



Reminiscences of Delta's Early Days Part

By Miss Anna Emily Allyn

Assisted by her sister Miss Julia Allyn



Site of
Brickyard

R Dent



DELTA COMMUNITY BALL

The Court House R Dent



Delta Thespians in the Court House

Where the court house is now was a stone building which was the seat of learning for the village and district, and many eminent men and women received their early education there, sometimes to the tune of the hickory stick. Many are the stories of those school days told by my older brothers and sisters. The boys and girls of those days may have lived to become ornaments to society and a credit to their professions, but were evidently as full of pranks as those of the present day.

Delta's First School House

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Summer 1990



The First teacher I knew in the stone schoolhouse was Miss Annie Russell; then Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Harmon Hunt. The last teacher in that building was Mr. Edward Johnson, father of Mrs. Suffel. Beside the schoolhouse was the home of the Wm. Robinson family, later occupied by Sidney Bush, miller.



Owned by ? Harold Russell: used as a barber shop by Bill Halladay. Bryce Preston & wife lived upstairs. After used as a library and demolished 1999

There was a private school kept by Mr. Cosgrove upstairs in the frame building where now is the Russell Block. The lower story was a general store owned by Mr. Russell.



Russell Store,
with private
school above
was on this
site

Main Street, Delta, Ont.

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At one time the Post Office was kept in the old stone store by a Mr. Ross; then it was taken over by Rod. Denaut, in the building now owned by Jas. Sexton and J. E. Brown followed him as postmaster.

The house occupied by Milton Steele was once the property of a Mr. Mac Donald who owned most of the block on which it stands. Next was the home of Mr. Tompkins, builder and stone-mason. Dr. Imeson once lived in a house where the Sweets now live, and Dr. Sinclair for many years lived across the street from there.



Hasting Steele's House (no mention in letter)
Burned 5 Mar 1996

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Home of W.W. Stafford the blacksmith
(shop was a stone building and to the
right).

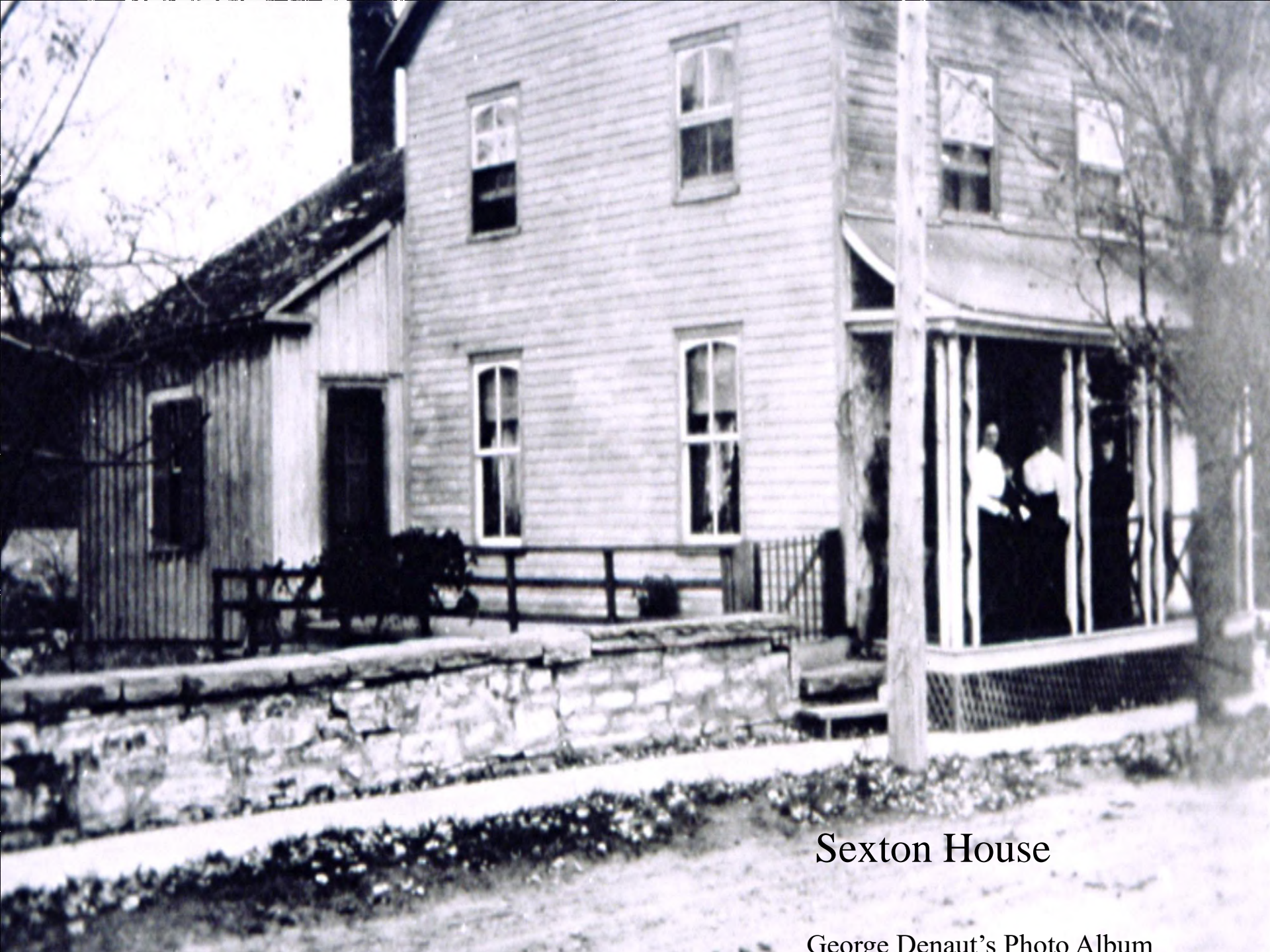
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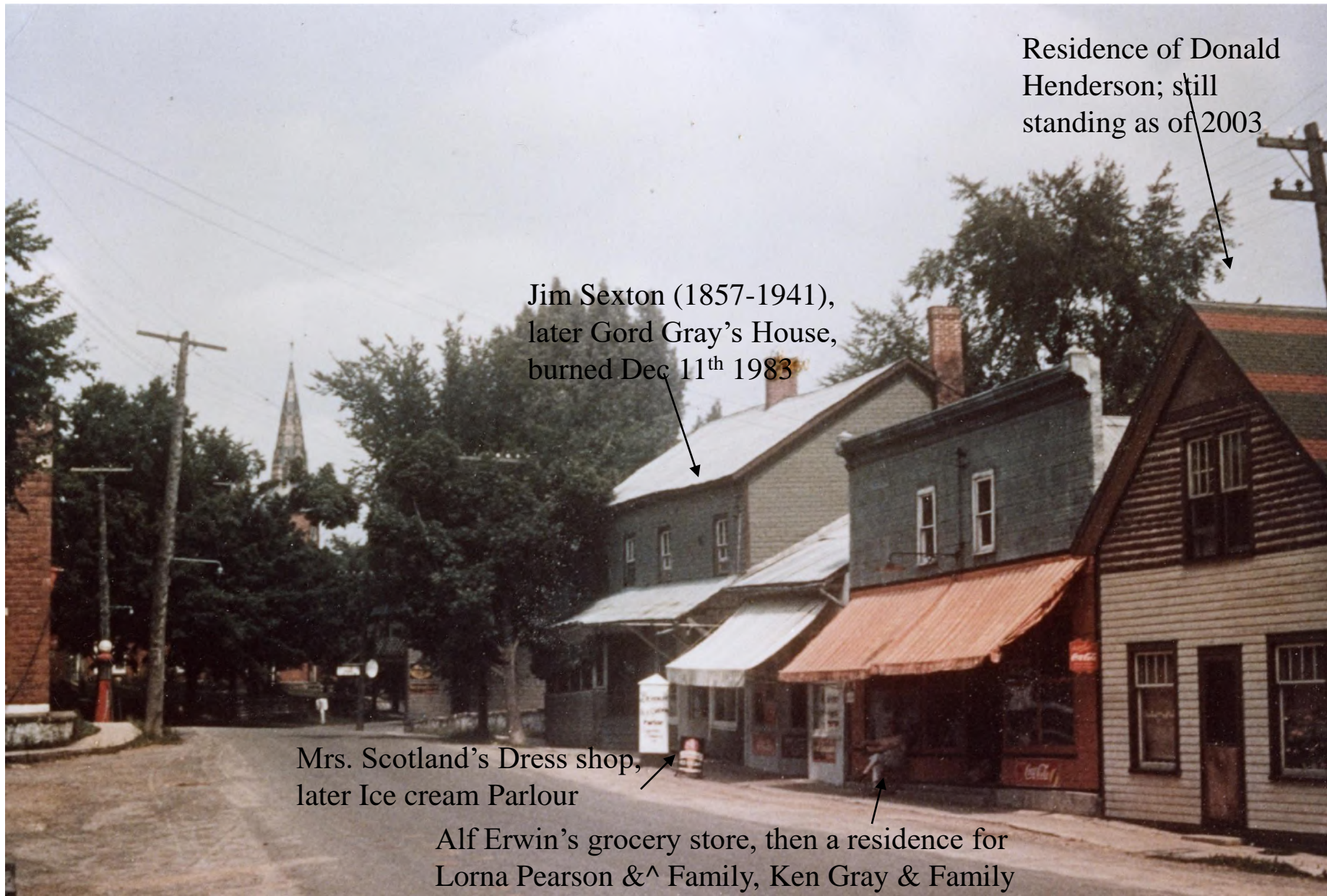
Courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay

