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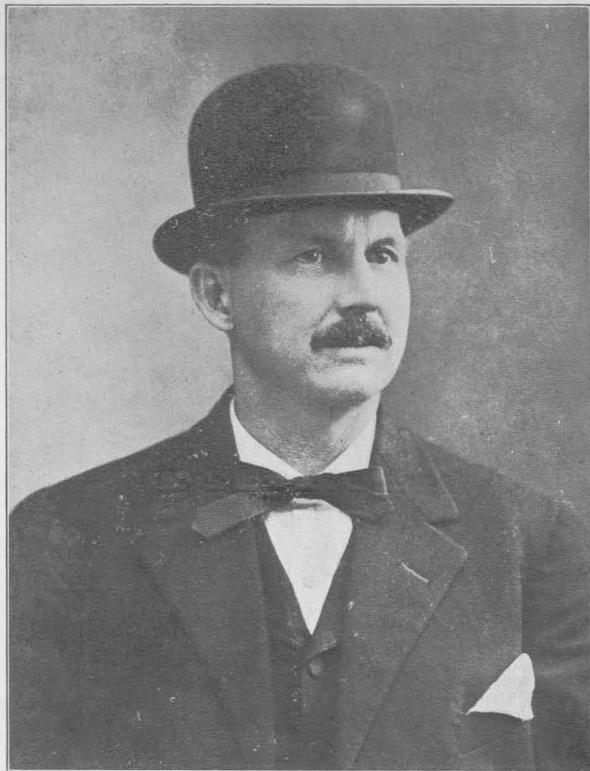
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Man, through all ages of revolving  
time,  
Unchanging man, in every varying  
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Deems his own land of every land  
the pride.  
Belov'd of heaven o'er all the world  
beside;  
His home, the spot of earth supreme-  
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A dearer, sweeter spot than all the  
rest.---Montgomery.

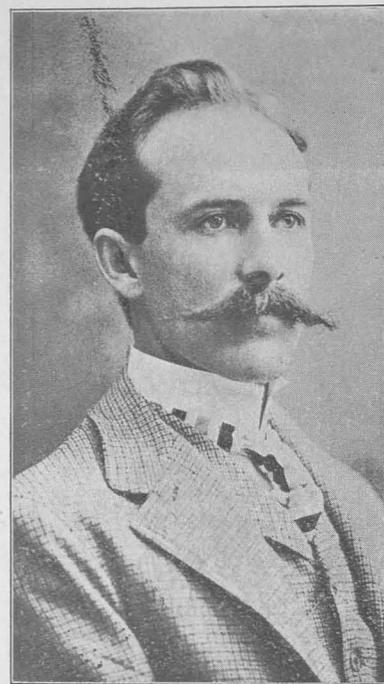
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Silas Parker First Supervisor



C. H. Reynolds Present Supervisor

1808

## ARCADE

1912

**B**ATAVIA included all the state west from the eastern boundary of the Holland Purchase. March 19, 1808, Sheldon was formed and included what are now Arcade, Attica, Bennington, Java, Orangeville and Wethersfield. Arcade, then called China, and including the present town of Java was formed from Sheldon March 6, 1818. Java was set off April 20, 1832.

The following are names of some of the early purchasers of lands:

Range 3. John Nichols in 1808 part of lot 20; Silas Meach in 1807 lot 28; Amasa Kilborn in 1808 part of lot 36; Samuel Nichols in 1809 part of lot 35; Abraham Jackson, Jr., in 1810 part of lot 34; Alfred Kilborn in 1809 part of lot 36; Peter Belknap in 1810 part of lot 35.

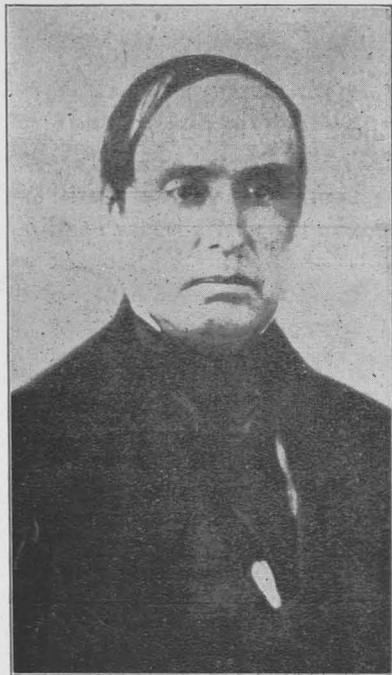
Range 4. Abner Bump in 1809 lot 39; Silas Parker in 1809 lot 15; Leonard Parker in 1809 lot 14; Jacob Jackson in 1809 lot 3; Simeon Welles in 1809 lot 7; Samuel Nichols in 1810 lot 22; Bartholomew Armstrong 1810 lot 11; Abraham Jackson, Sr., and Abraham Jackson, Jr., 1810 part of lot 12, and lots 4, 6, 21, 23, 24, 32, 42, 43; Israel Kibbe in 1810 lot 25; Alba Carpenter in 1810 part of lot 16; Simeon Carpenter

in 1810 part of lot 16; Charles Jackson in 1809 lot 5; James W. Stevens in 1810 lot 1; Abner Bump in 1810 lot 40 Joseph Doane in 1809 part of lot 30; Andrew Ellicott in 1810 part of lot 13, and Moses Smith in 1810 lot 8. Jared Witherel located on a 300 acre farm on lot 41 in the year 1817. His grandson, Jameson Witheril, still owns a part of the old farm from whose dairies the village is now supplied with milk.

Ebenezer Allan was the first male white settler in Wyoming County and his record was nearly as shady as a present day politician. He was a murderer, swindler, polygamist and insurrectionist, all of which goes to prove that we as a people have progressed instead of degenerating.

Arcade is the south-west town of the County of Wyoming, and was called China until the year 1866.

Abraham Jackson, of Vermont, was the first explorer of this section and came in 1807. He located ten sections of land and returned to Vermont. In the spring of 1809 he came back with his son, Jacob Jackson, Silas Parker and their families. Silas Meach took the first land article in the town in 1808. In 1810 he returned after a two years absence and Israel Kibbe came. Moses Smith and Simeon Welles



CHARLES R. PARKER



MRS. M. A. FURGASON

came with their families in 1811, and Jonathan Hadley came in 1816.

Prominent among the pioneers were: Silas and Elias Parker. Silas had ten sons and four daughters; Elias had five sons and four daughters.

The first marriage celebrated in the town was that of Silas Meach to Lydia Parker in 1810.

The first birth was that of a little girl to Jacob Jackson, and the first male born was a son to Silas Parker.

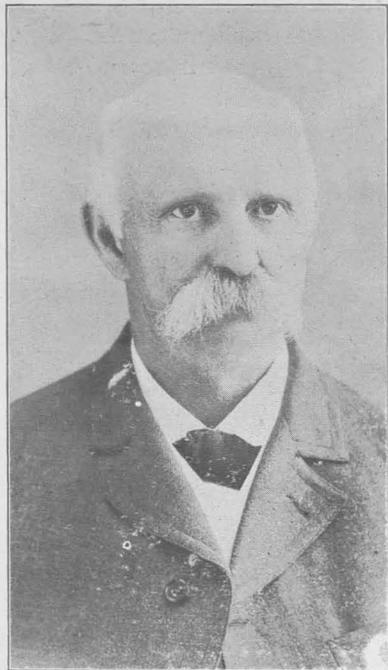
The first burial was that of Mrs. Amasa Kilborn in 1810. The coffin was a hewed one stained with butternut bark. The burial took place near the center of the town. For many years there was a public cemetery on East Main street on the property now owned by H. D. Allen, but most of the bodies buried in various places, including this burial plot, have since been removed to the Arcade Rural Cemetery which association was organized in 1853, August 9th, and whose grounds were publicly dedicated October 9, 1855.

The first town meeting was held in the year 1818, and upon counting the votes it was found that Silas Parker had been chosen as the first supervisor of the town. Jacob Jackson, Isaac Salter, and D. H. Wooster, assessors, James Francis (grandfather of J. H. Francis) was elected as constable and Deacon Walter Hinkley was the choice for town clerk. It was voted that \$75.00 be raised for common schools and that \$80.00 be levied for roads and bridges, also that a bounty of

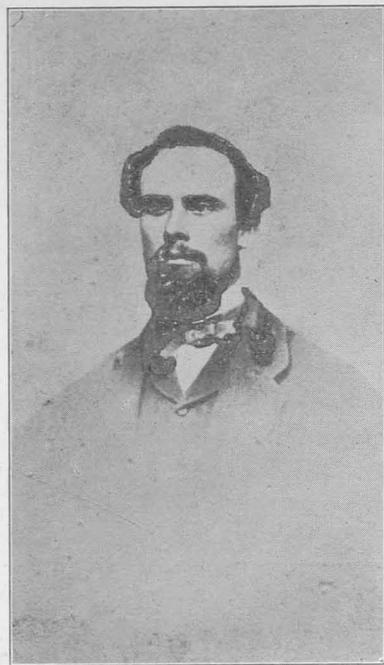
\$10.00 be raised for each wolf scalp, and that the next annual town meeting be held at the home of Abraham Smith, Jr.

