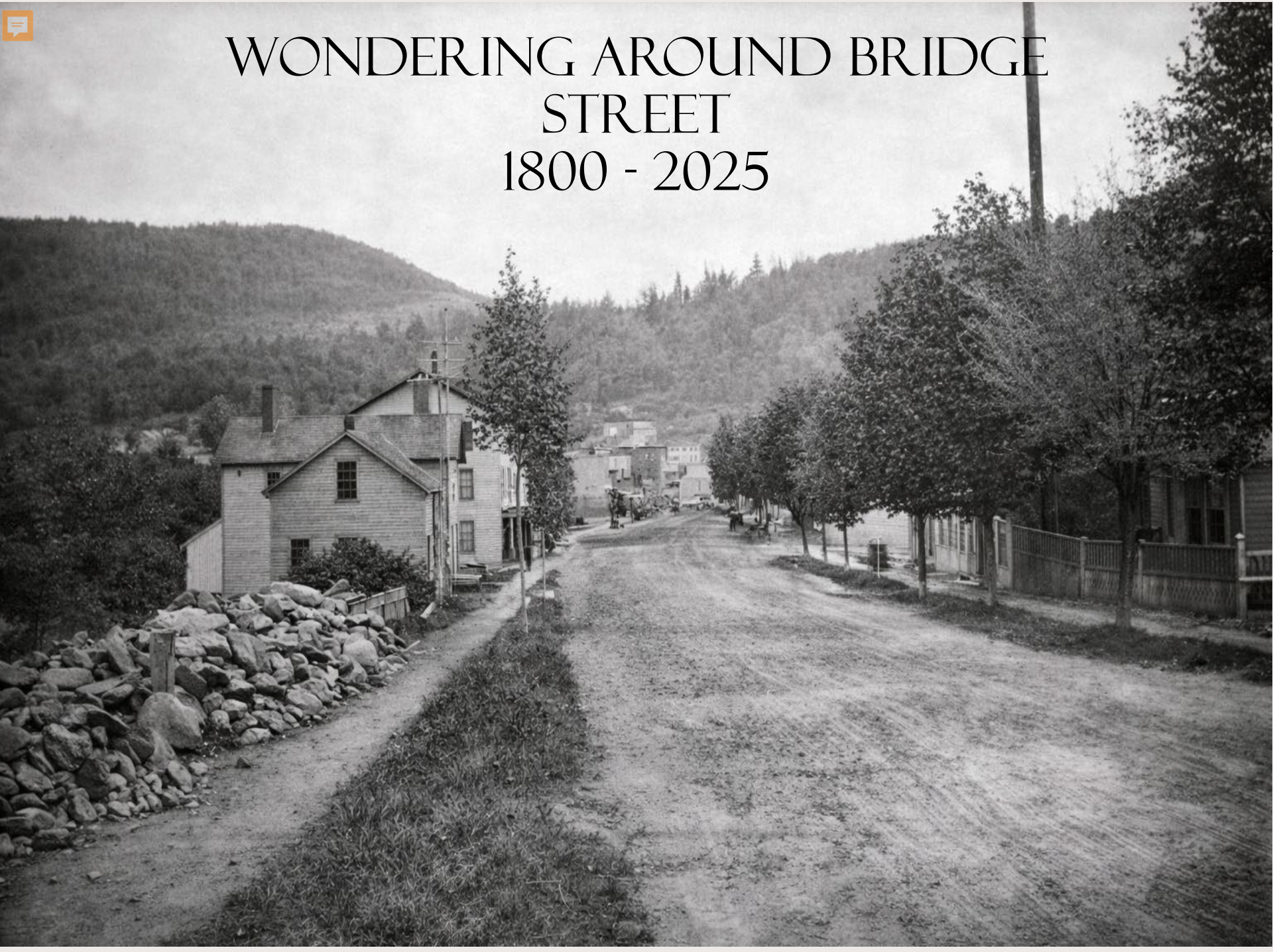
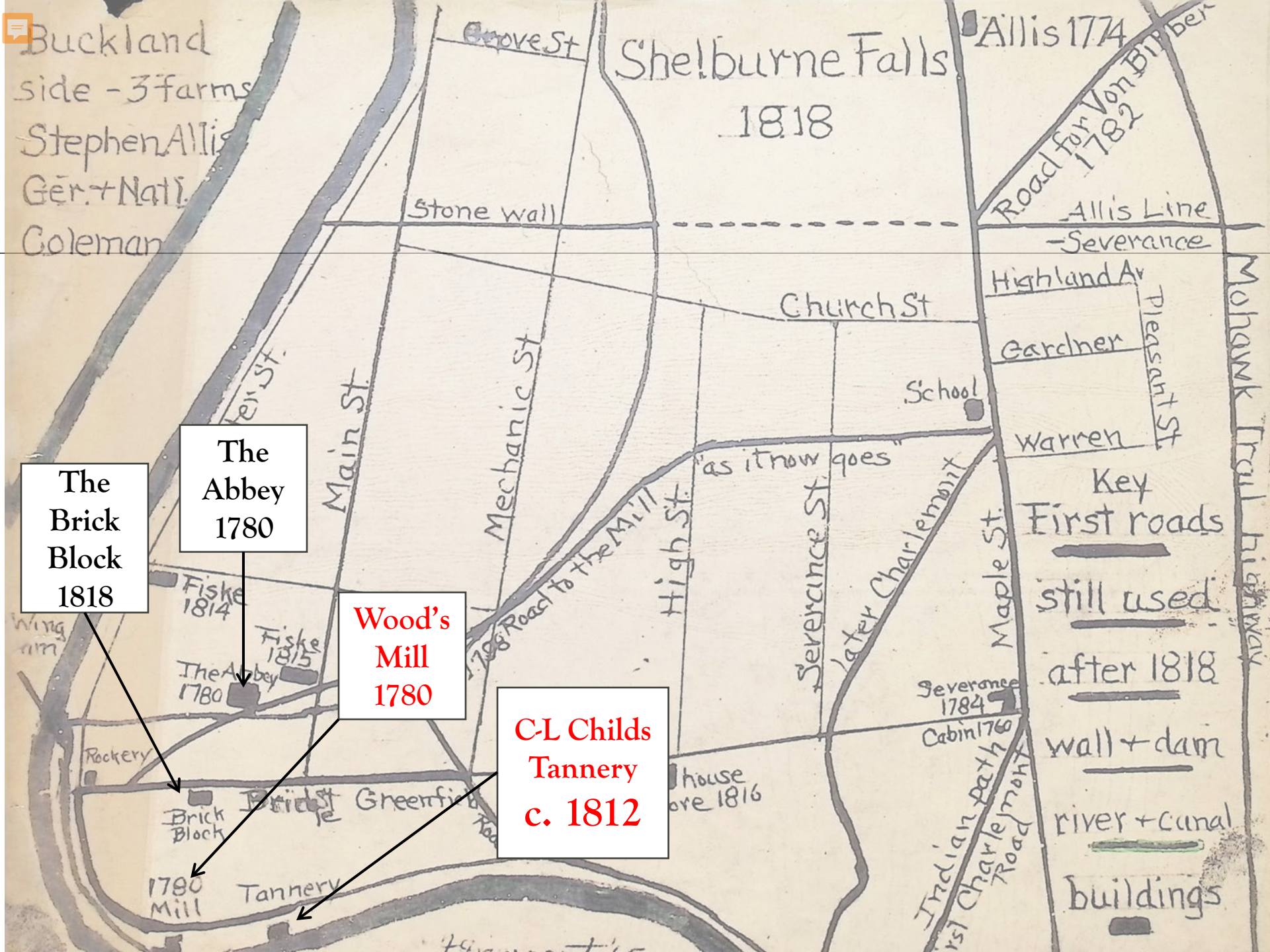
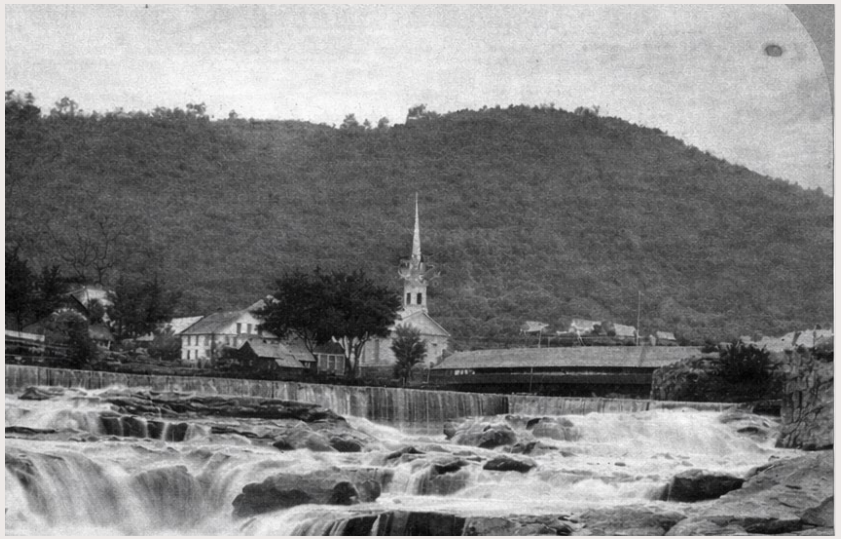
WONDERING AROUND BRIDGE STREET 1800 - 2025




Buckland
side - 3 farms
Stephen Allis
Ger. + Natl.
Coleman
Grove St.
Shelburne Falls
1818
Allis 1774
Road for Von Bibber
1782
Stone wall
Allis Line
-Severance
Church St
Highland Av
Gardner
Pleasant St
Warren
School
Mohawk Trail Highway
Key
First roads
still used
after 1818
wall + dam
river + canal
buildings
Main St.
Mechanic St
High St.
"as it now goes"
Road to the Mill
Severance St.
later Charlemont
Maple St.
Fiske 1814
Fiske 1815
The Abbey 1780
Severance 1784
Cabin 1776
Rockery
Brick Block
Greenfield
house ore 1816
1780 Mill
Tannery
Indian path
Charlemont Road
The Brick Block 1818
The Abbey 1780
Wood's Mill 1780
C-L Childs Tannery c. 1812

FIRST BRIDGES

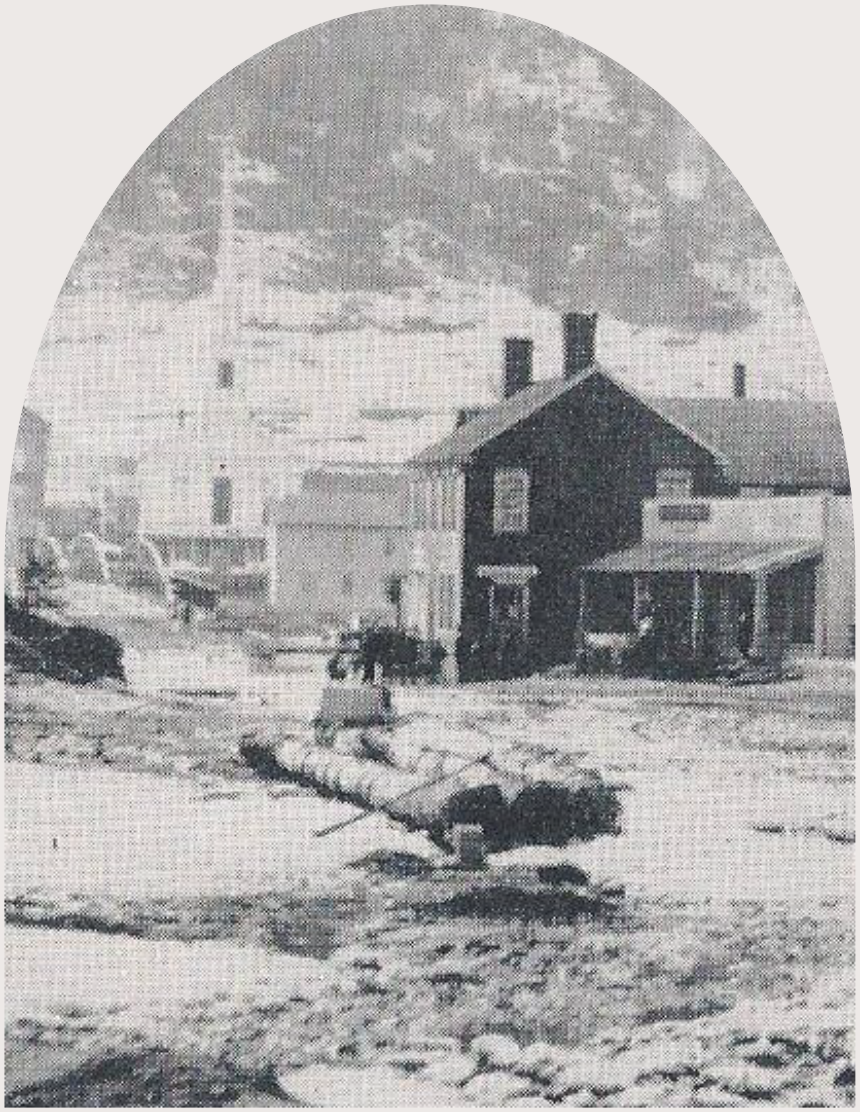
Covered Bridge
1821





Early Foot Bridge

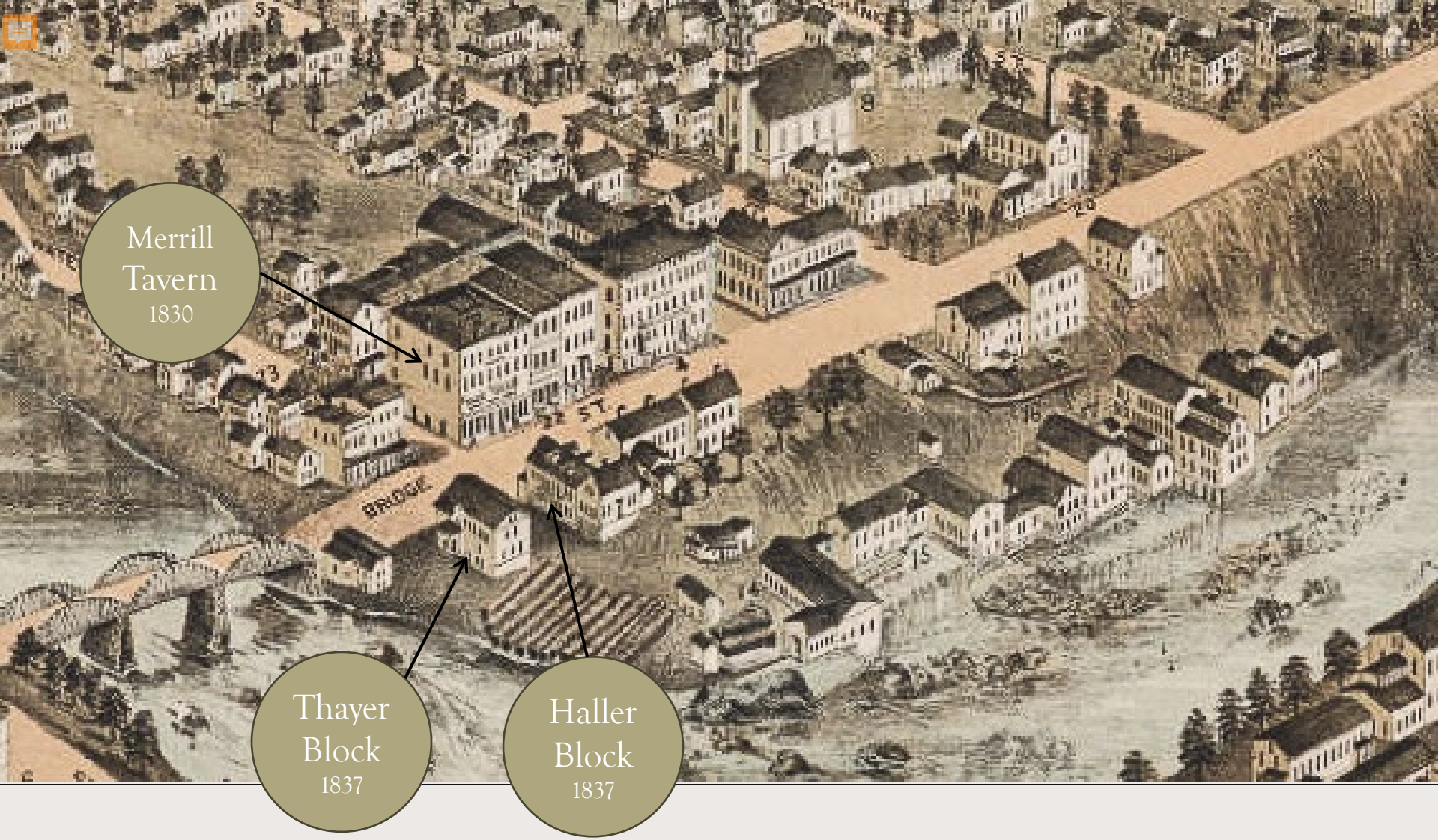
David Jones – Essex Ma



JOSEPH MERRILL TAVERN
1828

1ST VILLAGE POST OFFICE
1831

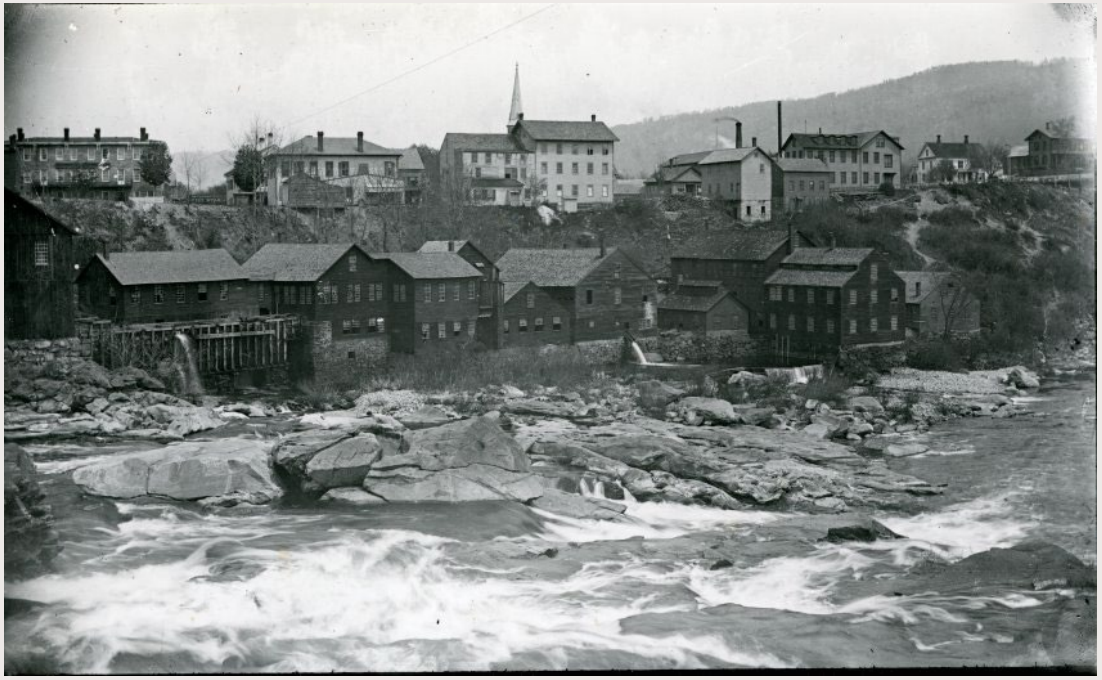
Moved Prior to building the Brick Bank Block in 1871