Sexton House 1960s





Sexton House



Residence of Donald Henderson; still standing as of 2003

Jim Sexton (1857-1941), later Gord Gray's House, burned Dec 11th 1983

Mrs. Scotland's Dress shop, later Ice cream Parlour

Alf Erwin's grocery store, then a residence for Lorna Pearson & Family, Ken Gray & Family

*The grist mill is among the oldest buildings in the village;
and in my young days was owned by Walter Denaut.*

*The brick building adjoining it also was owned by Mr.
Denaut and was the Town Hall, Clerk's office, and
was the scene of concerts, socials and such events.*



From George Denaut's Photo Album

MAIN ST., LOOKING SOUTH, DELTA, ONT.





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*The building now occupied by Mr. Whitmore's shop
was the home of the Birch family. Mr. Birch
carried on a tailoring business.*



Robert Birch House 1864 (may 1991)

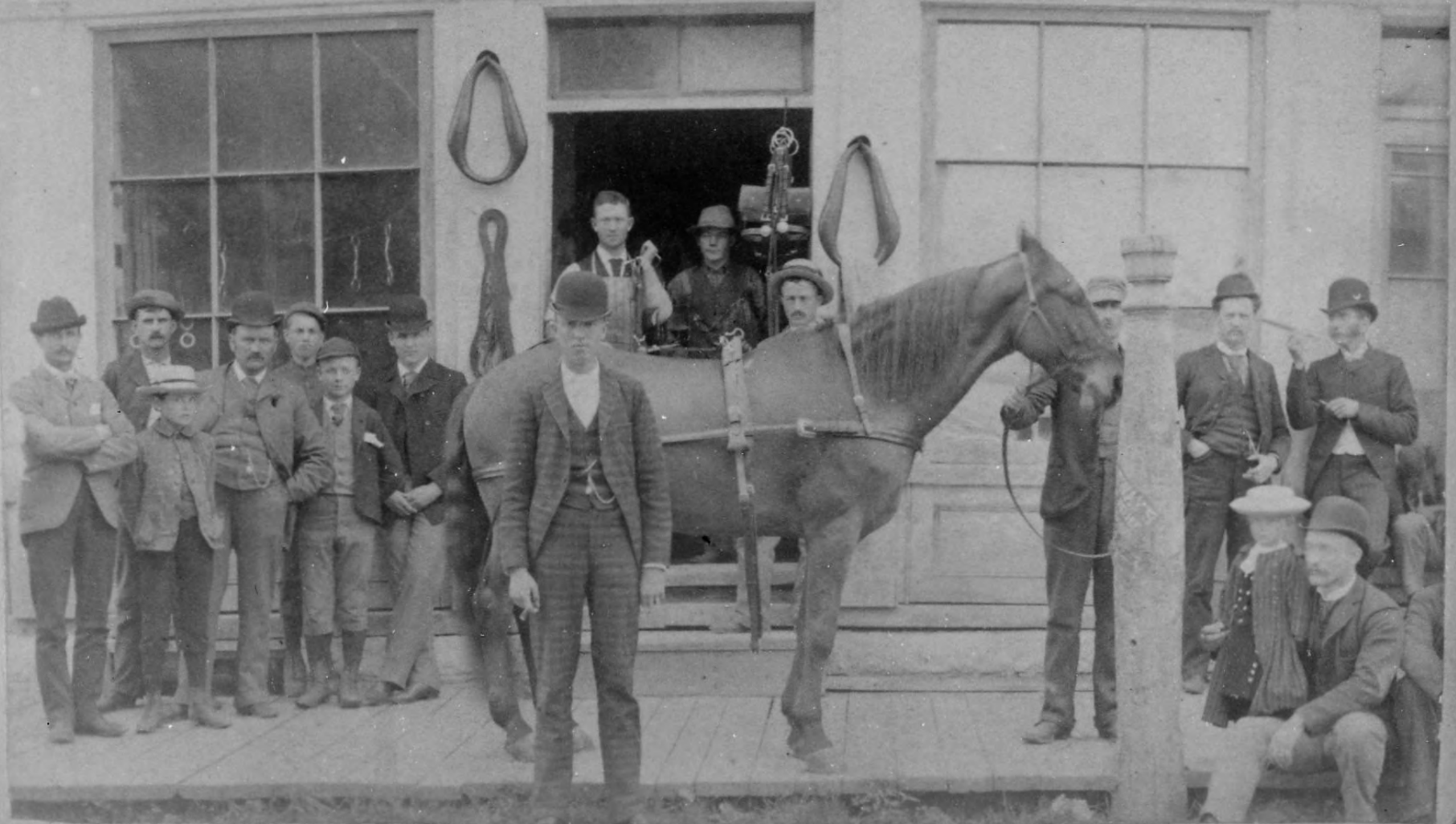
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Whitmore House

