

**A Tribute to**

# **ADAMS NY**

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This sign is on West Church Street  
just before the New York Central  
Underpass.

SUBJECT

ADAMS, NEW YORK



ADAMS, NEW YORK...is situated in the southern part of Jefferson County, surrounded by on the north, Hounsfield; south, Lorraine; west, by Henderson and east by Rodman. It is watered by Sandy Creek. The town was formed April 1, 1802 from Mexico, and received its name in honor of Pres. John Adams. It was known also as Aleppo and No. 7, and was part of the "Eleven Towns" or "Black River Tract."

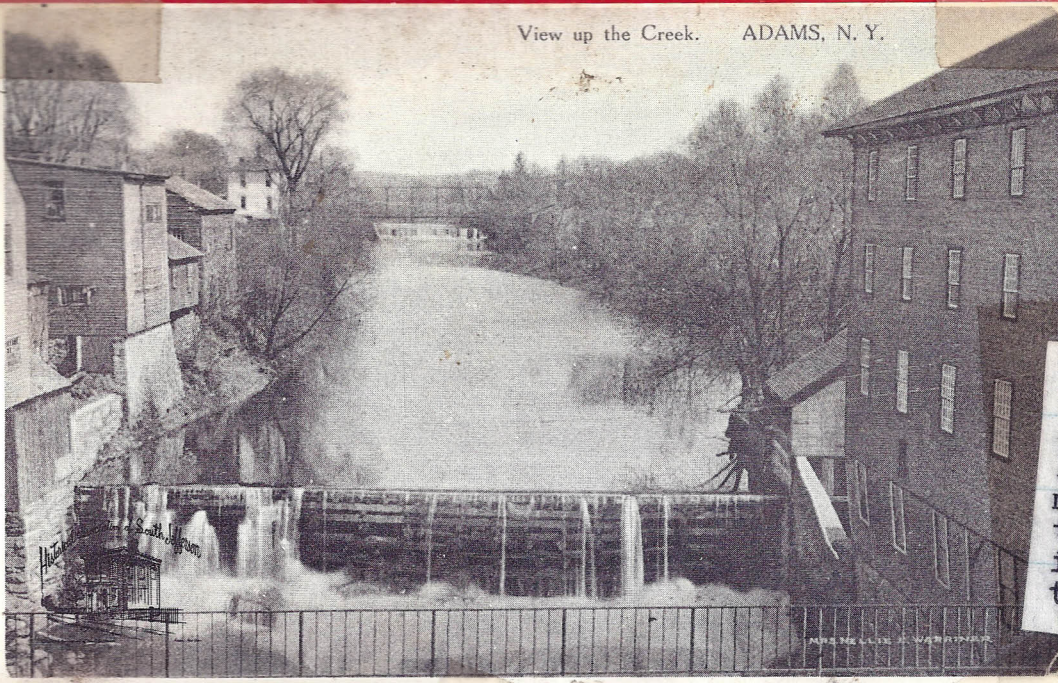


The water tower..located on  
Route 11 or North Main Street  
~~probably~~ stands on "Doxtater's  
Hill."

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View up the Creek. ADAMS, N. Y.



This postcard is taken from the downtown bridge looking east. Notice a second dam. It powered the saw and grist mills (right)-it also took the life of Nicholas Salisbury Dec. 10, 1833, the town's first settler.



SANDY CREEK...supplied power to operate mills of all sorts. Photo to left is taken from the downtown bridge facing east; lower left is a view eastward from a railroad trestle on West Church St. Lower right is a view facing west from that same trestle.

Lower right is the hinder part of C.N. Snyder & Sons. It was at one time, F.L. Webster Lumber mill. Further down stream was a cannery which burned. It was to the rear of present-day Berry's Mobile Station.







All along Sandy Creek area were many old, mostly abandoned factories. The Roy Green house, now used for storage by K-B Motors, was at one time E.D. Spicer's candle and Soap factory. About where O.D. Greene is was a woolen factory, est. by Julius Fox, 1860-sold to various owners over the years, e.g. W.R. Willis, Jr.; in 1864, to Wm. Wheeler; 1889, to W.H. Proctor, of Ogdnesburg, who formed the Adams Lumber Co. There was a planing mill and a blind & sash mill, est. 1860 by W.C. Wheeler; opposite the bank where Grange Ave, now runs was a tannery, est. 1831 by J.S. Lewis; another tannery owned by the Weavers. Along Liberty St. bank was cheese factory, est. 1864 by Huestis, Lewis and Ingraham. About opposite the creek was Holman & Withington Foundry and Machine; along Spring St. bank about where the Niagara Mohawk sublet is was a Brewery and Malt house owned by Kellogg and Patrick.

Upper Left and right photos are of the O.D. Greene Lumber Company on South Park Street.

Lower left is a view of North Park Street. Lower right is a view looking out Hungerford Avenue toward North Park Street. The street is named in honor of General Solon D. Hungerford.







The ADAMS AGWAY...located just off West Church Street. Upper left shows an entrance virtually hidden due to overgrowth. Without a doubt, the gite housed other long forgotten businesses.

Lower right is a view of Agway as seen from the old depot.

The Agway was once the R.P. White Malt house. At one time, the street—then called Railroad St., was level with the tracks that now are on the underpass! This explains the use of the front (now side) door. Phelps St. at one time crossed these tracks.

R.P. White sold his malt house in 1876 to W.A. & E.J. Waite who established their own Malting business.







Lower right was probably an original part of Rosemary Creamery which was what Dairylea originally was.

The railroad depot...now abandoned, was once the center of people coming and going. Observe the "road" leading to it! Several foundations can be found in this area. Upper right probably once was a livery of sorts; it is seen from the tracks. Lower left is looking south-there are several cement partitions still standing. Lower right -part of what is now Dairylea. It, however, is very old, and was most likely a business of sorts. It also is seen from the tracks.







Upper left is a view looking down South Park Street from East Church St. The brick bldg is the Baptist parsonage, presently occupied by Rev. Peter Bolster and Family. The white bldg. with the big white columns is Piddock's Funeral Parlor.

Upper right is a view looking down Prospect St. Lower left is a view of Clay Street as seen from High St. Lower right is taken from the end of Prospect St (once called North St.) and is looking toward Watertown out Route 11.







Lower left-in reference to this site, to the left of the Brick Hotel, the last site on the left is where Capt. Sidney Mendell, in 1859, began construction of a three story wooden bldg. by the depot, called the Basswood Hotel. There was a mineral springs in this area-where Dairylea is now-and these springs brought in people. But for lack of finances, he sold it to S.D.Hungerford, who finished it and used it for the Hungerford Collegiate Inst., which opened Sept.8,1864.It was originally incorporated under the

name Adams Collegiate Institute by the Regents April 22,1855,but not fully organized.S.D.Hungerford changed the name to H.C.I. March 24, 1864. The bldg. burned Jan.29,1868 and a new one built on Institute St and opened August 28,1870. During the time when this new bldg. was not in use due to being in debt, school was held in the Cooper Block-presently the Dwight Block-until, it too, burnt,after which, the bldg. on Institute St was reacquired and put back into use.

Upper left is looking down the western half of Phelps St. The VFW Post is located here. Upper right is still on Phelps St and shows Greenley Fuel Co. In the background is a red bldg. which is the same one as photographed from the tracks.

Lower left is the Brick Hotel. It was around this same area that the Hungerford Collegiate Institute was originally located. Lower right is a photo of Dairylea,which is at 23 Phelps St.







RURAL Cemetery (left) was incorporated Jan. 17, 1848, Peter Dextater, First Pres.

Some rubbings from tombs there read:  
 NICHOLAUS SALISBURY  
 the first settler in this town  
 Born April 2, 1762 Died Dec. 31, 1833  
 HIS WIFE Rowena Wheelock  
 Born Dec. 20, 1760 Died 1802.  
 HIS WIFE Caroline Lord  
 Born 1766 Died Aug. 7, 1822.

#### SALISBURY

He moved to Adams in 1801 and in attempting to cross the creek in a snow was borne over the dam and drowned. This was the first death in town.

Upper..Rural Cemetery on South Main St. Its present caretaker is Thomas O'Connor. Lower photos are of Elmwood Cemetery which is at the end of Elmwood Avenue. Originally Elmwood Ave. was shaded by rows of Elms set by Mr. Cleveland, who was the organizer of this cemetery in 1867. James A. Cleveland's monument was set at the center of the cem. He had his relatives which were buried in New England brought here to be reburied. Some as far back as 1722 are now in Elmwood. It is noted for its beauty: flowing hills, a brook, trees, a small wooden bridge. One of the most beautifully designed cemeteries in this area.







Upper photos-bldg. now owned by Gordon Dobbins, was once a factory which manufactured salve and liniments. It was made by H.O. Kenyon and marketed under the name of Dr. Hale's Liniment. It is located on Grange Avenue; this was once called River Street. Later, it was used as an auction barn. Below, are views of a house down the same street.

Upper photos-Dr. Austin K. Hale, b. 1850, son of Dr. Austin P. Hale, from Mass., sold his salves and made them here. He also was a trustee of the Adams Furniture and Manufacturing Co., est. 1888; D.A. Dwight, pres. The bldg. from which they operated were two: 50 X 100 feet and 3 stories and 50 X 100 feet, 2 stories. Possibly here?



*Aug. 20, 1980*

**BUILDING BEING DISMANTLED** - The house on Grange Avenue, formerly belonging to Adella Button, is being dismantled by R.S. Dockstader. The Village of Adams plans to retain the parcel of land after the salvage operations are completed. The building was one of several on Grange Avenue which have drawn complaints from residents of that neighborhood over the past two years.





Upper left is looking down Wardwell Street at what is now the Adams Bowling Club. It was originally a warehouse belonging to W. Rice. Upper right is also looking out Wardwell St. at the W. Rice Bldg. Dr. Rice, of Smithville, and his father-in-law W. A. Collins, once manufactured "Rupture Cure". The bldg. was originally a grade school, and was bought by Rice. It burned and was rebuilt 1920. Lallies-a producer of thermal materials, also operates from this bldg. Just past Rice's to the right is a short street called Bond St. which connects Wardwell to N. Park St. Also just after the bowling alley to the left is Institute St. which connects Wardwell with N. Main Street.

Lower left is looking down East Church St. from Rod's Big M. parking lot. Lower right is the Adams High School Bldg. now only used for elementary grades. Original bldg was erected & opened Aug. 28, 1870 and accommodated 60 boarders and 200 day pupils and was college level. In 1882, it was sold for debts and the old name Adams Collegiate Inst. was restored and school then held in the Cooper Block - owned by the Dwights - it burned out, the Dwights applied the insurance money to the indebted bldg. and in 1884, was again the Hungerford Collegiate Inst. Orlo B. Rhodes, pres.







