

INTERVIEW WITH GERALDINE FURGESON
SUBJECT: MAIN STREET

Starting at the Episcopal Church, first house east,
Dr. Smith (Lusius) had his office in his home. No appointment necessary. He used a horse in the winter time. One time he was called out to a home on Creek Road - Cornelius Geldorf lives there now, and he said the snow was up past the horse's belly, making it almost impossible to get thru, but he made it. His house long gone. The Episcopal Parish Center stands there now.

Next house Dr. Becker, the dentist, had his office. When he moved away, other dentists moved in. One was a local boy, Howard Fisher. Also, living in the house, were Mr. & Mrs. Harmon, their granddaughter, Lucille, and Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Stetson, a rural mail carrier.

Next came the big block- I think it was owned by the Griffith family. On the main floor was the printing office for our local Palmyra paper. This, too, was owned by the Griffith family. Later the printing presses were moved to a larger building on Williams Street where the Alling Coverlet Museum is now located. (1980) John Tucker was manager of the paper.

Village hall, which housed our Opera House was next- also, fire and police department and our local post office. Mr. Sam Hunt was postmaster.

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Long gone is the R.S. & E. trolley station. That was an impressive-looking building to us kids with the tracks running alongside for freight delivery and pick-up. Mr. McNutt and Mr. Fisk were the ticket agents. Many the time we'd go into the waiting room to warm ourselves before starting the trek to our home on Stafford Street..

Knapp's Insurance was next with Sara (Hap_) Doyle Griffin and her mother living in the back apartment. Insurance office was in the middle-John DeVuyst had his barber shop in front, later Leon(Tony) Molner.

How many can remember the Western Union office with Miss Munson and Raymond Flynn? They were next in the block, followed by Robert (Dad) M. Bareham's Bakery. Nellie Coughlin and Effie Larwood were the clerks. A Mrs. Martin did the cleaning.

Mrs. Martin told me about her great embarrassment one day while cleaning the bakery. Mrs. Bareham had a brother named Byron Clark. We called him Uncle Bye. He lived in Rochester and often he'd come down on the trolley to visit. Barehams lived on Cuyler Street where Barclays live now and Uncle Bye always took the back driveway to get to Cuyler Street. The driveway is still in use between the M.M. Bank and the old Grange Hall, later the Moose Club.

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Well, Mrs. Martin had finished mopping the floor and you can imagine the condition of the water. She always threw the water out on the driveway not bothering to look, as very few used it in those days and whamo-poor Uncle Bye got it on his beautiful, white linen suit, white panama hat and buckskin shoes. One wonders who was the more surprised.

Smith & Ziegler's Jewelry Store came next across Cuyler Street. Coffee shop, owned by L. Sheldon, then the following owners of the same millinery shop- Miss Wagemaker, Lawrence & Luce, Lena Chishom (Burns) perhaps, not in that order. Hat shop moved and in came Dohse & Callahan-a shoe store. Next, Jim Downey-electrical store. Then Clarence Cunion's Jewelry Store in same location.

Who can forget Fanny & Ralph Bennett in the Central News-Fred Parsons in his bakery? Also, Lawrence Brothers' Dry Goods?

Then, they tore down the beautiful white pillared home and livery stable to make room for Papanu's Ice Cream Parlor, and Loghery & Chisholm's garage.

Next a fruit store in the basement owned by J. Bournas- above was a shoe repair shop run by another Mr. Bournas

The library next with Elsie Westfall Librarian. How we'd rush down to see if a new F. Scott Fitzgerald's book had arrived. We had passed the Anne of Green Gables, Bobbsey Twins Etc. era and were growing up.

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Continue-Silver & Cady-Furniture & funeral parlor. Mr. Peter Weber & Son, Ted-Barber shop. As of this writing, Feb., Mar. & Apr. 1980, Ted still barbering. How many generations? Briggs, later Barclays Drug Store.

Powers Hotel with its large pillars, stately and majestic in a child's eyes. Later A & P Store & Chase's Lunch Room.

Many changes later, after the bad fire in 1935. Under front porch Patrick Callahan had a barber shop, Leon Molner bought it later.

Engel's Electric Store and Mrs. Engel's Gift Shop. Later the one store made into two.