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Unknown ?
Front of Curtis'
Store



Delta, Ontario

*The Curtis Building, formerly owned by
Mr. Vinton, was where Guy Curtis, Jr.
had a dry goods store.*

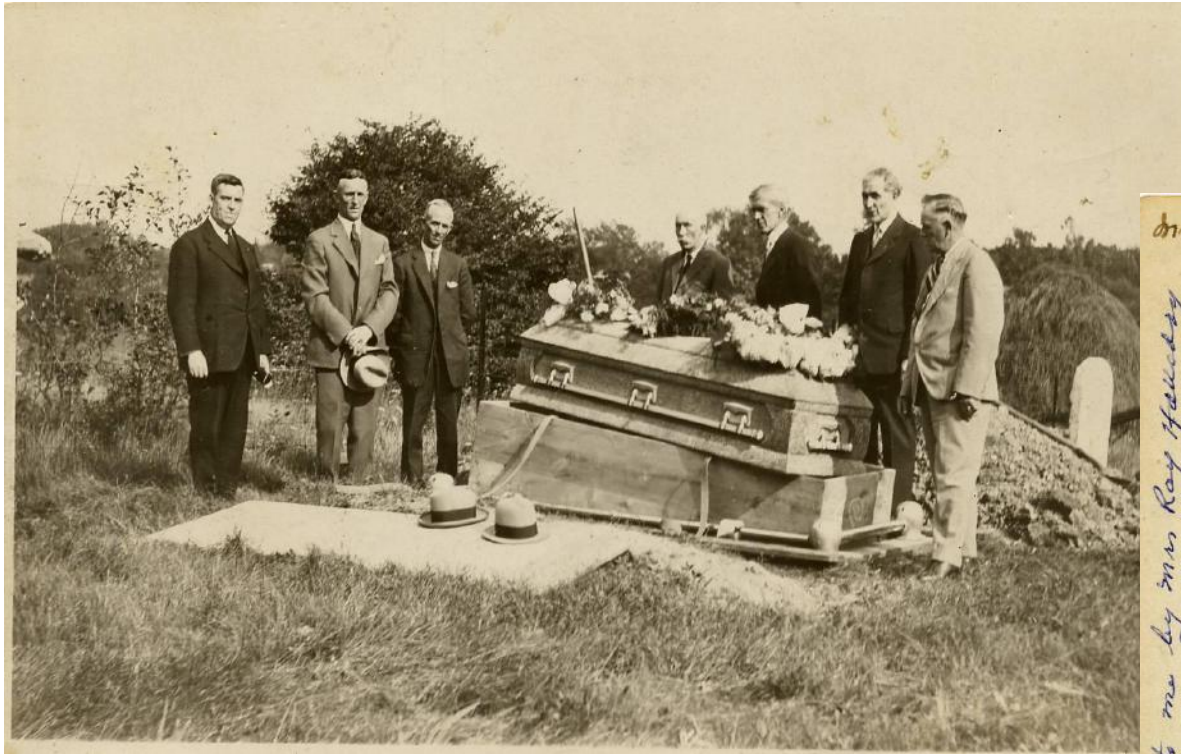


Delta Hotel

Halladay
Barber Shop

Guy Curtis'
Store

Courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay



Burial of Guy Curtis
Coach, Captain, and Player, Football 1893
Also Played on the Queen's hockey team
(runner up to Stanley Cup 1895)

On Friday. L. L. Irwin read
The Funeral of Capt'
Sept. 1934
Guy Curtis
Rev Sprule Bapt. Minister
Pall Bearers were
Clive Halladay
Brayton Breese
Hilliard Howard
Samuel Whitmore
William Bell &
⑦ B. B. Ostrom
PROPERTY OF: MR. L. IRWIN



Burned - March 5, 1937.
Present shop - about 25 yrs. old in
1962

Clive Halladay's Barber Shop
beside the Delta Hotel

Property of:
Eileen Halladay, Delta



Hotel Delta Inn

Delta Hotel



Curtis Bldg

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Mill Creek Delta Ontario





Store used by Omer Brown

Store - built around 1880 and occupied by

George
Denaut's
Photo Album

This Almanac was found in the attic of the Hicock house. Was it issued by this store when it was owned by Walter Denaut? By the time of the picture shown in the last slide, the store was operated by Omer Brown.

Bob Dent

DR. MORSE'S
1858
ALMANAC
FOR
A. TURNER & CO.,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
Brockville, C. W.

PRESENTED BY
CRAWFORD & DENAUT,
Beverley, C. W.

DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES, TEAS, CROCKERY,
HARDWARE, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES.

Their assortment being full and well selected, they respectfully request the public to call and examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere, as all their goods will be sold on the most reasonable terms.

ALSO, A FULL ASSORTMENT OF
DRUGS, MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, CHEMICALS, DYE-STUFFS,
PATENT MEDICINES, ETC.

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Those who purchase MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS will be on their guard against a Counterfeit in Yellow Wrappers. All genuine Pills are in Blue Wrappers, the Signature of A. J. WHITE & CO. being on each Box. Beware of a Counterfeit called "Moore's Indian Root Pills."

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The cheapest and best Illustrated Family Newspaper in the world is THE NEW YORK PIONEER, price \$2 a year, published weekly by D. Adee, 211 Centre Street, New York.

Before the building of the brick block, there were several small frame buildings, one a little grocery kept by Mr. Taylor, great grandfather of W. A. Bell; another was the shoe shop of Jno. Hazelton whose house was across from the hotel.. That hostelry was operated at various times by Henry Mott, a Mr. Gill, J. L. Joynt, and others.

Photo present in Mrs. Halladay's collection and George Denaut's Album



Delta - Ontario.



