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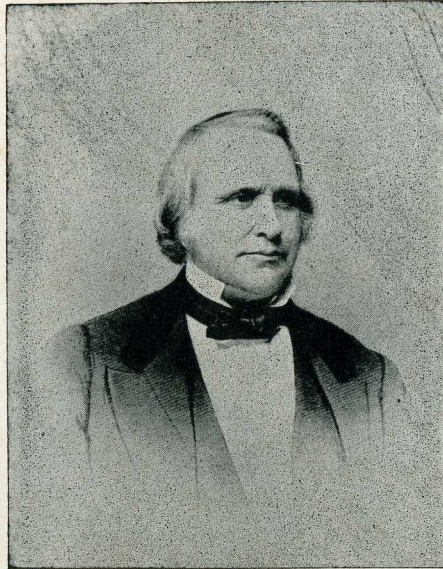


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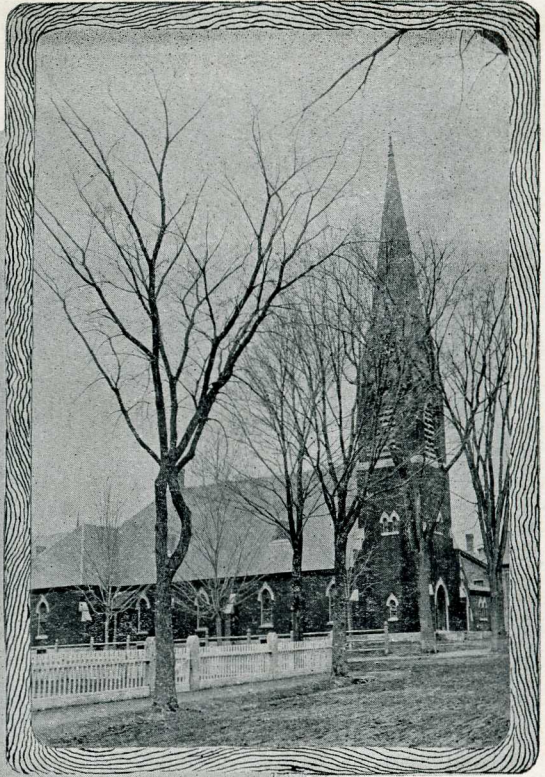
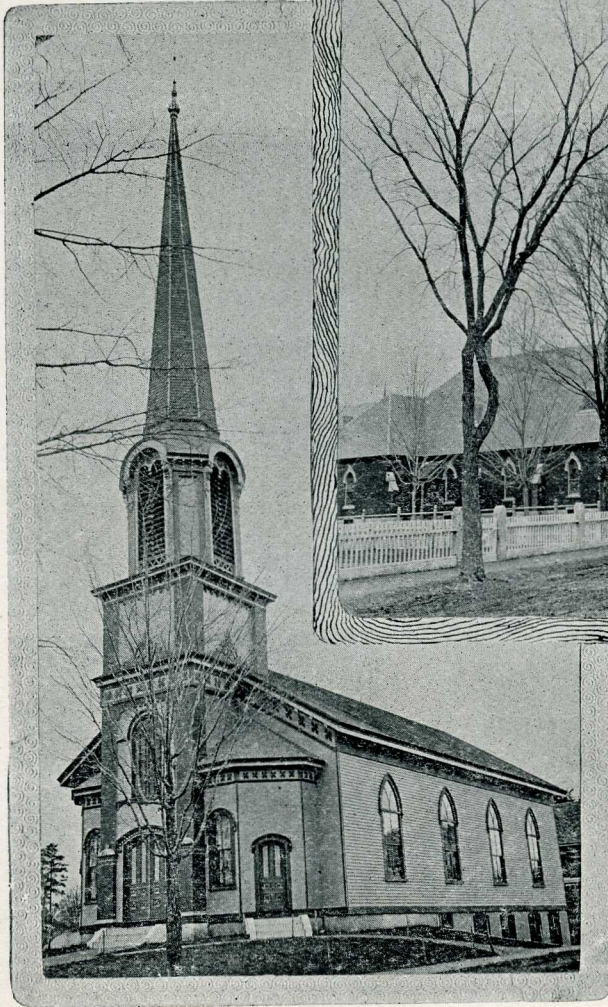
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SOUVENIR OF FARMINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.



HENRY WILSON

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

Souvenir of Farmington, New Hampshire.

The town of Farmington, formerly the Northwest Parish of Rochester, in the "Dover District," was incorporated on December 1, 1798. Notification for the first town meeting was made "to the freeholders and inhabitants of Farmington" on February 23, 1799, and was signed by Judge Aaron Wingate who served as moderator on March 11 of the same year. The first selectmen were Ichabod Hayes, Lieutenant Ephraim Kimball, and David Roberts, and Jonas C. March was chosen to be town clerk. The largest number of votes cast at this meeting was 141, but in later years the polls have numbered over a thousand.

The population in 1799 numbered about a thousand persons, many of whom lived on the Ten Rod Road and in the neighborhood of Merrill's Corner. The village, called sometimes March's dock, is situated in the northeast part of the township, much of it having been formerly the John Ham farm. This farm lay between the March place at the south, and the Waldron lands at the north which were owned

by Richard Waldron of Dover, one of the "original proprietors" of Rochester.

The new town, its Indian name, "Shemung," having been long almost forgotten, was named by General Richard Furber of Merrill's Corner. He was a gallant soldier of the Revolution, and a distinguished citizen. He died in 1848, aged ninety-five years.

Farmington is watered by the Waldron and Ela rivers, which unite to make the Cocheco, by the turbulent Mad river, and by numerous small streams, one of these, Pok o' Moonshine brook, being of exceeding beauty. Several ponds also lie within the town. The Blue Job range of hills is a distinct feature of the landscape, and the great ledge of New Durham Ridge rises at the northwest. The town is but ten miles south from Lake Winnepesaukee, and only three hours by rail from Boston.

"One Berry" built a log house as early as 1770, at the south of the village, and in 1781 the first frame house was



LOOKING NORTH FROM RAILROAD BRIDGE



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

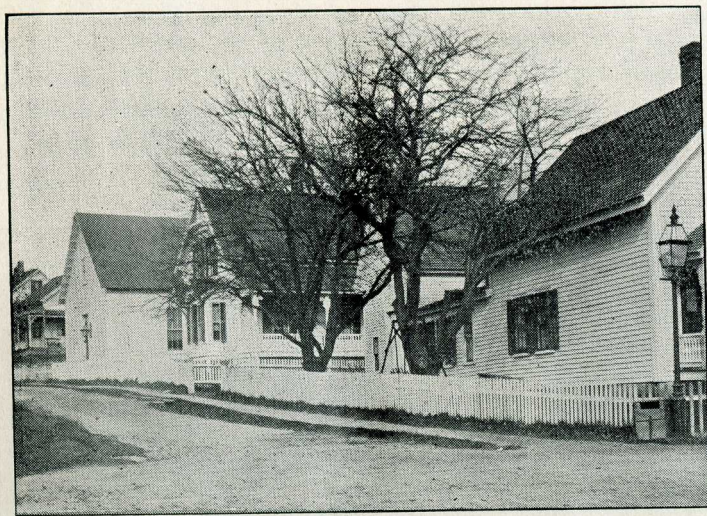
set up nearly opposite, for John Roberts. The second frame house was that of J. C. March, a native of Portsmouth, and was owned later by Nehemiah Eastman who sold it to Captain Josiah Edgerly. It is still standing, the ell of the house at the east side of Main street, which was for the greater part of his life the home of Hon. Josiah B. Edgerly, a well known townsman deceased in 1888.