JULY 20, 1966

A blaze which swept through the Meadowbrook Restaurant Friday morning, left nothing of the popular Ellisburg dining place but a pile of rubble.

Opened for business on Nov. 1, 1927, the Borden Milk Plant in Adams will close July 31 and all operations of the local plant will be transferred to Watertown.

Upper left is on Grange Avenue—once called River St. This bldg. was Ken's Auto Body, and now belongs to the Historical Society. They were removing the old siding and these words were underneath. Upper left is also the site where Mr. Will Dixon had his gun shop.

Upper right is an old foundation of the Northern Evaporated Milk Co. It now belongs to Gordon Dobbins, who runs a used car lot on Route 11 toward Watertown. Wells Benton's farm was located around the Dobbins car lot. Wells Benton was the sheriff at one time and one of the 1st trustees of the village.

Off to the left down West Church St. is a very short road called Fifth Avenue, which is how one would enter in to these old foundations.

Lower left is of C.N. Snyder & Sons on West Church St. Behind it is the old Webster Sash and Lumber Co. which appears on the 1864 map as Holman and Withington Machine and Foundry Shops. Lower right is looking out West Church St towards Belleville. On the right is the Freeway Store. Just past the store is Mr. Littlefield's home, where he sells flowers and lawn ornaments.







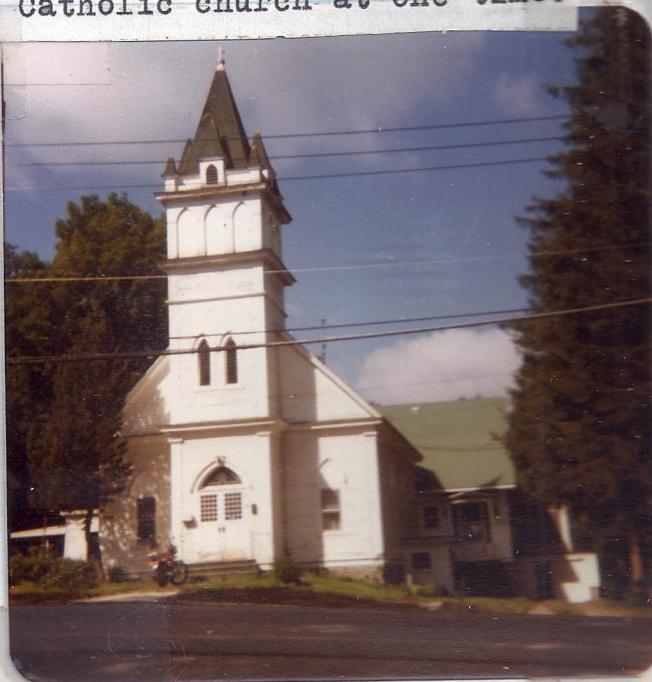
Upper left-Assembly of God Church looking out South Main St. Its present pastor is Jack Isbister. The green home is owned by Frederick Shoemaker; down the road also is the Jehovah Witness's Kingdom Hall.

Upper right-Baptist church, present pastor, Peter Bolster. Organized in 1805. First Adams site was built in 1838 after moving here from the Adams Center area. It is on East Church St.

Lower left-once a Free Methodist church, located on the corners of Spring St and So. Park St. (South Park St. was known as Factory St, at one time.)

Lower right-also a church now converted into apartment houses. It is at the foot of South Main St. hill.

Lower right-this was the Catholic church at one time.







Upper left-the Catholic church-St. Cecilia's-it is on Grove St. The nuns live in a house right next door. Well Baby Clinics are held here. Upper right is the Episcopal church on East church street. It is pastored by John LaVoe.

Lower left is looking out East Church St. The picture includes the Methodist Church as well as the Shop'n'Go Plaza, which houses the Jreck Sub Shop, Mercer's Shop'n'Go, and Watertown Savings Bank. The Meth. church is pastored by Roland Perkins. The church was org. 1827 and their first place of worship was bought from the Presbyterians-which later burned, and in 1852, a new one built on the same site. Lower right is looking Up East Church St. at what is now the Mason Hall. It was the Presbyterian church-the oldest in town-org. in 1803. Charles G. Finney preached in this church, afterwards becoming a nationalized evangelist. The original site of the Pres. church was where the Methodist church is-The Pres. built their new church across the street in 1827, where it yet stands. even after having been lightning struck during a service in 1828.







Lower right-looking out West Church St. and out farther is a Mobil gas station owned by Mr. Berry. Out behind there is the foundations of the old Webster Canning factory which burnt. It was est. July 1889 and specialized in canning dandelions and spinach.

Upper left is on West Church St and is Snyder's Guest home. Like so many bldgs. in this town, it too, is for sale. Upper right is looking out West Church St. Clay St. turns off from W. Church on the right side of the street. Lower left is a view of West Church Street looking toward downtown and lower right, is West Church looking out towards Belleville way. Both are taken from atop the New York Central trestle. In the lower right, there is a short street called Park Row which goes directly parallel with the "Agway" sign. About 150 feet down further from Park Row, is another short street running parallel with it called Elmwood Ave, at the end of which is the cemetery.







Upper left is the former home and gun shop of W.D.Dixon. He later had his shop on Grange Avenue (formerly River Street) where he operated out of the blgg. that now has Frazer Bros. written on it. This photo is taken of his home at the crns. of South Main and Grove Street.

Upper right-Don Rounds American Legion Post. Located on South Main Street hill.

Lower left-bldg used for storage for Belloff's Dep't store. It is on West Church St. and extends all the way ffrom the street to the bank of the creek.

Lower right is a view of Grove Street looking toward South Main St.

Grove St. was the main road instead of outer South Main St. It was a forerunner of Route 11. On it was located the Maple Grove Place and Stock Farm on which R.P.White raised celebrated horses.







Upper left is the Municipal Bldg. which also houses the Fire and Police Departments. The Adams Free Library and clerk are located here too. This site was once the Whitney Hotel in the mid 1860's, with W.H. Whitney, prop. It is on the corners of Main and West Church Sts. Upper right is just behind the municipal bldg. It is a small grassy area with a couple monumental stones and benches. Behind this area is "Fireman's Park" where Field Days, and fairground activities are held. Lower left is Ecology Park. It was formed in the 1970's and consists only of grass and the sign in the background! No benches or tables or any other park-type conveniences. It is on the east side of North Main Street opposite G.L. Thomas & Sons. Lower right is of G.L. Thomas & Sons Feed store. They sell all types of feed and also sell gasoline and service automobiles.

Upper right is the area where the (Masonic) Opera House was. On the second floor movies were shown. This town was visited at one time by John Philip Sousa. Also, (refer to Upper left) the site where the Municipal Bldg. is also was where the National Hotel was, a three story brick bldg. in the early 1900's (c. 1915.) Lower right was where Dell Greenley & Sons Auto Dealers was located.







Lower left-at the site of Ford Motors also once stood A.V. Bettinger Carriage Manufactory. Also, the old Roy Green house, mentioned below, was a candle factory (the site of it anyway) On the 1864 map, there is a candle & soap manuf. there operated by E.D. Spicer.

Tempest Fire Co. Est. 1853-44 men.

Upper left is Gables Nursing Home and is at the top of the North Main St. hill on the east side.

Upper right is taken at the top of the North Main St. hill looking toward downtown.

Lower left is looking down Liberty St. K-B Motors has its office and garage here. The brick building is owned and occupied by Orville Fink and the very small house at the very back in the photo is inhabited by Fannie Livermore. At one time it was a photography studio. Below her house is the "Green" house. Liberty Street also at one time had the following businesses on it: Bartlett Auto Co. (Saxon Cars); "Tempest Engine and Hose Company and Hook and Ladder-it had a wooden five story bell tower to the left of the station.; it also housed the village jail.

Lower right is the car lot belonging to Kenneth Wade, who has Wade Buick Pontiac. This same lot-the corner of Spring and Main on the creek side-was the location of G.S. Dodge, carriage manufacturer.







Upper left-the Methodist parsonage, last inhabited by Charles Stewart and family, is now being torn down for use as a parking lot..or possible enlarging of the church. It is on 38 East church Street. This has been the location of the parsonage for over 100 years. In 1885, a new parsonage was built here.

Upper right is the post office on East Church Street.

This Post office was built in the 1960's. Prior to this new bldg., was a lovely home owned by the Stell Family. The house along with a large barn was burnt to make space. The post office was located downtown in what is now Lucy's ( a lady's clothing store) in the left side only. The post office was est. in Adams in 1806.

Lower left-believed to pertain here, a quote from an old historical book of Adams, "A select school was taught in the old bank building by M.C.Manning."

**PARSONAGE BEING TORN DOWN--**The Methodist parsonage on East Church Street, Adams, is in the process of being torn down for salvage and the dismantling is expected to be completed by the end of September. After the church burned in 1852, a new parsonage was constructed in 1853. The parsonage was damaged by a fire which destroyed the church in the 1920's and a decision was made earlier this year to purchase a new parsonage. The parcel will be kept by the church for possible expansion or parking facilities. JOURNAL PHOTO

Lower left-Built June 20, 1817 c. as Jefferson County Bank until 1824; Used for school at one time, then converted to residence.  
Lower right-Robbins Farm Supply moved here 1980 from Adams Center Was Gleason's IGA and also Grand Union.





## BRICK BUILDING AT 37 East Church Street

standing  
The Jefferson County Bank, the oldest bank building in the County was probably erected in the year 1816 and business opened June 20, 1817. It was later moved to Watertown. The ~~bank~~ building became various other enterprises, among them being a school and dwelling place. Behind this building and to the left as you face it from Church Street is a single foundation that was probably where the site of the Adams Seminary was located. This was a school for females, taught by Miss Willard of Troy. Later it was occupied by the Presbyterian Society for a session room or chapel. Among the owners were P.C. Maxon, (1864), The Doxtaters, Otis Edgar and his son Donald Edgar (1959-----) till 1980, then sold to Thomas J. O'Connell.





Upper left-erected 1865. Was Hungerford's Bank; Adams National Bank; Farmer's National Bank. Changed into a residence, then in 1973, officially made into Historical Society. Upper right- is the Marine Midland Bank. (Sitting on the bench in front of the Museum is Harold Cory, longtime native of Adams.

The last people to reside in the museum were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith

Jeff. Cty. Hist. Soc.

Bank dates: Hungerfords' Bank 1844-1881  
Adams Nat. Bank 1883-1889  
re-organised as Farmers Nat. Bank.



CIVIL WAR VETERANS--Several members of the DeAlton Cooper Post 381 G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic], Adams, are shown during a visit to Gettysburg, Pa., prior to 1920. The Civil War veterans included [standing l. to r.]: James Middleton, Alonzo Dack, James Wright, Mr. Leonard, Frank Gregory, Grove Heath, William Williams and [seated] Adelbert Kellogg. The exact date of the visit to Gettysburg was not known but it was believed to have been between 1912 and 1919. The photo is from the South Jefferson Historical Association's collection.





