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## FARMINGTON ILLUSTRATED.

Giving a brief History of the Town and many Interesting Circumstances Connected.

The Illustrations will include the Principal Places of Manufacturing, Business Blocks, Churches, Schools, and other views about town.

FARMINGTON

SHOE

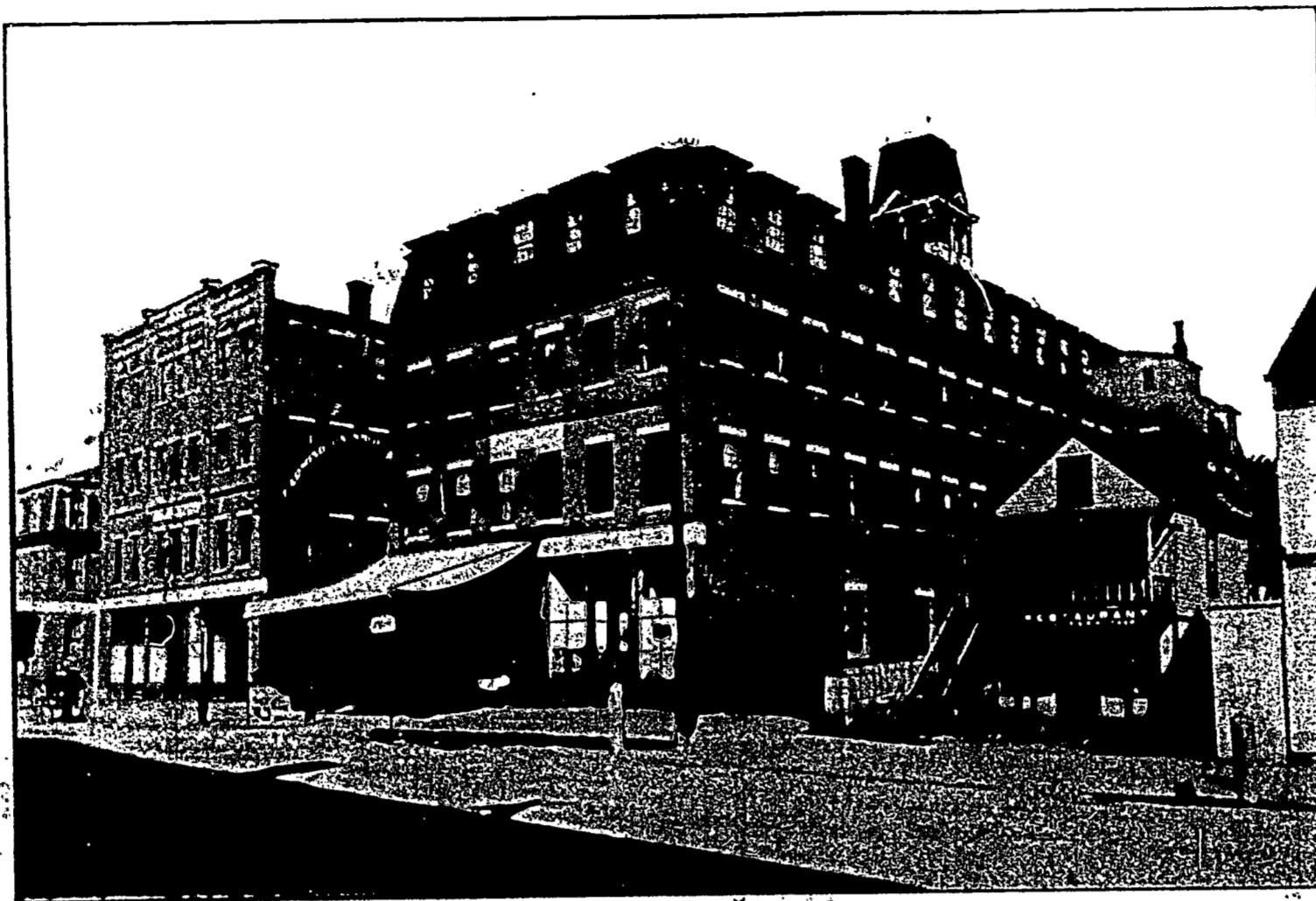
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### SKETCH OF FARMINGTON.