The house at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, built in 1800 by John Wingate, now owned by Mrs. C. H. Berry, daughter of the late millionaire Hiram Barker, was used for years as a tavern. It has been kept in fine condition.

Another very old structure is the Fernald and Whittier building, corner of Main and Central streets, now occupied



GLEN STREET SCHOOL BUILDING



ORANGE STREET, SHOWING ADVENT CHAPEL

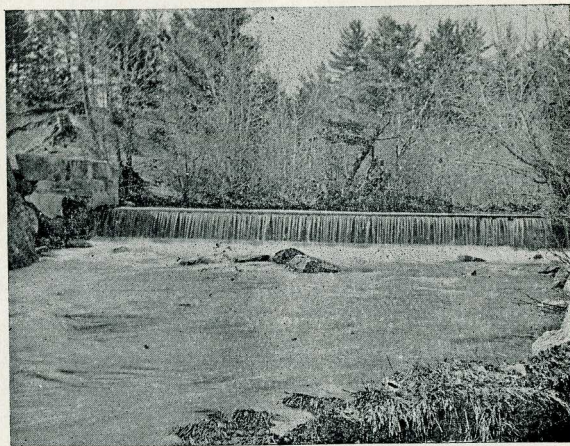
by the Farmington News and several stores. It was known for many years as the "Steamboat Hotel," and was one of the inns along the old Bay road from Dover to Alton Bay. The office, with its great fireplace, is now the grocery of D. E. Edgerly.

The first frame house on the New Durham Ridge road was built for Mr. William Tibbetts of England, who died in

1788. Mr. Tibbetts set out there the old poplar trees which have stood like sentinels near the homes of his descendant, George A. Davis, and of the family of the late Daniel Pearl.

Another old house of imposing size that is still a comfortable home is that now owned by Harley C. White, and dates back to 1793. Other prominent old houses are found here and there in the several districts of the town.

The first meeting house was on Meeting House Hill in the



"THE TURN" ON THE COCHECO RIVER

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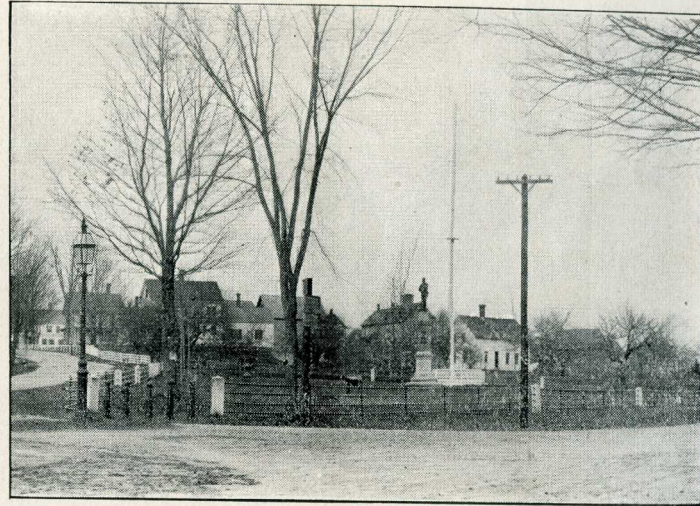


CENTRAL STREET, LOOKING EAST

Roberts district, the second on Peavey Hill; and in 1844 a Congregational church was erected in Central street. It gave way in 1870 to a larger edifice, corner of Maine and Pleasant streets, which was destroyed in the great fire of February 10, 1875, and was replaced by the brick church built the year following, Hiram Barker, Alonzo Nute and Josiah B. Edgerly, committee. It was dedicated in March, 1876. The

tower contains the town clock, and a bell weighing 2671 pounds. The ecclesiastical body was organized in 1819. The present pastor is the Rev. Edward D. Disbrow.

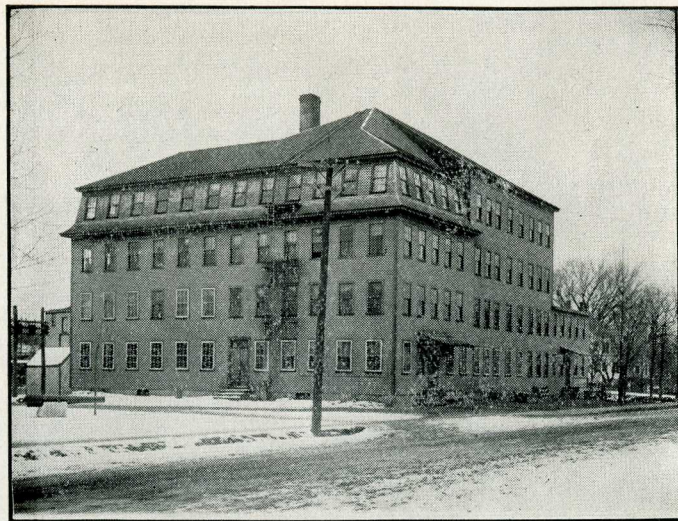
The Free Baptist church, organized in 1854, erected its church in Grove street in 1857, J. P. Buzzell, J. C. White, R. H. Copp, T. C. Scruton, committee. The building has been enlarged several times, and is furnished with many con-



EDGERLY MEMORIAL PARK



NUTE SHOE FACTORY



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veniences including a heavy bell. The present pastor is the Rev. J. H. Wilkins.

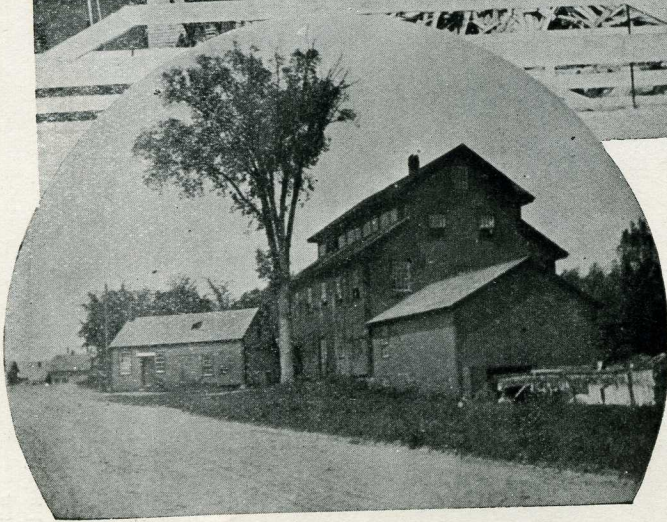
The modest chapel of the Advent church is at the east side of Orange street and is well attended. The pastor is the Rev. B. J. Glazier.