THE NEW HOUSE

OLEN & BUTT

Crush
50
MONEY MARKET

THE NEW HOUSE
FAMILY RESTAURANT
1-800-555-1234
555-555-1234
- TAKE OUT FOOD -
- BAKERY AVAILABLE -
- LLBO

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Residence Jim
Huffman, next
was the ice
cream parlor of
Mrs. Lafleche,
then Charlie
Yates

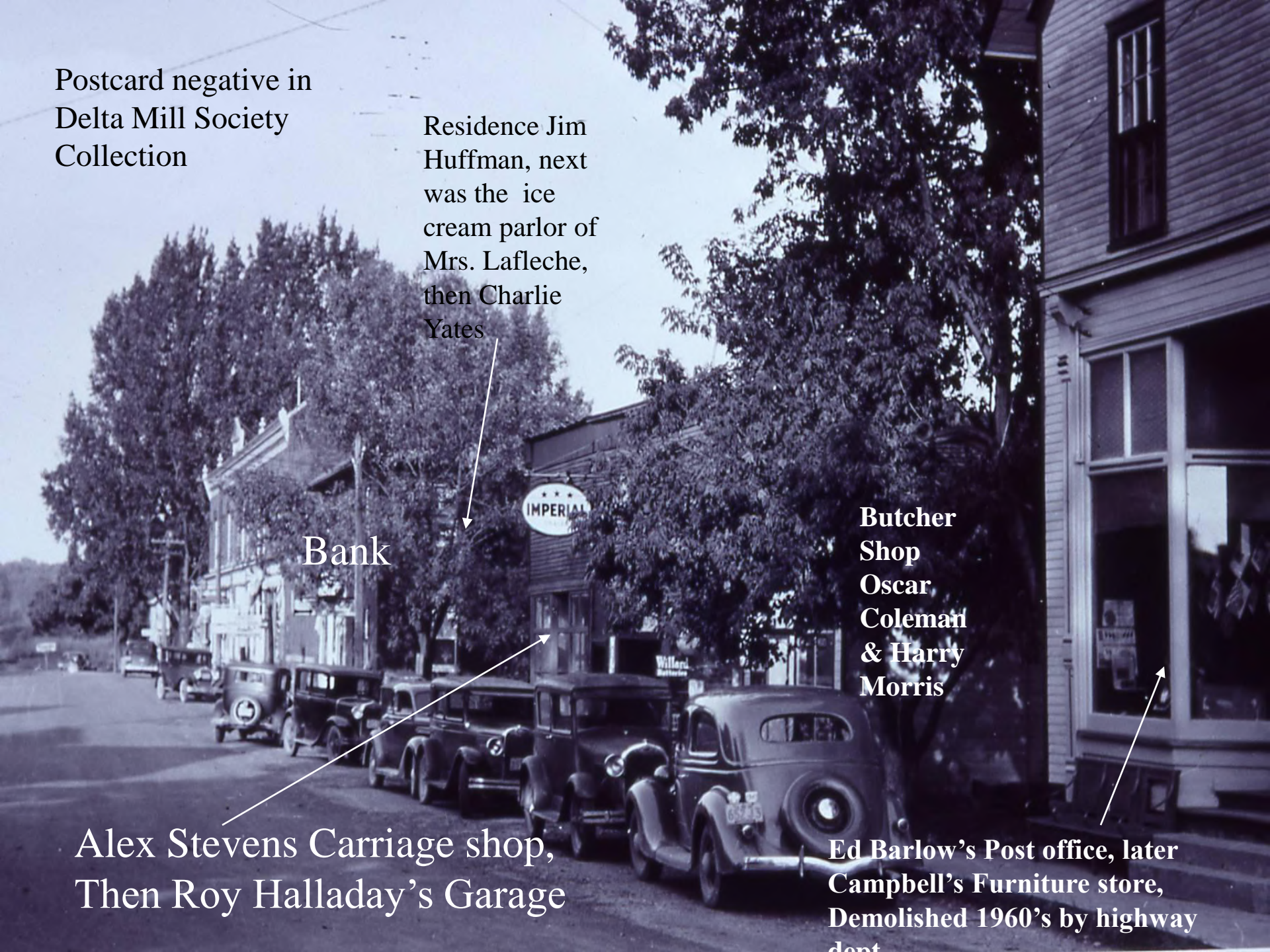
Bank

IMPERIAL

Butcher
Shop
Oscar
Coleman
& Harry
Morris

Alex Stevens Carriage shop,
Then Roy Halladay's Garage

Ed Barlow's Post office, later
Campbell's Furniture store,
Demolished 1960's by highway
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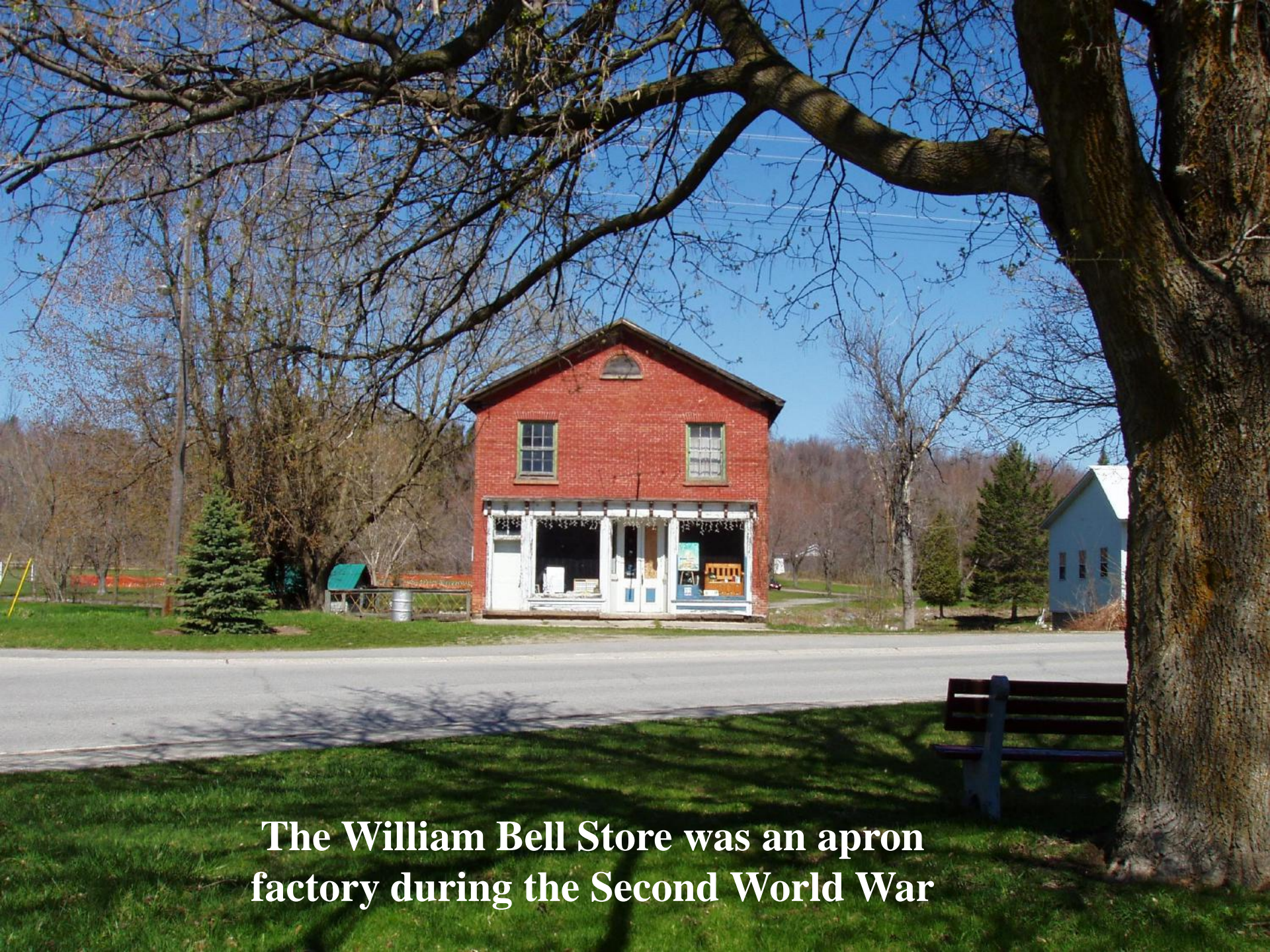