As before stated the families of Elias and Silas Parker were prominent among the first settlers of the town and a number of their direct descendants are honored and respected citizens of Arcade today.

Elias Parker was father of Lyman Parker. Lyman Parker had a son named Philander, and Welles and the late Erastus Parker were children of Philander. Silas Parker's children were: Cephas J., Charles R., who was six week's old when he came to Arcade in 1809, Horace, Asa, Reyland, Silas, Richard, Frederick, John and Chauncey. Mrs. Harriet Richardson was Silas Parker's oldest daughter. George Parker is a son of Cephas Parker and is a prosperous farmer on the road between Arcade and Eagle, and E. D. Parker is a son of Richard Parker and at present engaged in the collection department of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. Elias Parker's daughter, Miranda, on October 17, 1813, married James Steele who came to Arcade in 1811. Elias Steele was a son born of this union and his daughter, Miss Mattie Steele, occupies the James Steele farm at the P. R. R. station. Charles Parker's children were: Mrs. M. A. Furgason, Mrs. Serepta Moore, Mrs. Lucy Davis, Ira, Clark, Frank and Helen Parker, Mrs. Emily Zeak, Mrs. Julia Steele and Mrs. S. A. Hulette. Of these children, Mrs. Furgason, Ira Parker and Mrs. Julia Steele are still



B. F. LEWIS



J. S. BUSHNELL

residents of Arcade.

When Mrs. Furgason was two days old, July 4, 1827, the first celebration was held in Arcade. The Arcade House now owned by J. F. McGovern had just been erected but was not yet occupied, and in this building the dinner was served. As the cannon was discharged out on the common Ira Kibbe was in front of the big gun and literally torn to pieces, blood and fragments of the body being blown upon the table in the hotel. Jacob Jackson, grandfather of the late A. J. Beebe, kept the first store in town at Arcade Center.

In 1825 Huntington Lyman conducted a store that was afterward run by Kirke Gillett in the building that stood upon the site where the Francis & McKerrow store now stands; C. O. Shepard afterwards operated this same store, later came John Dillingham and opened up the first tinshop in the town. In 1879 the business was sold out to C. J. White who in turn disposed of the personal property to Gilbert & Cornell. The real property was sold by the estate to S. F. Mann. Mr. Mann desiring to build the brick store now owned by J. H. Francis and operated by Francis & McKerrow, moved the building to Mill street and converted it into a dwelling house which is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Fannie Plucker.

James Furgason operated a bakery in a house that stood where the Keystone Block now stands. The upright of this house is at present

occupied by his widow, Mrs. M. A. Furgason, on prospect street, and the part used as a bakery at that time is a part of the W. F. Arthurs residence on Park street. This house is probably 100 years old.

In 1821 Deacon Hinckley's log tavern stood nearly where the new Wilson Building is; there was a log barn on the site of the Beebe-Steele block where now stands the Steele-Foote and a part of the new Beebe blocks; Sarah Jackson's log house stood near the present site of the Yule shop.

Dr. Ira Shedd, who in 1818 taught school here, located permanently in Arcade in 1829, later he built the building now used as an office building and depot for the B. A. & A. R. R. His brother, Daniel Shedd, built the house now occupied by Ernest Gregg and family and Mrs. Case, Mr. Shedd being a harnessmaker had a shop on the corner of the lot where the C. J. White hardware store stands. He sold the property to Cephas J. Parker who sold the land for the brick building on the corner of Liberty and Main streets to Walter Smith and A. F. Skinner, the harness shop being moved to make room for the new enterprise was placed on a lot on East Main street and remodeled into a house which was occupied by C. H. Beardsley; this was afterwards sold to M. A. Fisk and at present is owned and occupied by Wm. Eberts.

About 1828 the site and water privilege for mill purposes was deeded



STEELE-BEEBE BUILDING (Before the Fire)



FREDERICK PARKER HOMESTEAD

to Harry Jackson by Walter Hinckley. A grist mill and saw mill were erected and in 1852 Asahel and John Jackson built a tannery in connection with the mills. This is the place where now stands the J. N. Buchman feed and grist mill.

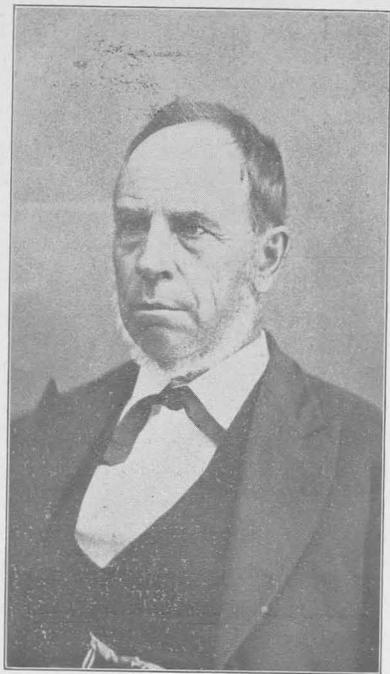
At the junction of Clear and Cattaraugus Creeks stands the Oak Knitting Company's building. In the year 1819, Samuel Upham erected the first building, and in 1863, Waldo, Steele & Co., built the Arcade Woolen Mills. October 30, 1868, this structure was burned to the ground and was rebuilt in 1871 by Waldo & Son, but was not operated until 1876 when it was purchased and run by H. D. Allen and I. W. Smith until 1878 when Mr. Allen sold his interest to W. H. Wilson. After a time Mr. Wilson withdrew and the business was conducted by Mr. Smith until 1893. For a period of five years after this date the mill was unused. In 1898, J. C. Sanford, a prominent mill man, moved his estimable family to this place on May 10th, and once again the old mill was put in motion as a knitting mill. Mr. Sanford built an addition onto the building and made many improvements, among which was the placing of an electric light plant for lighting the mill. Mr. Sanford was proprietor and operator of the mill until March 23, 1904, the day of his sad and untimely death. This property was bought of the estate by Messrs. C. E. Crouse and A. G. Velasko of Syracuse, in November, 1904, and has since been conducted by them.

The mill is a four story structure, 105 feet long and 50 feet wide, beside a boiler house 25x50. A switch leads from the main track of the B. A. & A. R. R. to the door which is a convenience as goods are shipped to the principal cities of nearly every state in the Union. The fire protection is first-class, consisting of automatic sprinklers, large fire pump and city water. Better prices are paid here for help than in adjoining towns. The kind of goods manufactured are Children's Modesta Union Suits, covered with patent; vests and pants for ladies and children, ladies union suits, also the well known Trimfit Ladies Vests and Corset covers.

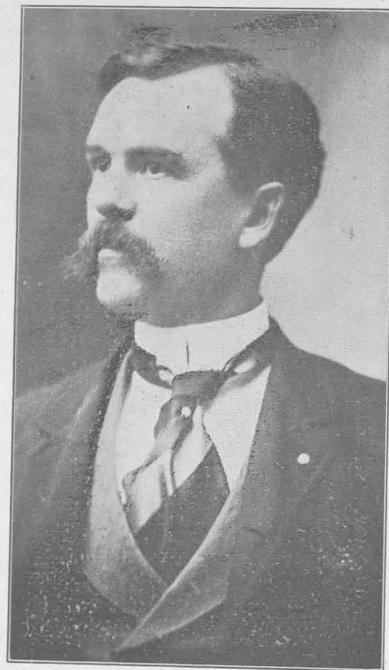
Arcade Lodge, No. 419, F. & A. M. was constituted May 19, 1856, (date of warrant June 16, 1857) with Ezra Farrington, W. M.; Heman Wilson, S. W.; Philander Cook, J. W. The charter members were: Ezra Farrington, Heman Wilson, Philander Cook, A. B. Botsford, Silas Parker, Ira Rawley, S. Guild, E. Holmes, John Wade, H. Smith, J. G. Wood, and J. S. Colby.

March 31, 1859, the first newspaper office was opened in Arcade, since then there has been sometimes one and sometimes three publications under various heads. At present there is one newspaper office, the Wyoming County Herald, W. F. Arthurs, publisher, and one up-to-date job printing office owned and operated by John S. Welch.