BRIDGE STREET

1830 - 1839

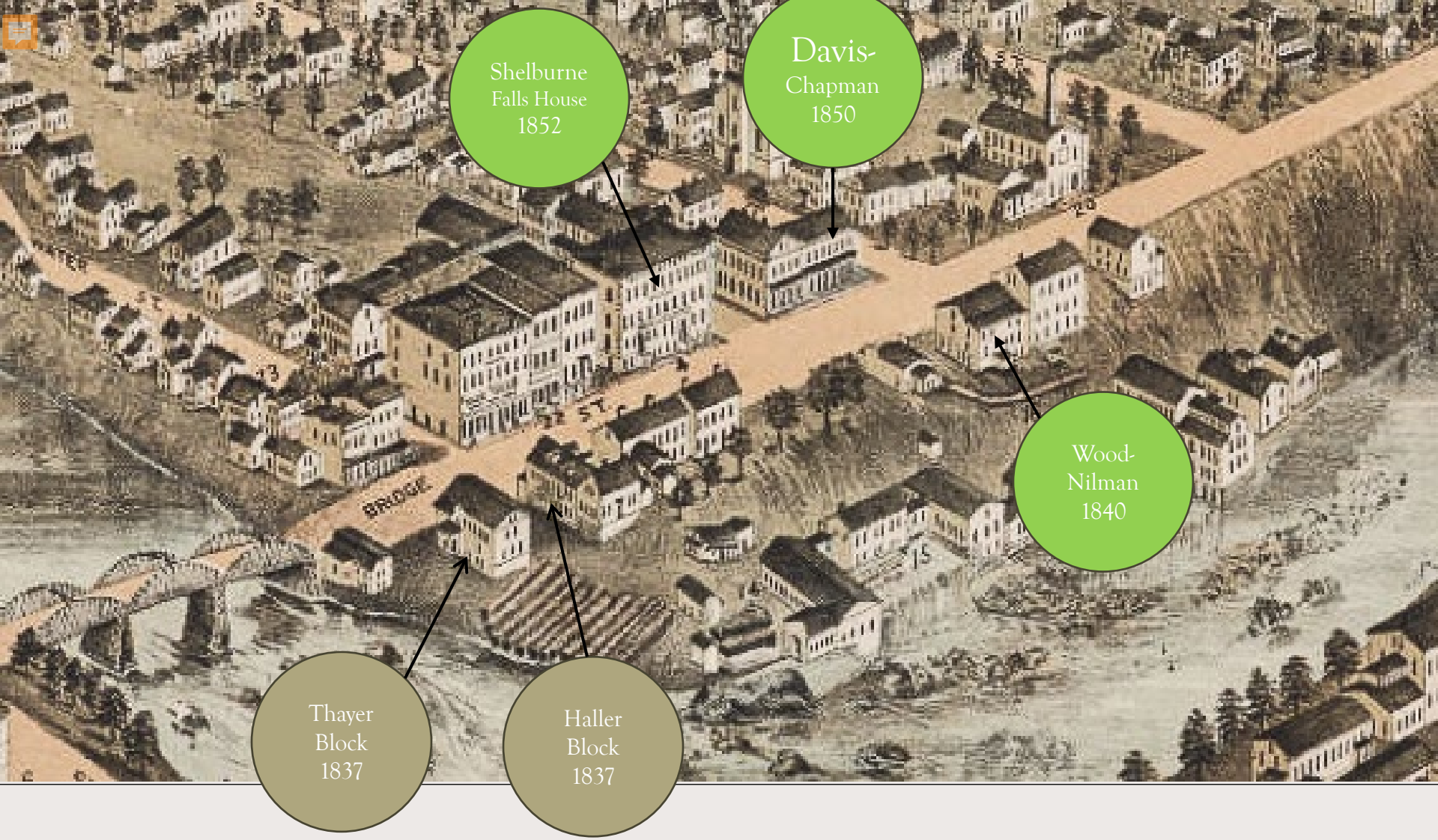
River Power Drives Manufacturing



1831 to 1852

- 1831 Morse Scythes
- 1841 R. Z. Pratt Waterwheel builder
- 1842 Kellett Woolen Mill
- 1843 Lamson & Goodnow Cutlery
- 1843 J. Pratt Axe Factory
- 1852 Simonds Rake & Cradle Shop
- 1852 Apple Pare & Gimlet Factory

UNDER THE HILL



BRIDGE STREET

1840 - 1852



THE BANNER.

"HANG OUT OUR BANNER ON THE OUTER WALL."

VOL. I. SHELBURNE FALLS, SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1852. NO. 1.

Progress at Shelburne Falls 1852

- **Population 1200 to 1500**
- Post Office (1831)
- Academy Erected – 100 students
- Odd Fellows Lodge (50 members)
- Independent Order of Reehabites (30 Members)
- Daily Stage to Greenfield and North Adams

Shelburne House 1852

A large stone building, eighty feet long by sixty wide, three stories high, with a basement, and commodious ell part, to be occupied for a public house, is just being completed. It contains a large number of rooms, and is the most thorough built and elegant house in Western Massachusetts, and with the accomplished and experienced Landlord who is to occupy it, cannot fail to do a flourishing business.

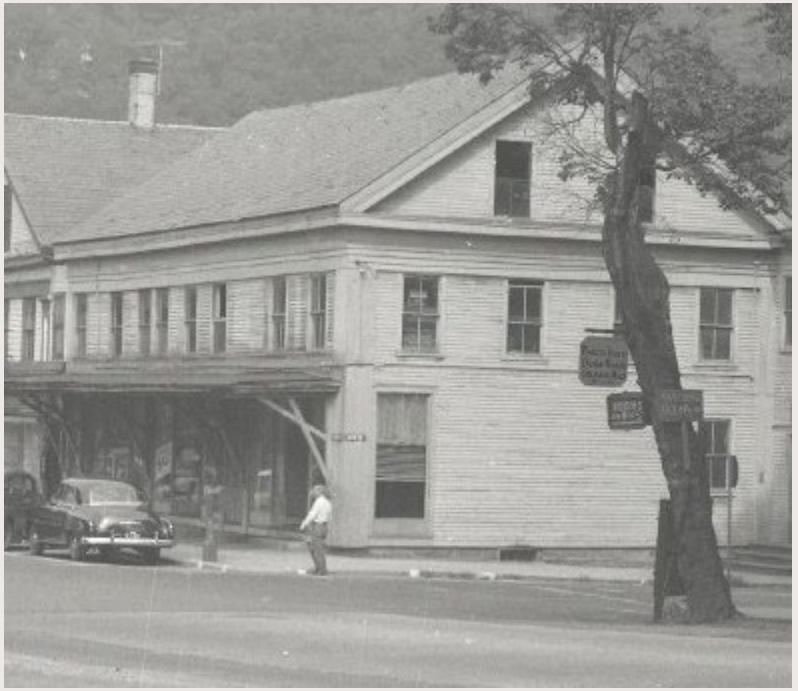
one Axe Manufactory, by the well known J. Pratt & Son—one Satinet Factory—one new Steam Shop, where are manufactured patent Apple Paring Machines—one Rake Manufacturer—one Stocking Manufacturer—one Carriage Manufactory—two Cabinet Shops—one Public House—three Variety Stores—two West India Goods and Grocery Stores—one Drug and Medicine Store—one Bookstore and Periodical Depot—two Watch and Jewelry Stores—one Clothing and Hat and Cap Store—one Boot, Shoe and Hat and Cap Store—three Tailor's Shops—two Stove and Tin Ware Shops—one Printing Office—one Flour and Grain Store—one Barber's Shop—one Harness Shop—one Daguerreian Saloon—one Mechanical Engineer—one Meat Market—two Painters, each employing a large number of hands—three Boot and Shoe Ma-



SHELBURNE FALLS HOUSE

Completed in 1852

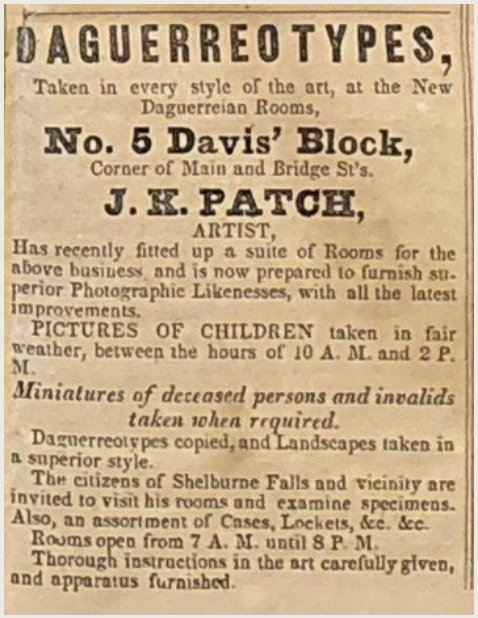




Davis'/Chapman Block

- Known as Davis in 1850s
- Patch studio located here in 1852
- Pre-dates Baker Block

Advertisments -The Banner 1852



DAGUERREOTYPES,

Taken in every style of the art, at the New Daguerreian Rooms,

No. 5 Davis' Block,

Corner of Main and Bridge St's.

J. K. PATCH,

ARTIST,

Has recently fitted up a suite of Rooms for the above business and is now prepared to furnish superior Photographic Likenesses, with all the latest improvements.

PICTURES OF CHILDREN taken in fair weather, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Miniatures of deceased persons and invalids taken when required.

Daguerreotypes copied, and Landscapes taken in a superior style.

The citizens of Shelburne Falls and vicinity are invited to visit his rooms and examine specimens. Also, an assortment of Cases, Lockets, &c. &c.

Rooms open from 7 A. M. until 8 P. M.

Thorough instructions in the art carefully given, and apparatus furnished.



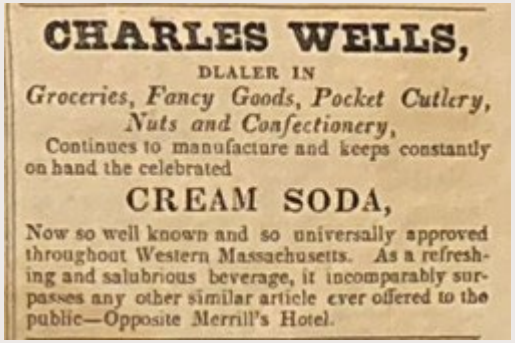
NEW

BOOT & SHOE STORE,

In Davis' New Block,

WHERE the Subscriber offers for sale the largest and best assortment of Ladies, Gents, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes, ever offered for sale in Western Franklin, which will be sold at the lowest prices. All persons in want of Boots or Shoes, will find it for their advantage to call on

E. H. STARK.



CHARLES WELLS,

DEALER IN

Groceries, Fancy Goods, Pocket Cutlery, Nuts and Confectionery,

Continues to manufacture and keeps constantly on hand the celebrated

CREAM SODA,

Now so well known and so universally approved throughout Western Massachusetts. As a refreshing and salubrious beverage, it incomparably surpasses any other similar article ever offered to the public—Opposite Merrill's Hotel.

Located in 1812 Brick Block South side



POST OFFICE.

GENTS AND LADIES:—I have seen your advertisements of low priced goods and boasted facilities for purchasing, vending and selling almost every article from the great Tunnel Machine down to a Rat Trap. But you cannot do the first thing without me. I am your great facility. Your orders and bills of goods, sent and received, also communications to friends and relatives on business, health, pleasure, prosperity or adversity, must first come to my mill to be stamped and ground, and sent home for three cents a grist—CASH DOWN. Ah! and the lover with a warm heart and trembling hand, slips into my public pocket a product, not found for sale in shop or store, for me to give it a passport safely to another hand, and soon takes the name of annexation, which is the beginning of our growth, happiness, prosperity, and hope of our country.

UNCLE SAM.

P. S. All persons indebted to this office for postage due July 1st, must pay the same on or before the 6th inst., or their grist will remain in the mill unground.

P. M.

Located next to Merrill Tavern North Side



Lamson & Goodnow

- Moves to Buckland 1852
- July 4, 1852, Celebration
  - Held on top floor
  - Before equipment installed



UNDER THE HILL

Manufacturing Continues to Expand

- 1854 Sargent & Foster Carriage & Sleighs
- 1860 Yale Lock
- 1862 H. S. Shepardson

Busy-Busy-Busy

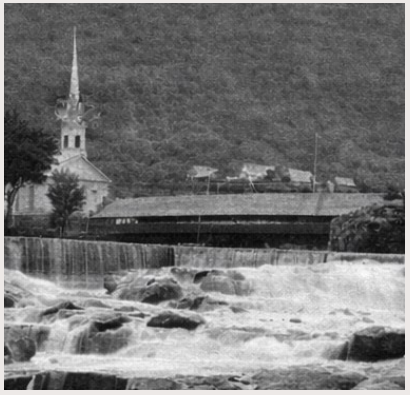


First Train Service 1867



1st Iron Bridge 1870

Covered Bridge Destroyed 1869



1. Train Service Arrives
2. Covered Bridge lost to Spring Freshet
3. 1st Steel Bridge erected
4. Bridge Center Span Collapses (1873)

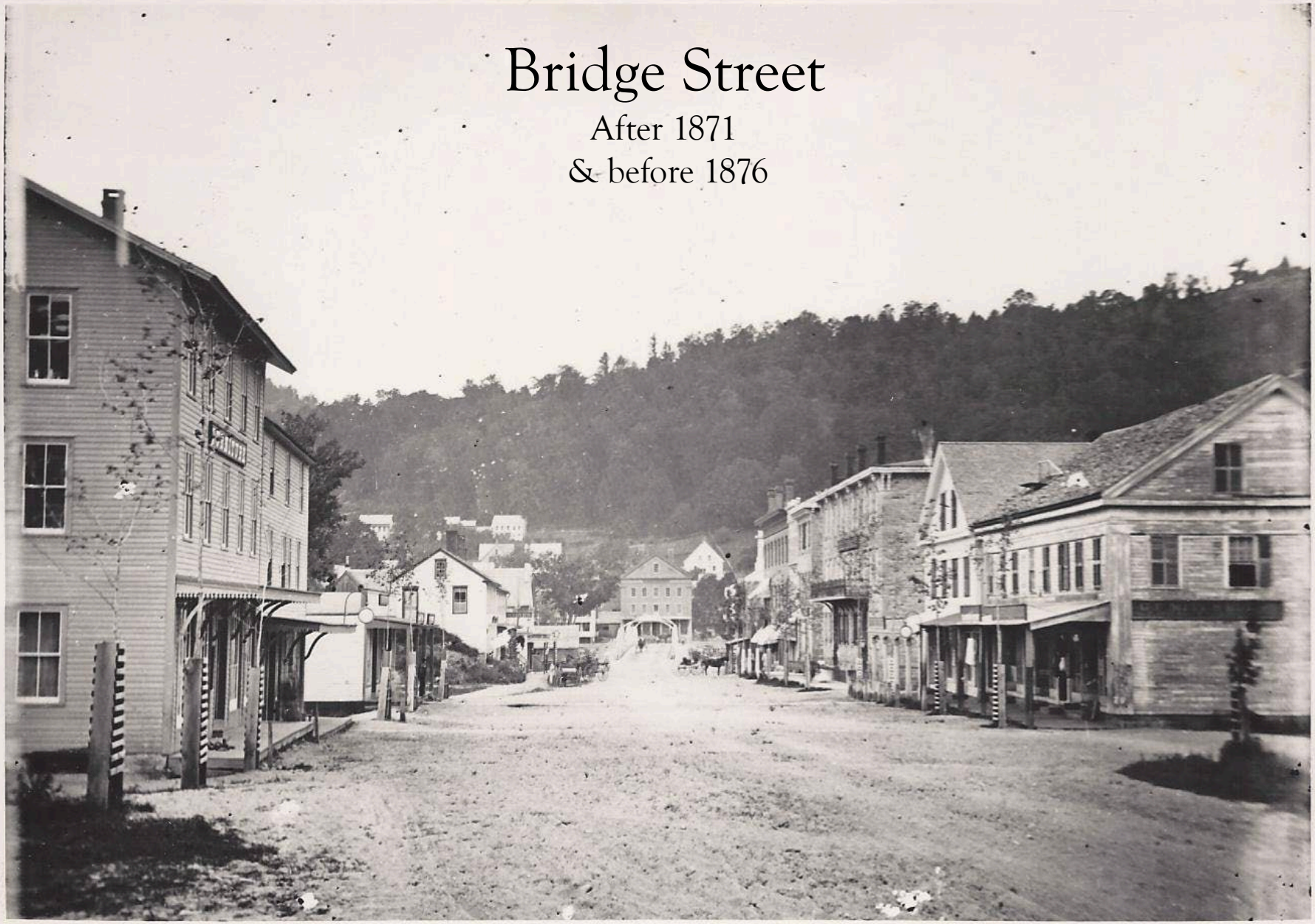
The Town of Shelburne Falls

March 2, 1868: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to incorporate a new Town, comprising portions of the Towns of Shelburne, Buckland and Charlemont or to unite the towns of Shelburne and Buckland in one corporation to be called “Shelburne Falls.”
Traditions Page 11

Voted: To pass over the article.