Where Mr. Halladay's shop is now was Alex Stevens' carriage shop, employing several men, and sending out carriages of all kinds to all parts of the country. Next was the store of J. A. Bell which is still Bell's store.



Alex Stevens Carriage Factory



**The William Bell Store was an apron
factory during the Second World War**

Across from the Bell's store was a hotel, long conducted by the Comstocks. On the opposite corner was the fine residence of Wm. Bell, Jr., and on the next corner was the home of the Connor family



The William Bell House
1850's (R. Dent May 1991)



Home of the Connor family which was moved around the corner and stands as of 2003

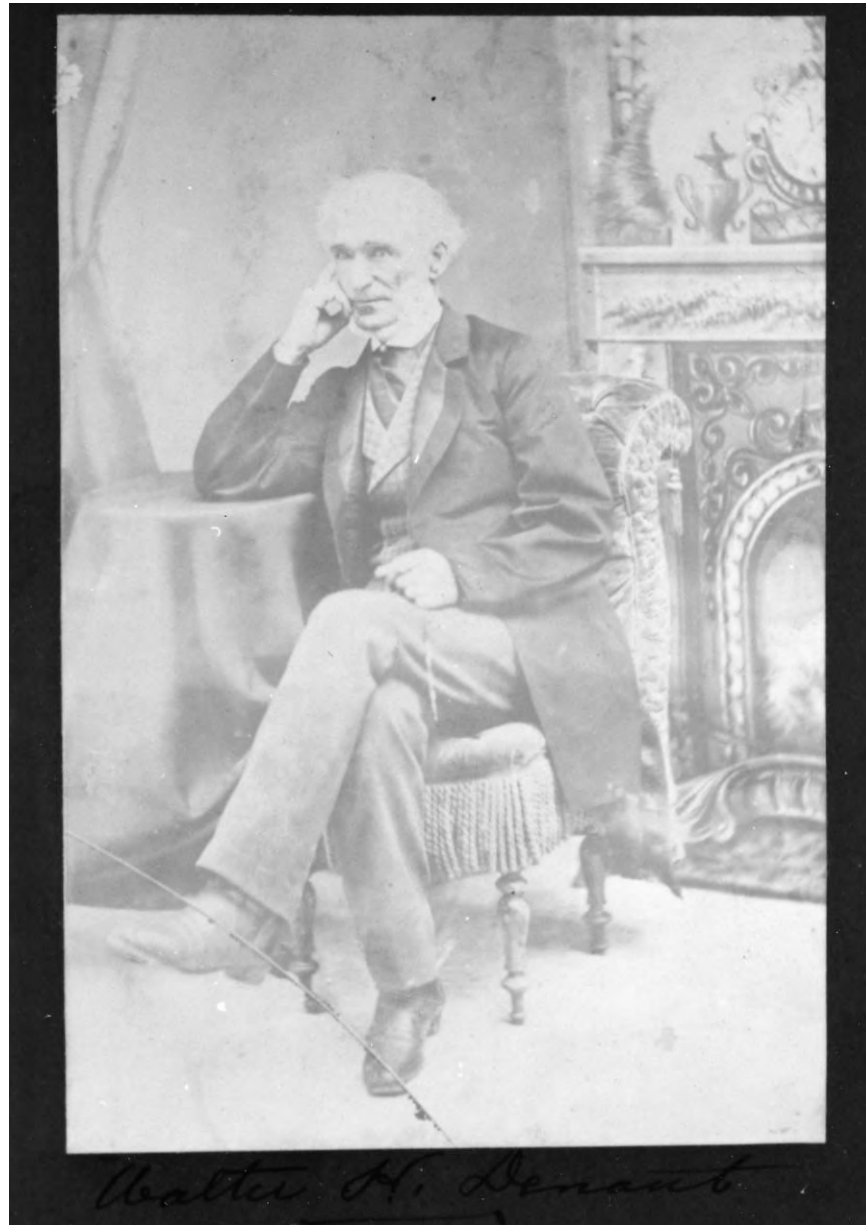


The Denaut family lived on the hill where the Morris family now live. That place was known as "The House" and was the scene of many pleasant gatherings. In winter that hill was a delightful place for coasting and was much enjoyed by old and young. The boys and girls from school used to gather at the top of the hill (there was no street open there then) and slide through a single gate, just wide enough to pass a hand sleigh—if it were well steered.



