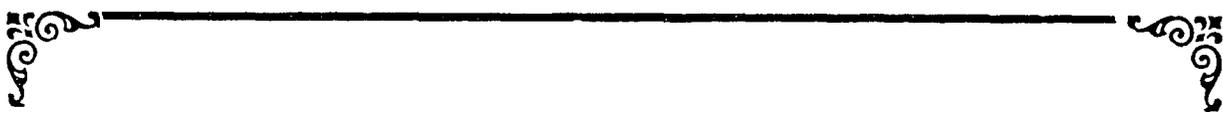




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EARLY FAMILIES THAT I REMEMBER

At the age of 89 I am making a list of the families I remember who lived in Coudersport in the late '50s and early '60s. When I was a child nearly every family of the town lived between Main Street bridge and the upper end of Main Street, so they were neighbors, indeed, and shared each others joys and sorrows. As a child I knew every family in the town. Now, while I love good, old Coudersport and am interested in everything connected with it, I do not know one family in ten.

Armstrong, A. S. and wife Eunice. Children: Lydia (Gordnier), Chloe (Crosby), Aurelia (Hatfield), Ezra, Orlando, Fred and Milla (Scoville). Mr. Armstrong was a shoemaker and had a shop in the front room of the house where Mrs. Knight now lives and the family lived in the rear. I used to go once a year and be measured for shoes. A pair of calf skin for every day, and morocco for Sunday-go-to-meeting. We children used to love to sit and watch him at his bench as he pegged the shoes and he would give us some shoe-maker wax to chew. He loved good things to eat and every morning he went to the meat market and brought home the meat and told his wife just what she was to cook with it.

Allen, J. W. and Mary. Three children: John, Ezra, and Laura (Konkle). Mr. Allen taught in the old Academy, was County School Superintendent, and a surveyor. He and his wife rest in the Osceola Cemetery, the children have all left their home town.

Armstrong, Charles and Adeline. Mr. Armstrong kept a grocery store for many years. They were good citizens and strong pillars of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Armstrong used to call on every family in the town once a year and on the Methodist families three times. They had an adopted daughter, Amy (Stevens), who lives in the old home.

Benson, Isaac and Eugenia (Stebbins), a son James. Mr. Benson came to Coudersport as a young lawyer. He advanced rapidly in his profession and held many positions of trust, was elected to the Legislature and Senate, and was prominent in raising funds for the Civil War. He was taken on a bed to Harrisburg to vote for Simon Cameron; he acquire a goodly fortune, had a fine home, and he and his wife took an active part in all the interests of the town and its

church and social life. Some of their descendants are still residents of the town. This old home is now part of the Coudersport Consistory building.

Brown, David and wife, three children: Elizabeth (Van-Wormer), Helen and David. They had a home on the west side of Upper Main Street, and a foundry on the East side where the silk mill now stands. He made a brass cannon which was fired during the Civil War. He also made a telescope which the town people enjoyed. He was one of the principal workers in the Presbyterian Church and helped to build the original Church on West Street now moved to Main and owned by the Odd Fellows. No trace of the family is left in the town.

Barkley, George and Eliza, three children: George, Charley and Mary (Roberts). Mr. Barkley was a lumberman and lived in Sinnemahoning but the family lived several years in Coudersport where the children attended school.

Boyer, George and Elizabeth (Yeomans), two children: Anna (Stocking) and John. Mr. Boyer was a successful lumberman and was associated with Benjamin Colwell. He and his wife lived all their married life in the house built by F. L. Maynard on East Street. I can truly testify they were the best of friends and neighbors. The home is still owned by their daughter.

Beaver, Billy and wife, kept a meat market for many years on Second Street. They always gave away the hearts and livers. They moved to Wellsville where they had another market.

Baker, Dan and Keziah. He was Register and Recorder for many years. They came from Ulysses and Mrs. Baker and a sister wore bloomers, (a la Dr. Walker), which was an unusual attire for Coudersport and we children used to wander by their house hoping to see such an unusual sight. They had four children: Nellie (Billington), Agnes, Clinton, and Lucy. Later they were my neighbors and I liked them very much. Nellie, who lives in Erie, made me a visit two summers ago.

Butterworth, Appleton and Mary (Wilmot), four children: Ione (Merrick), Lois Ann (Young), George, and David Wilmot (Will). He was a shoe maker by trade and he built the house where Mrs. Lillibridge lives. He and his wife died there. Will Butterworth, who after his parents' death went to live with his sisters in Wellsboro, returned to Coudersport

and was engaged in the printing business for many years, both in the Journal and Enterprise.

Butterworth, Wales and Jane (Wilmot), moved from a farm in Sweden and lived in the house where the Doerners now live, built by Miles White. They had five daughters, Ida married Thomas Chase editor of the Journal; Imogine, who married Isaac Canfield and moved West; Louise Randall, who after her husband's death in California, lived with her daughter in Meadville long after her 90th birthday (for several years we kept up quite a correspondence and I treasure some of her bright and witty letters); Josephine, and Jennie who was my closest childhood friend. She died of diphtheria when nine years of age. Mr. Butterworth was an attorney, had an office about where the Grabe furniture store stands. He died while quite young of consumption. His widow had a hard struggle to raise her family, and was married a second time to a widower in Wisconsin and Louise and Josephine went with her. Aunt Jane, as she was called, was a bright and energetic woman, and the best of company. After her second husband's death, she married a Mr. Leete, a friend of her girlhood days. After his death, on a visit here, she said, "I still love the touch of broadcloth." She is buried by the side of her first husband in Eulalia Cemetery.

Crosby, Orson and Chloe (Armstrong). He was a shoemaker and served as Prothonotary. They had two children: Kate who married Lorraine Haughenberry and Jennie who died young. He built the house on the southwest corner of Main and Fifth Streets where the Lufts live.

Crosby, Alonzo, brother of Orson, married Susan (Taggart). They had one child: Jennie (Moody). After Susan's death, he married Jean Willard, their children were: Myrtle (Maynard), Guy, Carl and Grace. He was a surveyor and served as Prothonotary for many years.

Collins, Mrs. Mary, was a bright, Irish woman who, when quite young, was left a widow with five children. They lived on a farm on Niles Hill. The Poor Masters decided the children ought to be taken in adoption, but their mother would not consent to this. She moved to a little house where Mrs. Cora Nelson now lives and was a fine laundress. She did our laundry for years, coming for it and bringing it back and we always enjoyed visiting with her. Everyone was interested in her efforts and did much to help her. She brought up a fine family, who helped as soon as they were able, and they built a nice home on Ross Street where her son died. The

children were: Nellie, Anna, Kate, John, and Mary. The daughters all moved away and Mrs. Collins spent her last years with them but when she passed on, her remains were brought to Genesee and placed at the side of her husband and son. She was a loyal friend of my mother.

Colwell, Benjamin, was a successful lumberman and he and his family of a wife and four children: George, Marian, Carrie, and Belle lived in the house built by F. L. Maynard on East Street now owned by Anna Stocking. His wife died while they lived here, and the family soon moved to Michigan where he continued in the lumbering business. Later he married a lady from Portville, built a home there and died there. He was one of the first Masons in Coudersport.