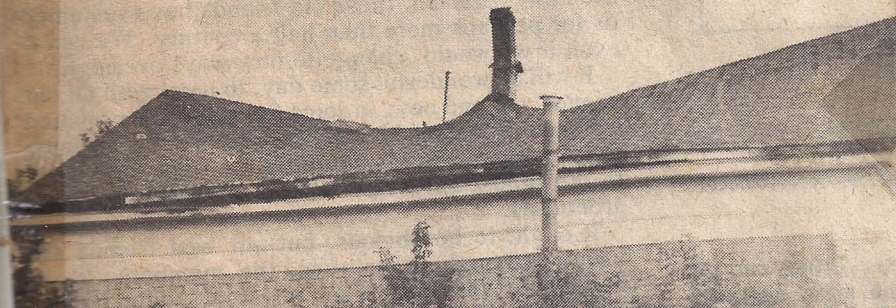
Lower left is the Arco Gas station on the corner of Liberty and So. Main st. There was a hotel at one time here, owned by S. Goodrich, in the 1860's. To the right about where the cars are parked, was a big bldg. last used as apartments, which burned. Lower right is taken from the Arco looking downtown. Note the grassy lot on the corner of Liberty and Main. There was G.\$B. Hardware, a beauty shop-called Cher's-and a liquor store, the latter owned by Donald Edgar. In the 1970's, the liquor store caught fire, and all these businesses were engulfed in flames. Observe the sagging Jay-Kay Laundromat. Across the street from it is the South Jefferson Rescue Squad. On its stead, was at one time a saw mill and grist mill which obtained its power from a dam which crossed the creek near the downtown bridge; the dam gave way in the 1930's. Later, the site had on it a gas station. Upper left is a view from the lawn belonging to the old W. Dixon home top of So. Main St.; Upper right is looking downtown from the lawn of what was the old Catholic church, now apartment house on So. Main St.





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This sagging laundromat was C.B. Grimshaw & Scott & Whittier (Funeral directors) They also dealt in furniture.



**BUILDING DEMOLISHED**--By late Friday afternoon, all that remained of the former Jay-Kay Laundromat Building, Main Street, Adams, was a pile of rubble. Demolition began Thursday and when the storefront gave way to the jaws of the crane the following day it ended the fears that the collapsing building would damage adjacent structures. The roof of the building began to settle several weeks ago after a portion of the foundation crumbled along the creek bed. The Village of Adams accepted the low bid of Wesley Alcombrack, \$5,000, for the demolition only a few days earlier. The building, which had housed the Adams Village Baptist Church in the mid-1800's, was moved to the downtown location when the present church was constructed.

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**BUILDING COLLAPSE FEARED**--The former Jay-Kay Laundromat, Main Street, Adams, is sagging and has caused much concern that the structure will cause damage to other adjacent buildings over the North Branch of Sandy Creek. The roof has bowed several feet in the past few days and the interior walls have buckled. The building is owned by John Babitskas, Florida.

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The Giddings Bridge is located on a small road that goes off to the <sup>right</sup> left side of Route 11 heading south just before the Valley Filling Station.



Giddings Bridge





MILL AND CARRIAGE FIRM IN 1869--This view of the East side of Main Street, Adams, in 1869 shows the Red Mill which was located adjacent to the creek [present site of South Jefferson Rescue Squad facilities] and the G.S. Dodge carriage manufacturing firm on the corner of Spring Street. The mill was believed to have originally been built in 1828 and was operated for many years by E.J. Seeber and later was owned by W.A. Mather. The mill was torn down and a gas station erected at that site in the early 1900's. This photo was provided by the South Jefferson Historical Association.

Compare this old clipping with the photo below of the same area.

Just beyond the white bldg. which is the Rescue Squad Bldg. is Spring St. On the southern side of the corner of Spring St and Main St. was a drug store. Also, on that same side, only further out Spring St by a few yards was the site of School House No. 6. on the 1864 map. It is most likely the same site as where the Larkins bldg. now is.

Lower right-Cleveland Block which has these businesses: H&R Block; Wm. McClusky, attorney. The original Light & Power Co. was where Mr. McClusky's office is now. The Light & Power Co. was org. Mar. 28, 1889.







Upper left-the West side of Main St. From left to right: Jay-Kay Laundromat; "Adams Ale", was called Duggan's more popularly at one time; small white bldg. was Cooper's Shoe store, orig. est by Geo. Cooper from England and sold in 1980 to Cal Thompson; last bldg. is Gould's Bar and Grill. At one time where Adams Ale was a parking lot which proved to be dangerous when a woman accidentally drove off into the creek in her car and was killed.

Upper right-west side of Main, cont. from left to right: again, Gould's; Belloff's Dept. Store, est by Aaron Belloff 1914. He was orig. a travelling salesman in a way. A persistent Jewish businessman, who packed his wares on his back; eventually he used horse & wagons. Mr. Belloff was known for his generosity-every Christmas he gave equal sums to churches even in nearby towns. Red bldg. is an insurance agency (Sinclair); Lower left continues with: begin with Kinney's; left of that, Marty's Restaurant; Insurance (McIlvanie & Brown); Lower right, cont.: Jefferson County Journal, and finally, the Dwight Block, which houses Ring's Dept. Store (owner: Fred Ring). In the back of where Ring's is now was a Barber Shop run by Jerome Nutting and Frank Carpenter.

Ivory & Carter was a store much like Ring's where Ring's is now.

It was also the site of Doxtaters Corner Store.







Lower left-another view looking on Main street south. The Adams Free Library was on the second floor over Ring's. The Library was formed April 12, 1831. The Dwight Block was the Cooper House Block, originally extending farther back, including where the Adams Hotel is. It was this part that burned when the Adams Collegiate Inst. occupied it. W.J. Parlow's Hardware was another business of the past that was on the west side of main street.

Lower right-looking down West Church St.

Upper left-East side of Main Street: the Cleveland Block, which houses Dr. Silver, optometrist; Lucy's, ladies' clothing; and Montgomery Wards. Next bldg: Adams Pastry Shop; next bldg.: Gray's Florist; Ramblewood Beauty Shop. Upper right: is a repetition, but shows the end bldg.: K&M Variety, owned by Mike Stoner of Pierrepont Manor. There was another bldg after this, that burnt in the 1960's. Other businesses that have been on the East Side: a drug store; Edwards & Clark (they sold sodas and ice cream); Bob's Auto Parts, and many others. Then, is Grange Ave. on the north side of the creek-corner of Grange and Main-was the Cook Block. Daniel Lamson, b. 1836, of Lorraine, had a boot and shoe store and later, had his Lamson's Meat market here in the Cook Block. The bldg. once was a sub shop, a residence, pool hall..it only recently fell, in the creek.







**COOPER HOUSE BLOCK**--The Cooper House Block is shown as it appeared prior to the disastrous fire in August 1884. The large structure, which at one time housed classes for the Adams Collegiate Institute, encompassed the site of the present Dwight Block and the Hotel Adams.



**IN EARLY 1900'S**--The Hotel Adams was operated under the name "Continental" during the early 1900's. When James B. Worthen was proprietor in 1909, the Hotel boasted modern, furnished accommodations at rates of only \$2.00 per day. The Hotel is believed to have been constructed in 1893 or 1894.



**HOTEL ADAMS**--Patrons are shown enjoying a summer afternoon on the porch of the hotel, which a few decades ago. The porch was torn off during the summer of 1966.



Many furnishings which dated back nearly a century--or possibly even more--were sold at an auction Saturday at the Hotel Adams. The auction conducted by Hobart and Robert Hutchinson, was held to



**HOTEL CLOCK**--The old Adams Hotel clock is on display at South Jefferson Historical Association's museum. The tags were used to show which rooms were occupied. The hotel was constructed in the late 1800's.

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settle the estate of the late Martin and Virginia Sullivan who had operated the Adams landmark for more than 20 years.

Restaurant and bar equipment was not sold, since the hotel will remain open and efforts are currently underway to find a buyer for the property.

The present Hotel Adams Building is believed to have been built in 1893 or 1894, approximately a decade after a disastrous fire destroyed much of the West side of Main Street and the Block which extended from Main Street over the site of the present Hotel.

Early records show that William Doxtater had owned a large parcel of property along Main and West Church Streets in 1837. It was later deeded to Solon D. Hungerford in 1861. Gen. Hungerford, a prominent citizen and banker in Adams, and a founder of Hungerford Collegiate Institute here, sold the property to Thomas P. Saunders in 1864. A portion of the property apparently was sold to George Cooper in 1868 and some time after that the large brick building which housed the Cooper House was constructed. The Cooper House was situated on the site of the present Dwight Block (Ring's Variety Store) and extended along West Church Street also encompassing the adjacent Hotel property. In addition to housing several shops and stores, the Adams Collegiate Institute also was housed in the massive building for two

years from 1882 to 1884. The disastrous fire on Thursday, August 28, 1884, not only sent the Institute looking for another home but also burned 10 other buildings which housed a total of 30 Adams businesses. Ironically, the \$104,795 fire sparked interest in better fire-fighting equipment and since that time such devastating fires have been less common in the village.

In the 1870's and 1880's portions of the property passed through approximately ten different owners but records show that Catherine X. Dwight sold property to Herbert and Henry Pierce in 1894; approximately the same time that the Hotel was constructed. Henry Pierce sold the property to Edward J.

Wait in December 1899 and Roberta Raymond apparently took possession of the hotel in 1907.

It is not known what the name of the hotel was when it first opened, but in 1909 James B. Worthen was proprietor of the establishment under the name of the Continental Hotel.

In a "Souvenir of Adams" booklet, which was published by the Fire Department in 1909, the Continental was touted as recently refurnished and refitted to provide first class accommodations--all at a rate of only \$2.00 per day. At that time, they were in competition with the Hotel Gardner, a large brick hotel across the street which was later razed to make room for the Adams

Municipal Building. During the next decade hotel changed ownership approximately five times, the longest period of ownership being by Fred and S. Smith, nearly five years.

Clarence and Pearl owned the hotel from 1926 and it was sold to Ch. and Bernadette Ziegler in 1927. Proprietors may have encountered financial difficulties during the Depression years when it was under bank ownership.

The past two owners, however, have operated the hotel for nearly a 40 year span. Hotel was purchased by J. A. Ireland in April, 1941, operated by him until it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan in January, 1958.