The several churches have efficient auxiliary bodies, and provide a parsonage for their respective resident pastors.

As years passed by, the need of a new hall and town offices became so pressing that in 1881 the large brick building known as the opera house was erected in charge of J. E. Fernald, Alonzo Nute and John F. Cloutman, on the site formerly occupied by the factory of the late Hon. George M. Herring, at the east side of North Main street. On the en-

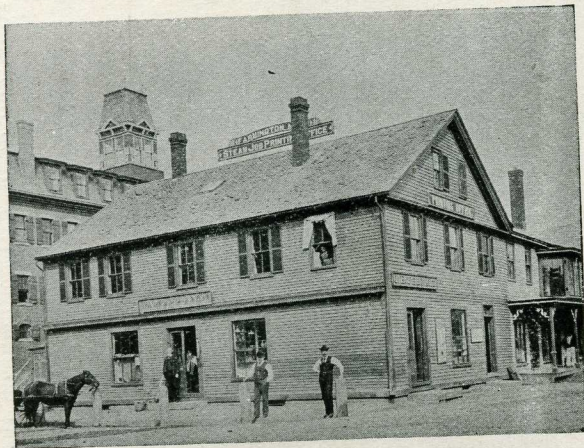


J. F. CLOUTMAN'S ELECTRIC PLANT



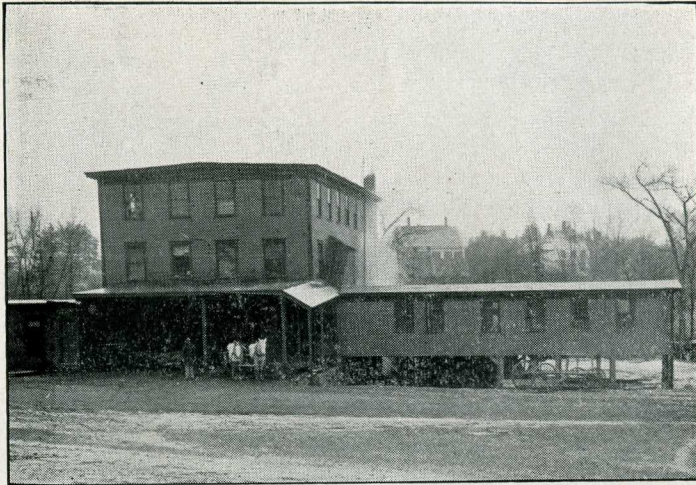
OLD J. W. WALDRON MILL.

W. W. HAYES MILL, BURNED 1897.



FORMERLY STEAMBOAT HOTEL.

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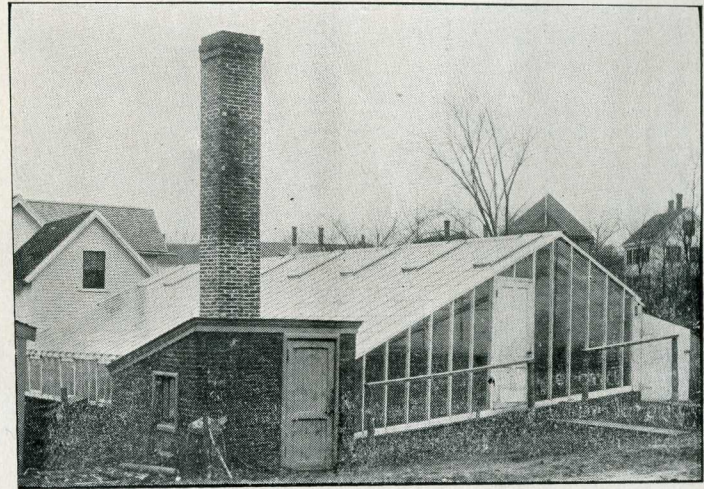


J. R. HAYES MILL

trance floor are spacious offices for town business and the free public library, with a rear hall for town meetings and other uses, while the second story is occupied by the great hall and stage needed for large assemblies of people. The floor is praised by all who appreciate the utility and beauty of such a part of any building. The hall was first used for an entertainment on March 16, 1882, and its walls have echoed

to many famous tones as well as to more familiar voices, and many charming spectacles have been placed upon the stage.

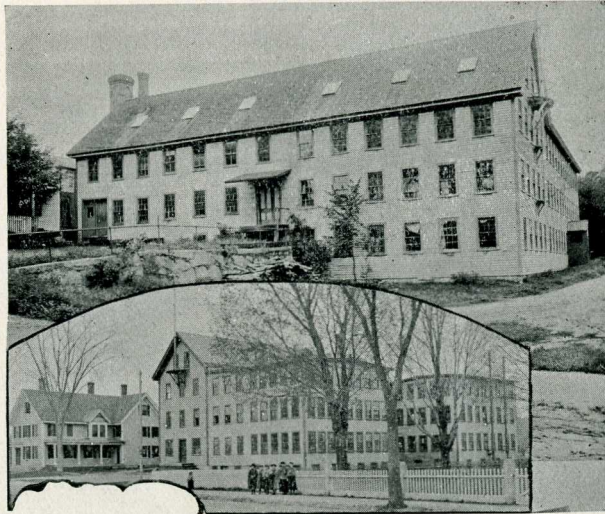
The public library dates back to 1853, when R. K. Pearl, W. J. Johnson, G. N. Eastman, Hiram Barker, G. W. Herring, G. A. Titcomb, J. F. Roberts, and others, with C. W. Thurston as clerk, united in forming the Farmington Social Library Association. The library has now about 2000



FLETCHER GREENHOUSE



SOUVENIR OF FARMINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



NUTTER HEEL FACTORY

C. E. ALDRICH & CO., SHOE FACTORY

volumes, beside periodicals, in continual circulation and is conducted in cooperation by the town and the association. The president of the latter is Dr. H. P. Wheatley, following the ten years term of S. S. Parker, Esq. The librarian is Miss Emily Goodwin.