Bridge Street

After 1871
& before 1876

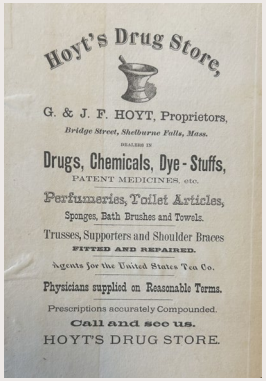


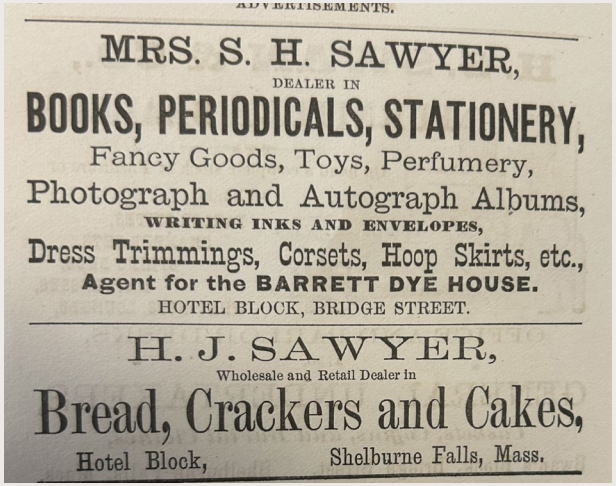
RIDLEY'S DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES 1873

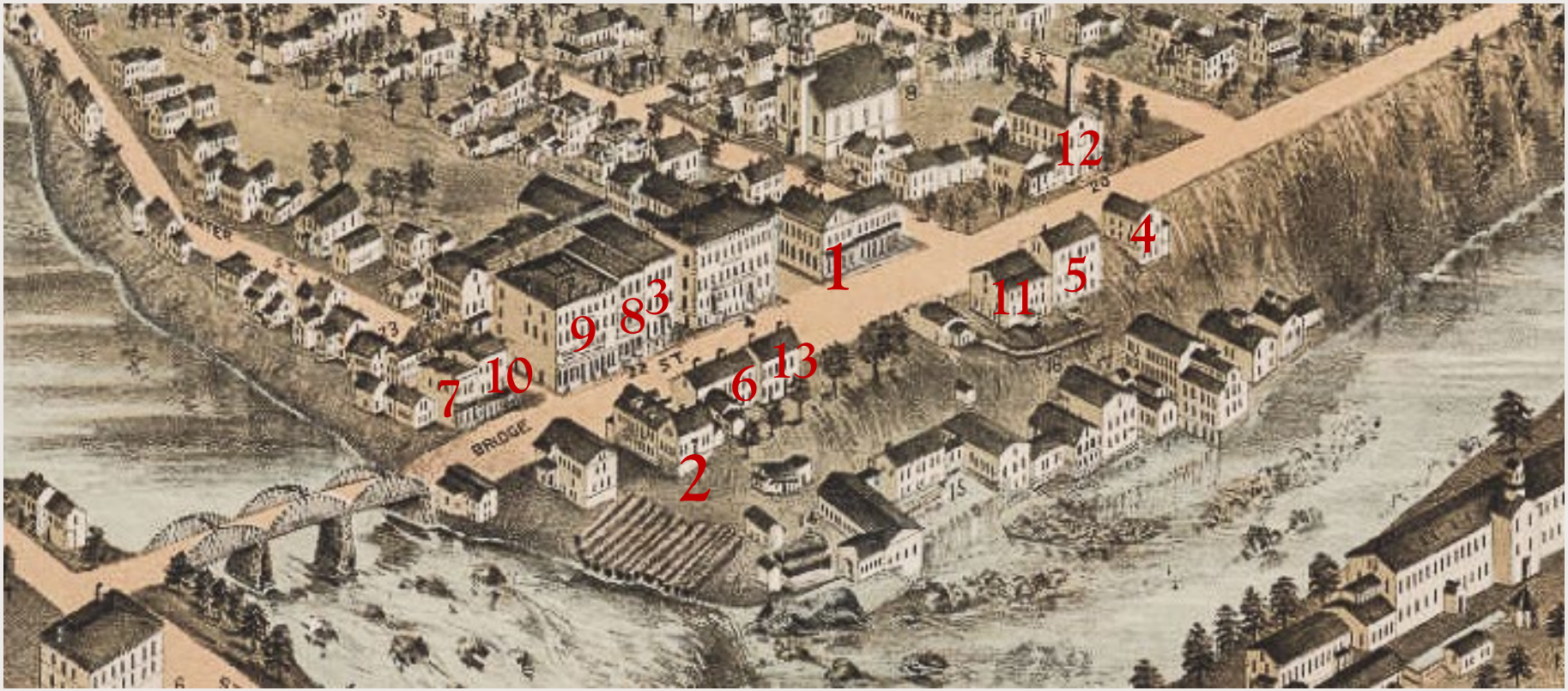
- Edwin Baker Pharmacist
- Hoyt's Drug Store
- L. M. Packard & Co.
- G. G. Merrill
- H. S. Swan & Co.
- Mrs. S. H. Sawyer
- Shelburne Falls House
- J. K. Patch Studio







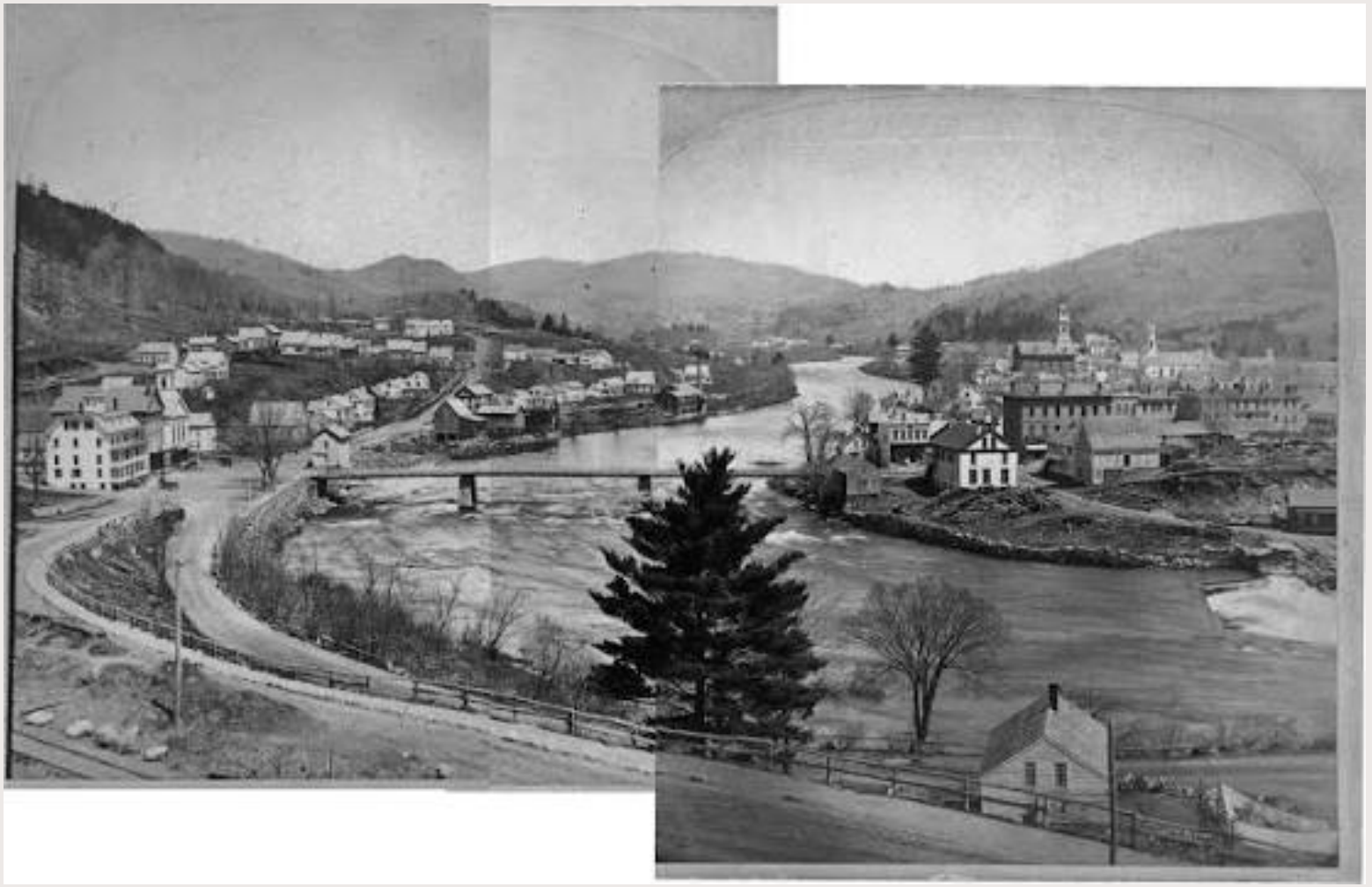




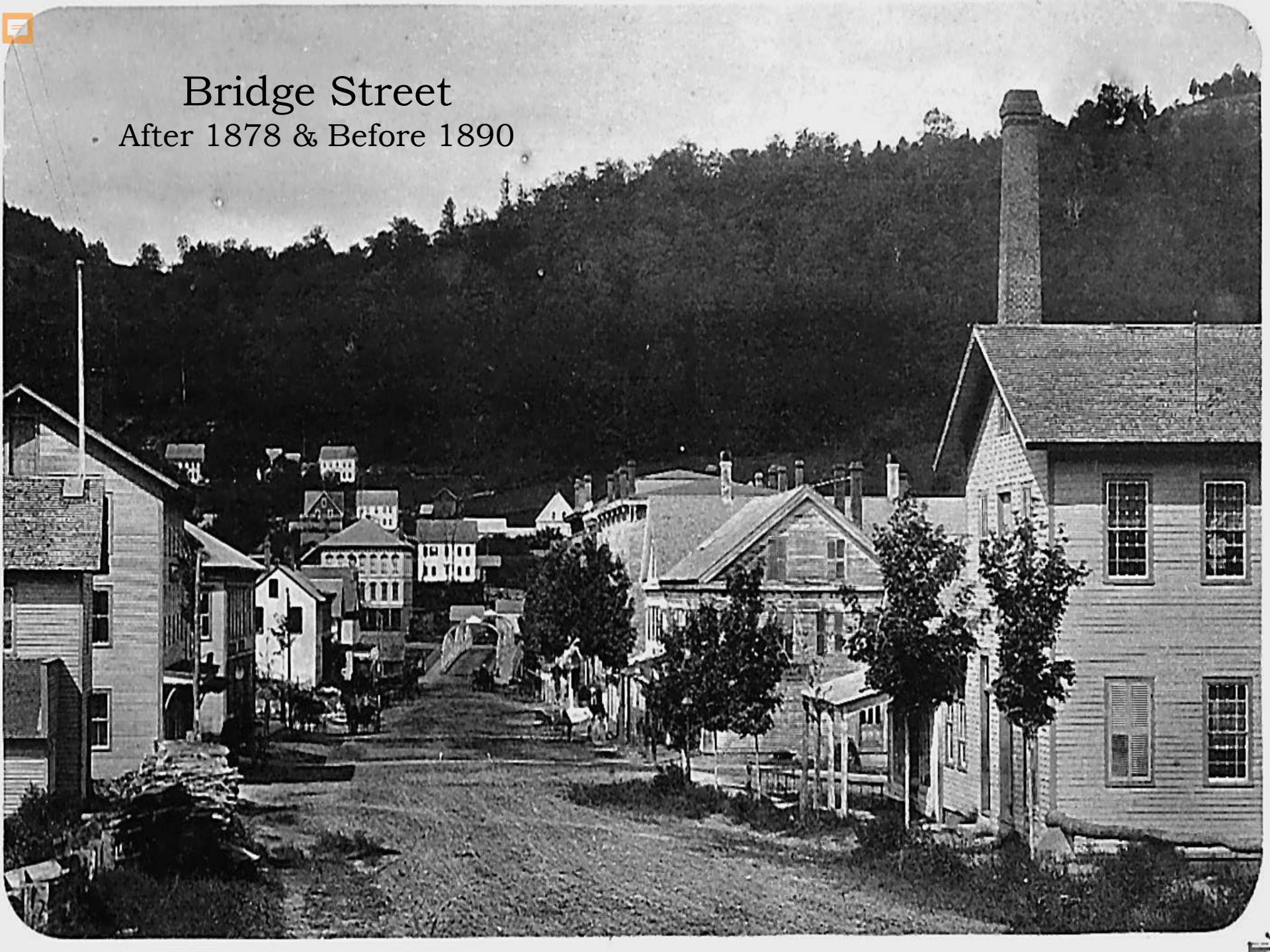
1. Baker Block 1853
2. Spencer Block 1856
3. Hiller Bank Block 1858
4. Engine House & Lock-up 1869
5. Swan Block 1869
6. Ott-Hosley Block 1870
7. Knowlton Block 1871
8. Merrill-Richardson Block 1871
9. Brick Bank Block 1871
10. Couillard Block 1876
11. Wood Nilman Block (1878)
12. Silk Mill 1870
13. Brick Block 1818 – becomes Stebbins Block (1880)