Upper left is looking up East Church Street from the intersection. The first bldg. is the Bundy block which burned in 1918 (See clipping, on other page.) The bottom floor is the C.A.P.C. and the upper floor will be where meetings, etc, are held for ACT II, a newly formed organization to revitalize Adams. Upper right is looking down East Church toward the intersection. From bldgs, right to left are: Dr. Kirk Williams, Dentist; Shear Delight (pinkish facade), a beauty salon; an apartment bldg.; a barber shop, operated by Gary Sweet; and Florist Shop, operated by Cal Thompson, and the C.A.P.C. or "Outreach Center". Lower photos are views of the backs of the bldgs. on the west side of Main St. Among the shops of old to occupy these bldgs on East Church-upper pictures-were: Surprise Store (clothing); a candy store; a gas station, Etc.





# 1480 The Night the Candy Store Burned Down

By Joe Valley

It was a cold, blustery March night and the Chief of Police Henderson Blair was making his rounds to be sure that the Village of Adams was safely "tucked in." Saturday night, usually a night of street activity, had been quiet this night. A lot of "the boys" had been sent overseas to fight the great war, and the older folks had long ago retired for the night.

The Nineteenth Amendment was being voted on by the various states, heading for ratification, but was not yet final. The Chief knew that if, and when, it was put into law, there would be many a quiet Saturday night along Main Street. He also knew that the enforcement of the prohibition law would add to his problems too.

It was about 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 3rd that the Chief first smelled the smoke. The year was 1918. The smoke smelled of grease and wood and paper, and he followed his nose to its source. It was coming from the northeast corner of the Frasier and Pitcher Block on the corner of Main and Church Street. The location of the smoke was in the rear of the F.M. Williams Restaurant. On closer inspection the Chief could see the flicker of the flames on the restaurant kitchen ceiling, and the Chief hastily sounded the alarm. The firemen arrived quickly, rubbing the sleep from their eyes, and soon had several streams of water playing on the clapboard building, but the entire building seemed to be filled with smoke that soon burst into a mass of flames. The flames moved quickly to the adjacent Ackerman Block on Church Street.

The upper floor of the Frasier and Pitcher building held the dental office of Dr. R.T. Kirkland, but the big worry was the residents of the two housekeeping apartments on that floor. Mr. and Mrs.

Carl Jimerson occupied one of these apartments. They had been aroused by the shouting and activity on the street and they barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. Jimerson escaped down the already hot wooden steps just before they burst into flames. Mr. Jimerson attempted to gather some of their personal property but was forced to jump from the window to the waiting firemen. All of their personal papers, furniture, and memorabilia were devoured by the flames. They had no insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cushman were the other tenants on the second floor, and the last to be aroused. Charlie lowered his wife out the window, but had to let go because of the intense heat, and she fell, spraining her wrist and ankle very severely. Mrs. Cushman also suffered from nervous shock that would take many months to overcome. Charlie Cushman also jumped from the second floor window after trying to locate the little family dog. The dog apparently had panicked and hidden somewhere in the apartment. The dog was to become the only fatality of the fire.

People were gathering in the streets on this early, cold, March morning. Some came to give aid to the firemen, some of the ladies brought coffee and snacks for the firefighters, and some people came to just watch. The boys from the high school were very helpful in fighting this blaze.

The firemen soon called for their steamer, which was stationed over on Railroad Street (now West Church). The steamer had five lines, the full capacity, soon playing on this fire which by now had completely gotten out of hand. Their job now was to try to confine it to just the Frasier and Pitcher Block and the Ackerman Block, as it had already spread to that structure. The clapboard building and

the brisk winds contributed to the fierceness of the flames.

There were other families on the second floor of the Ackerman Block, which was owned by C.R. Ackerman of Brier Hill. They had ample warning to get out of their apartments before the fire reached them, but their furniture and property were a complete loss. The families that shared the second floor of this building were: Dan Hess and his family, Abner Hess and family, as well as Mrs. Mamie Giddings and her son Johnny and daughter Fanny. This was no new experience for the Giddings family. It was the third time they had been burned out, and the second time within five years. The families in the fire would all be taken care of by relatives and friends until they could find other housekeeping facilities.

The business establishments in the downstairs portion of the building suffered the greatest monetary loss. The Women's Specialty Shop was already in flames by the time the steamer arrived. This shop was owned by Miss Henrietta Stillman, and had a larger-than-normal stock of apparel because of a large shipment that had arrived on Saturday, less than 24 hours before the fire. Miss Myrtle Moore, who was associated with Henrietta in the shop had also received a shipment of fine millinery, already marked and ready to be moved to a nearby vacant store for storage. Miss Stillman's loss of \$4,500 was hardly compensated for by a \$2,500 fire insurance policy. Miss Moore's hats had coverage for only a small portion of their value. Both of these ladies had discussed increasing their insurance coverage during the past week.

The Adams Candy Kitchen was another business in the Ackerman Block that felt the full fury of the flames that were whipped by the cruel March winds. The "Kitchen" was owned by Thomas Zondiros, and was the next to go. The abundant supply of sugar stored on the premises only added heat to the flames. Firemen would later comment that this was indeed the hottest part of the conflagration.

Next door to the Candy Kitchen was the office of the American Express Company. Mr. F.C. Dexter, the resident manager, was able to move out all the heavy stock and valuable papers.

Mr. M.L. Rafferty's meat market, with a large supply of meat products received the same treatment, although the water appeared to do more damage than the flames. Mr. Rafferty was able, with the help of friends, to move and save nearly all of his meats for later sale at the old Lamson Market. All of his helpers were not friends, however, and some of the meat ended up in personal refrigerators around town. This pilferage was only a small portion of his total supply, and what might have been burned in the fire.

Mr. Murray, the manager of the Ford showroom managed to get the two Ford cars out of the building, besides some supplies and fixtures. They had some warning time to do this, and they would continue in business.

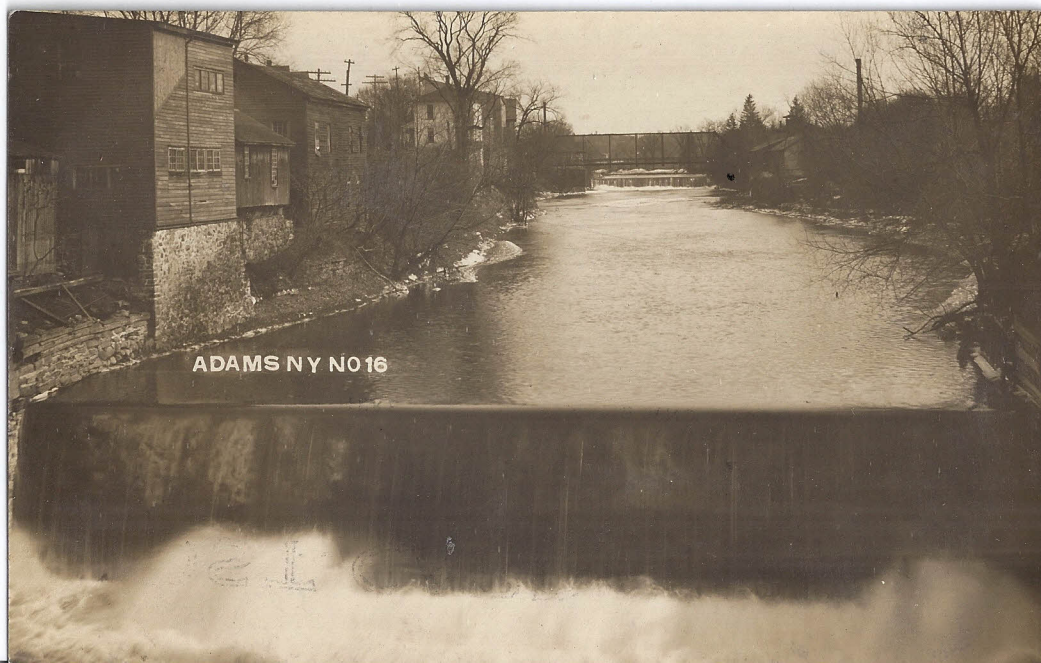
The plumbing business of John Groff was in the store at the end of the line of buildings that comprised the Ackerman Block. He was lucky in re-

moving a large portion of his goods.





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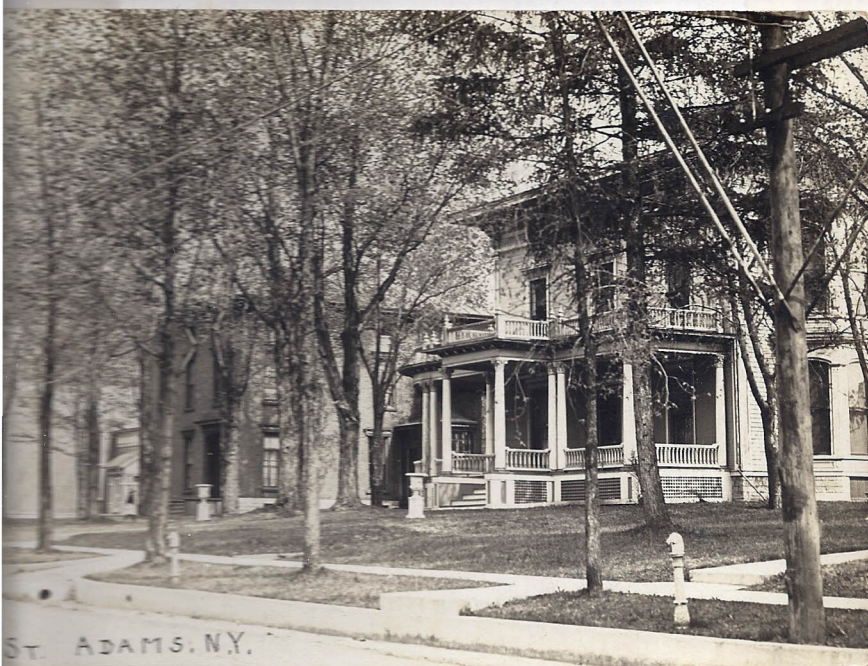
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The Valley Park Farm on North Park Street, It is owned by J.W. Bedor. Upper photo (left) It was part of S.D. Hungerford's land. Upper right looks out over the farm area and is the site of a fairground. 1875 was the last year it was used as such. It was also in this area that the town's first dumping site allegedly was.



ST. ADAMS, N.Y.



Labor Day 1950



1909



The President of the Village, Mr. F.C. Overton, phoned to Watertown for additional equipment to fight the blaze. He could envision the whole of downtown Adams being destroyed in this destructive holocaust. The Watertown department responded quickly, and loaded their equipment on a special train for delivery to Adams. A message met them at the junction saying that the fire was under control at last. The firefighters and citizens had fought this fire for five hours, dawn had arrived, and the people gradually returned to their homes to get a much needed rest.

Many of the children who came to watch the fire had attempted, from time to time, to get at the candy in the Candy Kitchen. Some succeeded, but risked personal injury doing it. Others were turned back by a good stroke across their seats by the firemen and spectators.