The high school, grown naturally from the building of the first schoolhouse in town in 1791, was organized in "the

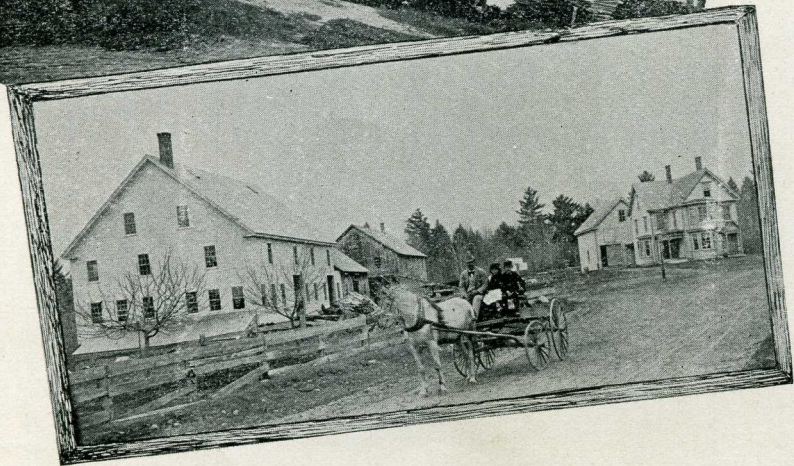
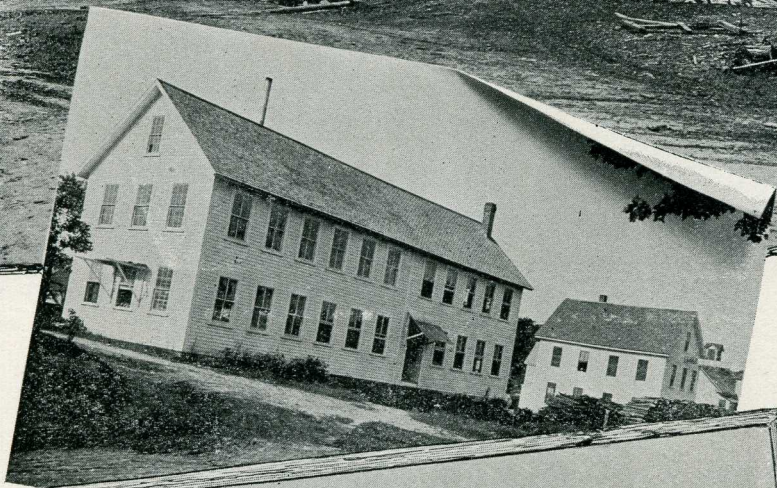
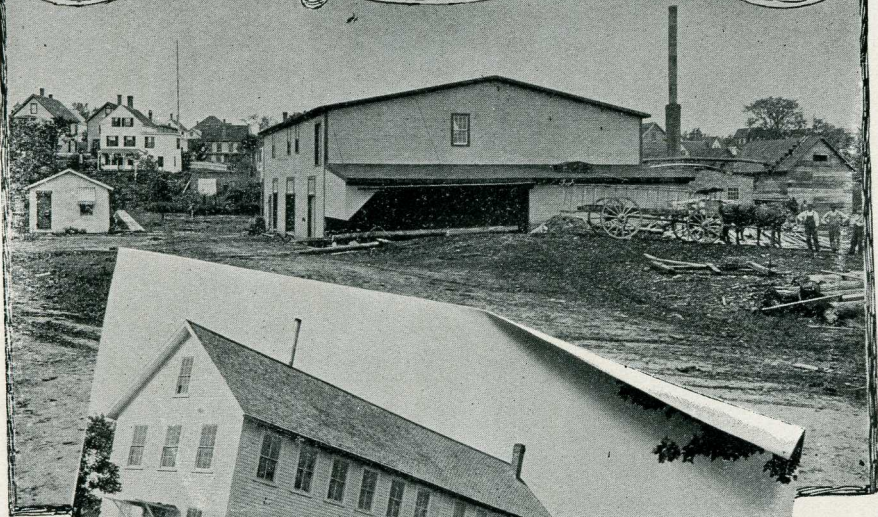
fifties," with Dr. Henry R. Parker, now of Dover, the first principal. Several of its very able instructors have been called to high educational positions, among them being Commissioner E. J. Goodwin of New York, Superintendents and Principals C. E. Hussey, H. C. Waldron, H. S. Roberts, A. E. Tuttle, F. H. Beede, with other excellent teachers.



RESIDENCE OF N. F. ROBERTS

JONES FACTORY

THE JENNESS MILL
FLANDERS LAST-FACTORY & MARSTON MACHINE SHOP
B-F-PERKINS' CARRIAGE SHOP & RESIDENCE



Principal C. E. Harrington became a Congregational minister, and Principal H. M. Quinby is the physician in charge of a great state hospital in Worcester, Mass.

James D. Howlett has been chosen to be principal of the high school for the year to come.

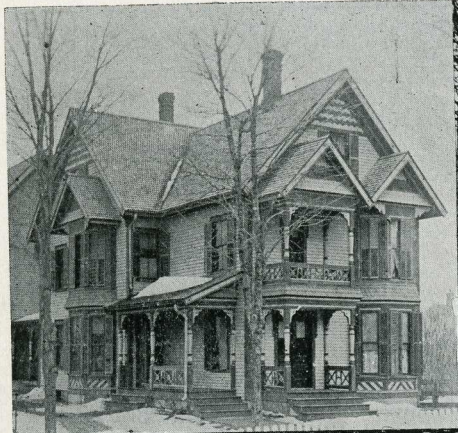
Village schools in District No. 9 are housed as follows: High school building, four grades; Glen street, two grades; School and High streets, one grade each. The town district also is well supplied with neat schoolhouses. Each of these districts is in charge of a board of education.

A well conducted newspaper ranks as not alone a business enterprise but also as an educational element of value to the community which it connects with the progress of the world and with neighborhood affairs. The Farmington News was established March 14, 1879, by James E. Fernald, and was edited by his only son, George W. Fernald. For some time after the decease of these citizens, the paper and printing house were conducted by Mrs. J. E. Fernald. She disposed of the business in 1897 to Jenness and McDuffee of Rochester, and in 1899 it was bought by Edwin H. Thomas of Vermont, the present proprietor, who has enlarged both the paper and the facilities of the entire plant. This book is issued from the News establishment.