Walter Denaut 1849 (R Dent May 1991)

Walter Denaut
from Mr.
George
Denaut's Photo
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Julia Denaut (Mrs. Walter Denaut) from George Denaut's Photo Album



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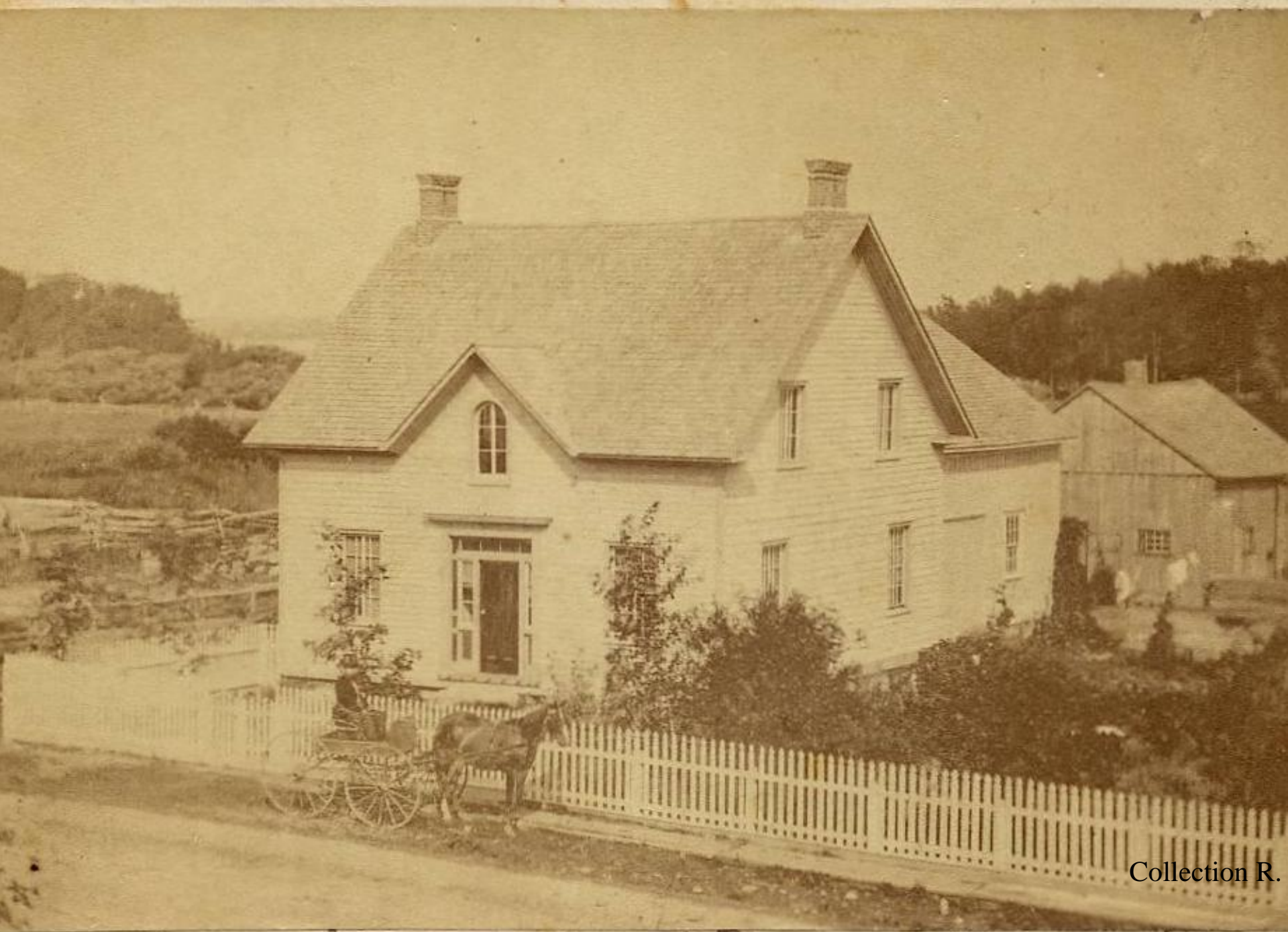
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*Seamen families
off for camp.*



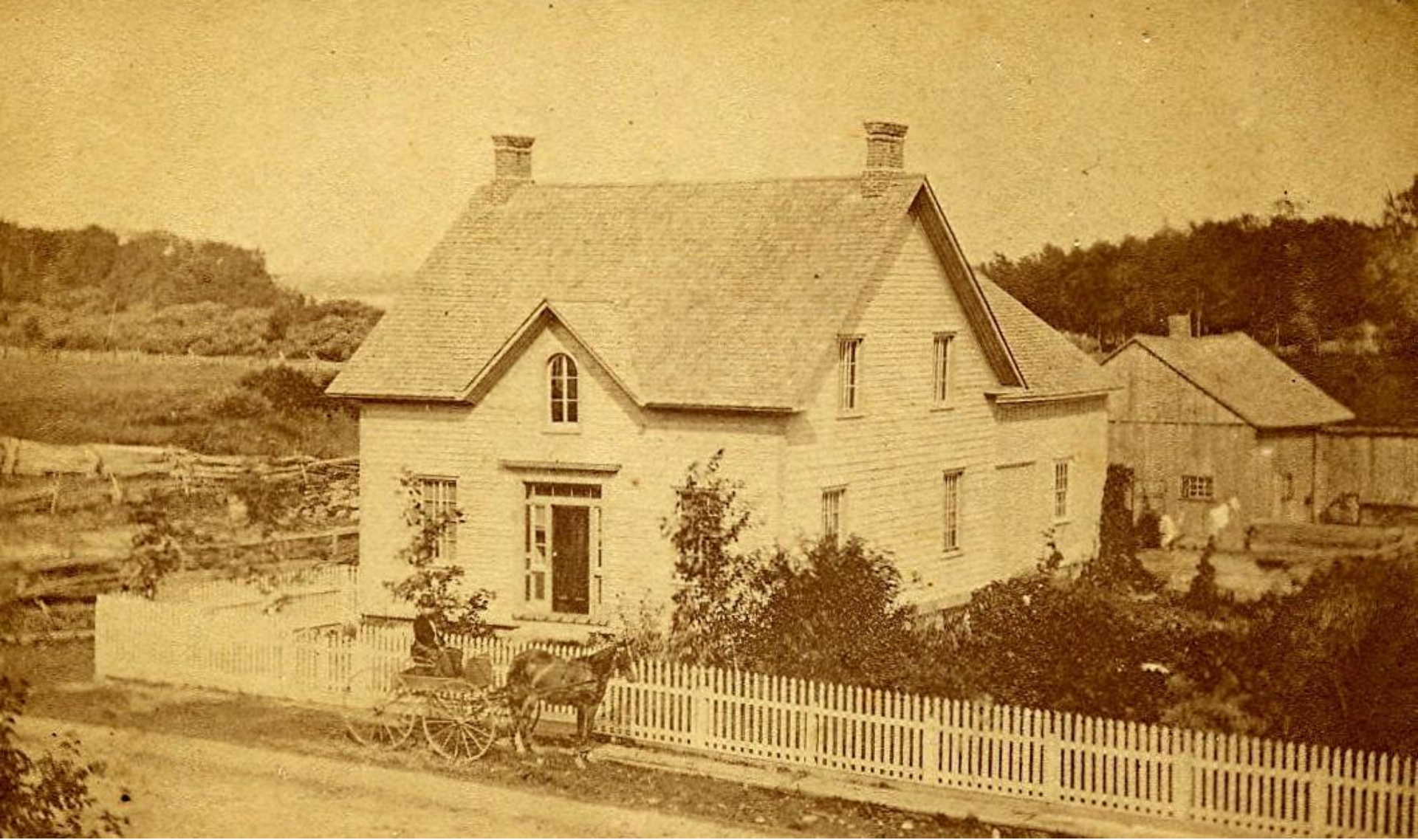
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Steve. Jessie. Kathrens. Lora. Jud. Brusted. Tod. Cottage.