Canfield, Ira and wife, one son Isaac, who married Imogine Butterworth. He built a grist mill where the Easton-Fee garage now stands, also the Leonard house. I remember my mother going to their house-warming and bringing me a piece of cake. They also moved to the West.

Cole, Lewis B., lived in a house back of the W. F. DuBois house. I never knew his wife. I think she was a Bishop. They had two children: Sara (Robinson) parents of Zolie and Bernard who married Deliah Koon, some of their descendants still live in Coudersport. Mr. Cole was the first Representative from Potter County and was highly spoken of as such. He was also Prothonotary for many years. He had lost an arm.

Clark, Nelson and Mary, were early settlers and lived on what is still called the Clark place till their death. Their children were: Lora (Metzger), Sara, Ella (Snyder), and Bernard. Some of Bernard's children live in town.

Cushing, Lucas and wife, came from Ulysses to spend their latter days near their daughters. They were devoted Baptists and did much in building up that church here. Mr. Cushing was a relative of the noted brain specialist of Boston who died in 1939. They had two children: Evalena (Olmstead), Lydia, who married Edward Olmstead, brother of Henry and Arthur, and Chancey of Ulysses. They lived in the house now occupied by Mrs. Lillibridge.

Coscaloskie, a Norwegian cabinet maker, lived where Riley Latham's wife now lives. He had a son come from Norway who died of homesickness. He was cared for during his last days by the George Metzgers and died in the house where I now live and the father carved my newel post for them. He

was a fine workman and did some work for Ole Bull.

Crittenden; there was a family by that name who lived where the ice plant now is, and had the reputation, and I think deserved it, of making counterfeit money. The female members of the family would go to the cities often, evidently to pass this money and would return with wonderfully fine clothes. It was generally understood that they made the money but nothing ever seems to have been done about it.

Dent, Henry Hatch, came to Coudersport from Maryland in 1853 with his mother and four children: Kate, Adalum (Sterritt), Will, and Anna (Hull), to look after lands owned by his deceased wife and himself. He was a finely educated man and did much for the town and the Academy. He gave the town clock. During the Civil War when party feeling was high, his sympathies were naturally with the South and he suffered many indignities, his barn and fine horses were burned and he was practically driven from the town. When he moved to Brookland, the town and Episcopal Church lost a valuable member. He built a beautiful home at Brookland and a beautiful chapel stands in his memory there, erected by his children.

Doerner, C. A. and wife, early settlers. He was a merchant and bank cashier. They raised a fine family of children: Julius, Nelda, Matilda (Hollenbeck), Amelia (Rodgers), Edith (Russell), Laura (Buck), and Fannie.

Dyke, Vesta Cordelia, came from Angelica to attend the Academy and lived with her brother, Dr. Amos French. After finishing school, she learned the tailor's trade. She married Chancey Dyke. They had two children: Monta, who died young, and Eva (Thompson). Later she was granted a divorce and, when left to care for herself and child, decided to take up the printery business instead of being a tailor. She was a compositor for Thomas Chase in the Journal office, and later for M. W. Machelarney. When he decided to sell out she and W. W. Thompson, who was learning the business, bought him out. They did almost the entire work themselves. When Mr. Thompson decided to seek his fortune in the West, she took over the entire office. So far as I know she was the first woman to become a business proprietor, although Mrs. Mary Mann had a small book store and Mrs. Kent a millinery store. She worked hard and made a success. She bought the home where I now live and after saving enough money so the interest (which at that time was 10 per cent) would keep her comfortably, she decided to retire and sold to

John S. Mann. After a few years, she grew tired of an inactive life and when the Enterprise was started, with W. W. Thompson half owner, she went to work as a compositor for it, and helped to set the type for the first edition and continued there until her death.

Dwight Walton, Lucian Bird, Mr. Ensworth, and Mr. Idem were land agents who tarried for a time and made their impress in the town. Mr. Idem came from New York and furnished rooms over a building where the Rexali store stands. He and his doings were a marvel to this rural town, he had a span of fine ponies and carriage, his rooms had fine carpets, damask draperies, and lace curtains, fine bedding, and even a down quilt. All of which Mr. Isaac Benson bought when he furnished the brick house he bought from Collins Smith. The pier glass is now in Mrs. Eugenia Perry's hall.

Ellison, Dr. O. T. and wife, Susie, one daughter, Elizabeth. Dr. Ellison came to Coudersport in 1856. He was a fine physician and he lived where the movie house now stands. He practiced medicine till his death.

French, Dr. Amos and wife, Sabrie (French) came to Coudersport in 1836 and lived here until their death. Mrs. French died in 1873 and the doctor in 1886. He was an early physician and traveled over a large territory much of it on horse back. There were six children by the first marriage: Enos, died in infancy, Carlos died when a young child, Milton died in young manhood, Mark, Fannie (Johnson), and Charley. By the second wife, Elizabeth (Haughenberry), there was one son, Frank. Dr. French built several houses and the old homestead is still standing.

Furness, Mrs. and son Edward lived in a little house on the South Hill road.

Fickler, Mr. and Mrs. (Gotlieb) were among the early settlers. They were tillers of the soil and owned the block where the hospital stands. They had two children: Edward and Elvira (Lilly). Several of their descendants are residents of the town.

Gillon, Mark and Mary (McHale), located in Coudersport in 1858. He had learned the tailor's trade in Ireland and established that business here and was very successful. He built a beautiful home on the South Side. One of his daughters now runs a ladies' furnishing store under the name of Mark Gillon Store. They had eight children: Mary (Costello), Kate, Nellie, Edward, George, Celia, Anabell, and Stephen.

They were the main organizers and support of the Catholic Church.

Goodsell, Nelson and Louisa (Nelson). Mr. Goodsell came to Coudersport in 1856. He owned a planing mill and home on Allegheny avenue. They had no children. He was a prominent Mason.

Goodsell, Albert and Mary, were early settlers, he was a brother of Nelson. He was a gun smith and used to sharpen our skates for us. Mrs. Goodsell for many years was the only nurse in Coudersport to receive pay for her services. They had three daughters: Emma, Orvilla (Potter) and Minnie. Their house was the first to be built on the South Side and is now owned by Maurice Smith.

Gordnier, John and Emma, had two children: John and Lena.

Gordnier, Walter and Lydia (Armstrong). Mr. Gordnier came to Coudersport in 1861 and was connected with Eli Rees as foreman of the Joiners work on the Court House. He moved to Titusville during the early oil development, then came back to Coudersport and conducted a planing mill and foundry which is still doing business. He did much to develop the South Side. Their children were: Flora, Mary, Charles, Frank, Harry, Lettie (Potter), and John. Their descendants occupy several of the houses he built.