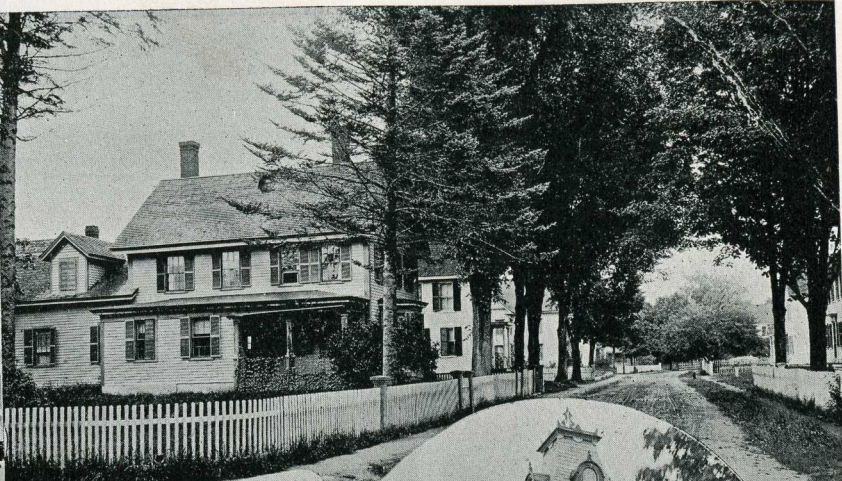
The railway station of the Boston and Maine Company

is a little west of the village, and has been in use ever since the road was opened in 1849. The agent, G. W. Wood, has been in office since April 1, 1864, and has done over a million dollars worth of official business without loss of a mill to the organization. From this point all kinds of merchandise are shipped in quantities from the surrounding districts as well as from local factories and warehouses. This section of the railway was built under the supervision of the late Hon. G. L. Whitehouse.

Shoe manufacturing has been the chief industry of the town, aside from farming, since 1836, Elijah H. Badger having been the pioneer in this work, and for many years Farmington was known as the largest shoe town in the state, and as a marvelously thrifty town. The late G. M. Herring, M. L. Hayes, Israel Hayes, and Alonzo Nute were among the extensive manufacturers of early days and had much to do with the building up of the town, while many others gave valued aid in the forwarding of local interests. John F. Cloutman began business April 22, 1854, and is still in active control of a fine factory and electric plant, with J. F. Cloutman, Jr., and F. R. Marston as partners. F. E. Edgerly continues the business begun by his father, the late Hosea B. Edgerly. Twin factories in Central street, built of brick, by J. F. Cloutman, are operated by the Farmington Shoe Com-



J E HAYES
A W FLANDERS

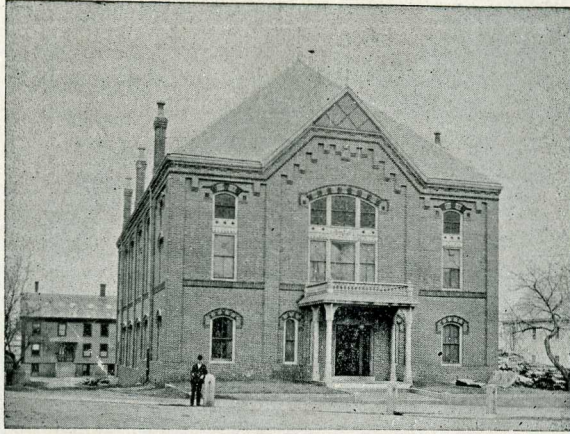


RESIDENCES
DR. H P WHEATLEY



PLEASANT STREET LOOKING EAST
J F CLOUTMAN, JR.

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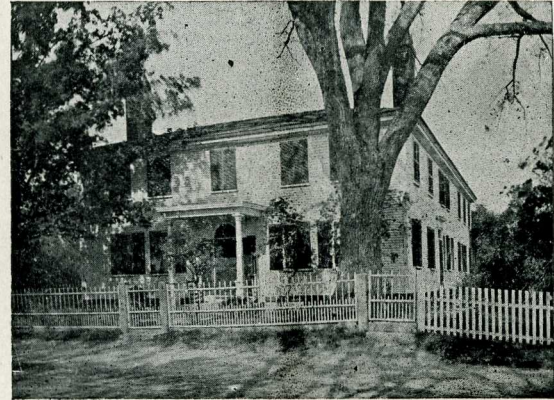
OPERA HOUSE

pany. W. I. Nutter runs a big heel factory. Arthur W. Flanders continues the manufacture of lasts begun by the late L. S. Flanders.

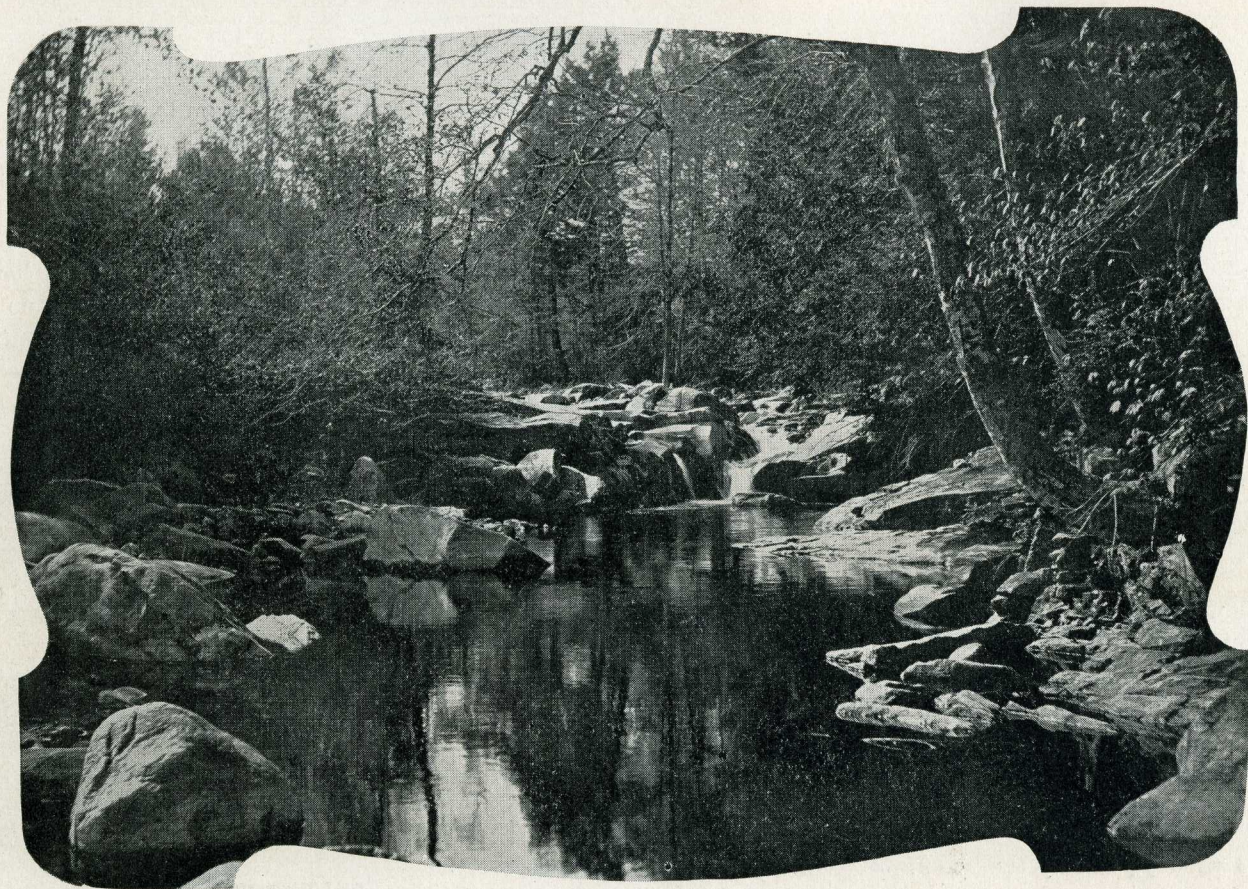
Among other industries are the Jenness box and saw mill, J. R. Hayes' saw mill, Mrs. H. W. Roberts' saw and grist mill, Marston's machine shop, J. W. Ham's wood-working business, Otis carriage shop, the B. F. Perkins carriage and undertaking business, and the Cloutman electric works at the mill run for many years by the late J. W. Waldron. There

are also excellent facilities for trade in wood and coal and building material, offered by F. E. Mooney and others. Exceedingly well kept stores and markets supply the public with up to date goods of every kind, and there is a neat "home" bakery, an ice business and a busy greenhouse.