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Mrs. Haz. Elton's Residence Main Street





William Birch House



1000 - 1000
1000 - 1000



Green House



Herman Johnson House





The story of the Anglican church is well known.

*The next very old house was the home of Dan
Bullis.*

*There were no side streets opened above the brick
schoolhouse. The road through the village was
macadamized; and I remember when the present
bridge was built, taking the place of a narrower bridge
with a wooden deck.*



*St. Paul's Church,
Delta, Ont.*



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Delta, Ont.*



Anglican Church Delta, Ont.



ANGLICAN CHURCH, DELTA, ONTARIO

TOM ROBERTS

Courtesy
Mrs. Beth
Robinson



Students from School behind Anglican Church 1928

Pupils from School behind Anglican Church 1928

Teacher: Lucille Dowsett

Front Row (L to R)

- Earl Sweet
- Frank Dugal
- Donnie Hesler
- Jack Hanna
- Rupert Halladay
- Arnold Brucker
- Lawrence Bullis
- Garnet Struthers
- Keith Latimer
- Leon Snider

Second Row

- Pauline Slack
- Evelyn Carmichael
- Keitha Soderberg
- Dorothy McElroy
- Myrtle Halladay
- Pansy Brooker
- Georgia Morris
- Mary Preston
- Gerty Furzer
- Willie Hesler

Third Row

- Edwin Scotland
- Abe Sloan?
- ?
- Lorne Gardiner
- John Sawyer
- Elton Curtis
- ?

Fourth Row

- Helen Shire
- Eccles Struthers
- Ollie Topping
- Lillian Elliot
- Brenda Morris

From Mary Frances Rodenhauser Feb 1991. (? May represent Reg Howard & or Dan Slack)

Alexander
Stevens House
1882



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Joel Copeland House 1892 (may 1991)

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School House Delta,

Delta's ? third
School House



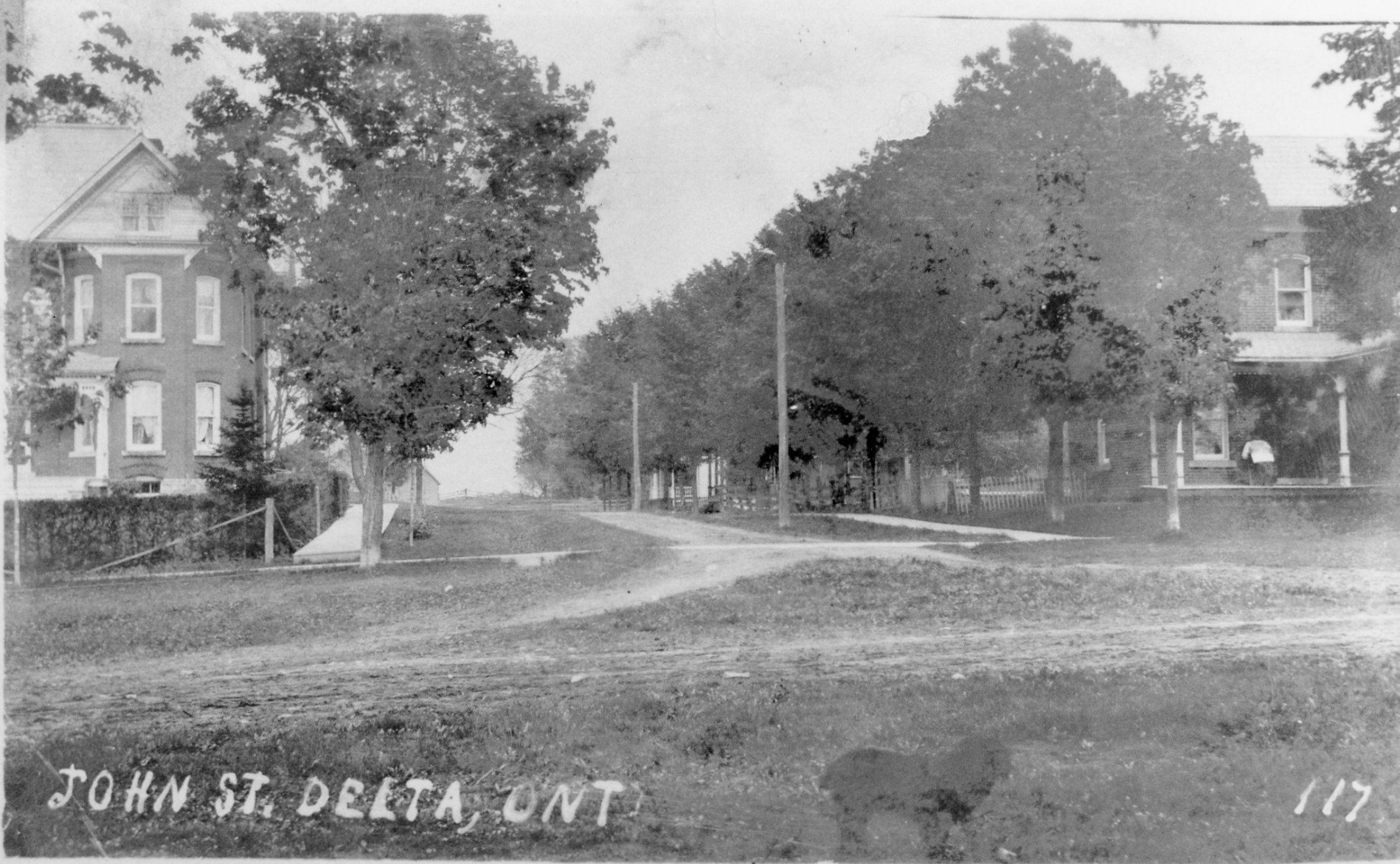
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Lloyd Irwin House

