

NW CORNER, COMMERCE & MAIN

Milford Times, Dec. 8, 1939

The brick building to be demolished [NW corner of Commerce & Main] dates back to 1881 when it was erected by the late George A. Cutting and the south portion was used as his blacksmith shop for many years. Long before that he was one of the village smithies in the Stone Shop on North Main Street, which he sold in June, 1881, to Vowles & Orvis of farm implement fame. It is not recalled whether that firm made any use of the old shop in connection with their plant, as it was used for many years after that by R. Forbes as a blacksmith shop.

The north portion of the building housed for years one of the village fire engines and equipment, and served also as the place for meetings of the northside fire company—"The Monitor"—and the village council convened also there for the bi-monthly sessions. It served for justice court trials and also as the village voting place. Sanford Arms says he remembers it as the place where he cast his first ballot 51 years ago and where C.E. Lovejoy, the clerk of elections, facetiously added as he gave his name, "Sanford A. Arms, notorious horse thief from Montana, casts ballot No. 48." Down at the back of the building stood the village "hoosegow" where wrong doers were temporarily confined and where the village put the "knights of the road" when they applied for shelter.

Milford Times, April 15, 1876

Mr. Shinneman is building a cooper shop on the lot next south of Cutting's blacksmith shop [Stone Shop, north of 514 N. Main]

Milford Times, Oct. 7, 1876

P.C. Slougher has sold the blacksmith shop, occupied by George Cutting, to Peter V. Copp of Highland.

Joseph Vowles is laying the foundation on his lot in the rear of D. Morrison's Drug store, which is to be occupied by George C. Cutting as a blacksmith shop.

Milford Times, May 28, 1881

The old livery barn, NW corner of Main & Commerce, has been torn down.

Milford Times, July 2, 1881

G.O. Cutting contemplates moving his blacksmith shop to the corner of Main and Commerce, or, if he can dispose of it, will build a new shop.

Milford Times, July 30, 1881

G.O. Cutting to move his blacksmith shop.

Milford Times, Aug. 20, 1881

Mr. G.O. Cutting has sold his blacksmith shop to Vowles & Orvis, and will erect a new building on the corner of Main and Commerce occupying the whole of his lots.

Milford Times, Sept. 17, 1881

Mr. G.O. Cutting will build a brick blacksmith shop on his lots corner of Main and Commerce.

Milford Times, Dec. 10, 1881

Council may lease room in Cutting's new brick building for Fire Engine No. 2.