Glassmire, Daniel Fagar (this name has been handed down to his son and grandson) and Caroline (Mills) were in the Coudersport Hotel when I first remember them. Mr. Glassmire bought the hotel from Samuel Mills, his brother-in-law. He also had the stage route to Wellsville and later to Emporium and had the name of always being on hand when the trains came in and he always blew the horn when the stage arrived from Wellsville. They had three children: Nathaniel, who married Georgie Lieb, Daniel Fagar married Sophie Havens and Rebecca, who married Charley Stebbins. Mr. Glassmire married for his second wife, Adelaide Smith. He was an ardent Democrat.

Haskell, Edwin and Laura (Cannon). Mr. Haskell came to Coudersport in the early 40's and worked in the Journal office. When that paper was suspended for a time, he attended the Academy where he met and married his wife. They settled on a farm at Colesburg, after he was elected Treasurer of Potter County they moved to Coudersport and in his later life he became owner of the Journal. His wife and my mother

were school friends and I remember the maple sugar she would send us each spring, mine in an egg shell. They had two daughters: Edith (Colcord) and Belle (Lewis), who still live in Coudersport.

Grabe, Herman and Catherine, natives of Germany came to Coudersport in 1868 and bought a farm on the Lymansville road where a grandson now resides. He was a cabinet maker and several of his descendants are furniture dealers. Their children were: Gustave, Louise (Chastain), Anna (Peck), Martha (Klasse), and Theodore.

Green, Mrs. and dog, Pedro, lived on the corner of Fifth and West Streets. She lived alone, had a loom and wove carpets. She was an immaculate housekeeper and we children, who went to a select school to Lucy Hamilton in the basement of the Presbyterian Church when it stood on West Street, loved to take our dinners and go over there and eat with her. We enjoyed it and so did she.

Havens, Samuel and wife were also among the early settlers. They were married in a house built by a Mr. Hinkle on the Court House square. They afterwards bought this house and moved it to the lot below the Mills Hotel and the family occupied it until it was destroyed by the big fire. They had four children: Roscoe, Charlotte (Stowell), Belle (Ross), and Sophie (Glassmire).

Hamilton, John M. T. and Elizabeth (Flannagan) came from Philadelphia in the late 40's. Mr. Hamilton was clerk in the Ross land office. He built the octagon brick house lately torn down. The family was largely responsible for the forming of the Baptist society and in erecting their first church. Their children were: Ella, who died in young womanhood; Stephen, who served in the Civil War and was U. S. Pension officer for many years; Clara (Joerg), Lucy (Moon), and Walter. Mrs. Hamilton was very critical of the doings of the young people of that time, for some of them danced, and even played croquet on the Court House lawn, and some even played cards. Perhaps it is well she does not live in the present time.

Ives, Timothy Jr., and Maria (Andrews) were among the very early settlers, they came in May 1826. They boarded at the Cartee House while they built a house and store on the northeast corner of Second and East Streets, afterwards occupied by the Gillons. They acquired much property in the town and owned a large farm where the Tannery stands and

they built the beautiful home where Dr. Jacobs lives. This house was the stopping place for persons of note who came for Court or on other important business, and was always open for all social gatherings. Mr. Ives was a prominent man in the town. He was Judge, Legislator, etc., and was the first Master of Eulalia Lodge, and his was the second Masonic funeral, very soon after Dr. Joergs.' Mrs. Ives out-lived her husband many years, and her home was the gathering place for many neighbors and several of them would enjoy a pinch of snuff with her. She was a much loved friend and neighbor. One instance I remember—she had a neighbor who borrowed much and often and would forget to return, once when she needed her candle molds, she had to go for them and Mr. Ives happened to know of it so the next time he went to the city he brought his wife beautiful brass molds, and told her to keep these and have the old ones to lend. Soon a call came for them and she lent the old ones, hardly had the neighbor left, when Mrs. Ives' conscience troubled her, and she said, "I won't have anything too good to lend a neighbor" and she tucked the molds under her arm and took them to the neighbor. For many years she was the only Episcopalian in town, but she lived to see a church established. They had one child: Mary (Dyke) who died in young womanhood, and hers was the first funeral held in the new Court House (before this most of the funerals were held in the old Court House, the Methodist Church not yet being built). Mr. Ives gave the Court House bell but it had not yet been hung when his daughter died and it was hung between blocks and tolled for her funeral. When his grandson, Watson Dyke, died many years later it was suggested that it be tolled for him, but I do not know if it was done. Timothy Ives Sr., lived with his son and died there and was buried where the Hamilton house stood. This was one of the first burying grounds, remains later moved to Eulalia Cemetery.

Jones—in the early days three brothers: Edwin, Frank and Charley Jones located in Coudersport and built a store on East Street on the corner just above the Grabe funeral parlors. This was when it was thought East Street would be the business street of the town as West Street and the west side of Main were still very swampy. This store, two office buildings and a hotel were built with that thought. The Lucas Cushings lived in this old store when they came to Coudersport. I do not remember John, nor Frank, but Charley and Maria (Johnson) lived, from my earliest recollections till their death, in the house now occupied by Mrs. Breunig.

Mr. Jones had a dry goods store and groceries and was part owner of the tannery on Woodlawn Avenue. They were ardent Presbyterians and left a generous sum to that church. They had three children: Mary, Frank and Stores, all of whom died quite young.

Jones, Arch and Mary (Ross). As long ago as I can remember, they lived in the house now owned by Mrs. Barton, it had a fine doorway which had been modernized. Mr. Jones died here just before their new home was completed. In the early days he was connected with his brother, Bill, in the dry goods and grocery business. He was elected Captain of the first troops for the Civil War and served till the close. Mrs. Jones was a very gracious lady, she was a friend of my mother's. They always exchanged the Harpers and Atlantic Magazines. She was always very kind to me from the time she brought me some floating island, when I was a sick child, till her death. They had one son, William. Their grandson, Dr. Ross Jones, lives in their old home.

Jones, William (Bill) was the brother of Arch and of Mrs. Collins Smith and was a prominent business man in the early days. I did not know his wife and scarcely remember him. He built a store where the Lufts now live and conducted his business there. He built the house where Mrs. Barton lives, in 1841 and it was considered one of the finest in the country and Arch Jones lived there many years. He moved to Sinnehonning and was a lumber dealer.

Jones, Cyrenus, came here from Philadelphia nearly dead from consumption and lived to a good old age. He was a portrait painter and did many of the early settlers. I guess the portraits were all right but he gave everyone a peaches and cream complexion. He was quite a hunter and made the best jerked venison I ever ate. He was a bachelor.

Joerg, Dr. and Mrs. The life of these people, from their meeting and marriage in Havana, their unfortunate experience with Ole Bull, and life at Oleona would make first-rate material for a novel. They spent some years in Coudersport that the children might attend school here, and the doctor practiced. I remember their living in the cottage on the hill and in the house torn down for Dr. Ashcraft's house. Dr. Joerg died at Oleona and his body was brought here for burial. The funeral was at the P. H. Stebbins Sr., home and was the first Masonic funeral held in Coudersport, the second one was for Judge Ives, a few days later. I think M. W. McAlarney was Master. Seventy years later I stood by the grave

of Dr. Joerg's grandson, Walter, near his grandfather's. This was also a Masonic ceremony. Their children were: Theresa, Gertrude, Edward, and Martin.