The Savings bank and First National bank are well quartered in a stout building made of brick from Farmington clay which is in prime order after nearly a half century of continuous use. At the same side of Central street stands the Central House, a favorite hotel.

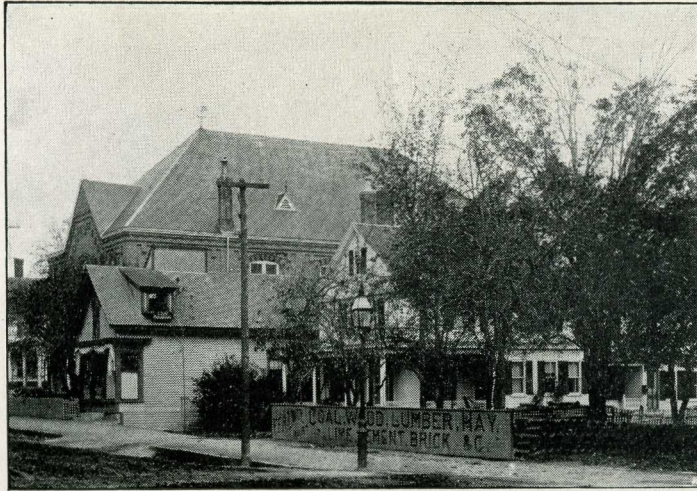


BUILT BY HON. NEHEMIAH EASTMAN 1813.



MAD RIVER

SOUVENIR OF FARMINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



F. E. MOONEY HOUSE, FORMERLY DR. JOSEPH HAMMONS'

Fraternal orders include Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and a company of U. R. K. P., Carlton Post, G. A. R., with auxiliary bodies, and there is also a prosperous colony of the grange organization, and a K. of P. band.

The clubs include the Montauk, of men; the Farmington Literary club, and the Friday Afternoon club, of women.

The churches have mission and aid societies conducted by women.

A first class fire department includes Hercules fire engine association and "the Hooks," each of which has a house and the customary appurtenances.

Gas and electric lights are furnished by companies. The water service of the village precinct is supplied from Cold



C. H. BERRY HOUSE, FORMERLY WINGATE TAVERN



POKE O' MOONSHINE BROOK

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Spring pumping station, and a new reservoir is now being built for use in addition to the one long established. The engineers of the precinct are W. F. Thayer, F. R. Copp, C. W. Marston.

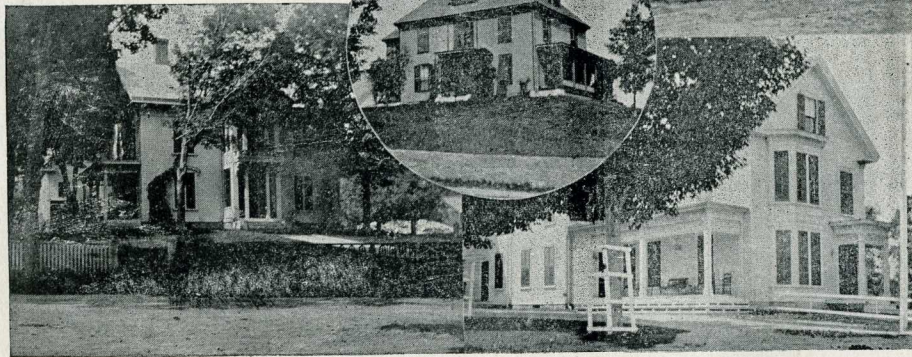
The Mt. Pleasant water supply owned by J. A. Fletcher gives service to the precinct for use in case of fire, and is used by several householders in the easterly part of the village.

Public grounds include a beautiful cemetery; the site of the birthplace of Henry Wilson, Vice President of the United States; Edgerly Memorial park, presented to the town by

James Bartlett Edgerly, and containing the soldiers' monument which was procured by the W. R. C. A "pound" also belongs to the town. It was built in 1802 by Lieut. Anthony