BY NED L. PARKER.

The spirit of independence and the successful resistance to unjust taxation which the revolution had fostered and developed was the primary cause of Farmington's existence as a township. Originally this territory, together with the present town of Milton, was included in the township limits of Rochester, and under the old Puritan regime the inhabitants of our village were compelled to aid in the support of the "true" church at Norway Plains. This was manifestly unfair, for we were taxed to support a church and preacher from which, because of the distance, very little benefit—spiritual or social—was derived.



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Strong objections were raised against the payment of these taxes, and on December 1, 1798, after several unsuccessful attempts, Farmington became a township. The population at that time was about one thousand, a goodly number of whom lived on the Ten Rod road and at Merrill's Corner.

The new town was named by General Richard Furber, who lived at Merrill's Corner. He was a brave soldier in the revolution, served as aid de camp at the surrender of General Burgoyne, and retired at the close of the war, a general. General Furber died in 1848, aged 95 years, and is buried in the cemetery at Rochester, whence the remains were removed from the Furber homestead near Merrill's Corner, some years since.

Our first meeting house, which in those days served as a town house and the meeting place for all public gatherings, was built near the centre of the town, about two and a half miles below the village. The elevation on which the church was erected has ever since been known as Meetinghouse hill. The first church society was formed in 1819, when Rev. James Walker of Concord preached alternately in Milton and Farmington.

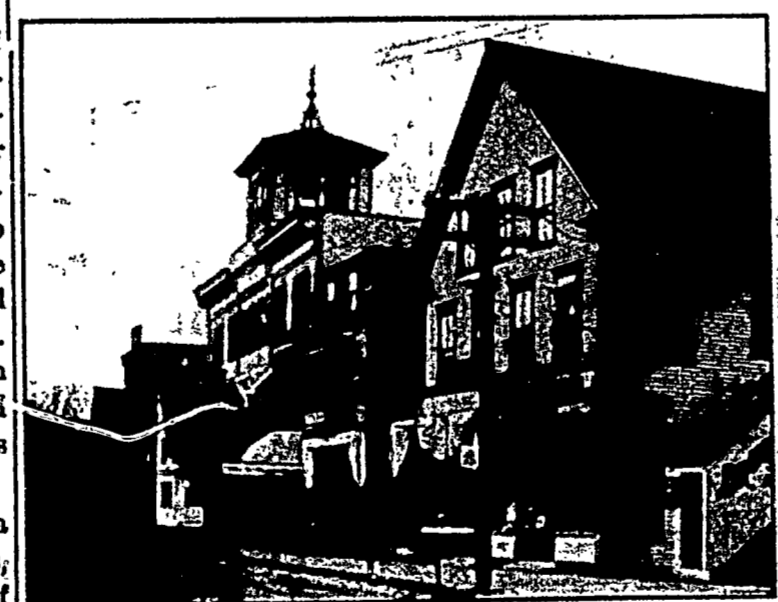


MECHANIC STREET, LOOKING EAST.

The village, or the Dock as it was formerly called, is situated in the northeast corner of the township on land formerly owned by Mr. John Ham.

So much for the cold, dull facts concerning the birth of the town. Tradition gives more color to the incidents connected with the early days and the trials of the first settlers. She stoops to minor facts and glimpses of life that dignified

history scorns to notice. So this sketch will be gleaned for the most part from tradition's store of knowledge, for it is the incidents of life that go to make it worth the living. An old townsman who shall be nameless but whose integrity is unquestioned and whose mind, stored with a wealth of reminiscences handed down from his grandfather—'twas his only legacy—says the first white settler to locate on a blazed trail that ran from the Plains (Rochester) to New Durham Gove was a man whose name was Berry. Mr. Berry built a log cabin near the present residence of the Hon. E. T. Willson, and set his traps for fur bearing animals up and down the banks of the Cochecho. An Indian chief, head of a tribe that lived in this valley, robbed Berry's traps, and his said that in a quarrel over some pelts, Berry killed the savage, and that his bones today lie buried near where the cabin stood. Here's another version of the deceased "Poor Lo," given in a sketch of Farmington: "After the battle of Lovell's Pond, in which Chamberlain shot the celebrated Indian chief, Paugus, his son, Paugus Jr., wished to revenge himself upon Chamberlain, who kept a mill at Rochester. One day some of his friends informed Chamberlain that young Paugus had appeared in the village, and they thought he meant some harm. Chamberlain did not feel afraid, however, but as night approached he took his rifle which he had taken from Paugus Sr., after he shot him, and went down under the mill. Before doing so he hung a coat and hat in the open part of the mill. At length he saw Paugus approaching, who, seeing the coat and hat indistinctly in the dusk of evening, believed it to be Chamberlain, and fired. At the same time Chamberlain fired and killed the Indian. The death of Paugus Jr. was sure to cause trouble if the savages became aware of the fact, so Chamberlain, with the aid of a few mill hands, brought the Indian's body up here and buried it near the site of the Eastman house.



