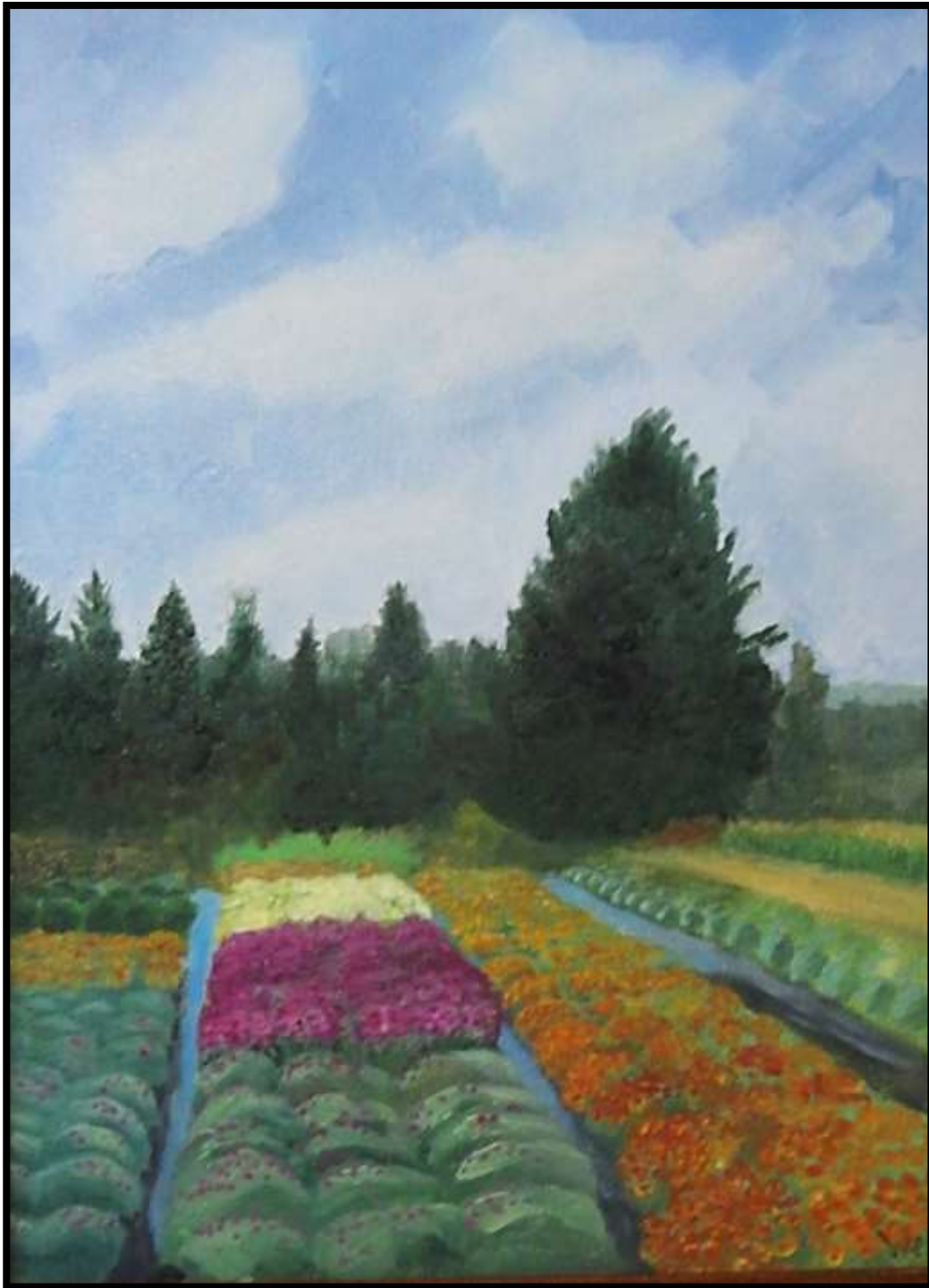
Bridan Road looking east painted by Susan Beadle 9.2019



Ames Road Nanticoke Creek Looking north painted by Susan Beadle 9.2019



Pumpkins at Country Wagon Produce Route 26 Maine NY painted by Richard Henry 9.2019



Mums
Country Wagon Produce Route 26 Maine
NY by Ken Weir 9.2019



Farm off Nanticoke Road painted by Richard Henry



The Splendor of Fall Fredericks Road painted by Ken Weir 9.2021



Cattle on Tiona Road looking east.



Chaz Singer (farmer, carpenter, artist) Lived on his family farm in Union Center c. 1910



Wagon in field at Country Wagon Produce



Truck in Field near Ames Road



SKETCH OF THE COUNTRY SIDE BY FRANCK BOWERS ca. 1900



Theresa Green Painted at age 17 while a senior at Maine Endwell High School. It is an oil painting. Her teacher was Mr. Perkins. This painting was submitted in the Scholastic Art Council of NY Educators competition.