Judd, Mr. and Mrs. John, lived in the house moved to Woodlawn Avenue when the John Collins house was built. Mr. Judd was Post Master from 1853 till 1859. He had the Post Office in back of his grocery store, I can still see it in my mind—a one story building where the North Penn Gas Co., now stands. They moved to Emporium when that town was booming. They had a daughter: Jennie.

Kent, Mrs. Mary came to Coudersport in 1843 and had a millinery store here. She taught the district and select school and was land agent for H. H. Dent. She was the widow of a minister, Presbyterian, I think. She was very bright and well educated, she had a daughter, Mary, not so bright as her mother. I knew and loved Mrs. Kent from the time I used to go to her home to select school, until her death. She was the best company imaginable, very witty, very loyal to her friends, but could say quite sarcastic things about people she disliked.

Knox, Frank, came to Coudersport in 1857 and opened a law office. He taught in the Academy the year before. He was a very successful lawyer, putting through many large land deals. He was largely responsible for the building of the C & P A railroad and was President until his death. He was one of the first owners of the Enterprise and built the beautiful home now the Old Hickory Tavern. He held many public offices. His first wife was a Miss Rathbone who bore him two sons, Oscar and James. His second wife was Kate Johnson, who had two children: Nettie (Hollenbeck) and a son who died young. Third wife—Anna Dimmock, no children. Fourth wife—Elizabeth Dickinson, who left two children, Katherine (Covey) and Frank. Fifth wife—Annæ Binkley, no children. He was an ardent Democrat.

Kernan, Charles and wife were among the early, good Irish families and lived on Seventh Street. They were very industrious and raised a fine family. They made my mother's garden for years. Mr. Kernan was the official grave digger. Their children were: Mary, Kate, John, James, Hugh, and Frank. Mr. Kernan, while a devout Catholic, said before he died that if the Catholics had not bought a cemetery when he died that he wanted to be buried in the Protestant Cemetery where he had buried so many, instead of being taken to Genesee, and he now rests there.

Larrabee, Don Carlos and Mary (Gridley) came to Coudersport from Ulysses in 1863, when he was elected Sheriff. When his term expired he studied law with Judge Olmsted and became his law partner. Later the firm was Larrabee and W. L. Lewis, which continued until his death. He was the representative from this District. They had two children: Carrie (Phillips) and Leon. For a time they lived in the cottage on the hill, later he bought the old Recknow house and lived there for a time, then moved it across the street (Mrs. Huff now owns it) and built a fine home on its site. He died suddenly of apoplexy. He died on March 14, 1889, and his funeral was held in the Court House. Mrs. Larrabee lived in the home until her death and it was a hospitable home for the community especially the Chautauqua circles.

Mann, John S., came to Coudersport in 1841. He was admitted to the bar very soon, and the following year he married Mary (King) and they lived here until their death. They lived first on West Street, then in a house on the corner where they later built their lovely home where the Post Office now stands. His father lived with them but I do not remember him or the old house. In their home there used to be free-hearted hospitality, its great fires up the chimney roared and the stranger feasted at their board. Mr. and Mrs. Mann were connected with all the early improvements of the town. They were Quakers and ardent temperance workers. While Mr. Mann was in the Legislature, he passed the Prohibition Law for Potter County. They were connected with the Journal for many years, were Post Masters, and kept a book store, agent for Keating lands, also. Their house was an Underground Station. Two children, Arthur and Cora (Thompson).

Mann, Joseph and Eloise (Dutton) came to Coudersport from Ceres. Mr. Mann was in the lumbering business and then in the mercantile business for a time, under the name of Mann, Jones and Doerner. He bought the J. B. Smith house on Allegheny Avenue and they lived there until their death. The home was left to their only daughter, Eloise (Wells), now occupied by Mr. Wells. Their descendants to the fourth generation all lived near the old home. They were fine people, a great addition to the town.

Mann, Lewis and wife lived on the corner above the Hartwell house. Mr. Lewis Mann was Post Master for a time and in the early 60's he moved to Washington. They had two children: Ida and Horace. These three Manns were brothers.

Mills, Samuel and Lavina came to Coudersport in 1851 and bought the hotel, which stood where the Crittenden now stands, of L. D. Williams, built by W. Caldwell in 1841. His father, known as old Nattie Mills, lived with him. Six years later he traded this hotel with D. F. Glassmire for the farm and hotel at Colesburg, during the oil boom he moved to Titusville and conducted a hotel, later moved to Wellsville where he ran the Fawcett Hotel and Mr. Mills died there. His body was brought to Coudersport for burial. The funeral was in the Court House and conducted by the Wellsville Commandery, the first Knights Templar funeral in Coudersport. After his death his widow came to Coudersport and lived here until her death. Everyone loved Auntie Mills. They had five children: Frances, who died when a young lady; Anna (Archibald), wife of John Archibald of Standard Oil fame (he built the receiving vault in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, and his wife built the Methodist parsonage as a memorial for her mother) Samuel Jr., who was a West Point graduate and received a commission in the army.

Metzgar. I well remember grandmother Metzgar, do not know if her husband ever lived here. They came from Pike. Mr. Beebe lists Mr. Metzgar as Frank, somehow I thought it was Francis. Their children were: Crissie, Elizabeth (Niles), William, John, and Aaron. When I first knew Mrs. Metzgar, she lived with her daughter, Crissie, who kept a millinery store where the Ed Elliott house now stands. Much earlier Crissie and Elizabeth kept a shop in the Maynard building, now Anna Stocking's property. Mrs. Metzgar kept the house and we children loved to play near her kitchen door and she would look after the hats for which the straw had been sewed and fitted to the latest style plaster-of-Paris models and had to be kept damp and patted until dry. When Crissie would measure off lace or ribbon she would always say, "Give a thumb over." Miss Crissie took care of her mother, a brother, Aaron, not normally bright and her sister's oldest daughter, Florence Niles (Landis). Later she bought the Spencer store on Third Street and lived there through the rest of her life. She was a good neighbor, always ready to care for the sick, and a devoted Presbyterian.

Metzgar, William and Pamilla (Coolidge) came to Coudersport in the late 50's. He was County Commissioner and built a saw mill on North East Street. He was an invalid from rheumatism for 15 years. They were devoted Presbyterians. They had four children: Frances, who died in infancy; Maggie (Cobb), William, and Owen. He was a son of the above Mrs. Metzgar.

Metzgar, Mr. and Mrs. John. He was a son of Grandma Metzgar, a carpenter, had two children: Theodore and Inez.

Metzgar, George and Lora (Clark). I think he was a cousin of the above Metzgars. He was a carpenter and helped build the first Methodist Church, and built the house where I now live. They moved to Emporium during its early days and had a jewelry store. There were two boys I remember: Clark and George, perhaps there were others.