S. H. BUZZELL

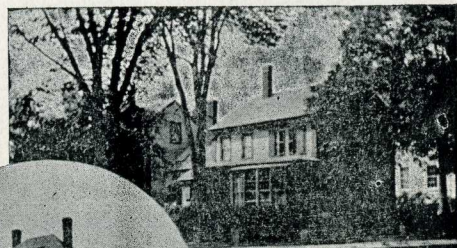


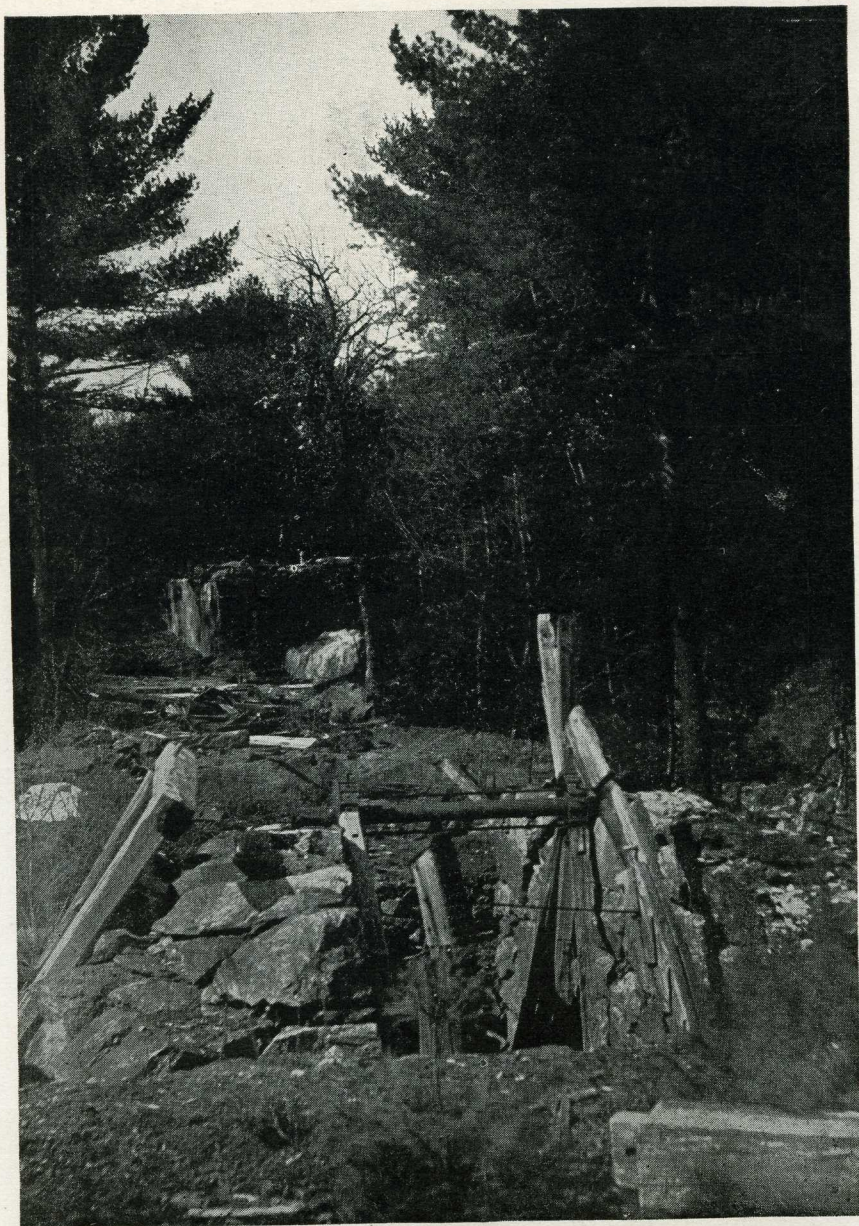
MRS. A P DAVIS

MRS. M A BUNKER

J H BARKER

HON. ALONZO NUTE





OLD MILL SITE, ROBERTS-JONES DISTRICT

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THE EDGERLY BLOCK

Peavey, for \$20, and it is held as one of the best pieces of ancient stonework in the state. It is in excellent order and looks like a fort. The walls are from eight to ten feet high.

The streets in Farmington are well kept and present attractive views, especially from the northern and southern parts of Main street, a fine avenue running through the village, ascending to the north in an easy rise for nearly a mile. This street is ideal for coasting, and a sled in three

sections, made by Hervey Pearl, and literally the longest in the world, has borne eighty persons a full mile down the slope to the foot of Peavey hill, in a fearsome flight, making a noise like that of a heavy freight train, as it rushed along the icy street, safely steered by the strong builder, little flags fluttering from the hand of every passenger.

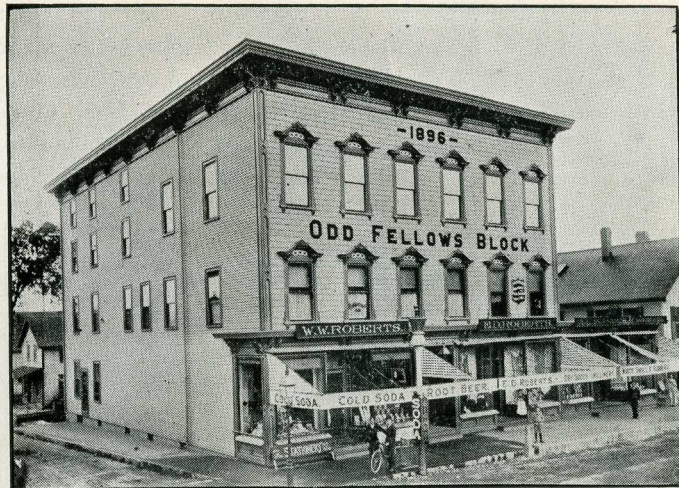


EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET



FOUND, 1802

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ODD FELLOWS BLOCK

The buildings are indicative of thrift and modest ambition, being as a rule well kept and pleasantly situated. At the two extremes of Main street were erected in 1812, '13, the dwellings of the two old fashioned "Squires," Jeremiah Waldron's big house being above the village, and still occupied by the family in the fourth generation, and the 'Squire Eastman house, just south of the business section, having be-

come the home of Edward T. Willson, since the decease of George N. Eastman, son of the original owner.

The F. E. Mooney house was formerly the home of Dr. Joseph Hammons and Dr. David T. Parker, the latter having practised medicine in town for over fifty years before his death in 1888. The Nute residence across the street was formerly the home of Dr. R. K. Pearl, brother of Mrs. Al-



MECHANICS STREET LOOKING EAST

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CENTRAL STREET

onzo Nute. These are among the oldest houses in the village which have not been changed beyond recognition by improvement or decay. M. L. Hayes built a charming house at the north side of Central street, in the fifties, which is the home of his only daughter, Mrs. A. P. Davis.

The highways and byways present some of the most delightful views found in Strafford county, with the heights of

Milton, New Durham, and the Blue Hills, near by, and the plains of Rochester a few miles to the south. On the main Rochester road is the boulder set by M. L. Hayes to mark the birthplace of his friend Henry Wilson. A little farther on, in the Roberts district, is the birthplace of Mrs. Clara Augusta Trask, the successful author of the Rugg Documents, numerous stories, a volume of poems, and much humorous



CENTRAL HOUSE

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Jeremiah Jones, father of Mrs. Trask, was the first native of the town to serve in the legislature, in 1827, his predecessors having been born elsewhere or in some other district of the mother town of Rochester.

State Senators have been Nehemiah Eastman, Jeremiah Dame, G. M. Herring, J. F. Cloutman, John D. Lyman, Alonzo Nute, C. W. Talpey, E. T. Willson, and the recently



EAST SIDE MAIN STREET

matter published in the past thirty years. And still farther on is the historic Major Walker place. In an opposite direction is a different Roberts district, and a Quaker meeting house once was a centre of quiet worship. Just outside the village is a trotting park, and a Trotting Association is one of the well known local organizations.



WEST SIDE MAIN STREET

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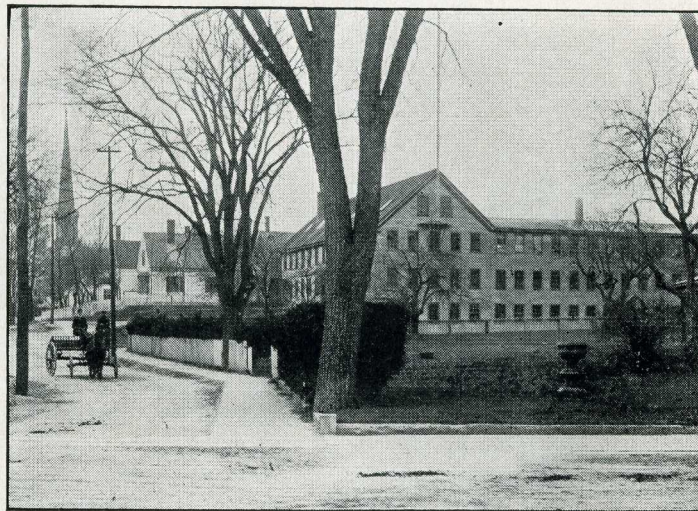
WEST SIDE MAIN STREET

deceased James F. Safford. Mr. Cloutman, Mr. Talpey and Mr. Willson are still living. John Waldron of Dover, but owning lands in town, served nine terms in the upper house. Mr. Lyman served as secretary of state, and for many years in the legislature, after removing hence to Exeter.