What had started out as a routine night for Chief Henderson Blair, had turned into a night to remember not only for him and the firemen, but the families and business people who had suffered irreplaceable losses.

Today is August 13th in the year 1980, a long 21,796 days since that fateful morning, but

life goes on. A few of the older citizens still remember that night but to most it's a childhood memory, but it is remembered.

The Bundy Block replaced the Frasier and Pitcher Block in 1921. It is now the home of the local Community Action Planning Council. It is here where some of the senior citizens meet each weekday noon for a good nutritious meal. It is here that the many community programs of this fine organization are launched and activated by their many community-minded volunteers. In the one portion of the upstairs of this building is the operations and meeting room for ACT II, a volunteer organization of citizens who are doing all they can to beautify and stimulate the downtown section of the Village. The Craft Shop of the CAPC occupies the eastern half of this building to give persons with craft abilities an opportunity to show and sell their skills.

The CAPC is in the process of making the upstairs portion of the building into a series of community rooms for meetings, for craft classes, for the showing of movies, and all the many activities that are generated by an active community. They also plan to have a used clothing section so that the disadvantaged may get adequate clothing for themselves



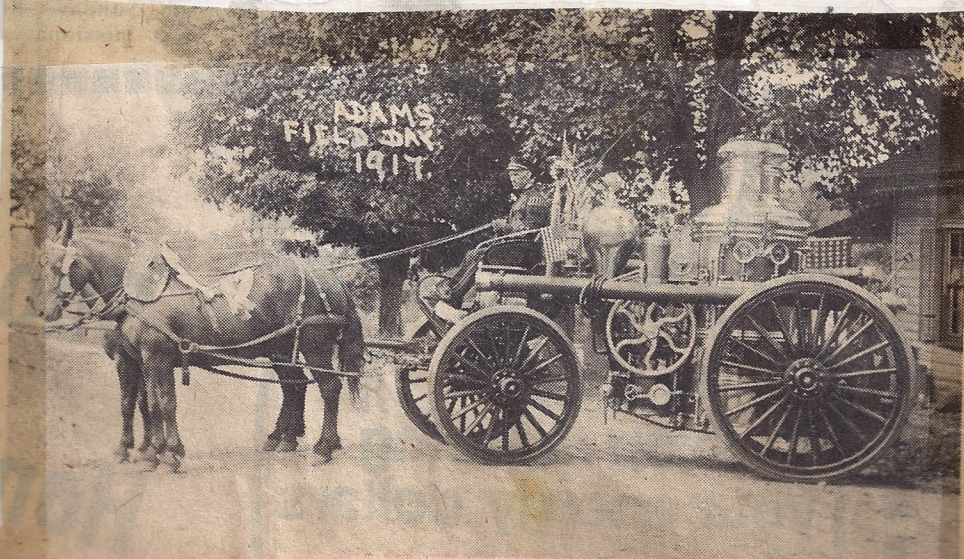
**MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH - 1907 --** A view of the Frasier and Pitcher Building as looked before the fire. Note corner door, the same design as it is today, only then it was clapboard structure. Note the Lamson Market in the right foreground. It was here that M Rafferty started up his business again after the fire. The presence of hydrants is surprising this early date. See excavation at the corner of Grange and Main. You can be assured that it not the sewer project.

and their children. They need volunteers to help with the renovation, to help with the clothing, to do the many tasks of this many faceted organization. Any hours you can give to them will be appreciated by them, as well as your community.

The Ackerman Block has more or less been replaced with a series of individual buildings. Next to the Bundy Block, going east, is Andy Thompson's Florist Shop, then Gary Sweet's Barber Shop,

with living quarters upstairs. A. Williams, and the e Next is a downstairs apartment occupied by Mr. Jon Beauty Salon operated Whitford, with the upstairs Debbie Abbott. Upstairs is t apartment resided in by Mrs. apartment occupied by M Alma Denny. Next is a downstairs beauty salon called Harold Corey who had be Shear Delight with an upstairs the corner of South Main at apartment occupied by Mrs. Liberty only a few years ago Ruth Clark and her son Future historians take not Charles. Charles is the Village This is the way it is on th Historian of Adams. This four 13th day of August 1980, ar unit building is owned by Mrs. that was how it was 62 year Nellie Holman. ago on that cold and bluster

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**THE ADAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT STEAMER - 1917 --** The year before the fire this fine piece of equipment is made of brass and bronze, and was an important part of the department's fight with the Main and Church St. fire. The old steam pumper was later sold to Abe Cooper for scrap. Can you imagine what it would be worth today. It was sold to Mr. Cooper for \$100.



The Citizen's National  
Bank--where the Journal  
Office is now.

Org. Aug. 7, 1889

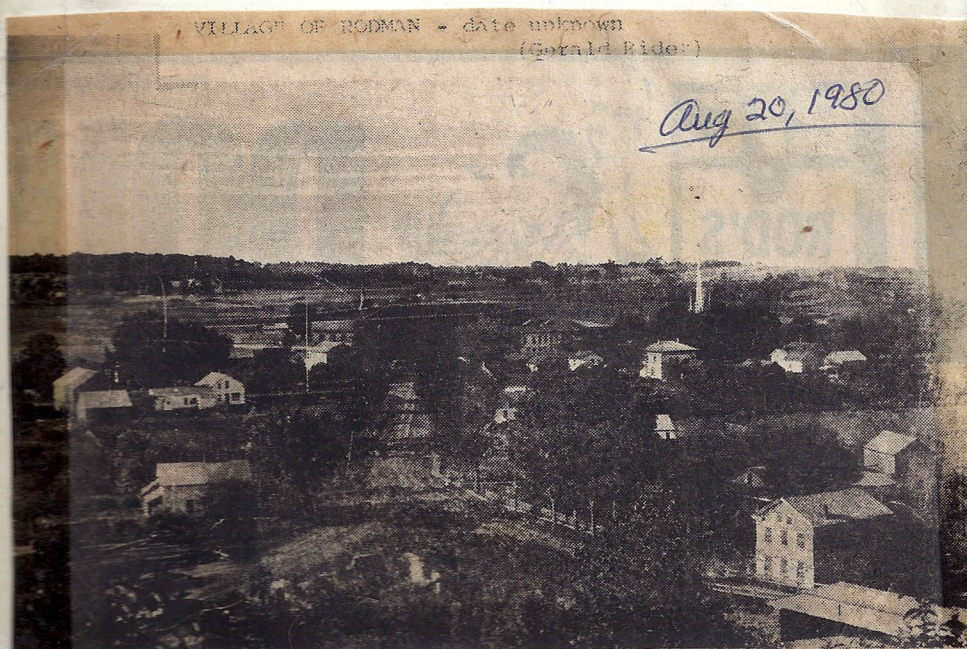


**BANK BEFORE 1920**--The Citizen's National Bank, Adams, is shown as it appeared prior to alterations in 1919 or 1920 in this old photo provided by the South Jefferson Historical Association. At that time, the bank occupied one store's width next to the Dwight Block on the West side of Main Street. It was remodeled to include the adjacent store to the South and during alterations banking continued in the Brick Building on the Northwest corner of Main Street. At the start of business each day, the money and books were carried by the clerks from the vault across the road to the temporary quarters and back each night. Marion Steele recalls watching them walk single file -- each with a load of books or cash box -- and her father, Rufus W. Ripley, at the end of the line with a pistol in hand to discourage any robbers.

A tombstone rubbing from  
the Rural Cemetery:

EDWARD SALISBURY

A native of Rhode Island moved to Western Oneida Co., N.Y. in 1793, And to Adams in 1802. He was the father of twelve children: Nicholas, Edward, Duty, Enon, Lodowick, Alexander, De Esting, Smith, Lovina, Sarah, Charlotte and Abigail. Was 1st Lieu. in the French and Indian War And served from 1755-1758 Was in several battles at Ticonderoga where 2000 men fell. His brother was killed at his side And he had nine balls shot in his coat. He was in the battle On the plains of Abraham, where Wolf fell. Served in the Revolutionary War and died March 1829 age 104 years.



**VIEW OF RODMAN**--This old photo [date unknown] shows the community of Rodman as it appeared many decades ago. The school building, Rodman Union Seminary, which was constructed in 1840, is shown at the lower right. The photo is from the South Jefferson Historical Association's collection and was donated to them by Gerald Rider, a resident of Rodman.





**CENTRE HOUSE**--The Centre House, located on the Southeast corner of Route 11 and Route 77 in Adams Center, is shown as it appeared in the early 1900's. Charles Worden was the proprietor of the business which included a livery stable at the rear. The photo is from the South Jefferson Historical Association's collection.



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**EAST RODMAN STORE**--S.A. Moore's Grocery Store is shown as it appeared in 1910. The store in East Rodman also housed the Postoffice in that community. Gone are the horse drawn sleighs, but the store still continues in business. The photo is from the South Jefferson Historical Association's collection.





On the present site where Rod's Big M. now stands—owned by Rod Bonasteele,—stood the home of Solon D. Hungerford, one of the early wealthy pioneers of this town. The Big M. grocery store is on the corner of North Park and East Church Sts. This site, however, originally was where Miles Cooper and his wife Asenath Cowles, from Durham, Conn., came to Adams in 1803 and built a log cabin. Here they lived until 1811, when he built the first frame house in town. Miles Cooper's son, George, b. 1811 in this log cabin, built and kept the Cooper House Block in Adams—presently, the Dwight Block.



### 15 Years Ago

February 9, 1966

The new offices of the Marine Midland Trust Company, Adams branch, were opened officially on Monday. A ribbon cutting ceremony preceded the opening just prior to 9 a.m.

The new Big M supermarket opened on the corner of East Church and Park Streets last Thursday.

25 Years Ago

## Buick-Pontiac Franchise In Adams to Be Terminated <sup>1980</sup>

The Wade Buick-Pontiac Co., a dealership which has been in existence for nearly 26 years, has terminated its franchise with General Motors effective August 22.

Kenneth Wade, a partner in the firm along with Jim VanWaldick, said that no definite plans have been made concerning the property which is located at the corner of Main Street and Spring Street in Adams. He noted that there has been some interest expressed in purchasing the property but nothing has materialized at this point.

Mr. Wade also said that there may be someone else interested in renewing the Buick and Pontiac franchises here but that would only be speculation at the current time.

Ray Moore started the Buick franchise in 1955 and Mr.

VanWaldick joined the firm in 1926. The partnership of Dashley and VanWaldick was formed on May 1, 1948 and they continued serving as the Buick auto dealership here until April, 1955.