In 1871 Zelona Foote bought of Mrs. Kilton the building that stood



HON. LEVERETT SPRING



HON. H. J. McNAIR

where the new W. H. & O. T. Wilson building now stands (which by the way was the site of the pioneer log tavern of the town conducted by Deacon Hinckley) and remodeled it from a store and dwelling house into a cheerful, roomy, hotel. On May 1, 1885, James F. McGovern purchased this property of Mr. Foote and conducted the same until it was destroyed by fire December 14, 1898. On the 19th of March, 1900, Mr. McGovern bought of F. M. Foote and took possession of the Arcade House over which he still presides.

July 1, 1867, Arcade's first bank was established by Hurty & Chamberlain in the E. P. Carter building east of the Main street bridge. In 1873 it was taken over by the firm of B. F. Hurty, D. C. Beebe and A. Knight. In 1874 this banking company built the three story brick block known as the Keystone Block. The half-tones in this book will show the growth of the enterprise far better than language of yours or mine can describe it.

Previous to 1841 the people of the present county of Wyoming assisted in the election and lived under the administration of the officers of Genesee County.

William W. Davis, born September 24, 1825 in Freedom, was elected Sheriff of Wyoming County and served from 1867 to 1870. Leverett Spring, born October 19, 1809 in Vermont and came to Arcade in 1836, was the first Member of Assembly from Arcade in the years 1844 and

1845, and H. J. McNair was the last Member of Assembly from this town and acted during the years of 1902 and 1903. Charles O. Shepard was County Clerk in 1858.

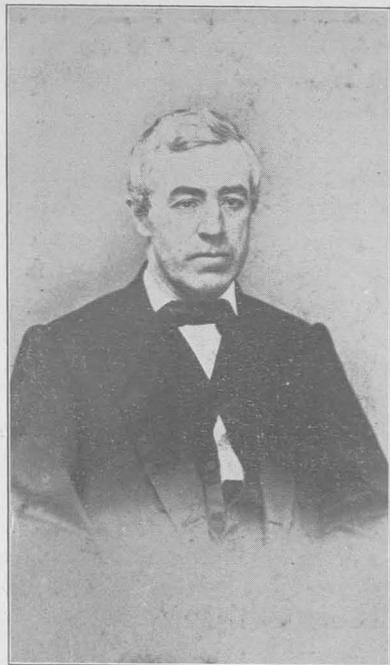
## RAILROAD FACILITIES

In the early part of the year 1852 stock was subscribed along a proposed route by which the villages of Arcade and Attica were to be connected by rail. The roadbeds, culverts, etc., were completed in 1853 and part of the rails laid but before this work was finished the money raised had been exhausted and the project was abandoned.

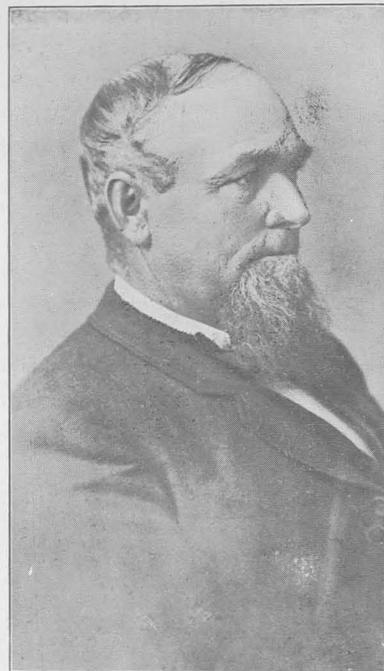
In 1870 interest was again aroused and an endeavor made to complete a work begun 18 years before; but not until May, 1881 did trains run into the village. The mail car came over the road for the first time May 16, 1881. This was called the Tonawanda Valley Railroad Extension Company and the directors were:

R. G. Taylor, W. S. Bissell, Buffalo; R. H. Farnham, R. S. Stevens, C. S. Thomson, James H. Loomis, L. R. Vincent, J. V. D. Loomis, Attica; G. R. Blanchard, B. W. Spencer, E. S. Bowen, J. D. Fish, New York. Mr. Taylor was President and J. V. D. Loomis, Supt.

The small house on the Botsford place near the bridge on Water street was the first depot and W. W. Wade was the first agent. In December, 1881 the road was completed to Main street and the trains



C. O. SHEPARD



W. W. DAVIS

ran into the depot regularly. This depot was called the "Railroad Block," having been named thirty years before. On the 18th day of July, 1882, the road was completed to Sandusky. In September, 1882, the road was completed and Cuba and Attica were united by rail and three regular trains were running each way daily.

After a twelve years struggle the company suspended operations in April of 1895, and in July of the same year the present B. A. & A. was doing business. Eventually the road came into possession of the Goodyers and in May, 1910, H. D. Hathaway became superintendent. Since that date there has been expended upwards of \$40,000 for improvements, and by untiring energy, caution and judgment this pioneer railroad after sixty years of struggle has become one of Arcade's most valuable assets. This road makes good connections for Batavia, Warsaw, Hornell and Rochester and all points east, also for Buffalo and all points west:

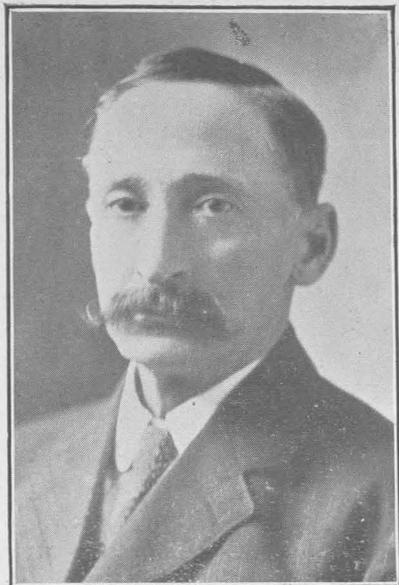
About 1870, Arcade was bonded for \$50,000 to aid in the construction of a railroad known as the Washington Railroad Company, later it was re-organized and called the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia Railroad. It has since been taken over by the powerful Pennsylvania system under which it is now being operated, giving much toward the pleasure and profit of our citizens. There are four passenger trains daily in each direction on this road that stop at this station, which lies

one and one-quarter miles west of the village. A first-class 'Bus system is operated between the village and the station meeting all trains and handling the consignments of the Adams express. This road is a direct line to Buffalo, Washington and Philadelphia.

In March of 1881 the railroad prospects for Arcade indeed looked bright, for with two that were certainties there was still another strongly talked by which Williamsport and Arcade were to be connected. Such line to run to Pine Creek, Wellsville, Belmont, Belfast, Caneadea, Rushford, Farmersville, Freedom and Arcade; but the time was not ripe for this project, for it was 25 years later when as a reward for patient waiting the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railway came over practically the same route from Wellsville, connecting Arcade with Buffalo on the north and Wellsville and Galeton on the south.

These roads have a good roadbed, first-class equipment, gentlemanly and courteous employees, and it will readily be seen that with eighteen passenger trains daily and fine facilities for shipping and receiving goods from all four points of the compass that Arcade leads, not only the county but is unsurpassed in the state for railroad facilities for a town of its size. At the B. & S. is the American express and at the P. R. R. is the Adams express offices.

With agents W. G. Conschafter at the P. R. R.; R. D. Coyle at the B. & S., and C. B. VanTuyl at the B. A. & A., our service is perfect.



E. D. PARKER  
(Supervisor 1898-1905-1906)



B. M. HOLMES, (Chief of Police)

## SCHOOLS

In 1821, Ira Shedd taught school in this village in a log school house that stood where the Cephas Parker house was afterward built by Daniel Shedd and still stands, owned and used by G. A. Barnes as a tenement. Hugh Steele, Lyman Parker, Cephas and Charles Parker were numbered among his scholars.

When C. J. and Charles R. Parker were small lads on their way home from school they were attacked by two wolves, their father saw them at a distance and drove the wolves away with a pitchfork.

In 1825 and 1827, Mr. Shedd again taught school here in a new school house that stood where the Congregational Church now stands.

In 1839, Samuel Sedgwick conducted a select school in the basement of the old Congregational Church which was also the Town Hall where all entertainments, lectures, etc., were held.

In 1840 Prof. Sedgwick built Sedgwick Seminary, and upon leaving for Minnesota a few years later, sold the same to the M. E. Association for a church and it has been used as such ever since.

At this time the district school was held in the building now used as a dwelling by Dr. Geo. G. Davis. The original subscription for establishing the Academy bears date of October 1, 1861. The Charter was granted in February, 1862, and school opened in April of 1863 with Prof. J. W. Earle as principal. In April, 1870, this was changed

to the Arcade Academy and Union School. Today this institution is known as the Arcade High School, and under the skillful management of Prof. F. C. Lyon, than whom there is a no more efficient principal in the state, assisted by a staff of competent instructors, we can boast of a school equalled by few and excelled by none.