Next Robert Tillings-Shoe Repair

Will Gillette - Variety Store
A. & P. before moving to Powers Hotel

Aimee Wirth-Millinery Store. Rented back room to

Mildred Salem Breemes to start a beauty parlor. Later to Ann Blair. As teenagers, this was our hangout. The hairdresser practiced on our hair. A free shampoo and marcel.

After Dr. MacPherson closed his office in the house next to Aimee's, and moved to his residence on W. Main, next to Baptist Church, Marie Harrington opened a dress shop.

Dr. Tillapaugh had an office in the Durfee home-first house west of Garlock Office. It was closed about

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1919-1920. Just wasn't interested in what happened to him. Too young.

The large building on North West corner of E. Main and Clinton was known as the Birdsall block, living quarters made up most of the building. Tom Birdsall had a variety store and Henry (Hank) Dennis a paper and paint store.

I cannot remember what the other store was until Starks went into the paper and paint business after Mr. Dennis passed away.

Luella Arnold Pollock had a millinery shop in her home. Closed after their son arrived.

Next came Cotroneo's fruit and vegetable store. Mr. & Mrs. Cotroneo had three children-Anthony, Mollie & Theresa. Tony became a well-known attorney in Rochester. Mollie & Theresa-do not know where they went after the death of their parents.

Mr. Ryan's restaurant next. Best clam chowder anywhere around.

Breen & Vanderwege Meat Market

Burgdorf's Florist-first they had a Grocery & Deli Store

Across Market Street West-

Bird & Flynn's Hardware

Fassett's Jewelry-never opened up their store after the

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March 1949 fire in which their younger son perished.

Wm. Bowman's Grocery

Geo. Brandetsas Ice Cream

Johnson & Congdon Shoe Store- Mr. Congdon fitted

my shoes when I was about 3 or years old, living in Albion. He worked in Miller's Shoe Store on W. Bank Street.

Then came the first 5 & 10 Cent Store. When it closed, Gas & Electric took over.

Crandall & Crandall next. -Funeral & Furniture Parlor

The Foster Shoe Store-operated by two sisters after father's death.

Henry Runterman-Grocery Store

The M Story Dry Goods-occupied 2 places. How we enjoyed watching the money capsules run on their track to the office. Employees were: Tom Trull

Sam Newman
Percy Taylor
Grace Millen (Hall)
Anna Parr Mae Carroll

Langworthy's had a store along here somewhere. Just barely remember them.

Next-Silmer Bramer's Ins. Later taken over by son, Earl.

Jones Clothing (Frank & Arthur)

Tuttle's Hardware

Lebrecht's Clothing

Darlings Meat Market-then in 1921 The State Bank put

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up a new building and Mr, Darling moved to Williams Street.

His son, Kenneth worked with him.

Pliny T. Sexton's bank was on the northwest corner of Main and Williams Streets.

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SUBJECT : OTHER STREETS

William Street s
East Side

Barrett's Hardware and Harness Rifenberg
Hotel (St. James) Hooper-Photographer
Jackman's Laundry

Market Street: East
side going North

O'Brien & Hickey - Meat Market Bareham's
Bakery
Orlopp's Cigars (also their home)
E. Putnam - dress shop
John Watson - Memorial monuments
Exton residence
? residence
Edward & Elizabeth Boles (Ed & Lizzie)
Phelps tenant house
Phelps residence
Mr. & Mrs. Collins - Book Store

Market Street: West
side going North

Max Maddy - Men's clothing
John Bain Sr. - Harness, Leather Repair
Residence over their store
Bert Byers & family-over Bain's
Sessions House - Mrs. Rush lived there with
daughter, Nancy and granddaughter, Flossie
Dibble.
Cal Everson's - business ?
Fred Hislop - business ? Charlie Brizee -
Meat Market Judge Lewis Ziegler - residence
Frank Cady - Furniture Finishing Walter
Dennie & family
Frank Dennie & family

Canal Street:

Lazerson's Junk Yard
Pfifer's Hotel and Pulver's Blacksmith Shop,
Also two Lumber and Coal Companies Sessions
and Son, ? Pal, Coal & Lumber Cleveland's
Grocery
Harry Williamson's Hardware Exchange Hotel
Guernsey's Blacksmith Shop
There may be others, but I've forgotten them

Fayette Street:

Frank Hornsby's Meat Market J. K.
Williamson's Cigar Factory