Maynard, Mr. and Mrs., came to Coudersport about 1840 and stayed about 20 years. He was an attorney and merchant. He built the Anna Stocking house for offices when it was thought East Street would be the business street and later built the Margaret Wentworth house. They had two sons: Ben and John.

Miles, Maria, a widow, who with her son Emerson lived in a little house which they built on the northeast corner of Second and Hill Streets. Jennie Butterworth and I loved to go there, Mrs. Miles had a lovely flower garden, painted her window shades and cut out beautiful hands with pierced hearts on them which she loved to give her friends. I still have one. They had a cow and she would beat the cream in a pitcher with a wooden spoon and make a pat of butter. She loved to tell us of her past glories and would show us a striped silk dress she wore the first time she met "him." Emerson went to service and was never here afterwards. Mrs. Miles lived to a good old age, the neighbors were very kind to her and the town helped her. (No old age pensions then). When she died, Mrs. Georgie Glassmire collected money for a tombstone in her memory.

Niles, Russell and Elizabeth (Metzgar), lived on Niles Hill. Their children were: Florence (Landis), Maria (Neefe), Frank, and Cephus.

Niles, Robert, a brother, also lived on Niles Hill. He married Charlotte Recknow. Ralph, another brother, was mentally deficient. He would ride his wooden horse to town and do odd jobs for "2 five centses."

Olmsted, Arthur G. and Ellen (Ross). Mr. Olmsted came from Ulysses to Coudersport when a young man to attend the Academy and study law, and was admitted to the bar in 1850 and from that time was a leading man in the town. He was district attorney, representative three terms, was Speaker of the House, State Senator, Judge of the County, appointed first and elected next term which position he filled

with great credit to himself and the county. He was very liberal, gave the firemen their home and equipment, the library its building, and finished paying for the Soldiers' Monument which the county had erected. He was a promoter of the C & P A railroad, the Water Co., and Gas Co. He was an invalid for several years. He was turned out of the Ulysses Baptist Church for dancing. (I had the pleasure of dancing with him in 1876 at the Centennial Celebration, they had a platform on the Court House lawn and many of the older people, who had not danced for years, tripped the light fantastic again, and he asked me to be his partner.) In 1860 he married Ellen Ross in the house which she and her mother were living and which he purchased and where they lived through the rest of their lives and where their daughter, Mrs. DuBois, now lives. Mrs. Olmsted was a charming lady and a fine musician. She loved to have young people in her home and gave them many good times, she presided graciously in her beautiful home. They had two children: Nellie (DuBois), and Robert.

Olmsted, Henry and Evalena (Cushing). They both came from Ulysses in 1846. Mr. Olmsted taught school for a time, was elected Prothonotary which office he held for about 20 years. He had a hardware store and tin shop which Mr. Dodd presided over and we children used to love to watch him make shiny tin pans and pails. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church and his wife as devoted a Baptist. They raised a fine family of 10 children: Marlin, Ardelle (Sparrow), Clara, Clinton, Arthur, Sumner, Mary (Andrews), Dan, George, and Will.

Olmsted, Ed and Lydia (Cushing) also came from Ulysses. He was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years and later moved to New York. They had three children: Estelle, Marian, and Jeanette. These three Olmsteds were brothers.

Ross, David and Mary (Knight). Mr. Ross came to Coudersport in 1827 and was married that year. He was a surveyor. I remember him as blind and his dog leading him. Mrs. Ross came to Coudersport in 1825. She was a wonderful woman and raised a fine family. She lived to a good old age and had a wonderful memory and her early recollections of Coudersport are valuable. They had four children: Sobiskie, Mary (Jones), Polaskie, and Ellen (Olmsted).

Ross, Sobiskie and Mollie (Spangler). Mr. Ross was educated in the schools of Coudersport. He took up surveying,

and soon became agent for the Bingham lands. He owned much land and was very public spirited. He held many public offices, was elected to Congress twice, refusing the nomination for a third term, because of failing health. I remember he used to give the children of the town a sleigh ride every winter. He committed suicide because of continued poor health. He had three children by his first wife: John, Mary (Stanton), she was the first girl to go to college from Coudersport, and George. After the death of his wife he married Isabelle Haven and to them one son, Tom, was born.

Reissman, Charles and Catherine (Schmitt). They came to Coudersport in the 50's and as long ago as I can remember, lived in the house on the corner of Third and West Streets. He was a carpenter and had his shop in the house there for many years. He made all the coffins, none were ever kept on hand. In those days when there was a death, he went and took measurements and made the coffin. They were made of wood and varnished and as a child, the smell of varnish spelled funeral. The coffin made, his duties as undertaker ended, the neighbors did the rest. They were hard-working people and prospered. He built a furniture store and undertaking rooms on Second Street and amazed a lot of people by the goodly fortune he made. They had three children: Louis, Anna (Schadenberger), and Kate (Stone).

Rennells, Benjamin and Maria (Nelson). Mr. Rennells came to Coudersport in 1831. He learned the blacksmith trade and I used to love to see him at his big forge shoeing horses and when he had to shoe an ox it was great fun for they were put in a leather frame and hoisted from the floor. He was married in 1847. He built the cottage just above the present house. He held many offices and was a devoted Methodist and an ardent Republican. They had two children: Cyrenus, and Martha. His granddaughter, Cora, resides in the old home.

Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, lived about where the Straw house now stands. He was a carpenter and had a shop above the Hamilton house. He helped build the old Methodist Church and the new Court House and was County Treasurer in 1856. He was accidentally (?) killed while hunting. I remember going to see him after he died. Their children were: Mary, Osburn, Orlando, Bert and Charley.

Rounseville, Abiather and Maria (Howland) were among the early settlers. They lived in what is now the Will Schutt house. It used to face the north and First Street was open through and connected with a wall on the river bank, north

of Third Street. Mr. Rounseville held many positions of trust. Their children were: Will, Mary (Pierce), Ellen, James, Abiather, and Judson.

Recknow, David and Polly, lived in the house now occupied by Mrs. Maud Huff which originally stood where the Legion house now is. I just remember their old fashioned flower garden. Mr. Recknow was a wheelright, he built their home and the house on Woodlawn Avenue, moved from the Doane site and a low building below the Henry Olmsted house. They had three children: Jane, Juliette, and Frank. When the mother died, I took a bag of candy to console Frank but he put on so many airs over a new pair of shoes that I left him in disgust.

I remember when the Rice family lived in the Rice Hotel, where the Lufts now live and their stage and livery stable was where the Veley house now stands. They had three children: Juliette, Milton, and Fred.

Shear, William and Hannah, came here in the 60's and owned the Margaret Wentworth house. He had charge of the tannery which stood where Woodlawn Avenue is now. He was elected to the Legislature, was Justice of the Peace, School Director, and a pillar of the Presbyterian Church. They were the best of neighbors and had two sons: Tom and Will.

Stebbins, Pierre and Almira, lived while he was sheriff in the little house below the H. J. Olmsted house. He built the house lately owned by Judge Heck. He had a fine mercantile business, which his sons later carried on. They were interested in all the town affairs and good Presbyterians. Their children were: Eugenia (Benson), Edward, Abram, Pierre Jr., Barney, and Charles. Barney was in service and killed in battle, but his body was never found.