Bridge Street 1853 to 1880

Village View After 1871 - Before 1876



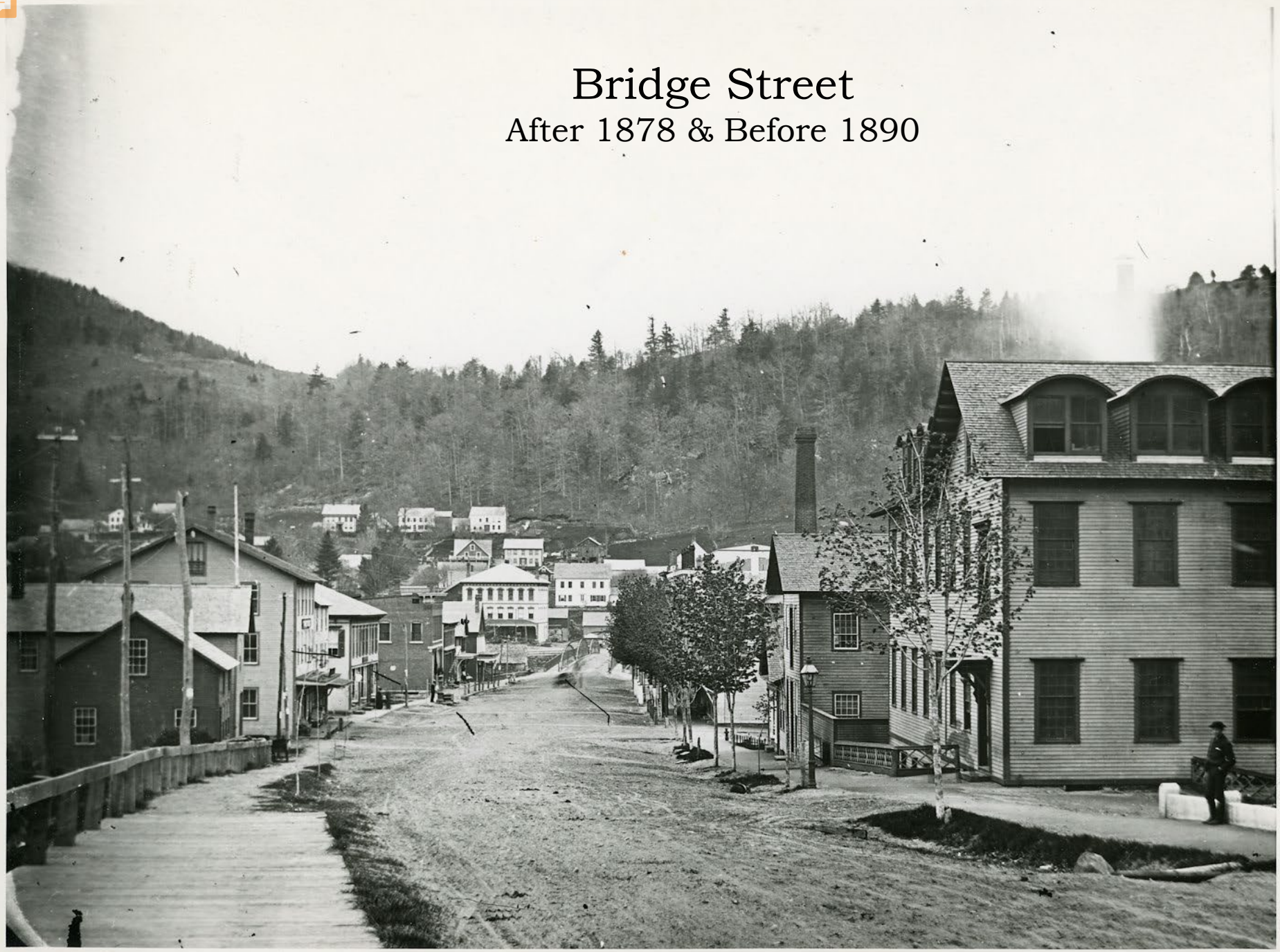
Credit David Jones, Essex, MA


Bridge Street
After 1878 & Before 1890



Bridge Street

After 1878 & Before 1890

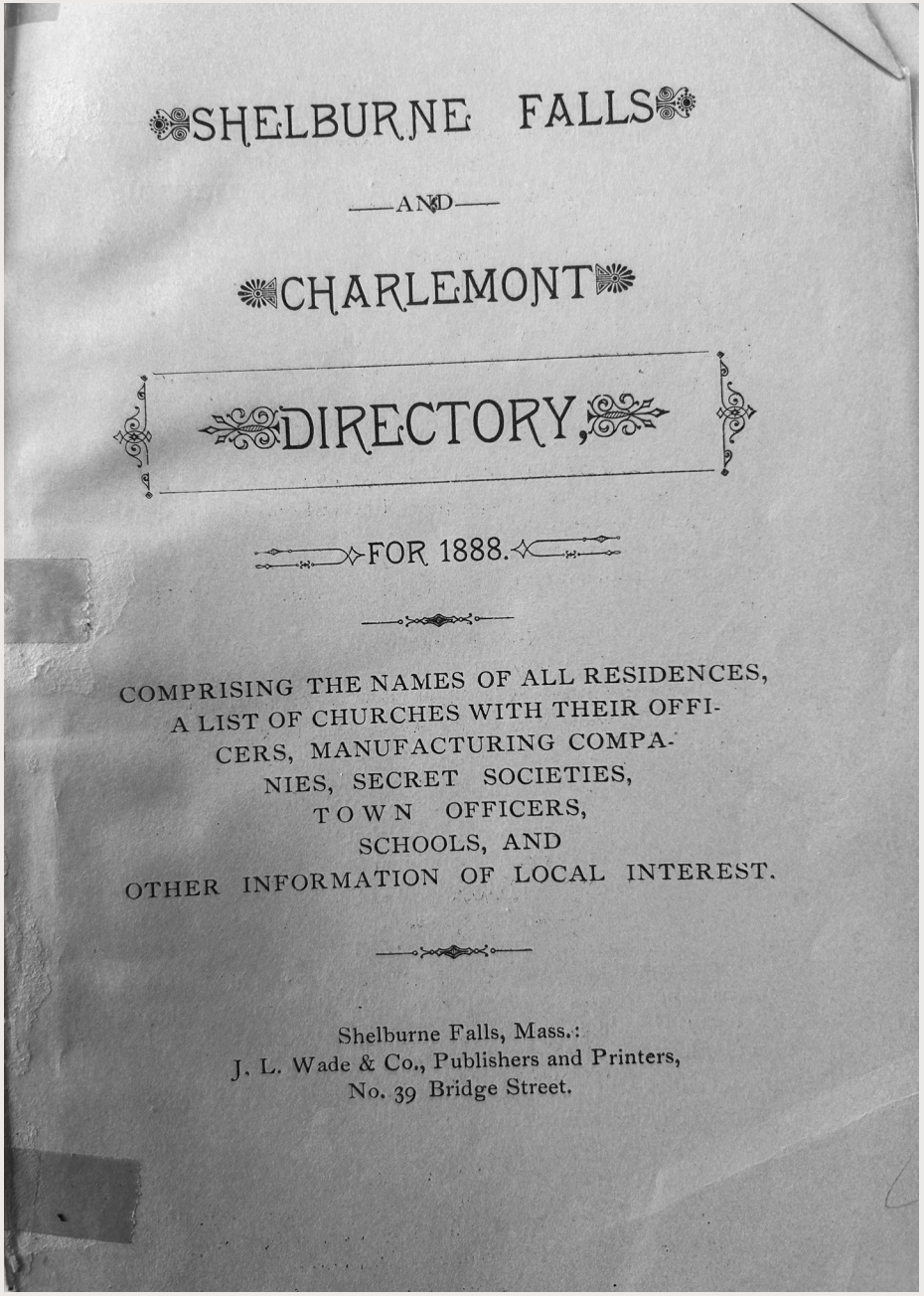




Wade's 1888 Directory Cover

SHELBURNE FALLS DIRECTORY 1888

- Attorneys (2)
- Apothecaries (2)
- Baker (1)
- Books – Stationary (2)
- Boots & Show repair (4)
- Clothing and Gents (3)
- China and Glass Ware (4)
- Dentists (2)
- Dry and Fancy Goods (4)
- Groceries (3)
- Hairdressers (2)
- Hats (2)
- Lamps and Lanterns (5)
- Lawyers (2)
- Millinery and Fancy goods (3)
- Photographers (1)
- Watches and Jewelry (2)


SHELBURNE FALLS

AND

CHARLEMONT

DIRECTORY,

FOR 1888.

COMPRISING THE NAMES OF ALL RESIDENCES, A LIST OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR OFFICERS, MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, SECRET SOCIETIES, TOWN OFFICERS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER INFORMATION OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Shelburne Falls, Mass.:
J. L. Wade & Co., Publishers and Printers,
No. 39 Bridge Street.

H. S. SWAN,

DEALER IN

Furniture, Carpets, and Paper Hangings,

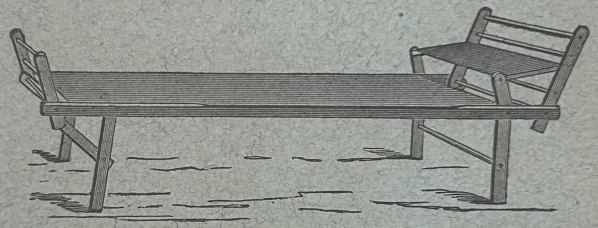
Black Walnut Oak Ash and Painted

CHAMBER SETTS,

Mattresses, Spring Beds, Pillows, Feathers, Bedsteads, Cribs, Cradles, Bureaus, Commodes, Tables, Lounges, Mirrors, Platform Rockers, Camp Rockers, Rattan Rockers, Cases, Spring and Wood Seat Rockers, Cane and Wood Seat Chairs, Hat Trees, Book Cases, Desks, &c., &c.

All Wool Ingrain, Cotton & Wool Ingrain Brussels, Tapistry, and Hemp

CARPETS,



Oil cloth, Straw Mattings, Art Squares, Rugs, Mats, Hassocks, Curtains, Fixtures, Curtain Poles, Draperies, Upholstery Cloths &c., &c.

A large assortment of WALL PAPER in all grades and prices as low as the lowest.

—A FULL LINE OF—

Coffins, Caskets, Robes, &c.

A COMPLETE LINE CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

GOOD GOODS. LOWEST PRICES.

A cordial invitation to examine our immense stock extended to all.

H. S. SWAN, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

BRANCH STORE,

Charlemont, : : : : : : Mass.

Shelburne Falls, Mass.

C. H. & C. L. Knowlton,

Manufacturers of and Dealers in Furnaces, Cook and Parlor Stoves, Tin, Sheet Iron, Copper, Glass and Wooden Ware. Belding's Perfection and Mace's Diamond Refrigerators. Iron Pumps, Sinks and Soil Pipe, Lead Pipe and Akron Sewer Pipe, Eaves Spouting, Tin Roofing and all kinks of jobbing in our line done at SHORT NOTICE and at reasonable prices.

No. 6 Bridge Street, SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.

Cash Bakery and Restaurant.



SIMON SCHMIDT,

DEALER IN

Bread, Cakes, Pastry, Ice Cream,

Confectionery, Cream,
Soda Water, Bananas, Cigars, Peanuts, Etc.
11 Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

WHEN

in Shelburne Falls be sure and visit

G. W. JENKS'

Boot and Shoe Store.

Will be glad to show you our Stock and if we can suit you on styles and prices shall be pleased to trade with you. A large Stock to select from. Our aim is to keep the best of goods in the market. We also sell the

Domestic Sewing Machine,

THE STAR THAT LEADS THEM ALL.

Machine Oil and Needles always in stock. Remember the place,

G. W. JENKS,

BANK BLOCK, SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.

Shelburne Falls House,

Frank E. Reed, Proprietor.

Shelburne Falls, : : Mass.

STEAM HEAT.

Shelburne Falls Directory 1888

Bridge St After 1893 Before 1897





Iron Bridge Constructed 1890

Suicide in Shelburne Falls.

Charles Raguse, about fifty years old, committed suicide in Shelburne Falls Saturday by jumping into the Deerfield river from the bridge connecting Shelburne and Buckland. The water is high and Raguse was speedily carried over the cutlery dam. Efforts were made to recover the body, but in vain. Raguse was undoubtedly insane. He had previously been an inmate of the asylum at Northampton. He was formerly employed in the Lamson & Goodnow cutlery, but of late had been employed as a bricklayer. He leaves a widow and four children.



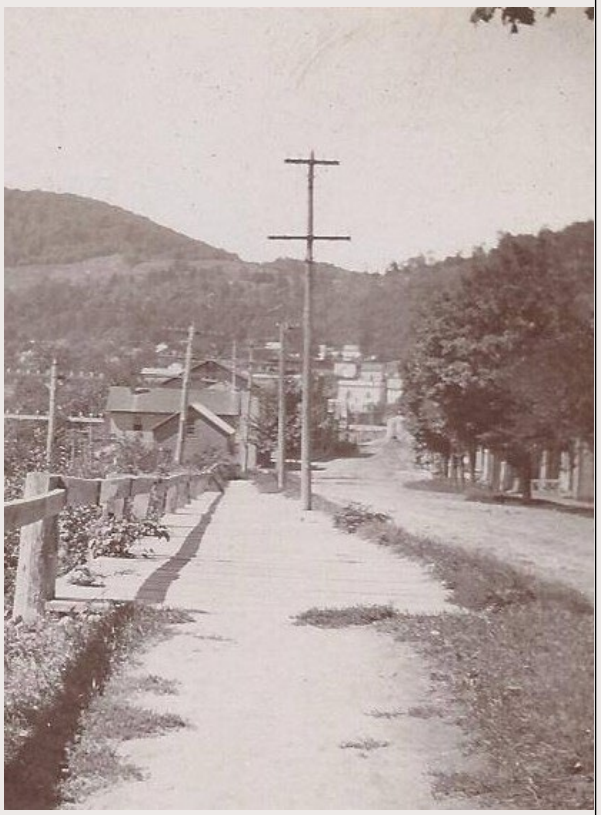


Edgar Innis
Sorting Mail



CHANGE COMES TO THE VILLAGE

- 1896 Trolley Arrives
- 1897 Electricity Available
- 1898 Heath Telephone Co





Heath Telephone to Stay.

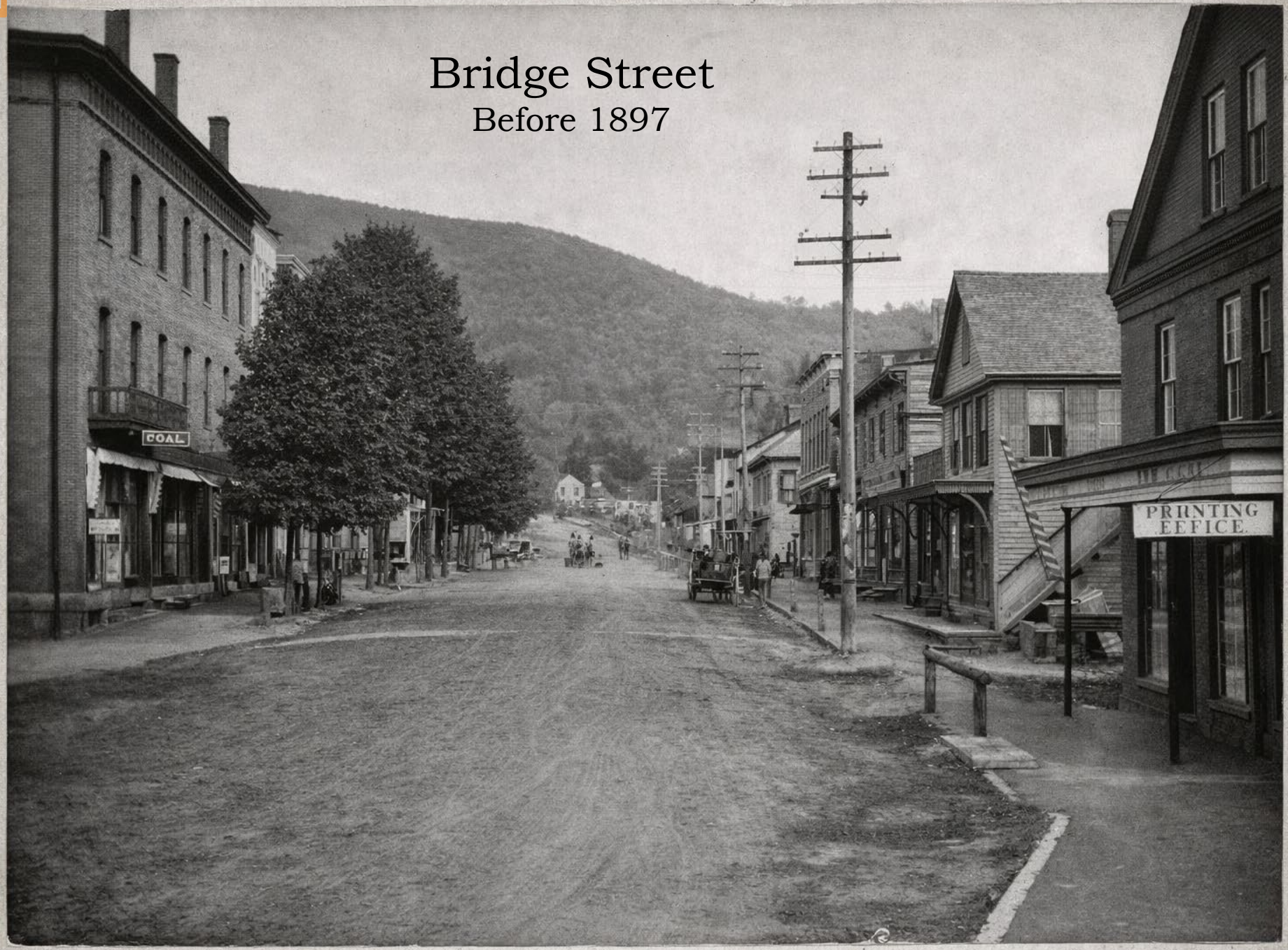
The stockholders of the Heath telephone company at a meeting Monday afternoon refused to agree to the proposition of the New England telephone company to acquire possession of the Heath exchange in Shelburne Falls. Eighteen votes were cast, all one way. By the proposition the Heath company was to withdraw from Shelburne Falls and the New England company from Colrain and Charlemont. The instruments of the Heath company were to be taken out at Shelburne Falls and the Bell instruments put in in their stead, and they were to be rented for $5 a year. It was expected that the New England company would be able to carry a few shares of stock in the meeting yesterday.