The following is a notice printed in 1841 giving the subjects, trustees and scholars names in connection with Prof. Sedgwick's school:

"The second year of the Arcade Seminary commences on Tuesday, August 24, 1841. This institution for the instruction of young ladies and gentlemen, in the usual Academic course, is located in the healthful and pleasant village of Arcade, Wyoming County, New York. The year will hereafter be divided into two terms of 22 weeks each, and each term into two quarters of 11 weeks each, with a suitable vacation at the close of each quarter. The following is a list of the principal and approved Text Books of the Seminary: Orthography, Webster; Eng. Grammar, Brown; Algebra, Day; Chemistry, Comstock; Natural Philosophy, Comstock; Mental Philosophy, Watts; Surveying, Flint; Geography, Olney; Arithmetic, Colborn-Adams; Geometry, Playfair; Astronomy, Burritt; Rhetoric, Blair; History, Latin, Andrews and Stoddard; Greek, Goodrich. Tuition: \$3 to \$4.50 per quarter, according to studies. Board and rooms on reasonable terms. Trustees: H. Hodge, L. D. Davis, A. Steele, L. Spring, B. H. Colgrove, and C. O.



LIBERTY STREET BEFORE THE FIRE



LIBERTY STREET AS IT IS TODAY

Shepard.

"It is very desirable that students enter at the commencement of the quarter, but they will be received at any time, with the expectation that they continue to the close of the quarter.

Names of Gentlemen Scholars:

Harvey Arnold, Arcade  
Hollis Atwater, Arcade  
A. B. Botsford, Arcade  
Samuel S. Braithwaite, Arcade  
Hiram Barrows, Arcade  
Jerome Barrows, Arcade  
L. D. Barrows, Arcade  
Harrison Beebe, Freedom  
Darius Beebe, Freedom  
William Bixby, Freedom  
C. A. Calkins, China  
Judson Calkins, China  
Leonard Calkins, China  
Allen L. Cobb, Yorkshire  
Henry Carpenter, Franklinville  
Horatio Hodge Jr., Arcade  
J. Hobart, Arcade  
Walter Hinckley, Arcade  
Ira S. How, Arcade

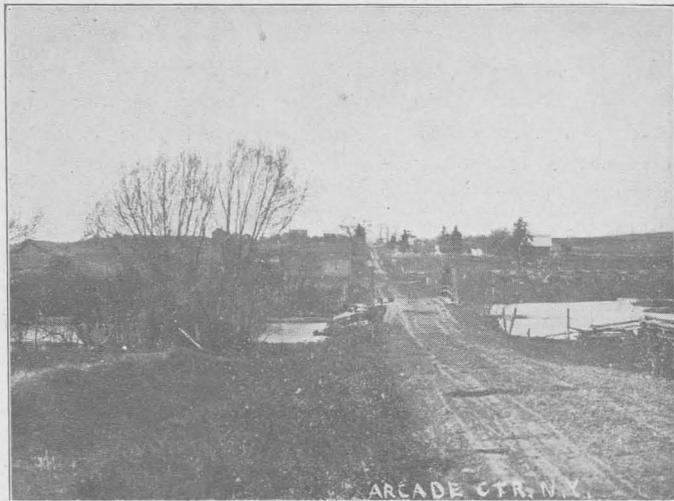
Hiram W. Jackson, Arcade  
Marvin Kibbe, China  
L. H. Lighthall, Wethersfield  
William F. Langmaid, Arcade  
R. H. Martin, Freedom  
Elijah Morgan, China  
Leonard F. Parker, Arcade  
Richard Parker, Arcade  
Mark A. Pierce, Perry  
Schuyler Peet, Farmersville  
Otis Perkins, Middlebury  
E. F. Runals, Arcade  
A. Showerman, Freedom  
A. Steele Arcade  
David Steele, Arcade  
Clinton Thayer, Arcade  
Simeon S. Waldo, Arcade  
Philo West, Arcade

Names of Lady Scholars:

Elizabeth Austin, Franklinville  
Lucy Arnold, Arcade  
Mercy G. Barrows, Arcade  
Mary C. Braithwaite, Arcade  
Merab Botsford, Arcade  
Rhodorpha Buell, Arcade  
Lucretia M. Beebe, Freedom  
Sally Ann Bixby, Freedom  
Jane L. Colton, Arcade  
Laura A. Carpenter, Franklinville  
Adaline Cobb, Yorkshire  
Mary B. Dow, Yorkshire  
Hannah Henry, Farmersville  
Melinda M. Hodge, Arcade  
Laura E. Hodge, Arcade  
Volina Hobart, Arcade  
C. Augusta Hooker, Freedom  
Hester C. Hyde, Arcade  
Ann L. Hyde, Arcade  
Susan Jackson, Arcade  
Marion Jenks, China  
Maria Mead, Franklinville

Roxana Nichols, Freedom  
Alcina Nichols, Freedom  
Caroline Price, Freedom  
Minerva Peet, Farmersville  
Martha A. Partridge, Franklinville  
Dolly F. Runals, Arcade  
Deborah E. Rowley, Arcade  
Emeline Sheldon, York  
Maria L. Selfridge, Freedom  
Lovice Steele, Arcade  
Hulda S. Stillman, Yorkshire  
Abigail W. Spring, Yorkshire  
Mary J. Thayer, Arcade  
Helen Wadsworth, Arcade  
Harriet Wadsworth, Arcade  
Dolly R. Weeks Freedom  
Julia A. Weeks, Freedom  
Martha Weeks, Freedom  
Phebe E. Weeks, Arcade  
Mary E. Weeks, Arcade  
Martha A. Weeks, Arcade  
Amelia Wood, Arcade

Whole number of scholars, 81."



ARCADE CENTER  
Where the First Store in China was Built



A WINTER SCENE ON MAIN STREET (Before the Fire)

## VILLAGE

The notice of an election as to whether the village should be incorporated was published under date of July 12, 1871, and the election was to be held at the hotel now owned by J. F. McGovern, at that time conducted by Mr. Hamilton, on the 15th day of August, 1871. The total number of votes cast was 152--104 for and 48 against.

The first election of officers, September 10, 1871, was held at Hamilton's hotel with the following result: President, J. T. Cummings; Trustees, B. F. Hurty, E. P. Carter and James Perkins; Treasurer, Silas F. Mann; Collector, Sidney Richardson. This Board held their first meeting September 21, 1871, at the Hurty & Chamberlain Bank, took the oath of office and appointed Ed. Puzy, Clerk.

In 1879, Dr. Henry L. Day acted as President, with A. L. Moulton and Isaac Smith, Trustees. James M. Witheril was appointed as Street Commissioner, I. Allen Cornwell, Police Constable, and J. S. Bushnell, Chief of the Fire Department.

The Arcade Hook and Ladder Company was formed December 16, 1871, with J. S. Bushnell, Foreman; Thos. J. Cornwell, Assistant Foreman; Charles T. Waldo, Secretary. The other members were: George Guild, W. B. Perry, C. H. Beardsley, V. C. Beebe, H. E. Kilton, Geo. Green, W. H. Pugh, John Haskell, H. W. Jones, "Dud" Denison, I. A. Cornwell, L. H. Johnson, Butler Wood, Clark Beardsley, and H. S.

Mosher.

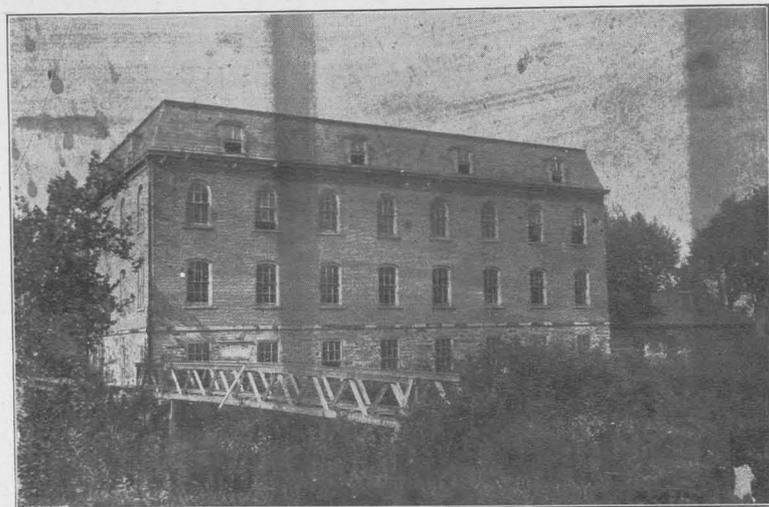
The Chemical Engine Company was incorporated March 7, 1877, with the following officers; B. F. Lewis, Foreman; J. S. Bushnell, Assistant Foreman; Freemont Knight, Secretary; M. A. Hyland, Treasurer. The corporation voted \$1,000 for the purchase of a Babcock Chemical Engine.