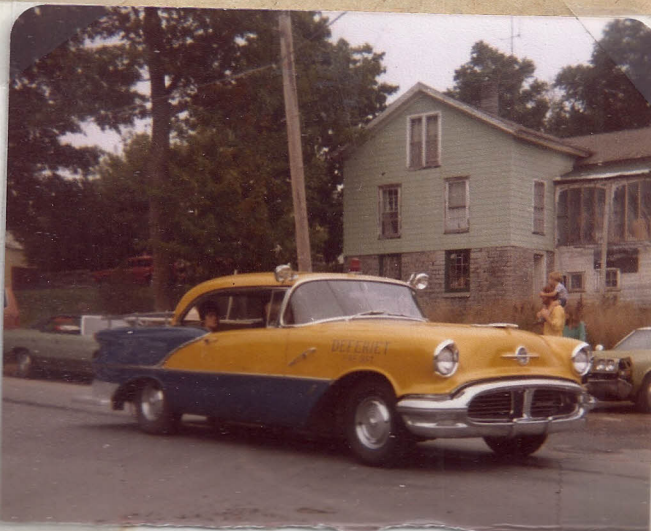
Mr. Wade joined the firm in 1949 and became a partner in 1955 with Mr. VanWaldick. In the fall of 1959, they added the Pontiac and GMC Truck franchises and since that time have done business as Wade Buick-Pontiac Co. The GMC truck franchise was discontinued approximately 10 years ago.

Mr. Wade said the decision to terminate the franchise resulted from several factors. He mentioned the troubled auto industry as a whole, poor profits, and also the limitations with maintaining a

noted that some property had been purchased several years ago along Route 11, just North of the village and at one time they had considered building a new showroom and service facilities. Although it was

never undertaken, the firm still has that property.

Mr. Wade, who serves as Adams Town Supervisor, said he plans to continue in that post and seek re-election next year.

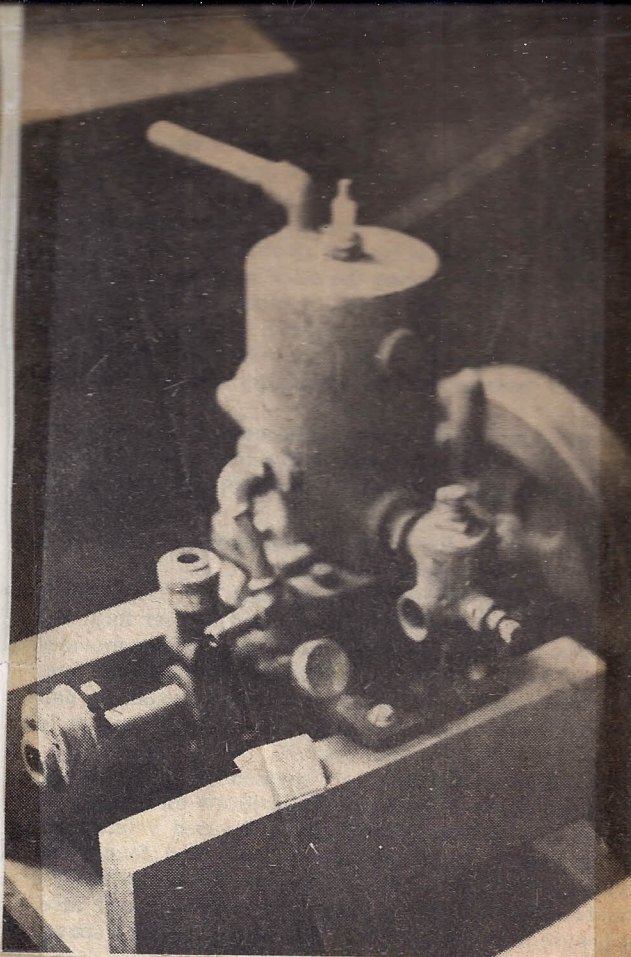


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**REMINDEES OF THE PAST--**When the siding was removed from the South Jefferson Historical Association's building on Grange Avenue, it was like turning back the pages of time. The old lettering for Frazer Bros. Machine Shop, manufacturers of one and two cylinder marine engines from 1908 to 1914, was clearly visible. The engines [such as the one



pictured which is on display at the museum annex], were shipped to many countries to power fishing vessels. Frazer Bros. also served as the Durant auto dealership and the building later housed Edward Groves' machine shop for nearly 20 years. It was purchased this year from Kenneth Barrett.

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## Museum Uncovers Signs For Old Engine Firm

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Shortly after the turn of the century, Frazer Brothers (George and John) were turning out small marine engines which were shipped all over the world. Those engines were manufactured right here in Adams.

Last week, when the old siding was removed from the building on Grange Avenue which was purchased earlier this year by the South Jefferson Historical Association, there was a reminder of the past. The signs for the company were still visible on the weathered wood.

William Dixon deeded the

property to the Frazer Brothers in February, 1905, and the property remained under that ownership until June, 1950. Arthur E. Harley owned the property for a short time before it was sold to Edward Groves in 1954. Mr. Groves, operated a welding and machine shop at the location for many years before it was sold to Kenneth Barrett in 1972. The historical association purchased the building earlier this year.

The Frazer engines were manufactured here during a six-year span from 1908 to 1914. The 2-cycle, double-

ported engines were made in one and two cylinder models and were shipped to many countries for use in fishing crafts. The single cylinder engines were rated at 1½ horsepower while the larger ones developed approximately 4 h.p. The engines, which were started by a large flywheel, could be hooked up in tandem for more power. (The museum has one of the engines on display in an old vessel at the annex building).

Later, the Frazer Brothers firm served as the Durant auto dealership in Adams.





An odd looking vacant house on Liberty St. It looks as though it were once part of a bigger dwelling.



Looking down Liberty St. through the railroad trestle.

The Niagara Mohawk sub-station that is located on Spring St.



An old house located on Spring street that is now owned by the Larkins'. I believe it to be the site of an old school house, (#6) and possibly the Old Fox School.







The above right picture is C.N.Snyder and Son on W.Church St.They still use the same old buildings that once were the F.L.Webster Lumber Mill. Above left is the back viww of C.N.Snyder as seen from Liberty Street.The water was quite low during the summer.

The new Water Pollution building located on Outer Liberty Street.



This building is now an atique storehouse that is rented by Mrs. Illingsworth.







An old and interesting house  
on Spring St. *KEN KAY REARSON*



Where the present house and garage are  
was once the Adams Collegiate Inst, and  
then changed to Hungerford Collegiate  
Inst. Across the tracks and to the left  
was once The Jefferson Spring. The  
Institute was built first as a  
hotel in the hopes that it would attract  
business, but it never opened.

Bottom photo were taken right down in the water. There are many little water  
falls and evidences of factories along here. Unfortunately, the water smells  
badly from pollutions of every kind.







This house, located on E. Church St. was once the Public Reading and Lecture Hall. It was moved to that location and later a second story was added. It is on the 1864 map.



Looking head on at a South-bound freight train. They pass through town several times daily, but never stop.



DIFFERENT ERA--The former laundromat building on Main Street, which was demolished a few weeks ago, housed thriving businesses back at the beginning of the century. This old card shows the structure when Scott & Whittier [Funeral Directors - Furniture and Appliances] and C.B. Grimshaw were headquartered there. The building which had served as the Adams Village Baptist Church in the earlier 1800's was moved to the downtown site from East Church Street.



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Apr. 1, 1981  
Sidewalk falls in the creek on Main St. in front of the bar and Belloff's Dept.





These four pictures are simply more of the bridges and dams on Sandy Creek. Except for the fact that words, etc, have been painted on the dams, the river views are quite pretty.





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These next 13 pictures were taken on Sept 21, 1980. It is a sequence of the controlled burning of the Jay-Kay Laundromat by Adams Fire Co. and many other co. from the surrounding towns. The fire buildings were first watered down. See #2, #3, #4. First photo shows a sign on the pile saying, "Laundrymat closed for repairs."!! #5 and #6 shows the fire being set. about 10 A.M. It burnt quite slowly.



#7

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Photos #7, through 10 show the progression. Note a rainbow in #9!! #11, #12 are views from South Main Street hill. It took about an hour to get it really blazing.

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#13



This last photo of the sequence #13, was taken hours after the fire began. It continued to burn for many many hours after that. It will probably be converted into parking area.



TO THE LEFT, LOOKING EAST ON  
PARK ST. BRIDGE. - OCT. 1980  
ABOVE, NORTH PARK ST - OCT 1980



Below pictures are taken of  
East Church Street. Adams really  
is extremely beautiful in the  
Falltime especially.





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ABOVE FOUR PHOTOS ARE THE BURNING OF THE METHODIST  
PARSONAGE ON E. CHURCH ST. NOV. 1980.

#4 SHOWS WHAT REMAINS NOW AFTER IT WAS DOZED OVER.





ABOVE PHOTOS TAKEN IN  
THERESA, N.Y. NOV. 1980

LOWER LEFT - TALCOTT FALLS  
IN ADAMS CENTER NOV. 1980



↑ Outer East Church St,  
Adams, N.Y.







Old Stone Houses on Pt. II, Adams Center are  
Left, Dr. Richmond's home; right - Bill Elliot's home.



# Blaze Destroys Railroad Station

Flames and dense smoke had engulfed the abandoned Adams Railroad depot by the time firemen arrived at the scene last Wednesday afternoon.

The structure, owned by Con Rail, quickly turned into a blazing mass after the alarm was turned in at 5:45 p.m.

Within an hour, all that remained upright was the skeletal remains of the structure and a chimney.

Deputy Gary Fish of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said Thursday that the fire was of a suspicious nature and had been turned over to the Detective Division for further investigation.

Apparently a person -- with no visible means of support -- had been using the abandoned depot for sleeping quarters for the past two or three days, Deputy Fish said. He noted that initially there was concern that someone may have been in the structure at the time of the fire but that was later ruled out.

Dep. Fish said that a youth mentioned that a fire had broken out in the structure earlier that morning. Apparently that blaze, if it occurred, was extinguished without summoning the fire department.

Several persons were inter-

viewed in connection with the fire by Deputy Fish and Deputy Kevin Furkin due to the suspicious origin of the fire. There were no power lines connected to the structure, officers noted.

Sheriff's detectives said it appeared that the fire originated in the center section of the building which measured approximately 30 feet by 100 feet.

Investigators noted that they talked with Hubert Robarge who was found in an apparent intoxicated condition near the Adams Legion Hall but he denied that he had ever stayed at the old railroad station. Detectives said there was no indication that he had been there at a time relative to when the fire erupted.

The building apparently wasn't secured and children often congregated there, according to investigators, who urged anyone with information to contact the Sheriff's dept.

After arriving at the scene, Adams Firemen called for mutual aid assistance from the Adams Center and Mannsville units. Town of Watertown and Lorraine departments were also alerted to standby at the Adams Center and Adams stations, respectively.

The wind whipped flames caused some concern that the fire might spread to the Agway facilities which are located across the rail line from the depot. Steam was rising from the exterior of the Agway

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## Fire

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building as firemen sprayed the walls and roofs to prevent the fire from spreading. Carried by the wind and intense heat, burning embers were strewn as far as the South side of West Church Street.