Bridge Street After 1893 – Before 1897

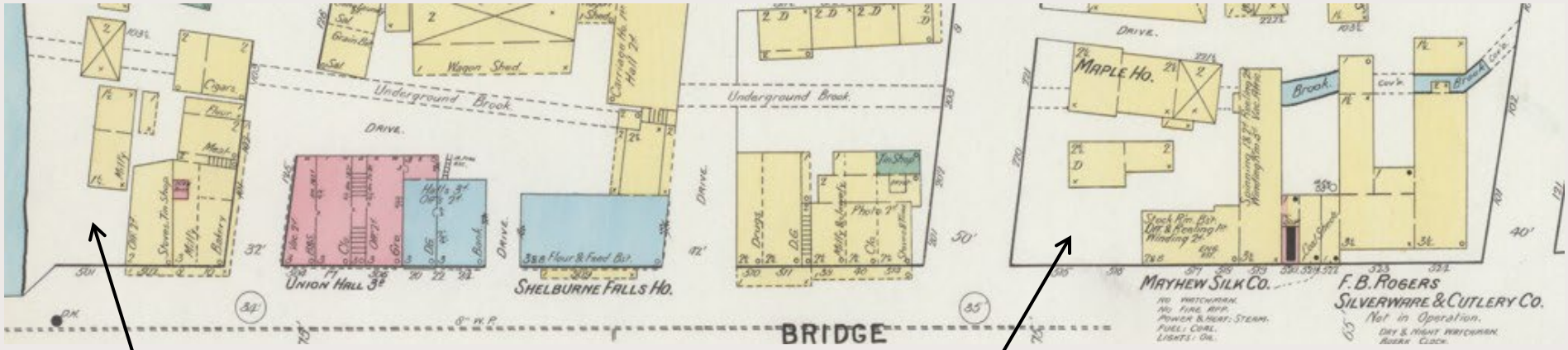


Bridge Street

Before 1897



1895 Bridge Street

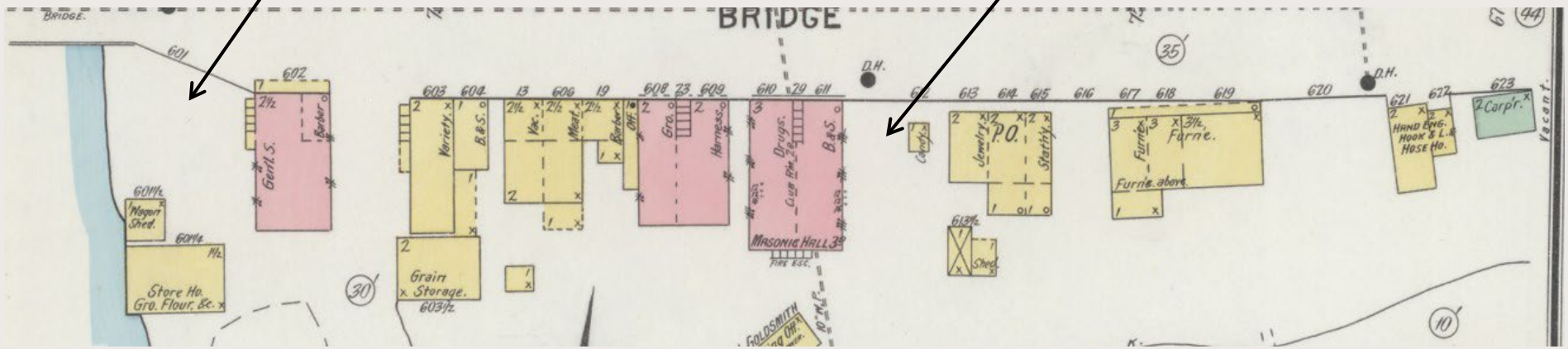


Schack Block

Pratt Library

Schmidt Block

Memorial Hall



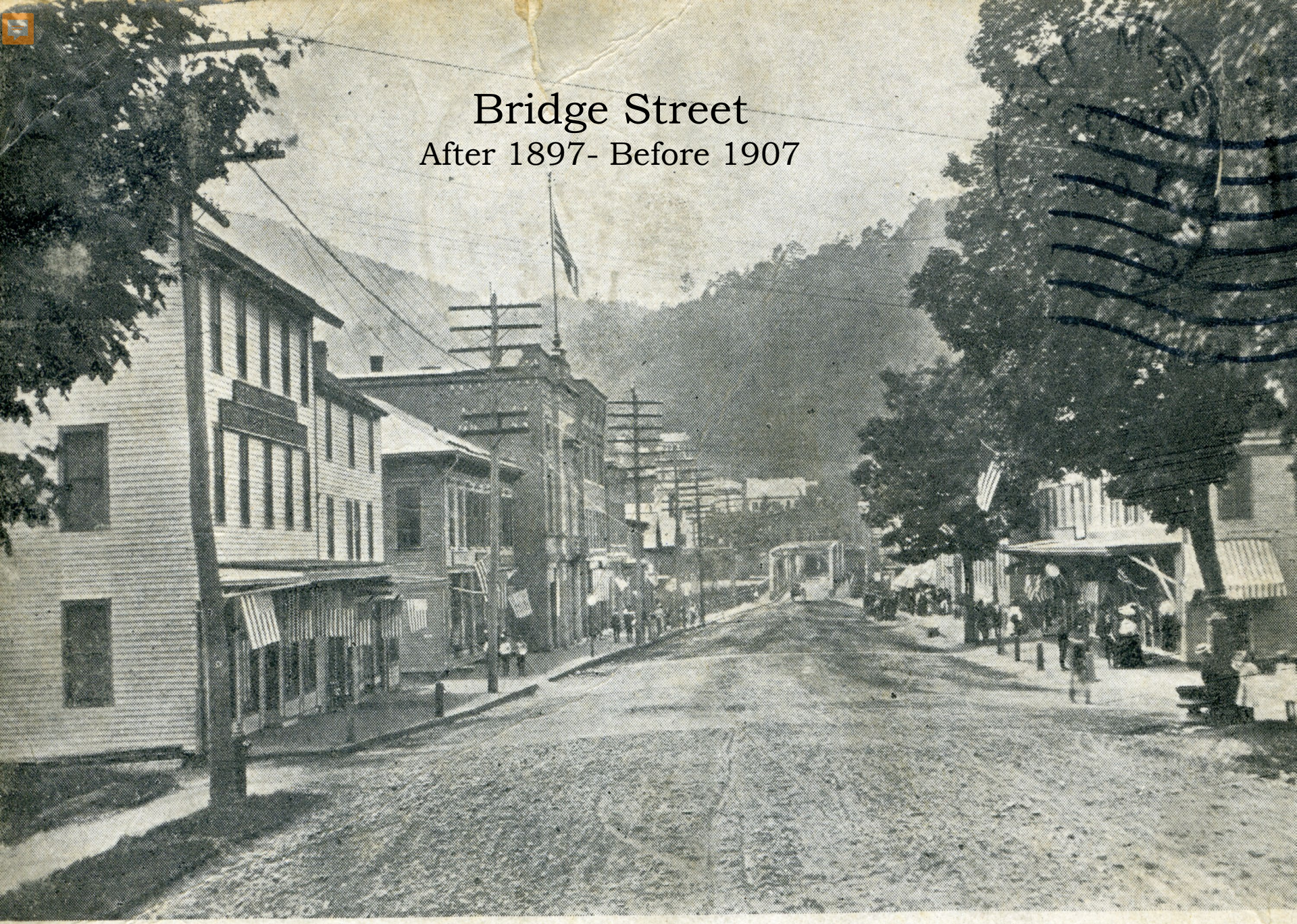
March 1, 1897: To see if the Town will vote to build a Memorial Hall on land located between Wood's Block and Vice's Block in the village of Shelburne Falls, provided said land, free from all incumbrances, shall be deeded to the Town by the owner or owners thereof, without any compensation or consideration other than this, that the town shall obligate itself to furnish free of charge to the organization of Grand Army men, composed of veterans of the war of 1861-1865, and known as Ozro Miller Post, suitable rooms in said hall to be used by said organization and its auxiliary bodies for the exercise and promotion of the principles on which the order was founded, viz, fraternity, charity, and loyalty, so long as the order shall have an existence in the town of Shelburne, and no longer. (Voted to appropriate $15,000 for cost of same.)




MDCCCXCVII
MEMORIAL HALL

Bridge Street

After 1897- Before 1907

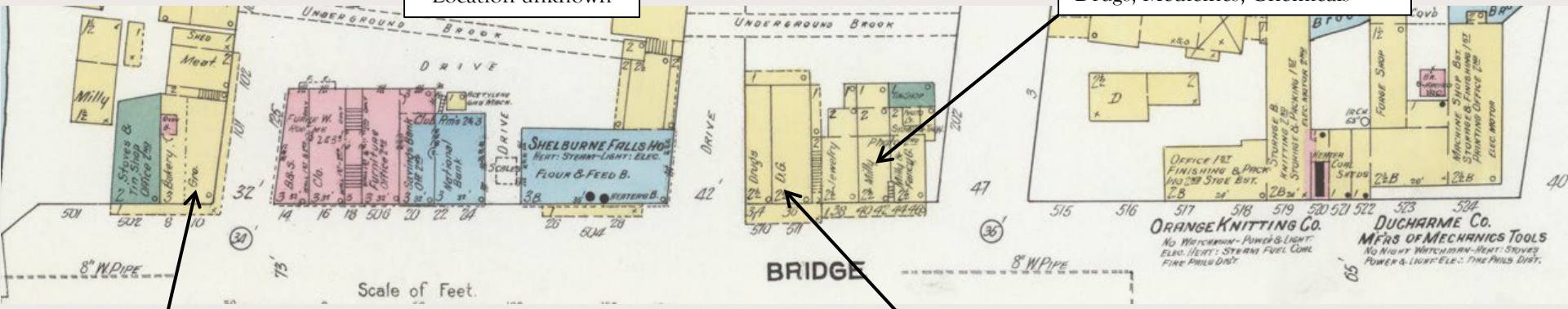


BRIDGE STREET, SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.

Drug Stores of Shelburne Falls

Hoyt's Drug Store
1873
Location unknown

H. O. Miller
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals

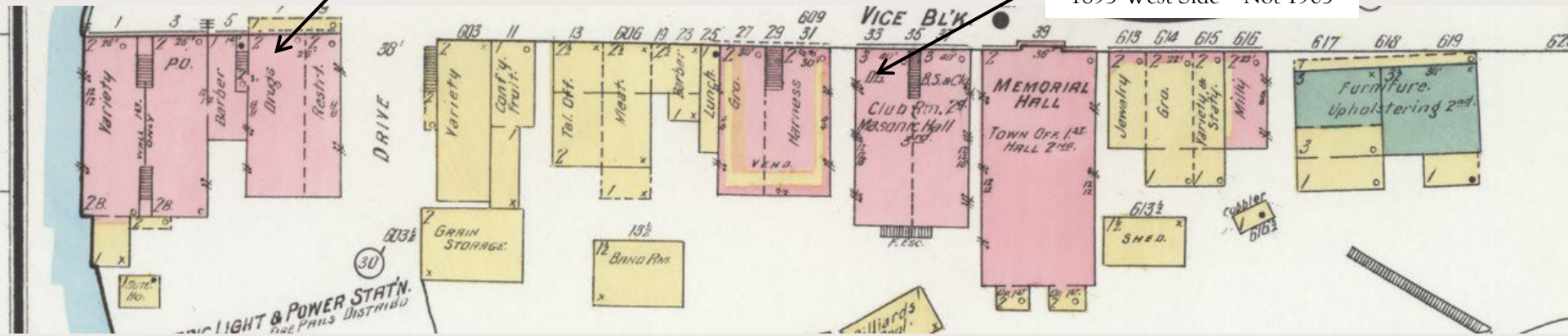


F. W. Bannister's
1877-1885

1. 1891 A. E. Esson's
2. 1894 Frank Wiswall
3. 1904 W. C. Thompson
4. 1939 March Pharmacy

Baker's
1867 to Date

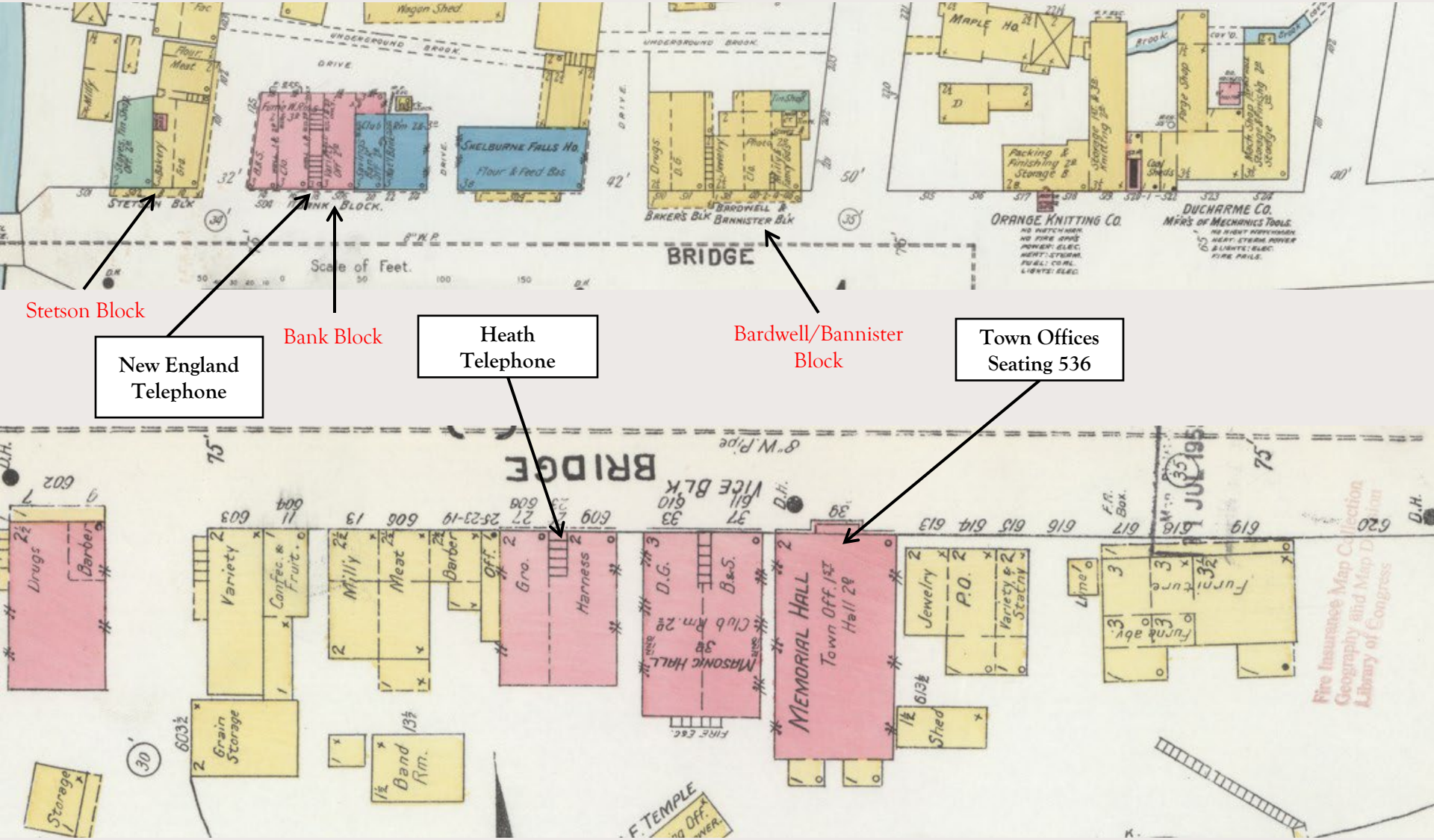
Drug Store (?)
1895 West Side – Not 1905