Arcade Hose Company No. 1, organized November 12, 1899, with O. T. Wilson, Foreman, and Dana R. Shedd, Assistant Foreman. The present Foreman is Warren A. Farmer, and Fred Young is Secretary.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Village Trustees, February 5, 1881, the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that the sum of \$1,000 be assessed upon the taxable property within the corporate limits for the purpose of purchasing a lot and erecting a suitable building for the use of the Fire Department. At the election February 17th, there were 107 votes cast, of which 63 were for, and 44 against. On May 21st. the sealed bids were opened and the contract awarded to Frank A. Smith; the consideration was \$785, the building to be completed by August 1st. The lot selected upon which to build was owned by L. B. Calkins. The purchasing committee and Mr. Calkins were \$25 apart, and the money was raised by Mr. Hurty donating \$5 and each of the firemen contributing \$1. At that time there were twenty active firemen; today there are over sixty.



The C. J. White Building Near Site of Old Log School House



The Smith & Wilson Woolen Mill (1878)

## G. A. R.

Torbert Post, No. 218, was formed at Foote's Hotel, August 19, 1881. Col. W. H. Hick was the first Commander. This is one of the organizations that has grown smaller and smaller in numbers each year until now there are but fifteen members left out of perhaps a hundred Comrades of comparatively a few years ago. The following is a list of those who enlisted from Arcade in the Civil War;

Nathan Kidder, Levi Vanoeker, John Dennis, John Hartigan, John Roche John Burlingame, Thomas Rowan, C. A. Woodworth, Benjamin McGee, Dr. Henry L. Day, Dr. Dwight W. Day, Thomas Howard, Charles O. Shepard Asa R. Burleson. Rollin Stearns, Patrick Flaherty, Thomas Dillon, James Montgomery, Newton Sage, John Brennan, James Rowan, Dennis Rowan, Owen Whalen, Alonzo Jenks, Harrison Waterman, Nelson W. Skinner, Hiram Henshaw, Marshall Magee, Michael Burns, Patrick Sullivan, Thos. Burrows. John Connor, Frank Connor, Sidney Cornwell, Horace Nichols, L. D. Hall, Thomas Farrand, Samuel Waldo, Azene Bowen, Daniel Bowen, Gaius Parker Herman Gerber, Walter Jackson, A. J. Whitney, McElhenna Jackson, Geo. Donovan, Nathan Dake, James Brayton, Newland Burns, Carl Whitney, Ira Parker, Alexander Dillingham, Perry Morse, Patrick Welch, John Welch, T. A. Drake, William Roche, Dennis Finnegan, Bernard Burns, Edward Welch, Michael Redding, William Simpson, George Vedder, S. J. Merhant, Romanzo Drake, Wallace W. Wade, Cornelius Kibbe, Henry Francis, William Daily, John W. Oneil, Wallace Nichols, Henry Fessenden, David Witherel, Horace W. Jones, Hiram Williams, D. P. Waller, Henry Chadborne, Cromwell Magee

Timothy Shockey, Newton Welles, Abel Clough, Seman Cornwell, William Fairfield, Curtis S. Pinney, Charles G. Pinney, Francis J. Eaton, Franklin H. Pinney, John Parker, Alfred Calkins, Joel B. Slater, A. B. Botsford Hiram W. Jackson, John W. Jackson, John Clough, James Clough, George W. Jones Wallace Jones, William A. Smith, Leverett Waldow, Walker B. Perry, Milan Jones, Joseph Egglington, William McKerrow, William Austin.

## CHURCHES

The Congregational Church is the oldest religious denomination in town, having been organized July 24, 1813, with three members; Walter Hinckley, Peggy Dutton and Azubah Kibbe. The old church building was erected in 1834 and used until 1877, when the present house of worship was built and the old one converted into a store now owned and operated by L. A. Davis.

The Baptist Church organized October 13, 1820. and the building was erected in 1840.

The date of M. E. Church organizing unknown, but services were held more than eighty years ago. These buildings have been remodeled from time to time until at present they are desirable places of worship.

The Roman Catholics numbered about thirty families when they deemed it advisable to erect a church. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was built in the year 1846 on a site at East Arcade donated by Heman Wilson, Esq. Edward Wales, Andrew Lennox, John Bennett,



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

David Roche, Dennis Casey and Edward Sullivan were among those who were prominent in this project.

In 1908 under the skillful management and financing of the Rev. Father Clark the beautiful stone edifice known as St. Peter and Paul's stands on west Main street, an everlasting monument of his labors.

The clergy at present: Congregational, W. R. Blackmer; Baptist, N. E. Miller; Methodist, James Leach; St. Mary's T. I. Butler; St. Peter and Paul's James B. Bray.

### RECAPITULATION

I have taken you over a period of something more than a hundred years, from the day of the redskin, the wolf, the deer, and bear, through fire and flood, to the present time when we are inhabitants of one of the most progressive villages in the whole Empire state.

We have eighteen passenger trains daily, a Powdered Milk Plant with a weekly payroll of \$1200, a Knitting Mill employing about one hundred hands, a Planing Mill, Saw Mill, and two Feed Mills, two millinery stores, three dry goods stores, three grocery stores, three barber shops, two hardwares, five and ten cent store, billiard parlor, drug store, two meat markets, bakery, brokers office, cigar and moving picture place, bowling alley, two dental parlors, a drive barn, library, harness shop, livery and exchange stables, clothing store, three hotels,

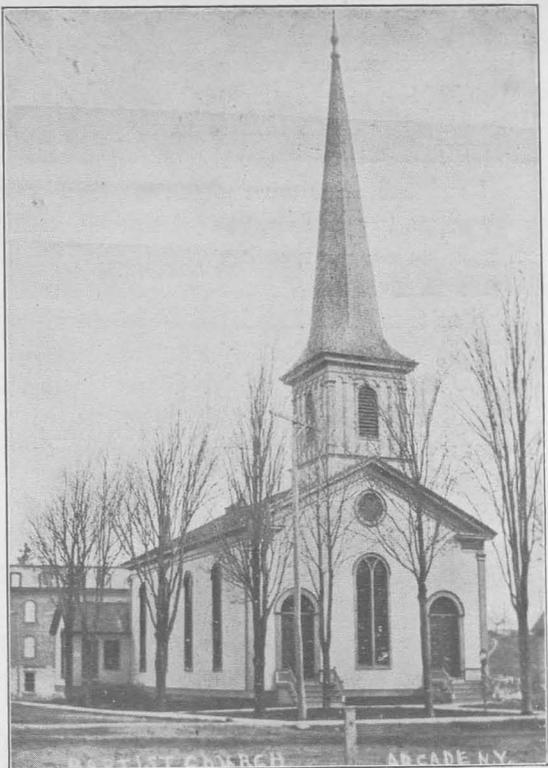
Western Union Telegraph Service, New York and Federal Phone Service, two express companies, fine municipal water and lighting systems, steam laundry, photograph gallery, two blacksmith shops, fruit store, excellent school, four churches, shoe store, two shoe shops, two insurance and real estate offices, last block mill, three physicians, a sand stone company, and cement workers, two garages, two printing offices, bank, farm implements and gasoline engine repository, coal dealers, tailor shop, two upholstering shops, etc.

The Bell Telephone came to connect Arcade with the outside world in 1896.

December 14, 1898, the business portion of Arcade was destroyed by fire, but the spirit that prompted the pioneers to brave the hardships of homes in a wilderness; was strongly inherited by the sons and grandsons, and soon a newer and more up-to-date village stood upon the site of the one erased from the map.

Again in 1902 were our people called upon to "pass under the rod:" On Sunday, about 1:30 a. m., July 6th, a cloud burst caused a flood to sweep through the village wrecking buildings, destroying crops, and taking the life of Miss Minnie Loper. This was a much worse calamity than the fire, and it was a long time before the village assumed anything like its former condition.

The following is just a comparison showing one of the many advances



BAPTIST CHURCH



CONFIRMATION CLASS AT EAST ARCADE CHURCH (1897)

and progressions of our town. In 1878 there were six cheese factories in the town; they made 877,207 pounds of cheese that sold for an average of nine cents a pound or \$78,948.63. Today we have a milk plant with a weekly payroll of \$1,200 and an average expenditure of at least \$1,000 a day for milk in the surrounding country,

In connection with all this and numerous other industries and occupations Arcade has a productive soil which produces excellent crops, orchards of fine apples, the best dairies, first-class opportunities for raising fowls and producing eggs. The close proximity to the city affords good marketing facilities for all classes of products.