Smith, Collins and (Jones). Mr. Smith built the first brick house in Coudersport also a brick store where the Masonic Temple now stands, in 1853. He kept a general store. After his wife's death he moved to Kansas. They had two children: Adelaide (Glassmire) and Bernard.

Smith, James B., built the house where J. Walter Wells now lives. He had a store where the Rexall store now is. They had four children: Virginia, Florence, Bernard and Hubert.

Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias. They were always called

the basket maker Schmidts—they lived on the Lymansville road. Every fall they went and gathered reeds and during the winter made such nice and durable baskets, which they sold during the summer. I still have one.

Spencer, Delos, a bachelor, and two old maid sisters kept store where the Methodist Church bought an additional lot for their new church. This building is now on the river bank. They were very prim, literary, and good Presbyterians.

Schoomaker, Nicholas and wife. He built a store and residence attached, where the Potter County Garage now stands. He was a merchant.

Thompson, Zenas J. and Julia (Shuart) came to Coudersport in 1855. She was the daughter of Col. William and Hannah (Wortendyke) Shuart and he was the son of Henry and Jane (Henry). Henry was a shoemaker and the first pair of shoes he made was for his son, Zenas. The Thompsons lived for a while in a house on West Street beyond the Enterprise building. Later he bought the house which stood where Dr. McConeghy lives and resided there until the death of his wife. He was a wheelright by trade. At that time Sam Mills kept the hotel and had a stage route and livery stable and Mr. Thompson bought the building on the corner of Second and West Streets and paid for it in wagons, sleighs, and repairs. This parcel of land is still in the Thompson family. The shop and contents were burned in the big fire and he then conducted a grocery business until his death. There were two children: William W., and Ella J., who died in 1874.

Wilmot, David, of Wilmot Proviso fame, and his wife, Ann, were early settlers. They had one son, Tom. Mr. Randall Wilmot, father of David, built the house where the school house stands and a law office just north of it, and he and his son-in-law, Appleton Butterworth, built a tannery where the Jake Smith house stands. David and Appleton ran it for a time but the cost of getting hides in and shipping the finished leather was too much to make it profitable and it stood vacant for many years.

Wambold family lived in what is known as the Leonard house. They had four children: Louise (Knox), Addie (Rounseville), Hattie, and Fred.

White, Miles, was also an early settler. He built the Doerner house, was sheriff, and interested in one of the early newspapers. By his first wife, he had one son, Charles; by the second wife, three children: Carrie, Milard, and Mackey. He had a hotel at Keating Summit and in Coudersport.

OLD HOMES OF TOWN

I do not claim that this article is absolutely correct. Had there been an Historical Society in our town 30 or 40 years ago, and this subject given to one of the older settlers at that time they doubtless would have had it correct in every particular. However, I have done the best I could, and will be pleased to be corrected on any statement.

I well remember the log house built by John Peet on what is now the Julius Colcord farm, shortly after he came to Potter County in 1811. He paid \$5.45 for over 50 acres of land.

The next building on the river road was the house now standing on the northeast corner of Water and West Streets, where it was moved by D. C. Larrabee when he built the house now owned by the American Legion. Mr. A. B. Mann tells me it was built by Jacob Recknow. I went there with my mother to visit the Recknows when a small child, but all I remember was the beautiful old fashioned flower garden.

In those days there was a deep drainage ditch on the east side of West Street from the foot of the hill to Water Street.

Next to the Recknow house was the house occupied for so many years by Z. J. Thompson. This was built by C. R. Pratt. On the next square Mr. C. Aylesworth built the house which is now standing and occupied by Glenn Hackett as a shop and residence. Next to this was a small tenant house probably built by Mr. Benjamin Rennells. On the corner was the blacksmith shop recently torn down, built by Benjamin Rennells. West of this was an ashery where black salts were made, built by Mr. William Jones in 1845. Across from the Rennells blacksmith shop, Z. J. Thompson built a wagon shop in 1855, on land purchased from Sam Mills, this was burned in the fire of 1880. On the corner where Matt McGoey's shop now stands was a cottage built by Mr. Hamilton LaMont, a Sinnemahoning lumberman, and Z. J. Thompson purchased it for \$350.

On the north corner of this square Mr. Charles Reissman built the house now standing and for many years used it for his cabinet shop and residence. On the square opposite was what is known as the Benjamin Rennells house, where he lived from the time of his marriage until he built the house now owned by his granddaughter, Miss Cora Rennells, who tells me her grandfather did not build the old home but she thinks a Mr. Starkweather built it.

Next above this stood the Mann house where Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mann lived shortly after they came to Coudersport,

and occupied by Lewis Mann when it burned. On the square above there were no houses in the early days.

Where the Klein garage now stands John S. Mann had a law office, Journal office and book store, and on the north of the square Mr. L. B. Cole built a residence which was torn down to make room for the house where Mr. Alba Welch now lives.

On the square above on the south side was the District School House, built in 1842 and 1843, part of which is now incorporated in the W. F. DuBois garage at his camp on the Prouty. On the north of this block were three wood-colored houses, and I was unable to learn who built them, my earliest recollection is a Mrs. Green, who wove carpets and had a dog, Topsy, who lived in the corner house, and Orson Crosby in the one recently purchased by Mr. Fisk.

On the square above this a cabinet maker, Mr. Franz Johnson, and his son, Franzie, lived and he probably built the house. This building had been converted into a barn by Frank Andrews and a year or two ago was sold by Ed. Gillon to Frank Niles who tore it down.

The house where the Misses Doerner now live was built by Miles White, later owned and occupied by Mrs. Wales Butterworth and her family. On the north corner of this lot was the old Presbyterian Church, now Recreation Hall, dedicated in 1854. On the square north of this was the house known as "The Cottage," a very pretty house and owned by Mr. Henry Hatch Dent, who improved it very much, but who built it I have not been able to find out, Mr. Mann thinks a Mr. Raymond. It was purchased and torn down by Harry Higgins.

On the next corner, the house where Mr. Butz lives, was built by Mr. William Metzger in 1855. The next house was the Charley Bush house, occupied and probably built by a Mr. Williams. It was planned that Seventh Street would continue up the hill and maple trees were planted to line the street.

On the Niles Hill road were, I think, three houses of which I know nothing.

On Hill Street above Second, was the Maria Miles house, built by Mrs. Miles and son Emerson, and later torn down. And north of this the Academy opened in 1840, and was burned.

The Crittenden grist mill and house at North Coudersport were built by two Crittenden brothers. Mr. Mann thinks one built the mill and one the house, which is still standing. The David Brown house stood a little above where Zalmon Robinson now lives and he had a foundry across the street above the silk mill. He made cannon, plows, etc., and he made a

telescope which was a seven days' wonder.

On the square below was the house built by Eli Reese. He also built a carpenter shop where the silk mill stands, he helped to build the old Methodist Church in 1855.