Jacob Foster's 1902 Winton Car

1905 Bridge Street



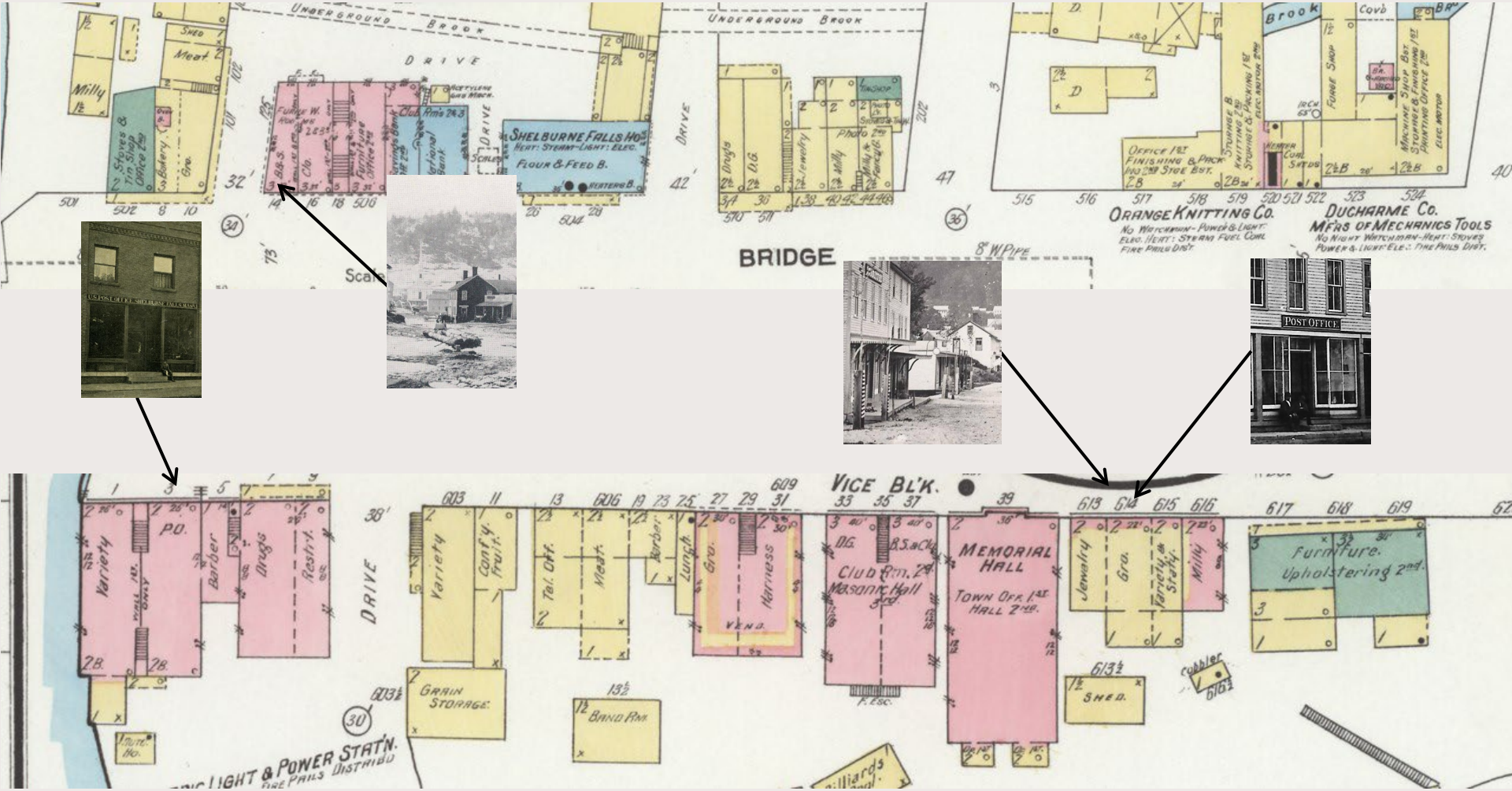
Trolley Bridge Completed 1908

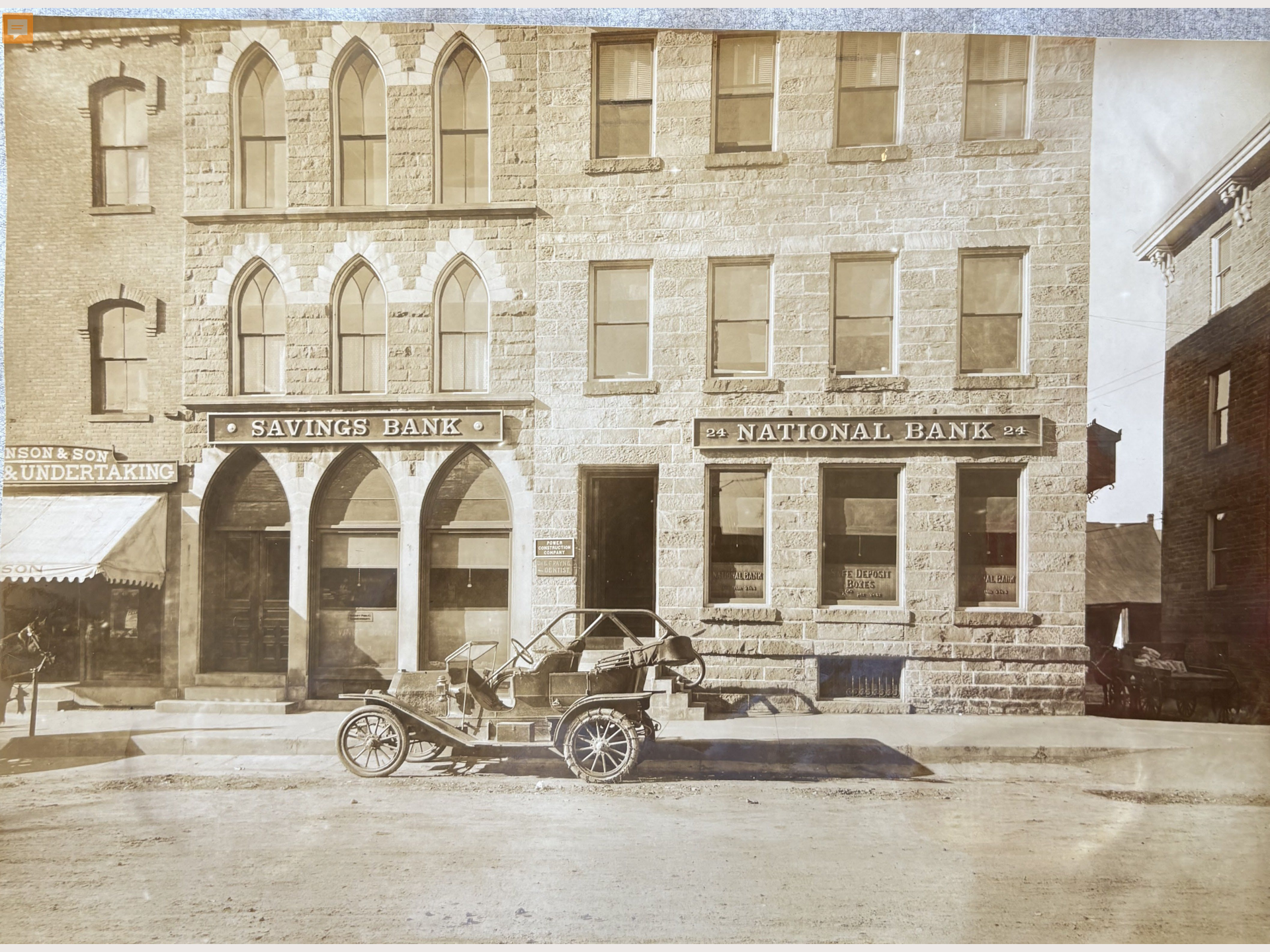


Schmidt Block 1906-07



The Shelburne Falls Post Office Story




SAVINGS BANK
24 NATIONAL BANK 24
NSON & SON
& UNDERTAKING
POWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

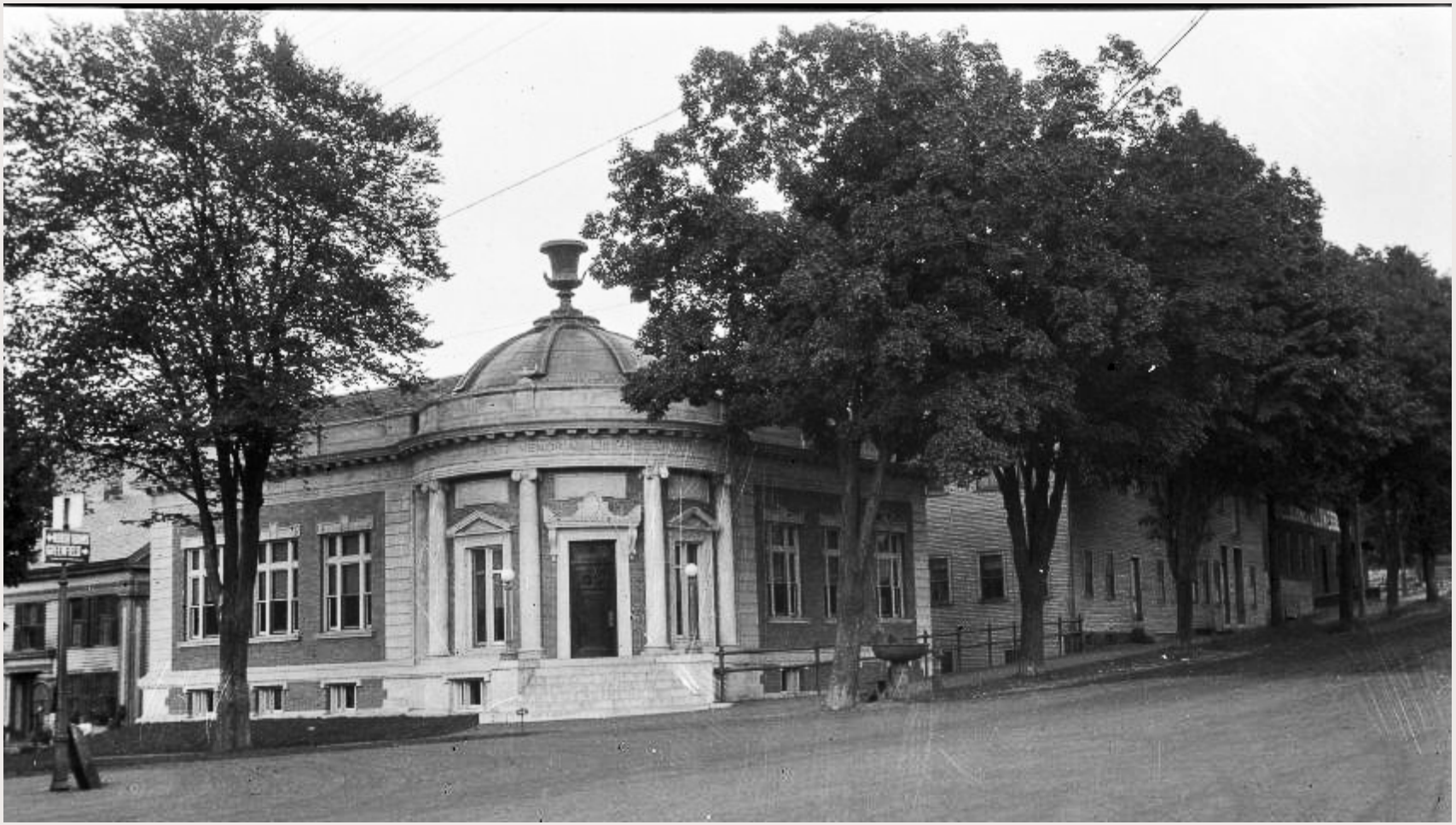

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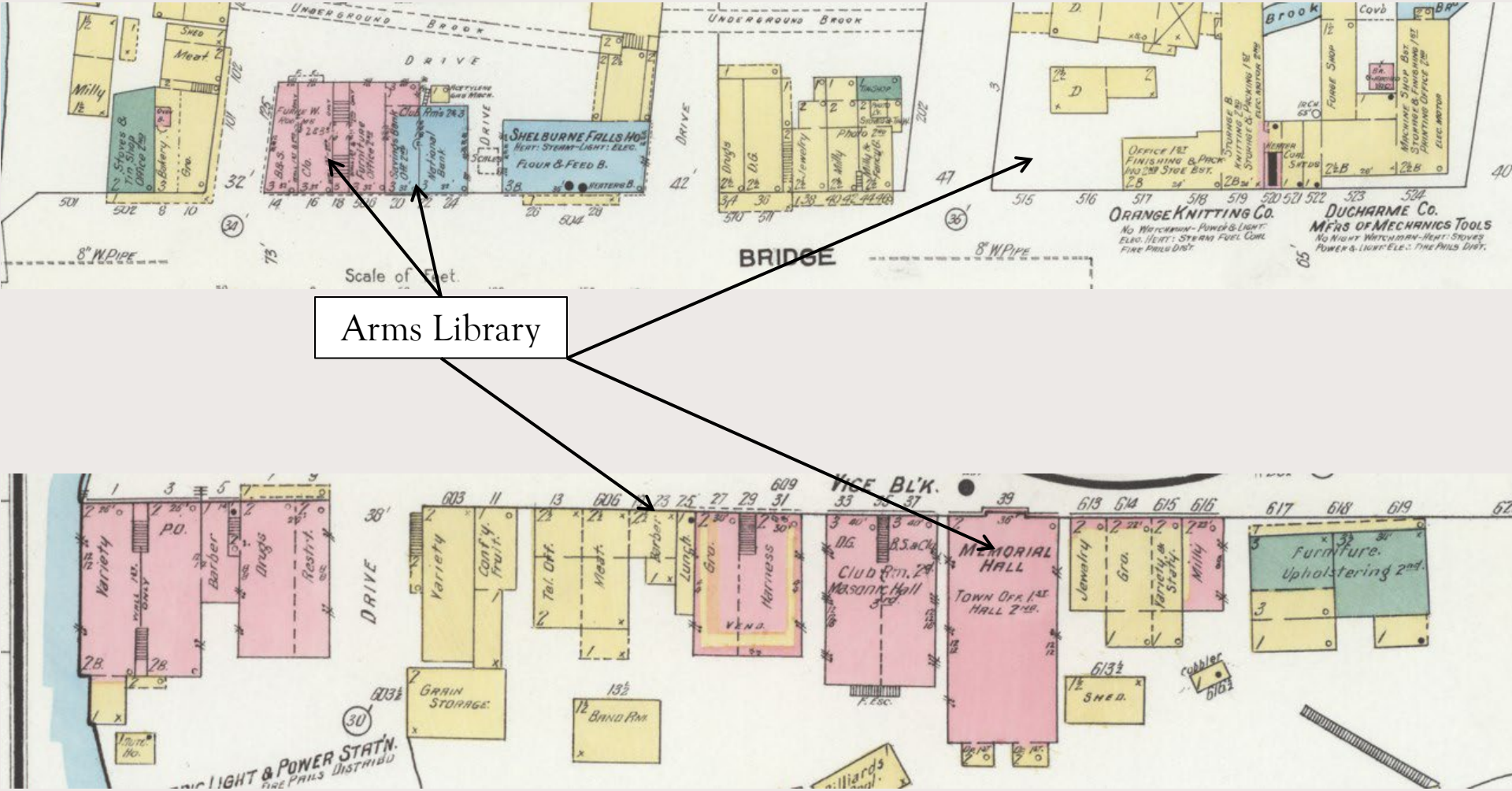



Bridge Street
ca 1913
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PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY



The Arms Library Story



MOHAWK TRAIL OFFICIALLY OPENS 1914

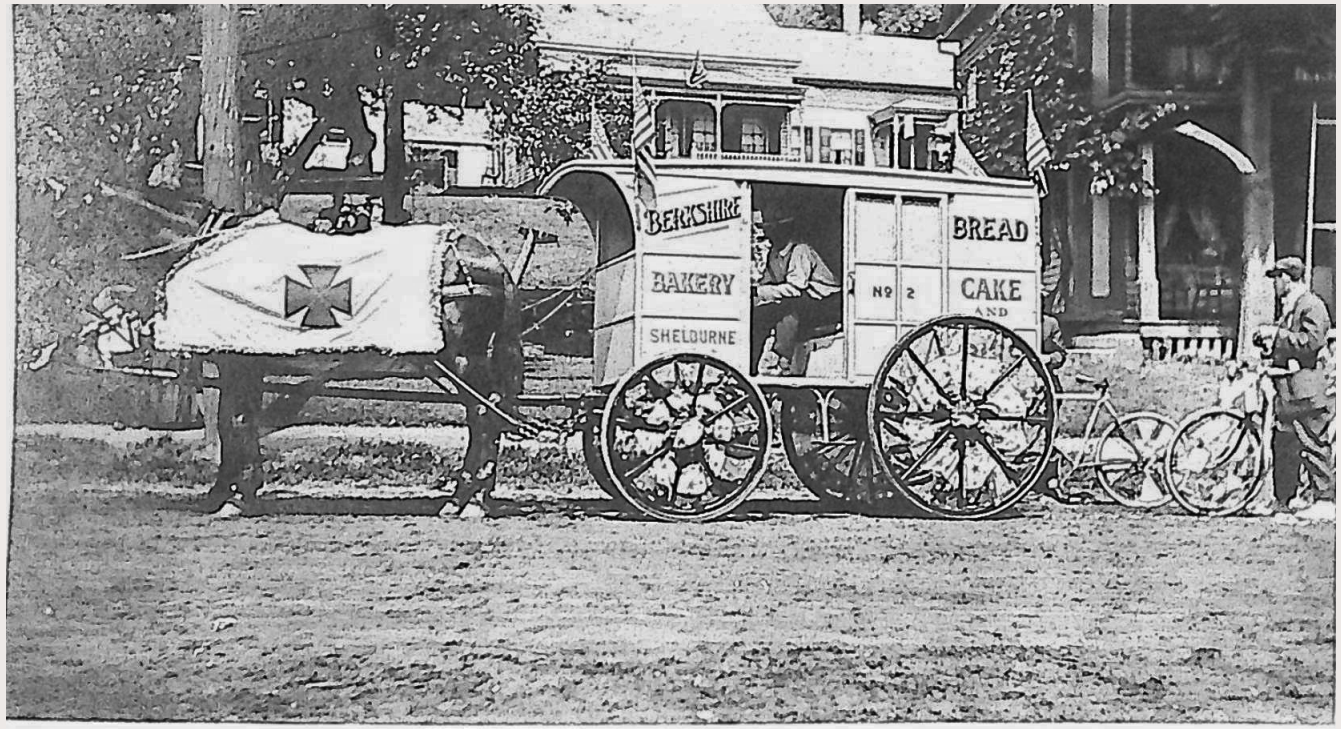


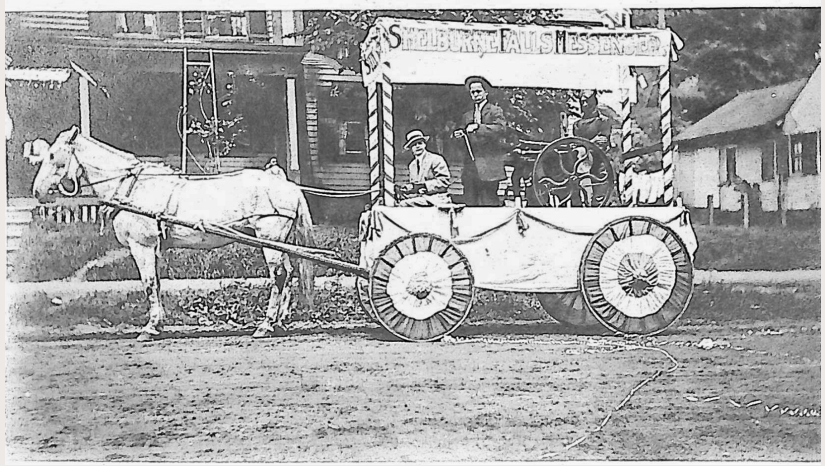


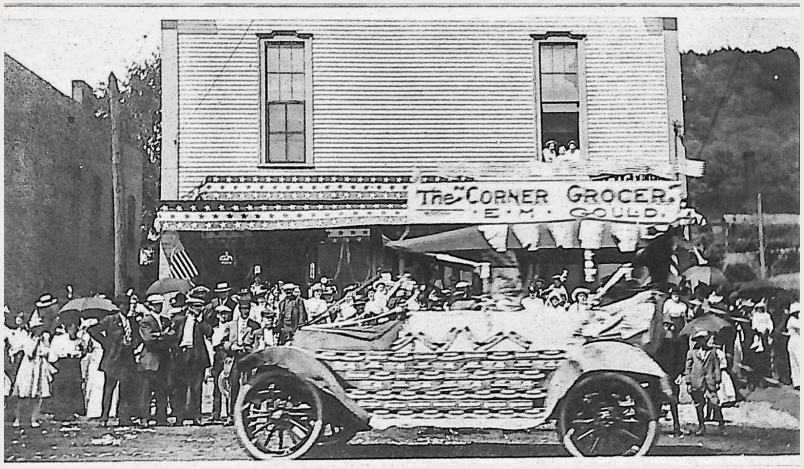
WELCOME HOME PARADE

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September 16, 1919


BERKSHIRE
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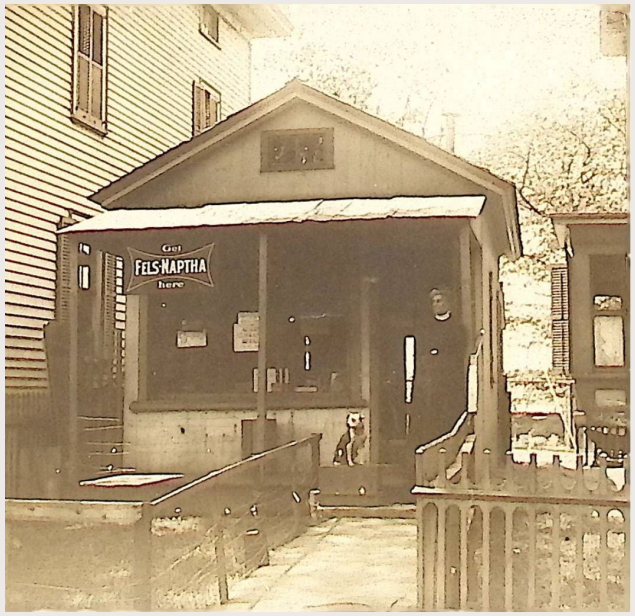
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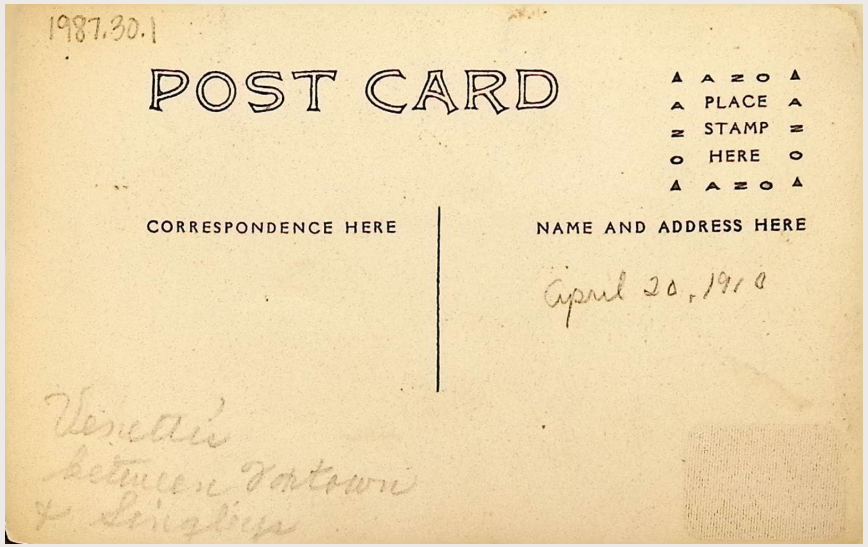
FRUIT DEALER
1912-1913 DIRECTORY

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BETWEEN FOXTOWNE AND SINGLEY'S ?

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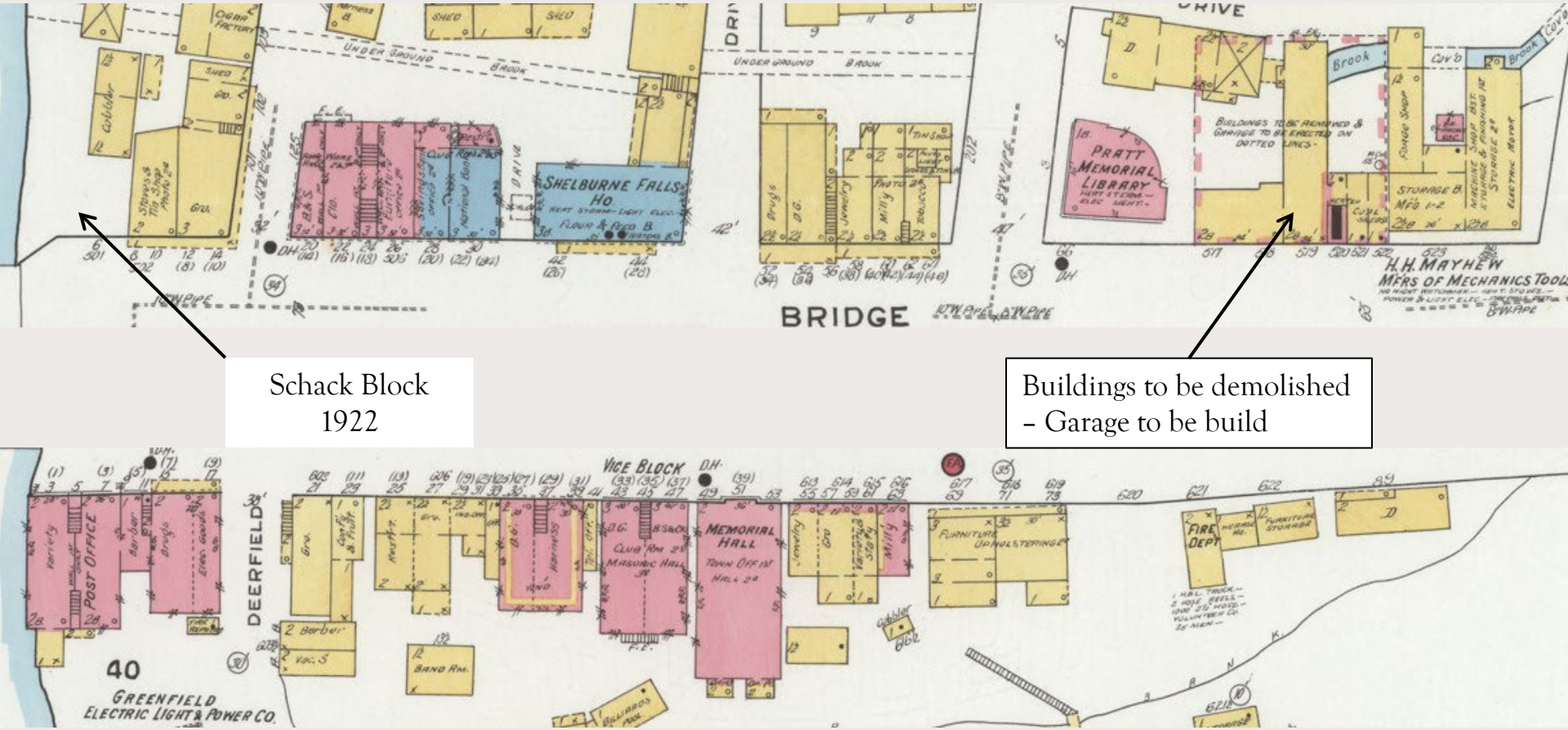




Brick Bank Block

ca 1918

1920 Bridge Steet



Schack Block
1922

Buildings to be demolished
– Garage to be build

Silk Mill Burns 1924



The Twenties

- Silk Mill Burns 1924
- Blassberg Garage 1925

Blassberg Garage
1925



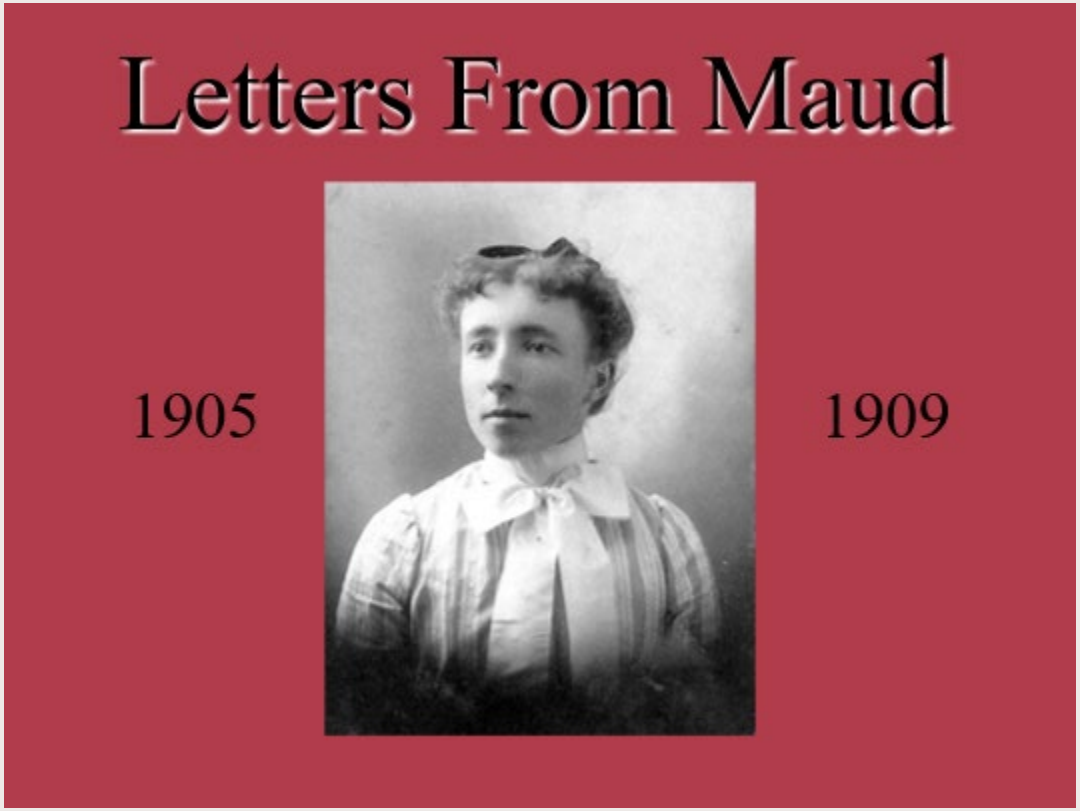
SF & COLRAIN TROLLEY ENDS – 1927



Photos courtesy SF Trolley Museum



The Under-Recognized Contribution of the SF & Colrain Trolley

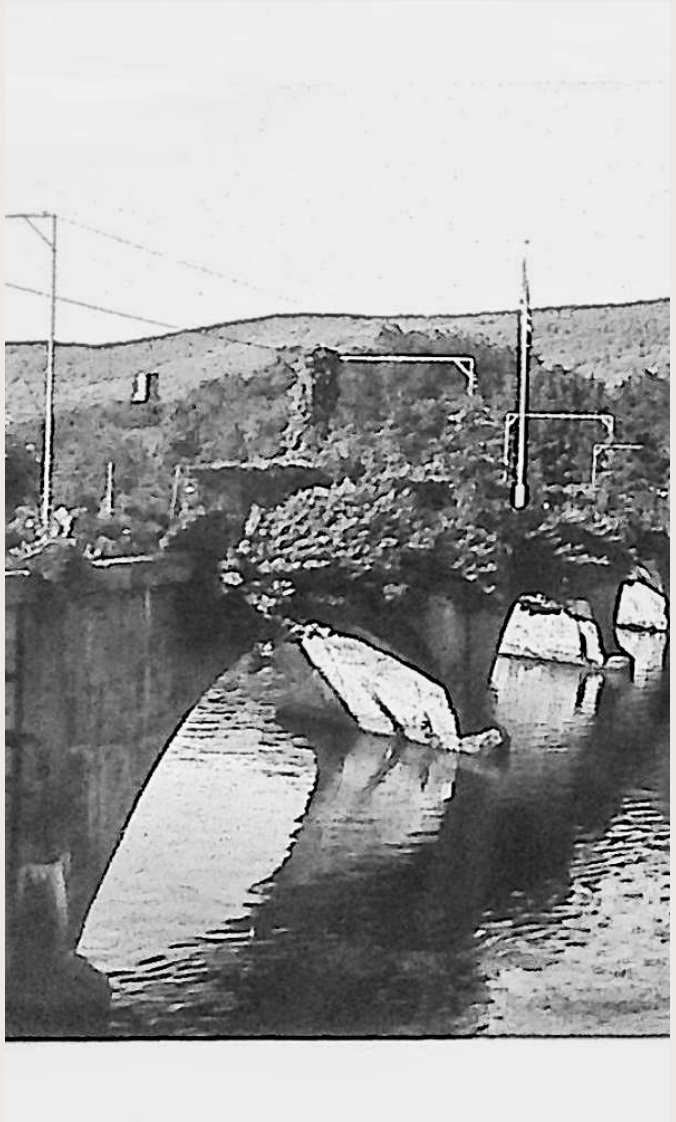


Our intent is to give a glimpse of rural life at the turn of the twentieth century, the importance of the Shelburne Falls and Colrain Street Railway, which resulted in easier access to social activities at that time, and above all, one example of a courtship of this era and the love that two people shared.

Courtesy Diantha, Martha, Wholey & Betsy (Wholey) Osell



EARLY BRIDGE OF FLOWERS



1930s – The Depression Years



A MESSAGE FOR YOU **Ladies Attention!**

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ASSN. F. L. & R. U. S. POSTAGE 1¢ PAID Shelburne Falls, Mass. Permit No. 6

A TWO-DAY SALE of Sensational Values for Thrifty Shoppers

The Woman's Shop, 35 Bridge Street

SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.

ORDERED SOLD

Sale Starts Friday, July 25th, at 9.00 a. m.

for Two Days Only

PRICES SMASHED WAY BELOW COST!!!

Ladies Silk Dresses
Good Variety of Patterns
$7.50 to $18 val.
$1.95 $3.95 $5.95

$100. GIVEN AWAY FREE
FRIDAY MORNING

Clip This Coupon-Its Worth $1.00
It will be accepted same as cash from the first 100 customers purchasing merchandise to the amount of $5.00 or over on Friday morning, July 25th. THE WOMAN'S SHOP.

CORSETS
Royal Worcester, Gossard, Bon-Ton, Camp Girdles, etc.
Half Price
One Lot of Ladies' CORSETS
79c

Ladies Ponjee Slips $2.50 value now 95c
Ladies Gloves LOUCK'S FUR-TRIMMED $5.50 value $1.95
Ladies Middy Blouses $1.50 value 39c
Ladies' Silk & Wool Stockings (All Colors) $1.50 value 47c

Come prepared to lug away all you can—It will pay you!!!!

Ladies Silk Vests
Chemise, Slips
Silk Pajamas
Night Dresses
Toilet Articles
Vanishing Cream
Powder, Bathrobes
Mottoes (of All Kinds)
Gifts, Mesh Bags
Beads, Infants Sets
Bridge Sets, Good
Shepherd Yarns,
Ladies and Gents Box Handkerchiefs
Greeting Cards of All Kinds, Etc.
Going at
Half Price

Hair Nets 25c value 3 for 10c

Ladies Silk Bloomers $1.50 value 69c

Ladies Silk Slips $4.50 value $1.69

Childrens Waist Unionsuits or Ladies **Unionsuits** Going at 31c

Ladies Full Fashioned **Silk Stockings** $1.50 value 69c; $2.00 and $2.50 value 89c

Ladies Lisle **Stockings** 75c value 27c

Misses and Chi...ns Stockin... 50c and 65c value ...3c

Ladies Sr...ks $2.25 value ...95c

Ladies or Childrens **Jackets or Sweaters** $2.00 to $4.50 values 89c - $1.45

Childrens **Dresses** $2.00 value 79c

Childrens **Rompers or Play Suits** $1.00 and $1.50 value 45c

Childrens Silk & Wool **Stockings** 75c value 39c

To the People of Shelburne Falls and Surrounding Towns! Every piece of merchandise in our store must be turned into cash by Saturday night at any old price—let nothing prevent you from being on hand early Friday morning!!!