There are ten fraternal orders as follows: Masons, Eastern Stars, I. O. O. F. Rebekahs, Maccabees, G. A. R. Modern Woodmen, Sons of Veterans, C. R. B. A. and Grange, with a membership of from fifteen to seventy-five members each.

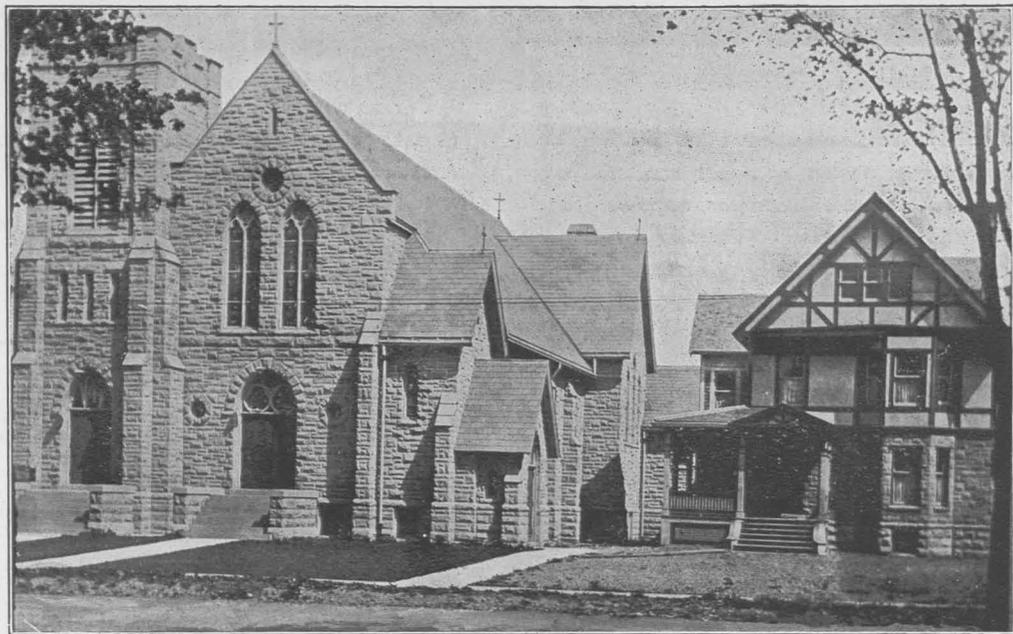
State roads are to be built the coming spring. There are three rural delivery routes that supply the farming community with mail daily from one of the finest, most modern post offices in the state. A quarry of good quality grey stone helps to make Arcade one of the cheapest places in which to erect beautiful walks and buildings.

Crystal Lake on the south, and Java Lake on the east, but six miles distant, furnish excellent places for camping, boating, fishing, and picnic parties.

Arcade is one of the most healthful places on the globe, with ideal scenery, nice shade trees, stone and cement walks, an order loving, law-abiding people ready to welcome any and all individuals or corporations to her midst.

Parties wishing information regarding an ideal place to locate should at once get in communication with Mr. O. T. Wilson, Secretary of the Arcade Board of Trade.





ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH AND RECTORY



Howe Building Where the Masons Held Meetings Previous to Fire



NEW MASONIC TEMPLE  
Erected in 1906



Buffalo, Attica & Arcade Railroad Station



Pennsylvania Railroad Station



B. & S. Railroad Station (Exterior)



B. & S. Railroad Station (Interior)



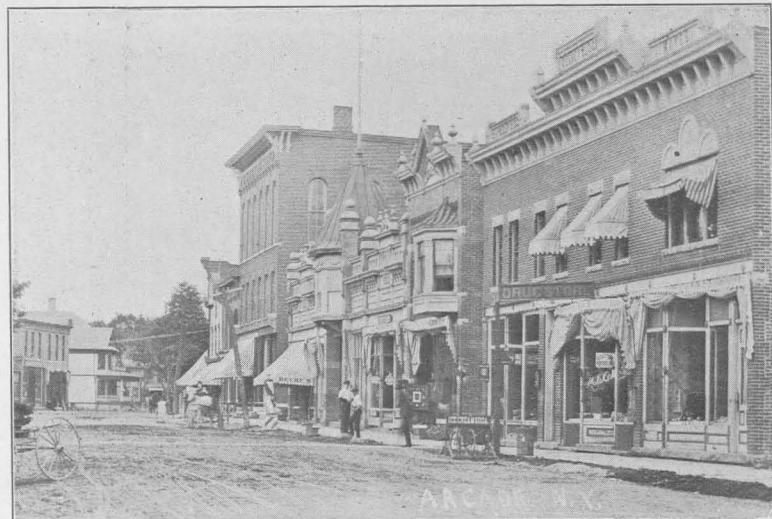
Main Street Before the Fire



Main Street Before the Fire



Main Street after the Fire



Main Street after the Fire



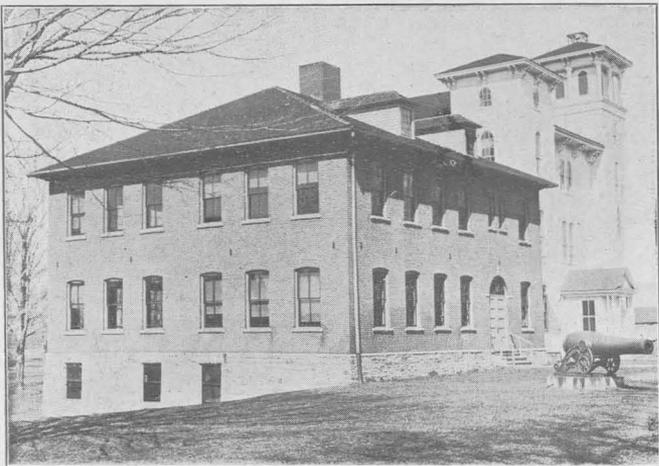
Ruins of Main and Liberty Streets at Time of Fire December 14, 1898



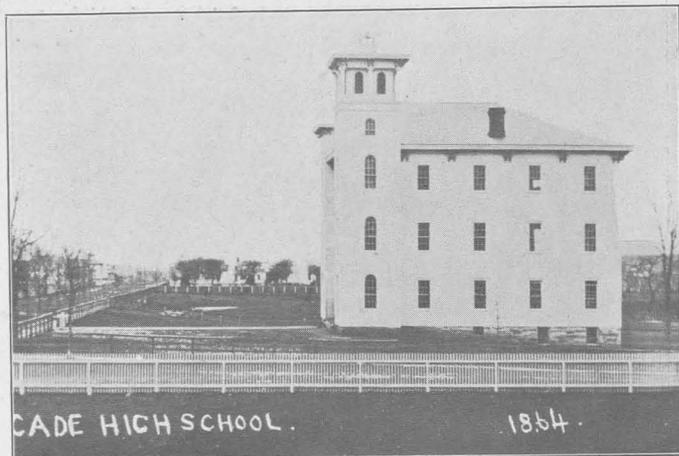
Arcade's First Bank Established July 1, 1867



Scene on Main Street



Arcade High School 1912



Arcade Academy 1864



FACULTY ARCADE HIGH SCHOOL 1911-1912

Top Row Reading from Left to Right: Gertrude Thompson, Susie Magee, Winifred Prey, Julia Young. Second Row: Myrtle Prey, Prof. F. G. Lyon, Mildred Prey. Third Row: Ethel Reese, Sadie Weller, Florence Coles, Mary Pohlamus, Margaret Davis.