Around Bowers Corners



Bowers Corners by Clarence Stratton 1973



51 Nanticoke Road found at the corner of Nanticoke and Tiona Roads sketch of Bowers Corners 1837 by Franck Bowers



The original home was built by Gardner Sawin Bowers around 1830. Gardner moved to Maine from New Hampshire in 1822 and met and married Achsah Taylor. The present house replaced the original one which was destroyed by a fire March 1, 1871. "The Union Weekly News reported that this fine old pine frame house was destroyed completely last Thursday night. The fire originated in a barrel of ashes and there was no insurance to cover the loss." from Maine NY 125th anniversary publication by Shirley Woodward 1973.





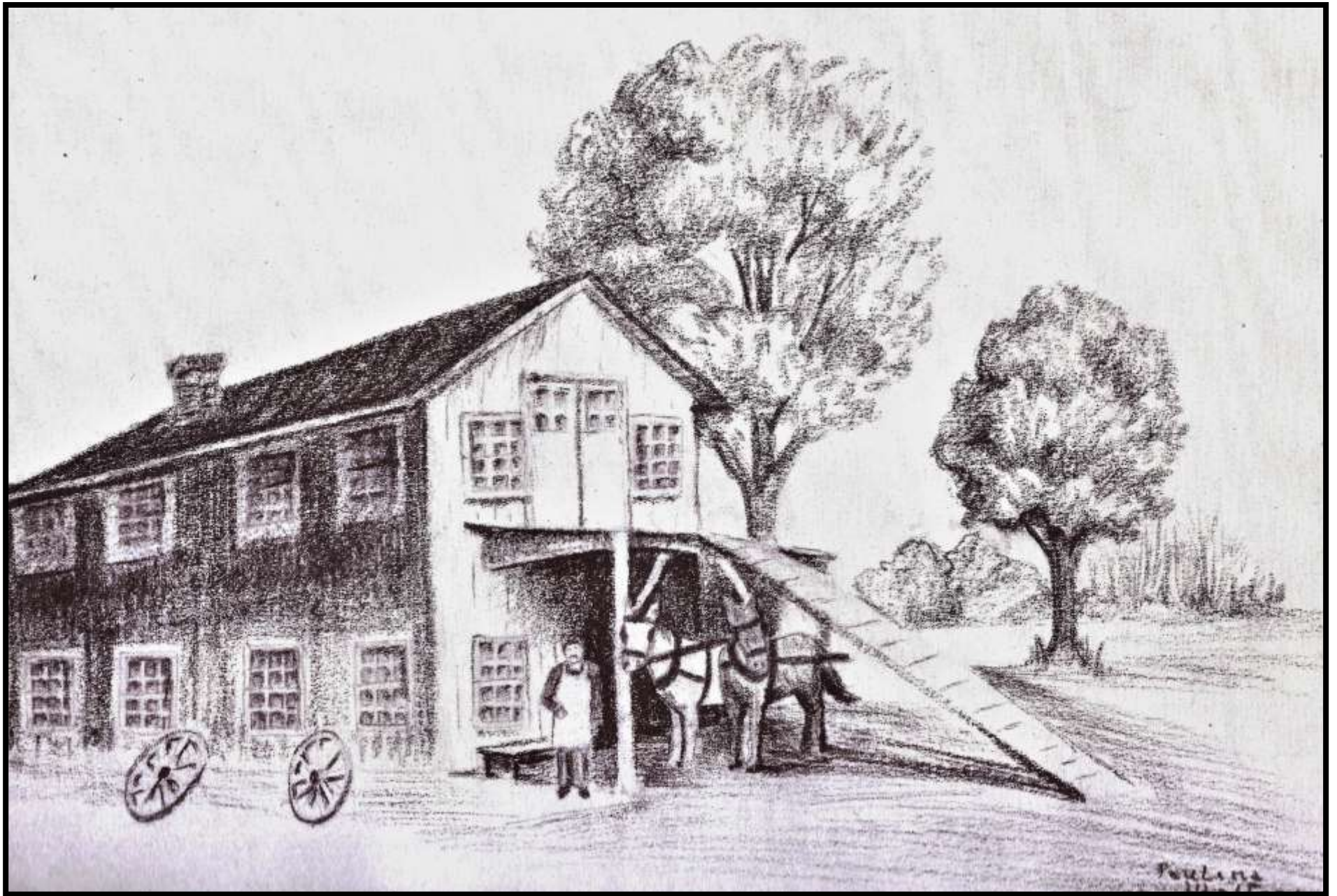
Clement Bowers, the infant seated on the man's lap is with John D. Rockefeller, the partner of Lamont Bowers. Bowers was the financial advisor to Rockefeller and helped run his operation in both New York and Colorado. Photo by Frank Bowers c 1900