500 Grab Boxes 15¢ each "Better than Ever"

For TWO DAYS Only -- Friday and Saturday

The Woman's Shop 35 Bridge Street Shelburne Falls, Mass



The Woman's Shop

Betsey Benton

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Portraits Of The Past ~



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF MRS. LESLIE M. EDMONSTON OF AUBURN, MAINE

Until it became part of the Shelburne Falls Super Market – soon to be reopened as the Keystone Market – the east half of that space was The Monroe Stores, Inc., a "dry goods" establishment. In 1930, about when this photo was taken, Leslie Edmonston and his brother Charles, both from Wollaston, worked in the store and boarded in town. The photo was given to Mrs. Edmonston's late husband around 1985 by Ruth and Al Monroe. Mr. Monroe is the son of the owner of the Monroe Stores.


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MARCH PHARMACY

1939 - 1951

COLUMBIA FRUIT STORE

46 BRIDGE ST



Schack Electric

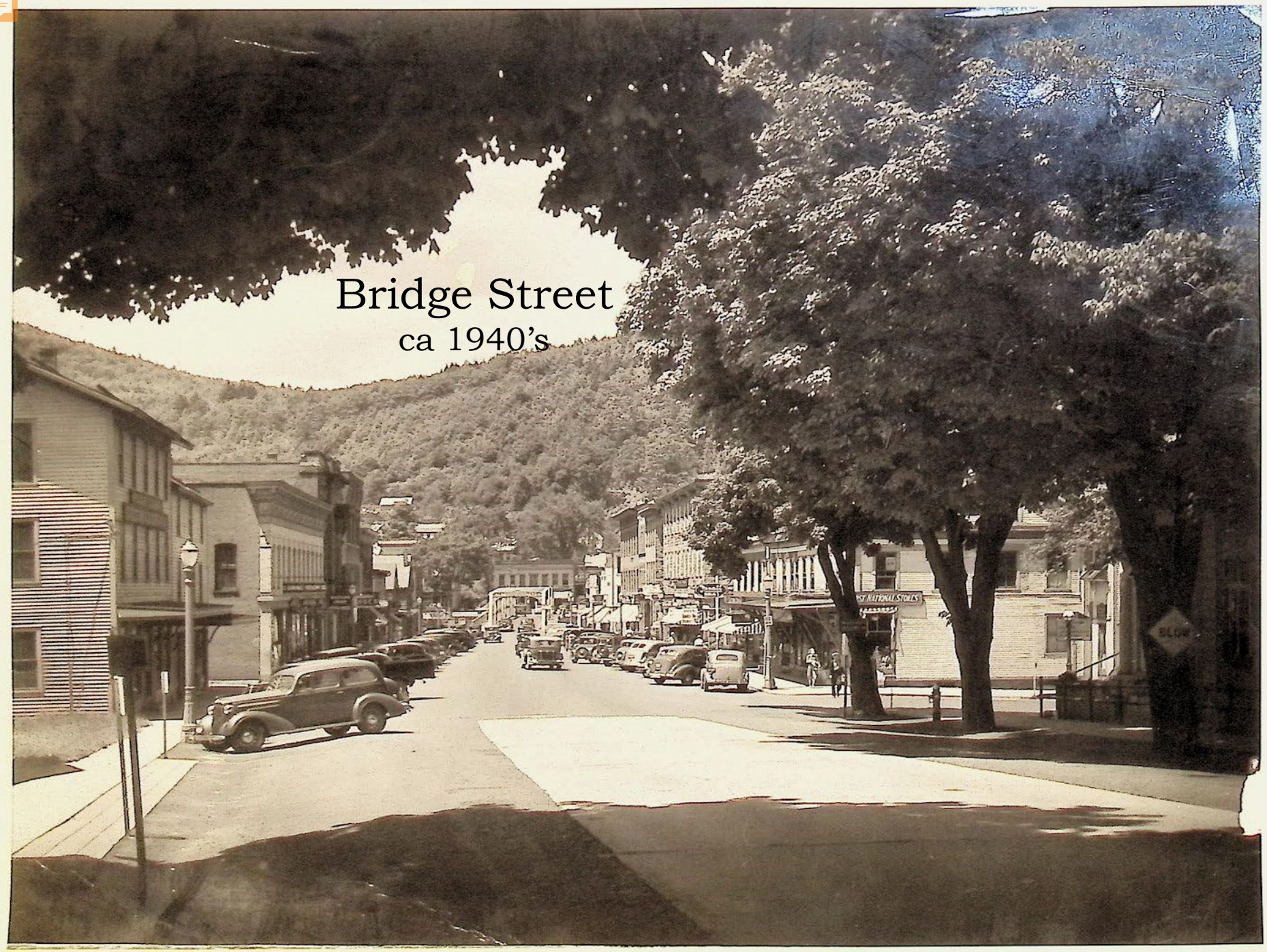
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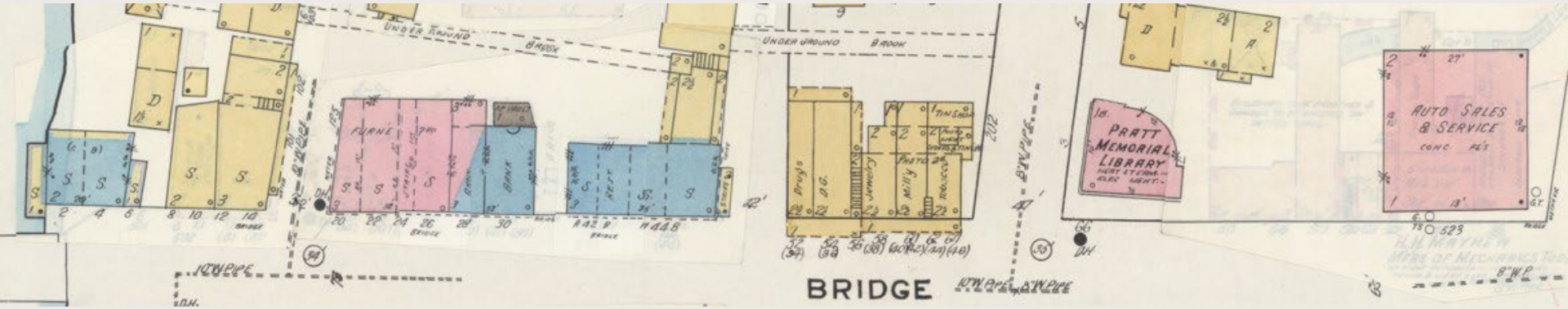
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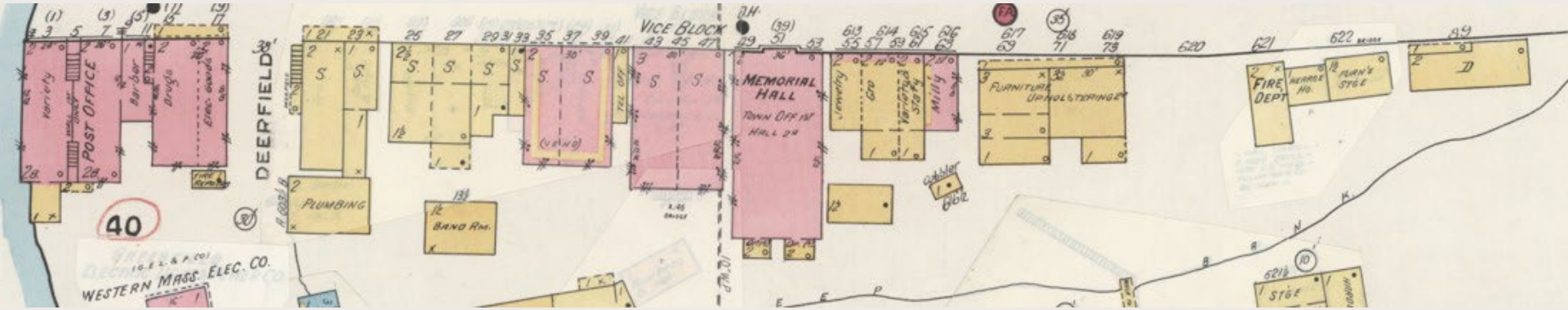
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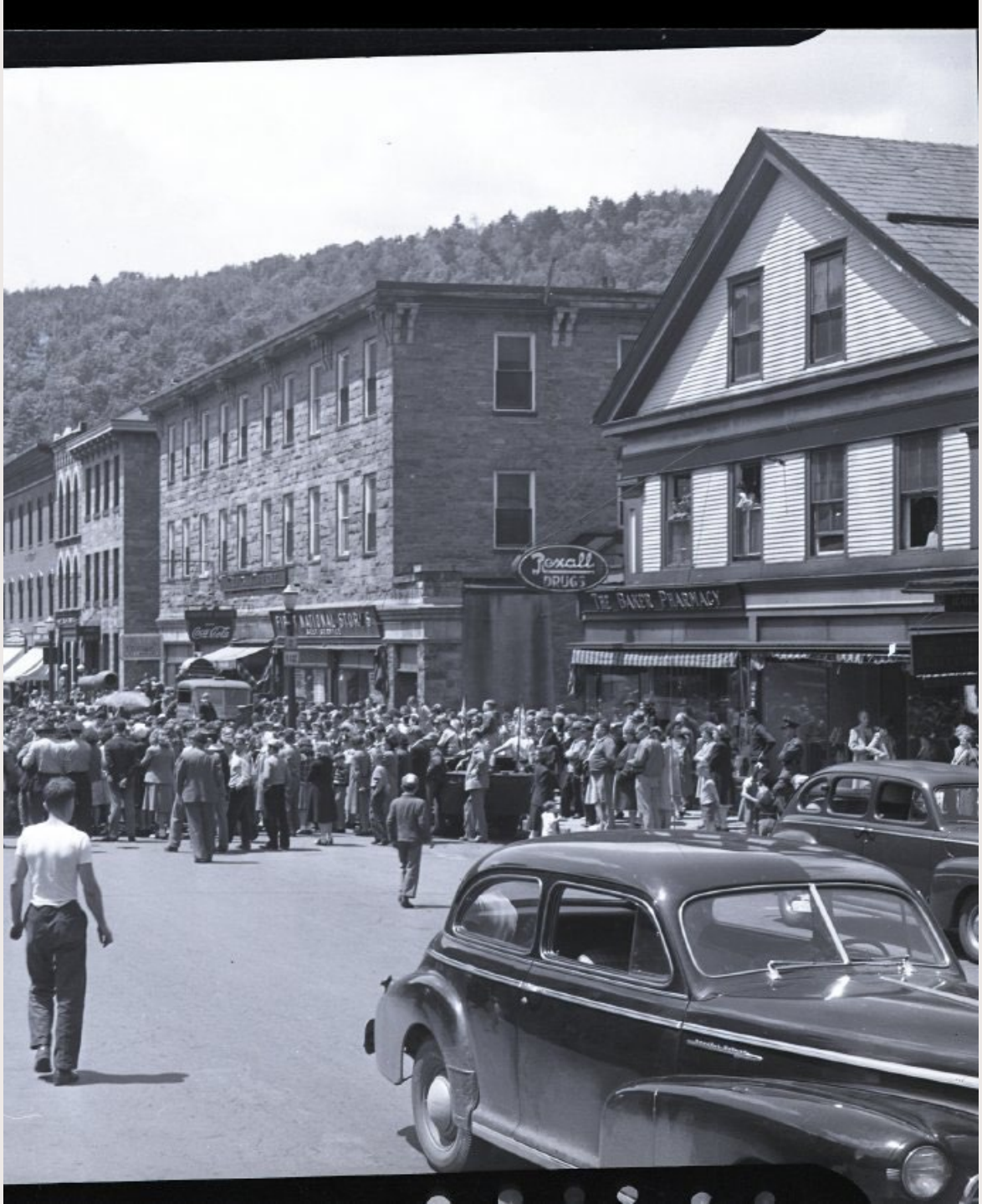

Bridge Street
ca 1940's

1940 Bridge Street






NATION-WIDE
CITY MARKET
NOT OVER
25
M.P.H.


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DRUGS
THE BAKER PHARMACY


BANK BLOCK
GOULD'S
GROCERIES MEATS
28 SAVINGS BANK 28
SHELBURNE
P.R. JOYCE
MALLORY HATS
U.S. NAVY PT BOAT MOTOR
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WINTER BRIDGE ST.

ca 1940



BRIDGE ST

ca 1946

Bridge Street

ca 1955





BRIDGE ST

Circa 1955









Chapman Block to Bank Construction
1952-1954


BANK BLOCK
A&A
FOOD MART
Bakery
SAVINGS BANK
JEWELRY GIFTS
TEA

— 1960 —

1978-2025

North Bridge St

Bridge Steet



1950

2025



Schack Block

4 Bridge Steet



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Knowlton Block

10 Bridge Street



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Couillard Block

20 Bridge Street



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Brick Bank Block

22-26 Bridge Street



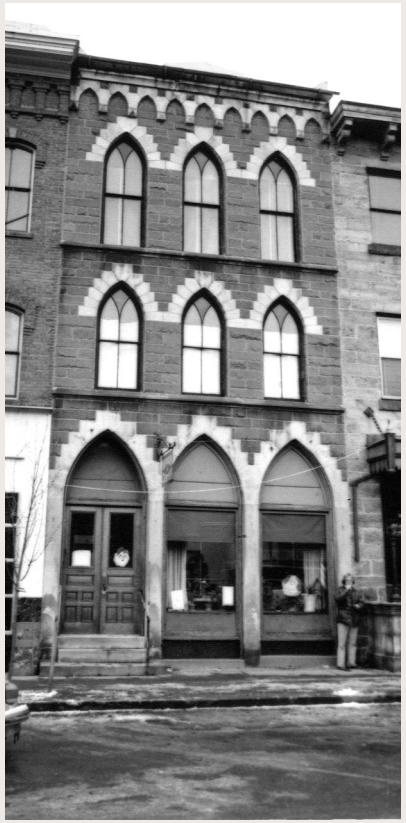
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Merrill Block

28 Bridge Street



1978

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Bank Block

30 Bridge Street



1978

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Hotel Block

46-50 Bridge Street



1978

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Baker Block

52-54 Bridge Street



1978

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Chapman Block

56 Bridge Street



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Pratt Library

60 Bridge Street



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Blassberg's Garage

90 Bridge Street



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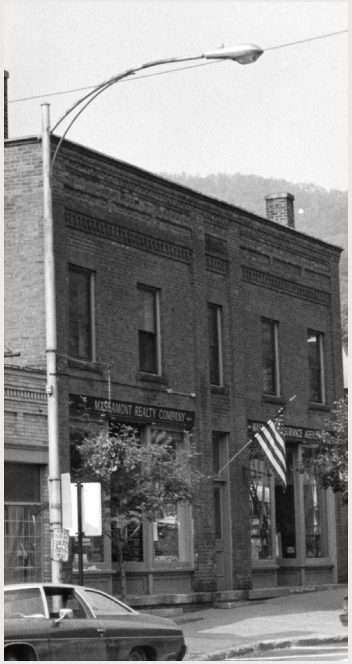


1978-2025

South Bridge St

Schmidt Block

3-7 Bridge Street



1978

2025



Thayer Block

9-17 Bridge Street



1978

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Haller Block

19-23 Bridge Street



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Ott-Hosely Block

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Stebbins Block

33-41 Bridge Street



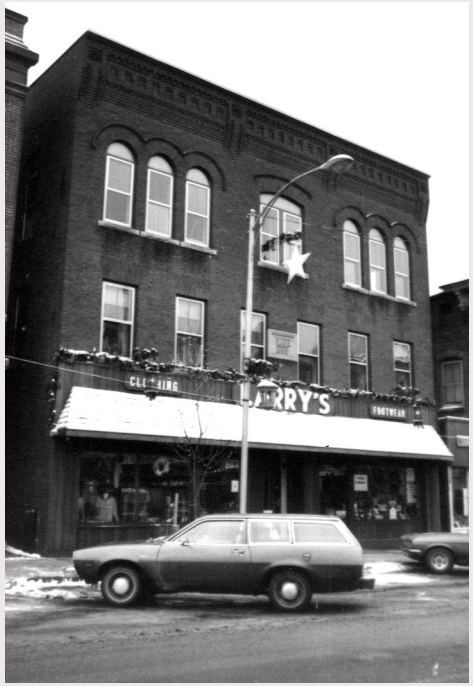
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Vice Block

43 Bridge Street



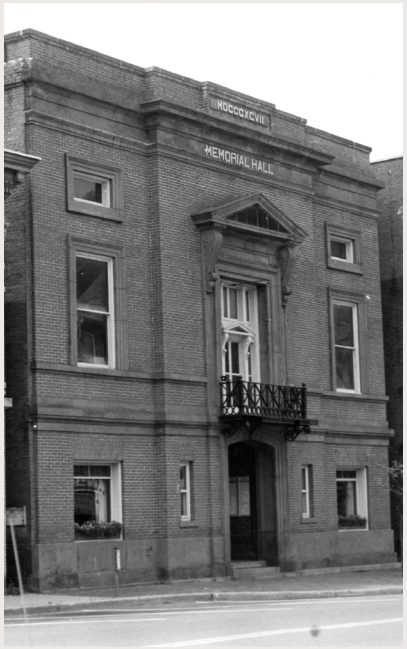
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Memorial Hall

51 Bridge Street



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Wood-Nilman Block

53-63 Bridge Street



1978

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Swan Block

69-73 Bridge Street



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Niagra Engine House

69-73 Bridge Street



1978

2025




So Long
That's all Folks