

The corner building was vacant until 1839. Then it was used for various businesses — Bergan and Angeli, a hat store by J. S. Bergan, a shoe store by Nathaniel Stevenson, and a harness shop by Holland Yates. Since 1844 it has been occupied as a dry goods, grocery, or hardware store by many different firms, of whom we mention Jarvis and Perry, A. C. Moore and Co., Moore and Cooke, Moore and Thurston, Lull and Steele, S. S. Matteson and Co., E. A. Strong and Co., A. E. Yates. In the same building was also the private bank of A. C. Moore, then Moore and Cooke, and J. E. Cooke and Co. The latter firm failed in 1884.

When Mr. Bergan went out of business and began keeping hotel, now the Gardner house (Morris Inn), S. G. and P. Weeden opened a harness shop in the room occupied as a hat store. This was in 1840. The post-office was in this building in 1857-60 and Charles A. Bowne was the postmaster.

The building is now owned by Mr. Kenyon, who is fitting it up for the use of the First National Bank, of which he is president, and for another hardware store.

Number 2: The first building west of E. C. Williams store, mentioned in my notes last week as standing where the corner store now is, was a large two story dwelling and inn built by Jeremiah Cruttenden about 1803. It stood where the Kenyon block (Telephone building site) now is. It was a fashionable white house twenty years ago, with a hall through the center and a front room on each side, the kitchen in the rear. A lean-to on the west end was the bar room. The front chamber was the ballroom of the town and three set could comfortably dance there. There was no porch or piazza, but each side of the hall door was a seat, and a picket fence about five feet from the house enclosed the dooryard. About fifteen feet from the fence in front of the house stood two tall poplar trees. Teams driving up to the door went between the trees and the fence. Later the barroom part was raised to the height of the main building and a broad two story piazza was built across the entire front. This was rebuilt into the present three-story block by Jas. E. Cooke and Co. A dozen or more different men and firms "kept tavern" in the old building. Just now I recall the names of Thorp, Douglass, Jonah, Davis, Bergan, Resedorff, Rufus Sanderson, Church and Yates, Johnson and Kimball, and Hasea Bundy.

West of the above building were the tavern sheds where the Weeden buildings stand now (Kinney). Here about 1826 was the first caravan that I attended on my Uncle Eliakim How's paying four cents for my admission. I recollect there was the monkey riding the Shetland pony, the elephant old "Bet", a cage of monkeys, a camel, and some other animals. There was no tent cover and the orchestra sat in chairs on a platform in the manger for feeding horses. Edward Littlewood (long years afterward a resident of our town) was the leader of this band, which consisted of four musicians. One of the instruments played upon was a Chinese hurdy-gurdy, shaped somewhat like a banjo, with a wheel, shaft and crank and four strings like a violin. By turning the crank the edge of the rosined wheel vibrated the strings.

The sheds were removed and the present building erected about 1844. In it Isaac Angell had a grocery. Later it was occupied by W. R. B. Wing, Geo. Hitchcock, Pearsall and Hitchcock (dry goods), and by many others down to the