At one point, the heat apparently did ignite the rear of the adjacent Agway building but it was quickly extinguished.

As a large crowd of onlookers gathered, firemen also watered down a freight car located on an adjacent rail siding.

The depot, believed to have been built around 1900 or earlier, had fallen into a state of disrepair in recent years, following the discontinuation of passenger service. In the past, New York Central and Con Rail had rented the structure to local businesses for storage facilities. The last firm believed to have used the structure for storage was G.L. Thomas & Sons, Adams, and that was four or five years ago.

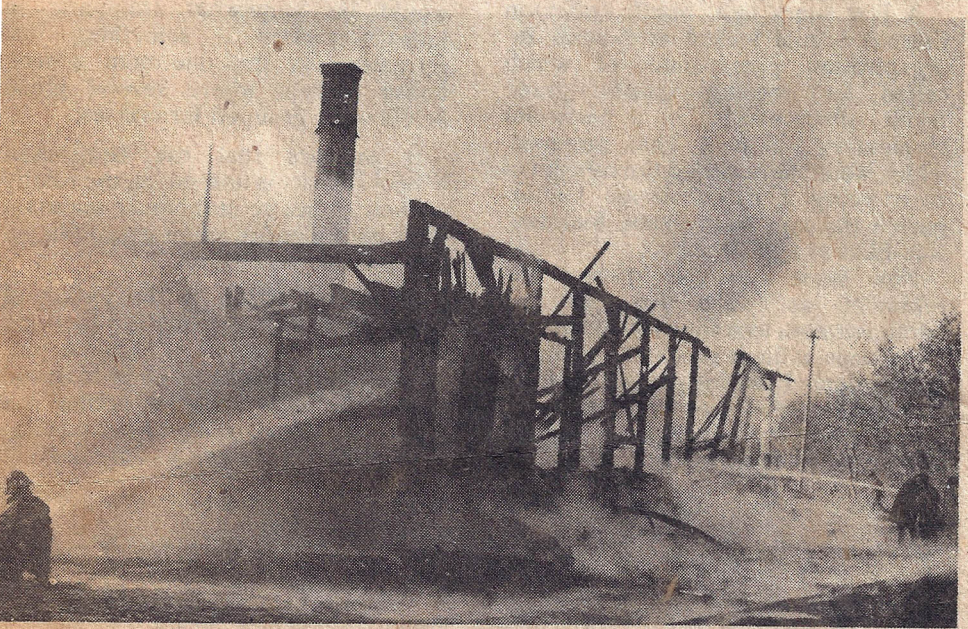
Over the years, there have also been reports of youths using the abandoned depot as a place to congregate.

Gordon Dexter, Spring St., Adams, worked in the freight-house for 18 years starting in 1936 and his father was agent at the Adams station for more than 30 years previously. Although Mr. Dexter, a well-known local artist, had done sketches and paintings of the station, he did not recall any accounts of the history of the depot to determine when it was constructed.

The first rail line through Adams was completed in 1851 under the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg system. New York Central leased the lines in 1891.

Burnt  
May 6, 1981





**RAILROAD STATION BURNS** - Firemen from three departments battled the blaze which destroyed the abandoned railroad station in Adams last Wednesday. The structure was engulfed in flames when firemen arrived and intense heat ignited the end of Agway facilities nearby. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire to prevent major damage to the Agway building. The old railroad station, believed to have been constructed around 1900 or earlier, had been used for storage facilities in recent years but was vacant at the time the fire erupted.

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# North Country Remembered

No. 3,864



**The old Mill Street bridge is shown in the late 1800s. The sign over the bridge says Ten Dollars Fine for Driving on This Bridge Faster Than a Walk. The bridge, used during the Civil War, was damaged in the flood of 1869**

**and then repaired. A new bridge was built in 1895 during the tenure of Mayor James B. Wise. The photo was submitted by David E. Frink, Route 3, Watertown.**





← 61 East Church St  
Adams, NY

There are some really  
beautiful residences  
here in town.



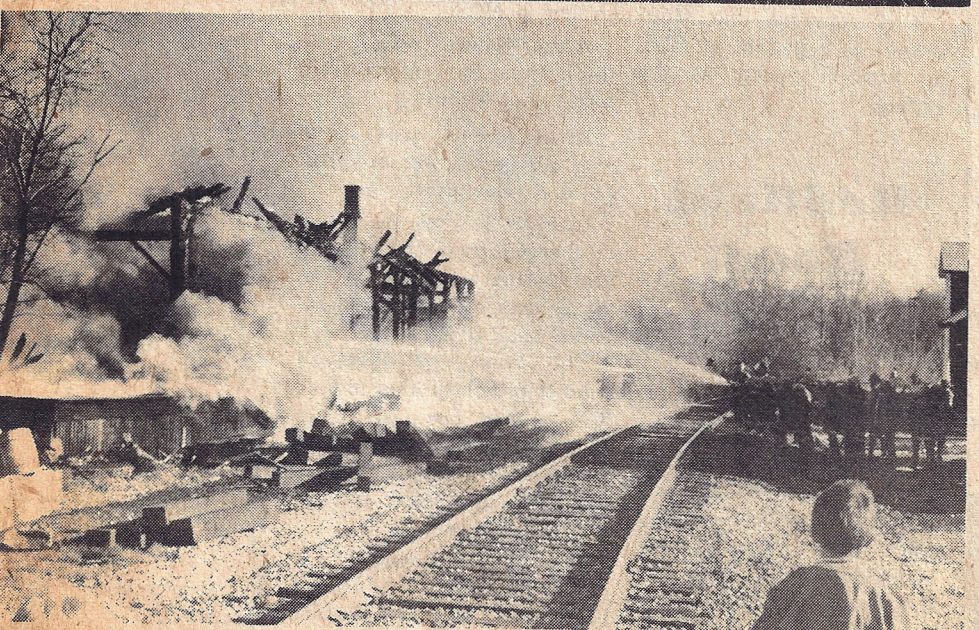
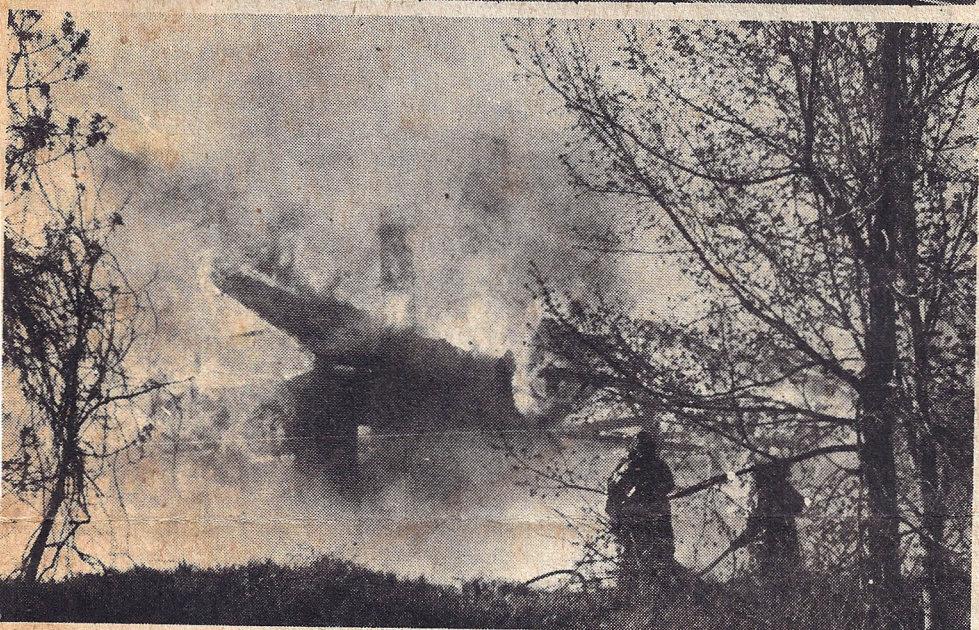
Lisk Bridge

← on outer East Church St



Lisk  
Bridge





**BEFORE AND AFTER** - The top photo [from the South Jefferson Historical Assn. collection] shows the Adams railroad depot as it appeared in 1909 when passenger service was widely used. The bottom photo shows firemen battling the blaze that completely destroyed the abandoned station last Wednesday. The alarm was turned in at approximately 5:45 p.m.



# Fire Hits Apartment Addition

ADAMS — An unoccupied wood-frame addition to a 166-year-old brick apartment house at 37 E. Church St. was extensively damaged Monday night by a fire of undetermined cause.

The two-story structure has historical significance, as it is said to be the site of the first bank to operate in Jefferson County.

Jefferson County Sheriff's detectives were to inspect the damage today in an effort to find clues to the source of the blaze.

Fire Chief Robert D. Simpson said it appeared

the blaze broke out in the stairway between the first and second floors of the addition.

Firefighters from Adams and Adams Center cut through the metal roof of the addition, and managed to confine fire damage to the second floor and roof.

"The fire could have gotten to the roof of the main building in another five minutes," Chief Simpson said, adding, "within two minutes after we put the water to it, the flames were knocked down."

There were extensive

damages to the roof and second floor, and smoke and water damages to the lower level. No fire and only some smoke entered the brick section.

The 12 residents of the main section were able to return to their dwellings later in the night.

The owner of the building, Donald Edgar, Lorraine, who had been remodeling in the addition, was there at 6:45 p.m., and noticed no problem. The blaze was discovered at 7:35 p.m. by Larry Fedoro, 12, according to

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## Adams Blaze

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Chief Simpson. The boy told deputies he was riding his bicycle when he saw smoke coming from a second-floor window.

One of the residents, Mrs. Ralph Johnson, who was in her kitchen cooking at the time, said, "It happened so quickly we couldn't believe it."

The other residents are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brown with two children; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doxtater with three children; and Mrs. Beverly Simpson with her daughter.

One firefighter, Richard Palmer, suffered some smoke inhalation, but remained on the scene. While he was in the structure, a small burning particle fell on his air mask, and when he attempted to clear his mask, he accidentally knocked the mask off, according to Chief Simpson.

Mr. Edgar said the building is insured. He had stripped the walls in the upper floor where the blaze was concentrated, and had completed the framework for the south wall.

The building was purchased by his father, Otis J. Edgar, in 1959.

The owner said the brick portion, measuring 40-by-45-feet, was built in 1813, and had no idea about the age of the 20-by-30-foot addition, located at the southwest corner of the main building.

The building housed the Jefferson County National Bank, which was incorporated there in April 1816 as the first bank in the county. The bank was not a success in Adams, and moved to Wavertown in 1824.



Adams firefighters contained flames main portion of a village landmark to a wooden addition and saved the Monday night.