When Mr. Hamilton bought the lot where the octagon brick house now stands there was a story and a half house already there, part of this was moved to the Mrs. Kent lot and is still part of that house. Dr. Amos French moved the other part to the south side of Fourth Street and my mother lived there for a number of years.

On the block where the Episcopal Church stands Mr. Dent built three houses, of which one is still standing and is occupied by Frank Niles, the tenant house back of this was a barn. There was also a round summer garden house.

The Ross Land Office stood where the John Miller house is now. It was a brick building, torn down when John Ormerod built the house and the bricks were used for the chimney. The house where Mr. Quimby lives was evidently built by W. T. Jones and later sold to his brother, Arch Jones.

On the square below the only building was the Bingham office, which was the brick part of the building now there. Where the John Collins house stands was a cottage, now on Woodlawn Avenue, possibly built by N. L. Dike, at least he lived there when first married. The first family I remember living there was John Judd's.

Where E. M. Elliott's house stands Miss Christine Metzgar had a house and millinery store, her father and mother living with her. This house was moved by Mr. Alba Welch to a lot below the potato house and is now owned by Mr. Bert Straw, the rest of the square was a swamp.

I do not know who built the house of which the Manse is a part. About 75 years ago Joel Hendricks lived there and taught in the Academy.

Dr. Amos French, who came to Coudersport 90 years ago last spring, when there were only 25 families here, lived for a short time in the Dennis Hall house where the Ashcraft house stands. He then built a double house where the Presbyterian Church stands. It had a big fireplace and fireplace oven. He also built an office and house known as the Galusha house.

The Rice Hotel stood at the corner where the Will Gates house is. A livery barn stood pretty well back on the present Veley lot and the road leading to it was always a sea of mud. Whether Mr. Rice was the builder I do not know. Where the Arthur DuBois house stands was a frog pond.

Dr. Hiram Heath built the A. G. Olmsted house. Mr. Olm-

sted purchased this house when he married and lived there till his death. Mr. John S. Mann built the house on Main Street which is now a garage on West Street. I have been told that he lived in a small house on the corner of Third and Main Streets before building this house. Across the street was the Appleton Butterworth house built by him, now the Will Lillibridge house.

On the corner below was a low wood colored building, the builder unknown. The first I remember John Judd had a grocery store and the post office there, it faced Third Street and had a side door on Main Street.

The building where Dr. McConeghy lives was doubtless built by Timothy Ives, his son-in-law had a store there at one time. The next building (now on the bank of the river and known as the Crissy Metzgar building) where part of the M. E. Church stands, Mr. Mann thinks was built by William McDougall. The first I remember it was occupied by Delos Spencer, a bachelor who lived there with his two maiden sisters. There was a grocery store in front, parlors above and living rooms in the rear. They were quite society people, but very prim.

The first M. E. Church stood next, built in 1855, the Timothy Ives house next, as it stands today.

The Court House square was purchased from Michael Hinkle for \$16.00 and the Court House was built, court held there in 1835. The new Court House was built in 1852. The first funeral held there was that of Mary Ives Dike. The Potter County History states that the bell which her father had given was in place and rung first for her funeral. This is not correct, as the building was not completed at that time and the bell not hung; it was placed on blocks and tolled. This bell is still in use although tolling it for funerals has long been out of date, but when Watson L. Dike, a grandson of Timothy Ives, died a few years ago, at the request of some of the old residents, it was tolled the last time for him.

The business places on Main Street between Second and Third Streets I found it very hard to locate, but from a bound volume of the Potter Pioneer from 1852 to 1857 I learned much which I will give later.

William Colwell built the old hotel on the corner of Main and Second Streets. Below this was the Sam Havens house which was built on the Court House square and moved by Mr. Havens. In this house, before it was moved from the southeast corner of the square, the first birth and first death occurred. Mr. J. B. Smith had a grocery store where the Lippman drug store now stands, probably built by Timothy

Ives as he owned the north half of that square. On the lower half D. F. Glassmire had a livery stable and the rest of the lot was his garden.

Mr. F. W. Knox built the law office which is a part of the Yellow Bowl Tea Room, and purchased from Dennis Hall the house on the lower part of the lot, where he lived until he built the house now the Old Hickory Tavern. The first house was moved on Water Street and is now occupied by Dudley Day.

The Dr. Ellison house where the theatre stands was built by Giles Gustin. There was a small house below, I do not know who built. Mr. David Wilmot built a fine house where the school house now stands.

We will go to East Street where my mother bought the house where I now live about sixty years ago from Mr. George Metzgar, who built it. There was only one house above us, the one where Robert Hendryx now lives, I think built by Andrew Kelly. The house where Irving Stevens lives was his carpenter shop. An old tannery stood where the A. F. Smith house is, it was built in 1837 by David Wilmot and his brother-in-law, Appleton Butterworth. Many years later Mr. William Metzger bought it and built a saw mill. The first house below us was the Stocking house which stood plumb on the corner and was built by Mr. L. F. Maynard, and every room on the two floors was planned to rent for offices, each room could be entered without going through another. In the early days the prospect was very good for East street to be the main business street, as west of Main Street was a laurel swamp and East Street was high and dry. He lived there a while and had his law offices in the south rooms. He sold this to Mr. Benjamin Colwell and built the Wentworth house and lived in the rear of it for a number of years. Mr. William Shear, Sr., bought and furnished the house.

Mr. Denis Hall built the house on the corner where Dr. Ashcraft's house stands; it was the first plastered house in the town and had a very pretty doorway. This doorway and much of the lumber of that house was used in the building of the doctor's bungalow in Abbott.

On the corner above the Henry Olmsted house was an old house long since torn down, evidently built for a store by Frank, Ed and Charley Jones. I have two authorities which state that three brothers, Ed, Frank and Charley Jones had a store where the Olmsted house stands, in 1874, but evidently was above.

Mr. William McDougall built the Henry Olmsted house.

There was a low house next, I don't know who built it. Mr. Pierre Stebbins, Sr., lived there until he built the Heck house. On the corner Versal Dickinson evidently conducted the Hickory Tavern, the first hotel, in 1827 and 1828.

Abiather Rounseville owned the Schutt house and probably built it. First street was open in front of it and a wagon road led from it along the east side of the Heck and Doane property to Third Street. It was thought at one time there might be a bridge extending First Street over the river through the Ross land and Mr. Ross set out maple trees where the street might be.

Sixty years ago there were no houses on the west side of East Street above the Ives house where the electric office is, and one below that until the house where Edward Stevens lives. Mr. Edward Olmsted owned it for many years but he did not build it and no one seems to know who did.

In connection with the Old Hickory Tavern I should have said that later Mr. Nich Shoomaker built a store on the corner and a residence in connection on the north of it. He died and his family moved away. This was later purchased by Dan Baker and John Covey and made into a hotel.

Mr. Sartwell built a log house below the Heck house. Mr. Cartee built the second house, a large frame one east of the jail, in 1824. In 1826 Mr. Ives came and built a house and store on the corner of Second and East Streets and lived there until he built the one where Dr. Jacobs lives. Mr. Mark Gillon later occupied that place and next to it was a house used by Billy Beaver for a house and meat market. There were one or two others houses owned by Mr. Ives on that square.