Residence of D. G. Hodge, Park Street



Residence of Dr. B. D. Shedd, North Street



Residence of Archie R. Waters, Corner Park and Mill Streets



Residence of Lynn Smith, Park Street



Residence of C. J. White, Park Street



Residence of D. C. Bentley, Park Street



Stafford Wade Homestead, North Street



Residence of George Reynolds, Park Street



Residence of Mrs. Mary W. Beebe, East Main Street



Residence of J. H. Francis, East Main Street



Residence of Freeman Howlett, East Main Street



Residence of Henry J. Beardsley, East Main Street



Residence of G. A. Barnes, Corner Prospect and Main Streets



Residence of Wm. Simons, West Main Street



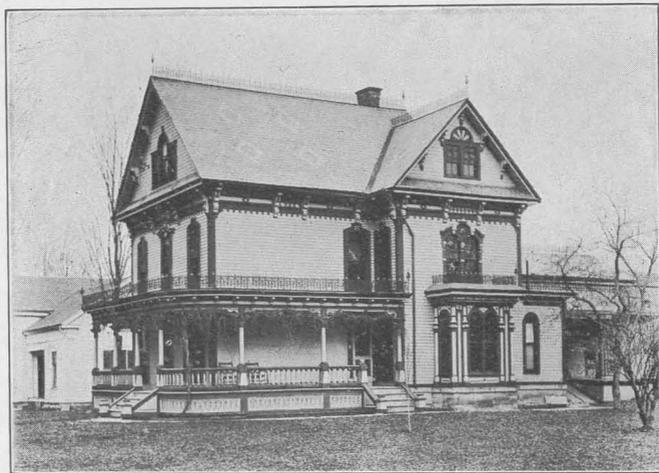
Residence of George E. Hogue, West Main Street



Residence of C. H. Reynolds, West Main Street



Residence of C. C. McKerrow, West Main Street



Residence of F. D. Barnes, West Main Street



One of Arcade's Principal Industries

# Pinney & Lewis.

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The first building shown in the right hand picture on the page of "Main Street After the Fire" in this booklet, was built by A. E. Hayes and is now owned by W. M. Pinney.

Here Arcade's Jewelry Store is located, owned and operated by W. M. Pinney and E. C. Lewis. These young men are life-long residents of this village and are known to be honest and upright in their dealings. We can boast of a

## Jewelry Store

that compares favorably with those of neighboring cities. Here are shown a full and complete line of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Pins, Cuff Links, Brooches of every Description.

George Hoffower Dealer in Hard and Soft Coal.

# Reynolds & Davis.

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In the month of March, 1907, two of Arcade's most prominent young men, R. H. Beebe and C. H. Reynolds, opened a Grist Mill and Feed Store on Church street, near the Milk Plant. The following November Mr. Beebe retired from the business his interests being taken over by Luman A. Davis. This firm handle

Feed, Flour, Grain,  
Stove and Furnace Coal.

Mr. Davis also conducts a neat and tasty Grocery Store on Main Street one door west of the George Hotel.



## The Wilson Block

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Erected 1912 on the site of the pioneer tavern conducted by Deacon Hinckley. In this magnificent new office building are located:

The Wilson Land and Grain Co.

The Postoffice .

The J. S. Welch Printing Co.

Dr. G. D. Pickens, Dental Parlors.

P. H. Morgan, Real Estate and Insurance.

Arcade Grange.

In the building is also a large hall for dances, parties and public gatherings. There are a few more desirable offices for rent if taken at once.



Citizens Bank Building



Interior of Directors Room of Citizens Bank

# The Citizens Bank of Arcade, N. Y.

CAPITAL \$60,000.00

SURPLUS \$30,000.00

DEPOSITS \$600,000.00

## OFFICERS:

J. D. CASE, - - PRESIDENT  
J. B. LEWIS, - - VICE-PRESIDENT  
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D. C. BENTLEY, - ASS'T. CASHIER

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JACKSON H. SMITH



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H. E. Richardson  
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E. D. Sherman  
L. F. Smith  
Nora Smith  
B. D. Shedd  
R. J. Tilton  
Antoinette Tilton  
A. G. C. Tilden  
K. M. Wellman  
W. H. Wilson

# ARCADE HOUSE

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More than eighty years ago this site was used for hotel purposes, but ever keeping in step with the improvements and advantages that are always advanced in all communities, but little of the original building and customs remain.

Among those who have catered to the public in this place of business are: Chauncey Hooker, John Reed, Cyrus Hamilton, Levi Calkins, Seth Hinman, Thomas Fenton, P. A. Warren, Frank M. Foote, and the present incumbent who is James F. McGovern.

Mr. McGovern has served the public faithfully and well since his purchase of the property from Mr. Foote, and conducts one of the best up-to-date hotels to be found in many a days' ride.

Clean and comfortable beds, an excellent table and pleasing service. 'Bus to all P. R. R. trains.

# A. H. Holmes' Variety Store, Arcade, N. Y.

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This building was erected in 1847 by Hiram Smith for O. F. Swift to conduct a tailor shop and post office in. Hiram J. Beardsley next occupied the place in 1857. It has since been used for store purposes by R. W. Lyman, J. W. Blakeley and others.

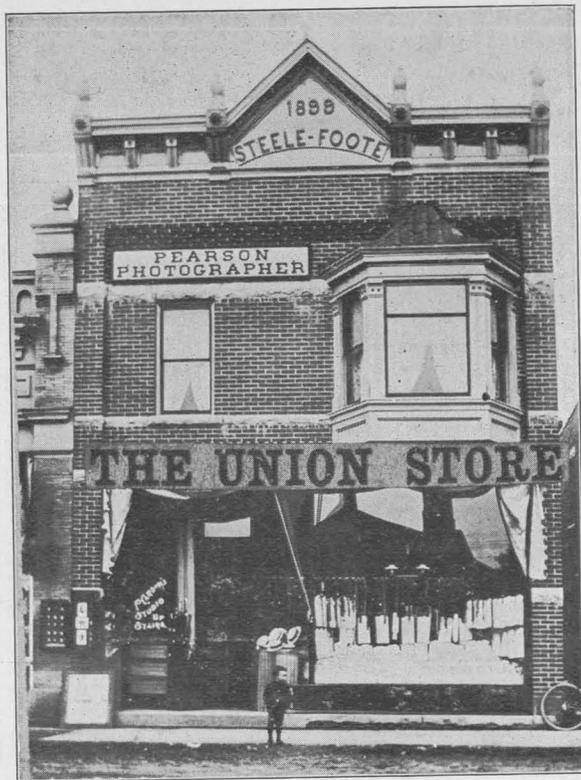
In 1908 this place was bought by Arthur H. Holmes, remodeled, enlarged, and decorated, and has since been conducted by him as a five and ten cent store. He also carries a full and complete line of wood, coal, oil and gasoline stoves and ranges, shelf hardware, tin and enamel goods, which he sells at from ten to twenty-five per cent. saving to his customers. Here you can buy anything from a mouse trap to a furnace. Full line of candy, cigars and post cards.

Your shopping is never complete until you have visited this emporium of useful and fancy articles for every member of any and all families. Gentlemanly clerks attend to your every want and serve you in so pleasing a manner that you will surely call again.

Estimates submitted on heating and plumbing contracts,



INSIDE VIEW



## THE UNION STORE.

In the Steele-Foote Building where once stood the old log barn of an early settler in pioneer days there is now conducted one the most complete and up-to-the-minute ladies furnishing establishments in Wyoming County. Less than a year ago, C. E. Gliss, one of Warsaw's most prominent young business men, opened the place and is now doing a thriving business. He carries a full and complete line of novelties and staple goods in coats, sweaters, cloaks, ties, night robes and underwear. He also carries a large assortment of shelf dry goods, etc. Soon after opening in Arcade he discovered that his business had increased to where it was necessary to have assistance and displayed business shrewdness in securing the services of a lady attendant, Miss Bessie Smith, to look after his interests. Her pleasing and genial manner coupled with business ability has proved a valuable asset to Mr. Gliss.

### The Shoe Department.

R. L. West having spent nearly his whole past life in this village needs no tribute of praise. His word is his bond and his conscience his law. This is the only exclusive shoe store in town, and here you find all the late shapes and makes of men's, ladies and childrens pumps, slippers and shoes. Among the prominent makes are: Weyenberg, Keith's Konqueror, etc., and in ladies wear and rubber goods the best makes on the market at prices that defy competition.

JAMES H. FRANCIS

CRAIG C. McKERROW

## THE RAILROAD STORE

James H. Francis began his business career in Arcade village in April, 1883, and after all these twenty-nine years of catering to an exacting public without violating their confidence he needs no eulogy either as a business man or citizen.

Mr. McKerrow first embarked in the mercantile business in 1885 as a clerk for A. J. Whitney, and eighteen months later in a firm of which Mr. Francis was a partner. Since then by sobriety, thrift and industry he has risen to the position of junior partner in the firm of Francis & McKerrow.

The business is transacted in the substantial brick building known as the Railroad Store on the site where in 1825 Huntington Lyman conducted a store which in later years was known as the Dillingham Tin Shop. This firm is the largest and oldest dry goods and grocery store in town, and carry a full and complete line of fancy and staple late-style dress goods, skirts, waists and patterns, complete assortment of furniture and pure and wholesome groceries. A corps of efficient employees are every ready to serve you.