R Dent, May 1991



McMaster House

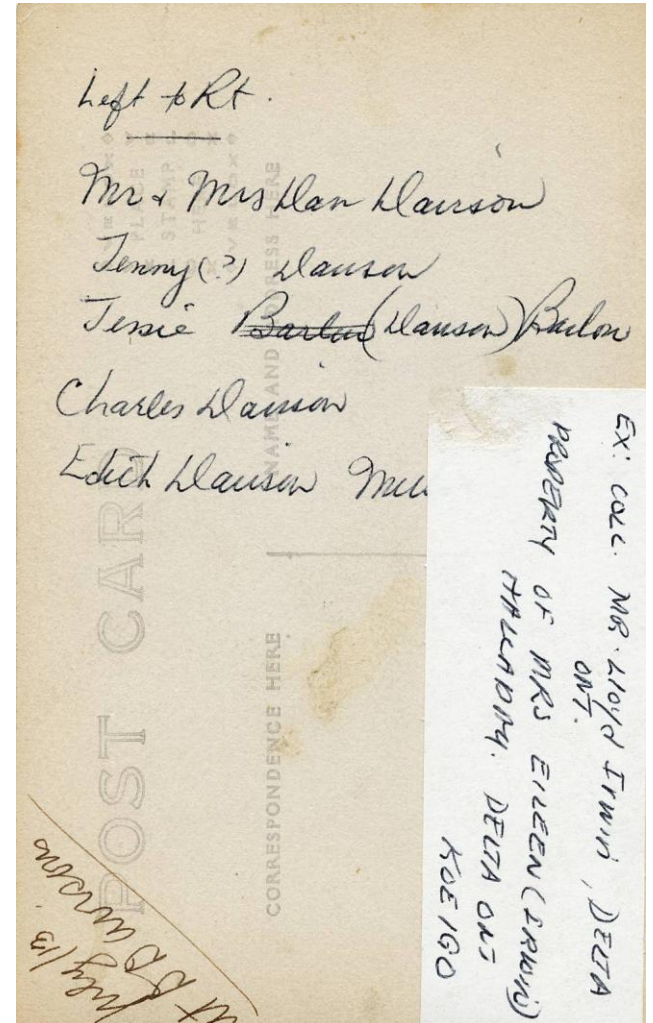


Courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay



The Davison Family

Courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay





Dan Davison
Family

seated - Dan Davison & wife
" on steps - Charles Davison
Edith "

Standing Jonny + Jessie

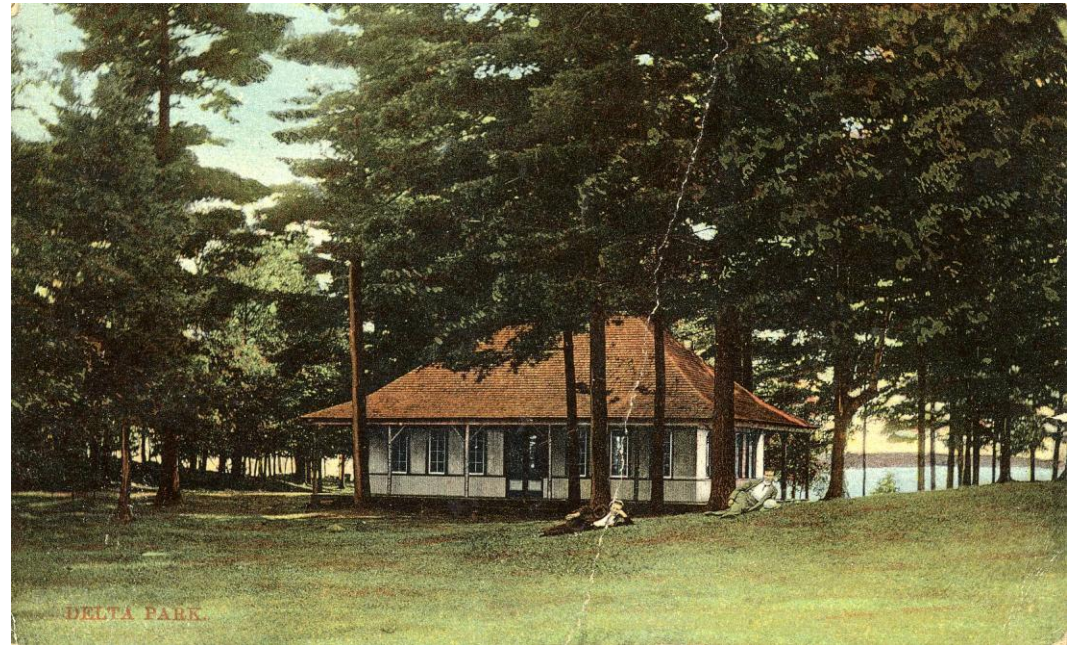
DAN DAVIDSON FAMILY . DELTA
EX COLL: MR. Lloyd Frwin
Property Mrs Eileen (Frwin)
Halladay . DELTA ONT
KOE 190

The Dan Davison Family, Delta, Courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay





From Mrs. Eileen Halladay



From R Dent



Boy Scouts
Camp



Beverly Camp,
Delta, Ont.



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The mail came to us by stage, sometimes drawn by mules. For many years Mr. Joel Copeland had the mail contract, and Fred Stafford, Cleveland Stafford, and Thomas Connor were the genial drivers.

Then in 1888 came the B & W and S. I. M. railroad. I had my first ride on it coming home for the Christmas Holidays that year.



Creek Delta, Ohio

Photo from
Mrs. Joyce Frye



Train at Delta Station From Mrs. Joyce Frye



Photo courtesy Mrs. Eileen Halladay

811
Delta Railway Station
PROPERTY OF MRS. EILEEN HALLADAY

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The riddle: This Letter ends suddenly and apparently without a closing paragraph—a strange thing for a teacher to have done.

- Are the last page or pages lost?**
- Did she not have time to finish her story?**
- Did she leave future generations to add to the story?**

Well, you have seen an up-date of Miss Allyn's Letter to the present (March 2003). The "present" is just that boundary between the past and the future and it moves as quickly as the second hand on the clock. May future updates show this to be a prosperous and happy town!

The United Church congregation now celebrates the 175 years of its history. May may your future years be happy and many! Thank you for having me present Miss Allyn's Letter and thank-you for helping with this presentation.

Robert R. M. Dent MD FRCP(C)

March 15th 2003

Who Was Miss Anna Emily Allyn?

- A teacher of 40 years in Leeds County
- She taught the last 19 years of her career in Delta
- Organist and Choir leader at Delta Baptist Church & Superintendent of the Sunday School
- A leader in that Church's Mission Circle
- She died suddenly July 24th 1943 at the age of 78
- Her Sister Julia died August 7th 1943.

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Thanks,

Bob Dent and the team at DO Delta, Ontario