**BLAZE DAMAGES BUILDING**--An apartment, attached to the historic brick bank building at 37 E. Church Street, Adams, was heavily damaged by a fire which erupted Monday night. Adams firemen were aided by Adams Center department as they fought to bring the blaze under control. Five apartments, owned by Donald Edgar, [pictured] are housed in the former bank building and the wood frame addition. The upper story of the addition was destroyed and the lower story suffered severe water damage. Smoke and minor water damage were reported in the brick structure.

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## Apartment Attached To Historic Bldg. Damaged by Blaze

A blaze, discovered at approximately 7:30 Monday evening, caused heavy damage to an apartment attached to the historic brick building located at 37 East Church Street, Adams.

Adams firemen responded to the alarm at 7:35 p.m. and were aided by Adams Center firemen. The second story of the structure was heavily damaged and the first floor sustained heavy smoke and water damage. The brick structure

only received minor water and smoke damage due to the efforts to firemen. The cause of the blaze was unknown, but firemen at the scene said that the blaze appeared to have originated in a stairway.

Donald Edgar, owner of the apartment complex, was cleaning up son of the steel roofing and debris Tuesday morning. Mr. Edgar said that he was in the process of remodeling the vacant apartment and had planned on

renting it at the end of this week. He noted that investigators were at the scene Monday night and were expected to return Tuesday in an attempt to determine if arson was involved.

Four apartments are housed in the adjoining brick structure which was constructed 162 years ago and is the oldest "standing" bank building in Jefferson County.

The Jefferson County Bank was located at Adams on June 20, 1817, as a compromise between Watertown and Brownville which were both being considered for the bank's location. Information from the South Jefferson Historical Association's files, states that a fine substantial brick structure was erected for it's use at the present site. For a short time the bank flourished here, but was moved to Watertown in 1824.

The building served as a school in 1829 and again in 1856 and for nearly two decades between these dates was owned by the Dextater family. Peter Dextater, an ancestor, was the first to receive a deed to land in Adams.

A series of owners utilized the building for a variety of purposes until it was purchased and converted into apartments by Otis Edgar, the present owner's father.

Mr. Edgar said he did not know when the wood frame addition had been added.





# Adams Sidewalk Collapses into Creek

"Thank God no one was injured or killed"; that seemed to be the consensus of people milling around the gaping hole where a sidewalk had been a few hours earlier.

"It's a good thing it didn't happen when kids were on their way to or from school", one resident commented.

A 40 to 50 foot section of sidewalk plummeted to the creekbed along the West side of Main Street, Adams, shortly

before 10 a.m. last Wednesday morning and ripped loose a gas main spanning that section of North Sandy Creek.

Douglas MacIvennie, who was crossing the street a short distance north of the site, said that a steel cover over one of the gas line connections was tossed several feet in the air and natural gas was billowing from the opening.

Several businesses were temporarily evacuated but

strong, gusty winds helped disperse the gas. Adams Firemen who arrived on the scene summoned Niagara Mohawk crews who shut off a valve near the corner of Main and East Church Street a few minutes later. Utility officials then urged businessmen to open front and rear doors to disperse any accumulations of gas. Cellars of several businesses were also checked.

Adams firemen were concerned that someone might have been on the sidewalk at the time it collapsed and quickly checked the creek a short distance downstream as a precautionary measure. Mr. MacIvennie said he had not seen anyone on the sidewalk that collapsed and neither had a Adams postal employee, Win Smith, who was only a few feet away from the scene.

Steel girders, which supported the concrete walkway, apparently had been deteriorating for some time and the poor condition was noticed when the sewer lateral was installed last fall. The new sewer line, which was located closer to the buildings, was not damaged.

Niagara Mohawk crews restored service to most of the

customers along the street within a few hours but four businesses remained without service throughout the night. Crews returned Thursday to continue the repairs.

Harlow Hunt, Asst. Gas Supervisor for Niagara Mohawk, was at the scene and said workmen planned to restore service to Adams Ale Thursday.

Other businesses affected included a portion of Belloff's Dept. Store, the North Branch tavern and the former Cooper's Shoe Store building. The latter building was expected to be opened as a liquor store this week.

Mr. Hunt said he doubted that the six-inch main under the bridge would be replaced

## Sidewalk

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but it hadn't been determined at that time. "There are other ways of providing service -- either from the rear or going through one building to another", Mr. Hunt said, in reference to the buildings which are situated on large red-cedar trusses spanning the creek.

State Department of Transportation crews were also at the scene Wednesday and that evening large concrete median barriers were hauled here from Lyons Falls. A crane from the DOT's Watertown facilities was brought in to place the barriers and provide a walkway along the edge of the highway.

Larry Shaw, DOT Regional Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, said approximately 100 feet of the barriers would be installed. Mr. Shaw said he didn't know who would be responsible for replacement of the sidewalk. Village officials and property owners also seemed unsure.

The DOT official noted, however, that the state planned to install temporary entrances to the businesses. More median barriers were trucked in Thursday afternoon to provide a safe walkway.

## May Cost \$70,000 . . . State to Repair Damaged Walk

The State Department of Transportation will replace the collapsed sidewalk adjacent to the bridge on Main Street, Adams, under an emergency contract, according to Mayor Stanton Hamilton.

Mayor Hamilton, who took office this week, said that the legal aspects were being resolved through the village attorney and the Watertown DOT office. "The state is getting a release form prepared and their engineers will probably have to look at the situation", Mayor Hamilton said.

Unofficial estimates of the cost have been tabbed at \$50,000 to \$70,000 which includes some additional sidewalk which didn't collapse but is suspended over the ravine through the village. The work is expected to be done by a private contractor.

Mayor Hamilton emphasized that their would be no cost to the village for the repairs and commended the state highway department for the cooperation which they have given. "I expect to hear from them as soon as the legal

work is completed but the actual work will probably take some time.", Hamilton said.

In the meantime, the state has offered to construct temporary entrances to the businesses which were left without access when the sidewalk collapsed but the merchants would have to accept liability in such instances.

DOT officials have emphasized that the stone arch bridge which was built in the 1860's is in no danger. Work on quarrying stone for the bridge began in July, 1860, and the estimated cost at that time was only \$6,000. Twice during the early stages of construction, the rain-swollen creek washed away the forms.

Two other buildings adjacent to the creek have been lost in recent years. A building on the East side of the bridge, which had formerly housed a music store and sub shop, fell into the creek about three years ago. Last year, a building on the West side of the street, which had housed a laundromat, began to buckle and was torn down before it collapsed.

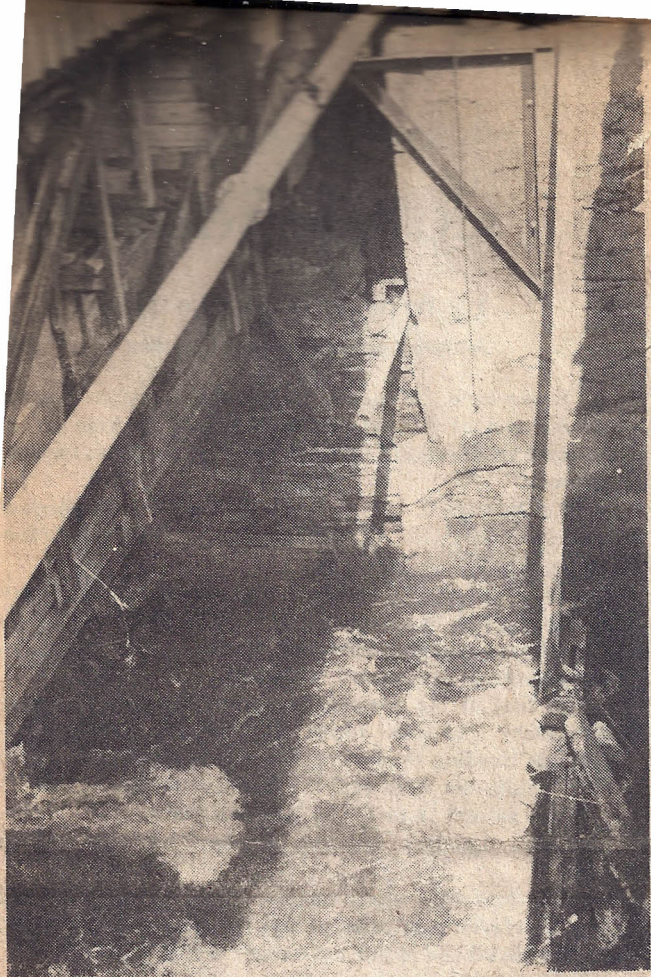




MONITOR MILLS BRIDGE







**WHERE THE SIDEWALK ONCE WAS -** A gaping hole, twisted girder and broken gas main could be seen after a section of sidewalk on the west side of Main Street collapsed last Wednesday morning in Adams. No one was injured, but one pedestrian apparently stepped from the area only seconds earlier. The area was quickly sealed off and the State Department of Transportation hauled in median barriers to provide a safe walkway along the edge of the street.

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**STATE CREWS PLACE BARRIERS** - State Department of Transportation crews used a large crane to place concrete barriers along the bridge in Adams after a section of sidewalk collapsed last Wednesday. Crews worked for several hours Wednesday night and Thursday to provide a walkway. State DOT officials have notified village board members that they will replace the walkway under provisions of an emergency contract as soon as legal aspects of such an agreement can be ironed out.

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**GAS MAIN REPAIRED** - When the sidewalk along Main Street in Adams collapsed last Wednesday, natural gas began spewing from a ruptured main. Niagara Mohawk workmen quickly turned off the supply to several businesses and began making repairs to restore service. Several businesses along the street were temporarily evacuated due to the strong odor of gas. Service was restored to most customers in a few hours, but businesses over the creek remained without service until an alternate line could be installed.

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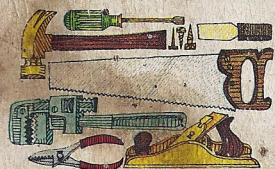
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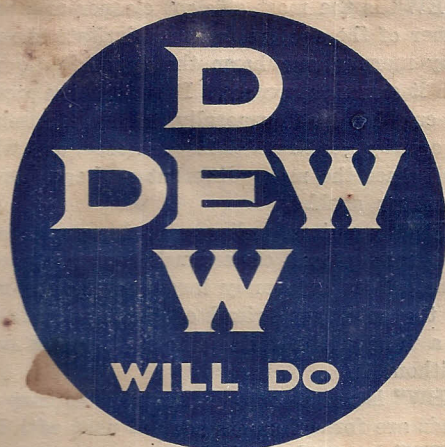
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**The Hale's ointment** factory on Grange Avenue in Adams is shown. It was owned by Charles H. Kenyon, the inventor of Hale's ointment. The building

was built in the 1860s; this photo was taken around 1930. The photo was submitted by Arthur B. Rice, 3708 Harbor View Road, Henderson.