



The Store at Hoosick Corners

This photo was donated to the Museum by Isabelle Marshall. Taken around 1911, this is the building next to what is now Seifert's Auction House in Hoosick. Mrs. Marshall noted that sitting on the porch in the photo is Albert Hotchkin Marshall with his son Albert Fenton Marshall. Mrs. Marshall's husband Rudy was another son

born in 1911. Albert H. Marshall ran a barber shop in this building. He was also a barber in 1908 at the American House which was a large hotel that stood on the corner across the street at the Hoosick Corner.



To get a wider view of this area, the photograph to the left was taken in 1915. It pictures the store at Hoosick Corner that was owned by Thomas F. Howe. The Marshall store is to the right.

Thomas F. Howe owned the store from around 1895 to his death in 1930. He became postmaster of Hoosick in 1908 and ran the post office until 1930. His daughter, Fanny, ran the store for a short time in the early 1930s before it was sold. Thomas married

Zoe Fanny Rudd on June 10, 1891. You can see her wedding gown and wedding invitation on display in the Wedding Room at the Louis Miller Museum. They had four daughters who did not marry.

The last living daughter, Dorothy Church Howe, died at age 87 in her home in Troy, NY. The sisters rarely threw anything away, and a 1987 auction took eight hours to sell everything collected and brought in close to \$100,000. Among the items was a Christmas card signed by Grandma Moses, an autographed biography of Grandma Moses, and a painting by Joseph Hidley of Poestenkill. All the monies from the Howe estate were divided between six of the sisters' favorite charities: the Hoosick Baptist Church, the Hoosick Episcopal Church, the Rensselaer County Historical Society, the Hoosick Township Historical Society, the Troy Public Library and the Hoosac School. This money received by the Hoosick Township Historical Society was used to establish more displays at the Museum and was added to the endowment.