EAST SIDE MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH.

The absence of any large bodies of water near our village undoubtedly robbed it of much early Indian history. The discovery of arrow heads, spears and rude implements in the fields and pastures prove beyond doubt that the redskin traversed this valley on his way to and from the lake. Nature did so much for the surrounding towns of Milton, New Durham, Alton and Strafford in the way of beautiful lakes and ponds that her available supply seems to have been exhausted and Farmington, left nearly destitute, had to be content with the Cochecho river. But the early settlers were a hardy lot who refused to be discouraged by the absence of abundance of water power, and with the determination so characteristic of early New Englanders, set about to lay the foundation of a village that has been a credit to their sturdy manhood and unyielding toil. Twice we came very near changing the course of the water that flows from Merrymeeting pond so it would flow down between the banks of the Cochecho. In their windings in and out from their respective starting places there is a point, in the town of New Durham, where the Merrymeeting river and the Cochecho are separated by a piece of land only about one hundred yards wide. Early in the last century the Cochecho Manufacturing Company of Dover were lumbering up in that locality, and quick to see the advantage of having an additional volume of water flowing their way, took the matter under consideration. Mr. Izah Horne, grandfather of the present owner of the bus line, was in the employ of the corporation and offered to dig a ditch that should connect the two rivers and thus change the course of the Merrymeeting. His compensation was to

be a pair of cattle owned by the company, but for some reason the offer was not accepted. Later in the century, at the instance of the mill owners of Farmington and Rochester, a bill to change the course of Merrymeeting river was introduced in our legislature, but the powerful influence of the Manchester corporations killed the bill.

The first recorded warrant issued by the selectmen was as follows:—

State of New Hampshire,  
Strafford ss.

To Lieut. Ephraim Perkins, appointed collector of taxes for the town of Farmington for the year 1799, Greeting. By virtue of sundry acts of the legislature of said state directing and empowering the selectmen to raise money for the support of schools and other necessary purposes, and agreeable to a vote of the town to raise money for the support of the gospel,



WEST SIDE MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH.

and pursuant to a precept from the county treasurer to raise money for the use of the county, you are hereby required in the name of Sd state to levy and collect of all persons mentioned in the foregoing list herewith committed you to collect the several sums set to their names in dollars and cents, which sums you are to collect in silver and gold, or orders drawn on you by the selectmen of Sd Farmington for the time being, and you are hereby directed to pay seventy-five dollars by the tenth day of September next to the selectmen of Sd Farmington, and to pay the treasurer of Sd county fifty dollars and forty-five cents on or before the first day of December next, and the whole of the remainder to the selectmen by the fifth day of March next. And if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse after legal notice or warning, you are to take the same by distraint as the law directs, and for your lawful proceedings this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of June, 1799.

ICHABOD HAYES,  
EPHRAIM KIMBALL,  
DANIEL ROBERTS, } Selectmen.



CENTRAL STREET, LOOKING EAST.

Collector Perkins gathered in \$597.45 during the year and this amount paid the running expenses of the town and left \$92.47 on hand. The selectmen's compensation that year was \$3.00 each—\$9.00 in all. The parish account contained among other items these interesting entries: Paid Mr. Gunn in part for preaching, \$54.00. Paid Captain Furber's bill in full for the use of his house for meeting, \$1.66. Paid William Knight for the use of his barn in full, \$3.00.

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Come to us for your Christmas Gifts, we can suit you whether your purses be lean or fat.

## E. T. Willson.