Back of the Hickory Tavern the Commissioners built an office in 1824, and Mr. Knox says Mr. Nobel Howland built a house about where the Menzo Burt house stands. Mr. Mann thinks Jacob Recknow built the house where the Doane house is now and which Mr. Alonzo Crosby moved to Woodlawn Avenue, now owned by Birney Clark.

Mr. Pierre A. Stebbins, Sr., built the Heck house. Mr. Tom Tyler built the Breunig house, long owned by Mr. Charley Jones. In 1853 Collins Smith built the first brick house in Potter and McKean counties where the Cathedral stands, also a brick store near the road. Mr. Sobiskie Ross built the house where the Robert Lewis house stands now on Mill Street, there was another house on his lot where Mrs. Mary Ross lived, now the William Wagner house on Second Street; do not know the builder.

Mr. Canfield built the grist mill on the corner of Second

and Mill Streets; also the house owned by Mrs. Leonard. At that time I think there were only five houses on that flat.

On the Ladona road, where Mr. Freeman lives, Mr. John Crittenden lived and made counterfeit money, it is said.

On Allegheny Avenue Mr. Albert Goodsell built a house and gun-smith shop. Somewhat later Mr. Nelson Goodsell, a brother, built a house which has lately been made into two houses. J. B. Smith built the Wells houses. All east of it was commons and circus ground. Mr. James Basset built a house about where Dr. Reese lives and there was an old shop near it. Mr. Walter Gordnier built the present Gordnier house, and Mr. Dennis Hall after selling to Mr. Knox property, bought the square where the hospital stands and built a house there, it was then next to the woods. These were the only houses on the south side. West of Main Street the Glavis and Ryans took up land and built shanties and lived in them and later built good houses. On the square back of the Wells property there were three such shanties.

I can remember when there were but two houses on Woodlawn Avenue. The house where Riley Latham lives was built by Mr. Coscaloskie, a Norwegian cabinet maker, and the Charley Kernan house, now a deserted house.

—Read November 9, 1928.

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I have found it very hard to locate the old business places. The business cards and advertisements state that they are next door to somebody's store but fail to tell where that somebody's store was.

In September of '53 we note that the first corn of the season was brought to the Crittenden mill by Pliny Harris, also there is an elaborate card of thanks from W. and Julia Lyon for the untiring efforts of the people in searching for their son, H. Edward, who was lost for 26 hours, and restoring him to their arms unharmed. The illness of Mr. D. F. Ellsworth of dissentary is noted and that ice is considered necessary to combat this disease, and that there is none in Coudersport or

probably in the county and urges that someone put up some the next winter for such cases and states that ice is also nice to use in hot weather.

The Potter County History states William Jones built a store in 1842 on the corner of Main and Sixth Streets. I doubt this. Mr. Owen Metzger thinks this store was on Main and Third where the Journal office and book store were. In 1844 he built a store and offices on the corner where the Harris Garage is. Mr. W. Crosby had a book and shoe store where the Ridlon store stands. Mr. Lewis Mann advertises he has opened a store in the building recently occupied by N. L. Dike as a store on the northwest corner from the square, probably where Dr. McConeghy lives, possibly in low building on the corner. Mrs. Mary Mann advertises books and stationery in the Journal building, West Street. Thomas Tyler advertises drugs and books in front of the Court House square next door above Smith & Jones' store. James Smith advertises a hardware store on west side of square; H. S. Heath, physician and surgeon, west of square, first door above John S. Mann's office; A. G. Olmsted, law office, over W. Jones & Brothers' store; F. L. Maynard, attorney, square north of Jones (Frank, Ed and Charley) Brothers' store. This store was just above the Henry Olmsted house. F. W. Knox, law office, over William Jones' store; Isaac Benson, attorney, east of square; William McDougall, surveyor and draftsman, office in rear of John S. Mann office; William Crosby, boots and shoes, next to Haskins & Smith; A. B. Goodsell, gun shop, east of the bridge; John Recknow, carriage and sleigh maker, also blacksmith shop, west of Coudersport hotel; E. H. Covey, botanical physician and surgeon, Main above the Journal office. Sam Stores and Delos Spencer dissolved partnership and Spencer conducts store, north of the square; Benjamin Rennells advertises his new blacksmith shop on West Street; James Smith, sheet iron, copper, stover, on Main Street, west of square. Cooper & Rounds advertise that their coach will leave the Coudersport hotel every other week for Olean and the fare will be 80 cents, cheaper than going by Wellsville. D. E. Olmsted advertises a dry goods store in the building used by John S. Mann before he moved elsewhere. John Judd, post master, advertises unclaimed letters.

Death of Mary Ives Dike noted and states that heretofore three had been the annual death rate, but now there had been seven deaths in six months.

Miles White was elected sheriff in 1853, Dr. Gage office over Tyler's book store, at night at the Mills hotel. Pierre

Stebbins, Sr., was sheriff in 1853. Collins Smith & A. F. Jones had a provision store, corner of Main and Second, next door to Tyler's drug store; D. F. Glassmire advertises as the proprietor of the Mills Hotel.

In December '53, the ladies gave a supper in the Temperance Room in the new block (which was the third story of the building between Second and Third Streets on Main) to raise money to fence and improve the burying ground. This room was dedicated the following spring by the Grand officers, but they held their first meeting there Dec. 17. Sometime later there was a notice of an important meeting to be held in this hall, all members urged to be present to consider renting the hall. This was probably to the Masons as they occupied it later.

Zalmon Robinson was appointed administrator of the estate of Nehemiah Robinson, who must have been the great, great grandfather of Zal Robinson.

There seemed always to be a lecture course with prominent local talent.

In 1856 Mr. Maynard has a dry goods store and office on Third Street. Sam Mills advertises the Allegany House seven miles above town, also a four-horse stage three times a week to Wellsville.

In 1856 Schoomaker & Jackson had a store on Main Street. Mrs. Mann purchases the book store of Tyler & Jones and combined it with her own and moved to northwest corner, opposite square, of Main Street and Smith & Jones bought Tyler's drug business.

This year an application was made by ten prominent men, with a capital of \$1000 for the Summit Bank to be located in Coudersport. This year D. W. C. James retired as editor of the Patriot. In 1854 James Basset had a cabinet shop two doors above William Crosby's dwelling. Occasionally a copy of this paper is missed because the blank paper does not arrive in time. There are many pleas for money and new subscribers. Editing a newspaper at that time was not very profitable.

This year C. S. Jones, Lewis Mann and A. F. Jones combined their stores under the name of Jones, Mann & Jones and occupied a store in the new building, probably the store later owned by C. S. Jones. When I first remember C. S. Jones had a store where Cole's store is now. Henry Olmsted next north, hardware and tin shop, Edward Olmsted next, dry goods, ready-made clothing, groceries and crockery. A. G. Olmsted's card states he has moved his office to the second floor of the Temperance building. —Read October 31, 1931.