Clement Bowers and family dog, Bibbs, c.1902
Taken by Franck Bowers



Portrait of Clement Bowers by Philip Parr



NORTON CARRIAGE HOUSE—PAULINE WALTERS



NORTON WAGON SHOP—PHILIP PARR



Norton Carriage Works 38 Nanticoke Road painted by Jerry Russell 9.2019



41 Tiona Road dates back to c. 1920. The Slosson family were the builders of Pitcher's Grist Mill c. 1830



The Taylor House



The Taylor House on Nanticoke Road. Was built in the **1820's**. The house is a mile north of Bowers Corner. When Gardner Bowers arrived in Maine in 1822 to start his new life the Taylor family lived up the road. He married Ashcah Taylor 1827 and had six children. The house is located at 229 Nanticoke Rd

The Taylor House

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229 Nanticoke Rd. Illustration found in 1876 Broome County Atlas.
The home dates to 1820 and sits along the current Nanticoke Road.
The view is looking north.



RES. OF MRS. ZARAH S. TAYLOR,
MAINE TP., BROOME CO., N. Y.



Pitcher's Grist Mills



1906



1994

History of mill from Al Parr 1957 History of Maine NY

A grist mill was erected north of the village in 1830 by Daniel and Beldon Slosson. Hand hewn red beech timbers, 10 x 14 inches constitute the framework of the building. In 1848 it was enlarged to its present size by Dr William Butler and William Lincoln. Mr Howard bought the business from the partners, and he sold it in 1870 to Seth Carman. One time it had three sets of grinding stones but two were replaced by modern equipment. It had a capacity of between two and three tons per day. Pancake flour from the mill went west with the 49ers.²⁸ Originally the mill was powered by a water wheel. The Nanticoke Creek was dammed and a mill race dug to operate the wheel. Archie Pitcher, still using water power, operated the business from 1925 to 1941. It is he who coined the famous "Sunrise Pancake Flour." The next owner, Carl Taylor, converted to electric power. John Lainhardt bought the mill in 1945 but kept the name, "Pitcher's Mill." He gave up the business in 1955. Through all the changes, the mill still used the four-foot diameter, 19th century mill stones made of Nova Scotia granite. Buckwheat flour was the principal product. Kernels were poured through a hole in the floor into a basement bin. An elevator took the kernels to the top floor and through a cleaning machine. Dropped downstairs, the grain was scoured and conveyed again to the top floor before being dropped through a chute onto the revolving mill stone. When the flour came off the stones it was sent back upstairs by elevator and run through silk sifting drums which separated the flour into four grades. One grade went back to the stone for more grinding, the best grade was used for flour, the third grade for cattle feed, and the shucks were thrown away .



The mill has been flooded numerous times in the past. Flooding is ongoing as this photo from 2018 indicates.

Chris Zacharias 2018

Pitcher's mill
2819 NYS Route 26,
donated to NVHS in
1988.



WHO BUILT PITCHER'S MILL ?

It was Daniel Slosson who died in 1853 at 41 years of age. Pitcher's Mill was built in 1830 by Belden and Daniel Slosson. Archie Pitcher owned the mill from 1925 - 1941 and gave his name to the building. The mill closed in 1955.



The mill was last used in 1955 and in 1985 the Bowers Foundation purchased the mill. The mill was given to the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society in 1988. Tom Kotasek lead the restoration of the mill. Photo c. 1970.



Pitcher's mill—by Marian Simpson was painted in 1982. The mill has been the focus of many artists over time



Painted by Joy McMicken 2019



Susan Harrington



Painted by Doris Wilbur



Note that the central drive shaft has wooden gears. The gears were wooden so that sparks did not occur when it was connected to the other gears. Fire was a major concern within the mill and it is wonderful that it has stood for almost two hundred years .

Cyrus Gates Farmstead





Scott Yurko

“The Cyrus Gates Farmstead was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. In addition to the main Greek Revival farmhouse, the farmstead contains two barns (one built in 1836), a tenant farmer's house, a bee keeper's house or sugar shack, a blacksmith's shop, a four-seat outhouse, and a pole barn. The placement was based on the home's Greek Revival architecture, the importance of Cyrus Gates, a cartographer and mapmaker for the State of New York and its strong oral history as a stop on the Underground Railroad.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyrus_Gates_Farmstead







Suzanne Wirth - Vestal, NY
Caretakers cottage and
blacksmith shop at the
Cyrus Gates farm
Nanticoke Road
Outside the Hamlet





The former home of William Flint sits north of Pitcher's Grist Mill. Mr. Flint was a cabinet maker and he also made coffins. The barn with the painted flag was his workshop. The flag was added to the barn to celebrate the 1776 Bicentennial and has been maintained ever since. Behind the property is Nanticoke Creek and it was at this location that a small dam was built and the water was diverted down towards the Grist Mill. Just north of the mill was a pond where water was held before it was channeled under the mill to drive the water wheel.



Photography by Warren McGregor



BUGGY RIDE



OLD TMR



THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES



MEDITATION

Warren McGregor was an electrician by trade and photographer by heart.