Farmington has given three members to the national

House of Representatives: Dr. Joseph Hammons, Nehemiah Eastman, and Alonzo Nute, and this is the only town in the state, that is the birthplace of a Vice President.

Revolutionary soldiers of this town were credited to Rochester, Farmington having been a parish up to 1798. The town contributed between two and three hundred men



GROVE STREET LOOKING WEST

SOUVENIR OF FARMINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

to the army in the civil war period, with several distinguished officers, one having been General Louis Bell, killed in 1865 at Fort Fisher. The only army chaplain from Farmington was the Rev. D. P. Cilley, who served over four years. Major Alonzo Nute was quartermaster of the Sixth N. H. Vols., and the memory of Captain Ralph Carlton, of the Third, is perpetuated by Carlton Post and Corps.

Farmington has suffered at times from fire and tempest but has recovered from the one, and has emerged from the other, in a most praiseworthy manner. It has been said: "There's a noticeable trait in all Farmingtonians that stands out so clearly as to mark them abroad and invariably to excite comment by visitors in our town. It is the determination evinced to do well, whatever they undertake." This is evident in the general appearance of the town, and in the condition of its places of business, and of its homes, whether on pleasant farms or in the populous village; in the work of town officers; the attention of members of the bar to the public good; in the labors of a notable group of physicians and surgeons; the care of the churches, schools, and library; the conduct of the banking institutions; and in the laudable career of the men and women who have gone forth in the world, or still remain to forward home interests.

And this characteristic is apparent also in the latest organization of local corporations, the Farmington Old Home

Week Association, organized May 18, in the present year, and incorporated June 17, with its immediate purpose the celebration of Old Home Week. The association offers this book to all friends of Farmington, as a souvenir of the first observance of Old Home Week in the town whose energy, thrift, sturdy independence, and generous consideration, during more than a hundred years, have made an honorable history, and have laid a sure foundation for future prosperity and usefulness.



IN OLD HOME WEEK

I

Greeting the azure skies
Thy hills majestic rise,
 O Granite State:
Fair are thy lakes and streams,
Thy shores are poets' themes,
Thy woods are haunts of dreams
 Inviolate.

II

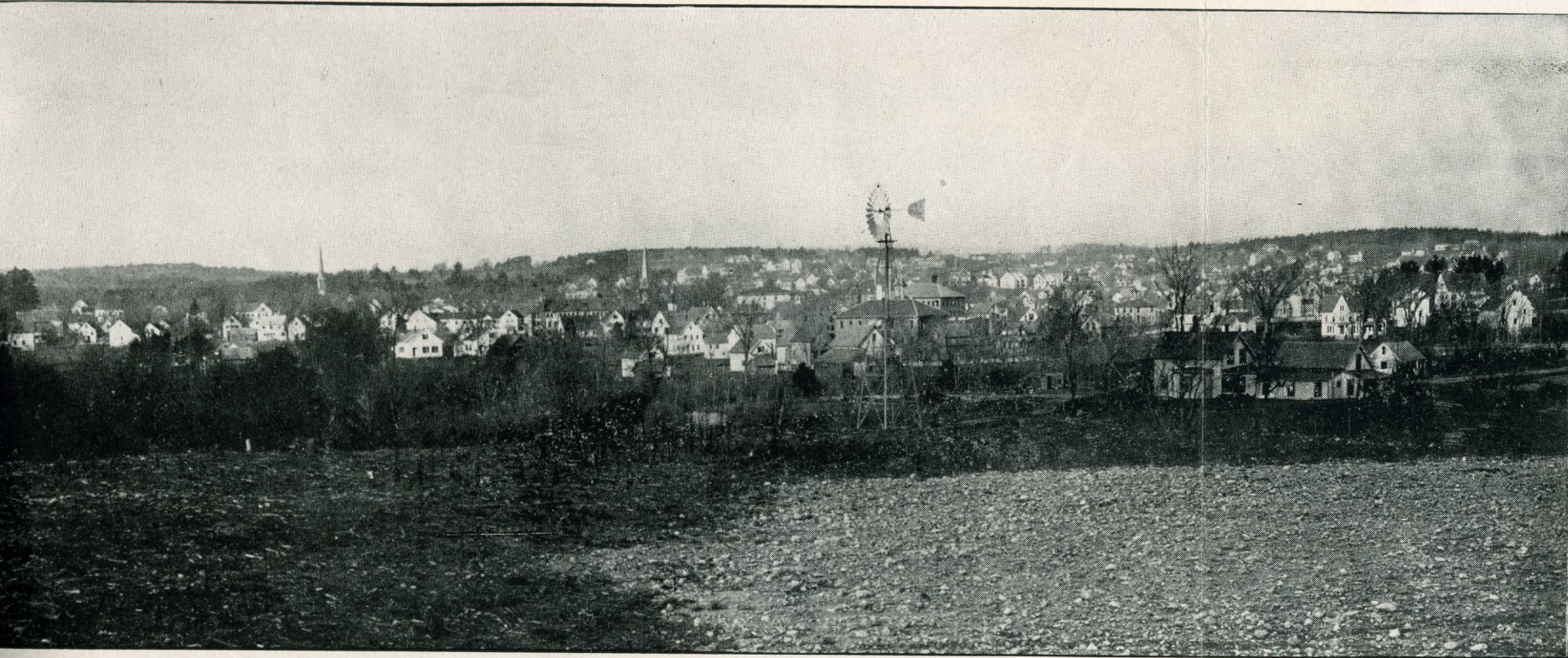
Home of our childhood days,
In all our wonted ways
 We think of thee;
Thy memories naught can chill,
Thy promise years fulfil,—
From every touch of ill
 God keep thee free.

III

Howe'er afar we roam,
We turn to thee, Old Home,
 In love and pride;
Thy soil no foe shall dare,
From thee spring virtues rare,
With thee shall honor fare
 And always bide.

IV

All hail to thee, we sing,
And homage true we bring,
 O native land.
Thy well won fame we share,
Thy noble name we bear,
And ever proudly wear
 Our birthright grand.



BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF FARMINGTON FROM PINE HILL CEMETERY