## The Hotel George



Some sixty years ago James Smith, father of Isaac W. Smith, built this building for store and office purposes and owing to the excitement then existing over the proposed Attica, Arcade and Salamanca railroad it was named the "Railroad Block." When the railroad finally came, thirty years later, this building was bought for a station. In 1894 William Simons bought this property of Spencer Bullis, who owned the railroad at this time, and converted it into a hotel. Mrs. Belle Metzger was the first proprietor. In 1900 M. L. George, whose picture appears in the upper right hand corner, bought and took possession of the premises and from him the hotel takes its name. The present proprietor, Henry Donnelly, is a thorough hotel man and conducts one of the best hostleries between Buffalo and Emporium. 'Bus to all P. R. R. trains.



## Arcade Livery and Exchange Stable

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About 1857 E. P. Carter built upon this site. Later it was known as the Cummings store, at one time was remodeled into a roller skating rink, and was finally built over to fit the needs of a first-class livery and exchange stable.

F. E. Haskell is owner and proprietor and caters to the local and transient trade. Good rigs and reasonable prices.

**Rigs for Funerals**

**Rigs for Weddings**

**Rigs for Christenings**

**Rigs for Pleasure**

When in need of anything in our line call on Bell Phone.



FRANK E. HASKELL, PROPRIETOR.

## VanValkenburg's Barber Shop

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Robert A. VanValkenburg came to Arcade in 1896 and has since been a highly respected citizen. He is of a quiet but extremely pleasant disposition and his friends are numberless owing to the fact that he is not only filled with sympathy for the unfortunate but demonstrates it in a substantial manner. He is master of his chosen occupation, the barber business, and is ably assisted by Nicholas Resh, than whom there is a no more able knight of the razor in Arcade or elsewhere.

Mr. VanValkenburg's place of business is opposite the Arcade House and is centrally located. Here are on sale all the best brands of cigars sold in town. A pleasant and sanitary barber shop where no discrimination is shown. The best make of pool and billiard tables furnishes at prices that are reasonable recreation for gentlemen who wish to pass a pleasant hour in clean and skillful sport. He enjoys a large share of local and transient patronage.

# Arcade Drug Store

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One of the handsomest and best appointed drug stores in Western New York is that owned and operated by the Cottrill's on the North side of Main street in the beautiful village of Arcade, N. Y.

There is connected with this establishment a sanitary soda fountain where fruited creams, and temperance drinks, are dispensed in the summer season and hot boullions during the cold winter days.

Complete line of

**Drugs**

**Toilet Articles**

**Choice Cigars**

**School Supplies**

**Confectionery**



# A. L. SMITH AND SONS CLOTHIERS

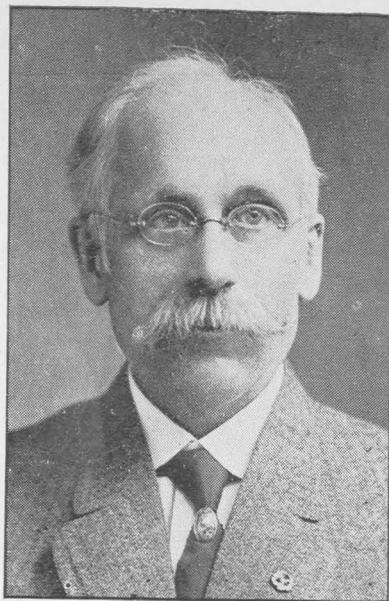
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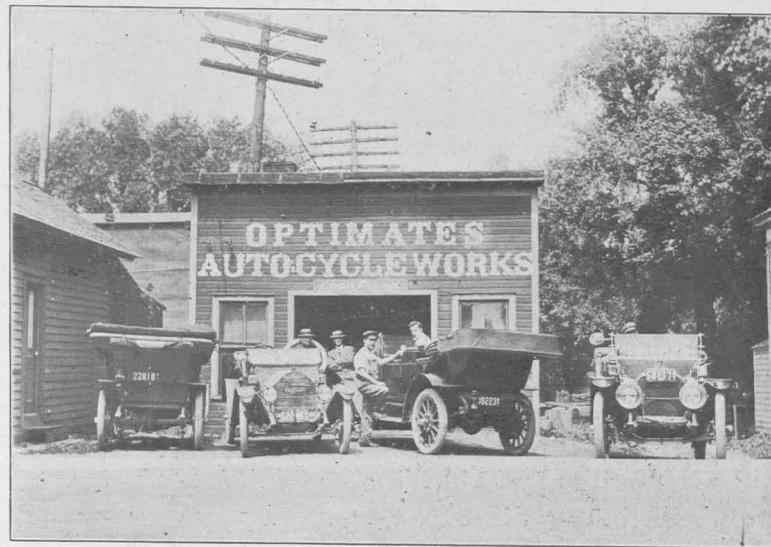
Prior to 1900 Arcade had no clothing store for any length of time. Some of the dry goods merchants carried a side line and at one time the Goldwaters of Rochester tried to establish a business here but it was not a success.

On February 14, 1900, Archie L. Smith opened to the public a clothing store that was destined to remain a permanent part of Arcade's business circle. The two sons, Harry T., and Archie Smith, Jr., have since entered the firm and today are doing a lucrative business under the name of A. L. Smith & Sons.

Mr. Smith, whose picture appears on the opposite page, has not only made a success of his clothing business but has exhibited such executive ability and judgment as to be honored by his townsmen electing him president of the Board of Trade and member of the Village Board. The firm occupy a part of the Beebe block on Main street where Mr. Smith commenced his business career in Arcade nearly thirteen years ago.



A. L. SMITH  
Head of the firm of Smith & Sons



Garage and Auto Livery of A. L. Denison, on Liberty Street  
Next to Hulette Building

# Arcade Motor Car Co.



The accompanying picture shows the Garage and Auto Livery of K. R. Wilson at the corner of Park and Main Streets.

I have constantly on hand Tires, Gasoline and all Auto Repairs and respectfully solicit a portion of your patronage.

Terms Cash.

**K. R. WILSON.**

THE HOME OF BETTER

## MILLINERY

All kinds of latest style headwear. Paresian and Domestic Creations of Art.

We do not sell at cost or a little below cost, but for as reasonable a price as is consistent with first-class goods. Inspection and comparison invited.

Once a Customer,  
Always a Customer.

**MRS. KATE HEALD.**

Main Street.

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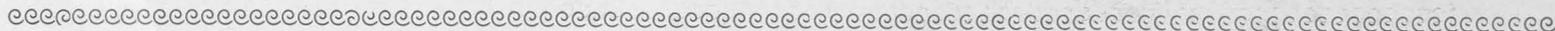
ARCADE, N.Y.



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Building over Postoffice.



## Pearson, the Photographer.

Nineteen years ago Robert W. Pearson "took up the white man's burden" in the C. E. Churchill Photograph Gallery and ever since with his cheerful smile, Teddy Bear and latest and most approved cameras, back grounds and folders, he has wrought wonderful creations of art whether the subject was a dainty and petulant child or the late "Lige" Chaffee.

He is recognized by his competitors as an artist of ability. Nearly all the cuts in this book are from photos taken by him. Located in the Steele-Foote Block over the Gliss-Weast store.



## Churchill's Cash Grocery.

C. E. Churchill came to Arcade in the year 1879 and has since led an active business career. He has just opened a grocery store on the South side of Main street one door West of the bakery. This is the only grocery in town open evenings.

**Choice Butter, Teas, Coffees, Dried Fruits,  
Canned Goods, Cookies, Crackers, Etc.**

Everything new except the proprietor, he's the same old "Church" that came among us more than thirty years ago.

## Eats.

Arthur Earl has just opened a Restaurant and Lunch Room up stairs opposite the Postoffice where you can get anything in the eating line from a fried cake to a wedding breakfast.

GIVE HIM A CALL.

## PARKER'S BARBER SHOP.

W. H. D. Parker who has a Barber Shop on the corner of Main and Liberty streets is a highly respected citizen. He came to Arcade May 18, 1880, and worked for Benjamin F. Page one and one-half years. On October 15, 1882, he engaged in business for himself on Liberty street. At the time of the fire he was burned out in the Beebe Block. For two and a half years after the fire he was located in the Bank Building and for eleven years has been at present location.



J. N. Buchman conducts a Grist and Feed Mill on Liberty street where are offered for sale Flour, Feed, Salt, Grain, Clover and Timothy Seed. He is assisted by Charles Eggert who is conceded to be one of the most able mill men in the state.

# Arcade Steam Laundry

M. D. ROYCE, Proprietor.

If our work don't suit you, tell us. If it does, tell others.

We are not responsible for the loss of goods by fire or for goods left over thirty days.

Let Us Do Your Laundry Work.

L. A. DAVIS.

W. S. DAVIS.

## Funeral Directors.

Caskets

Steel Vaults

Embalming

Flowers Furnished on Short Notice for Funerals, Weddings and Parties

L. A. DAVIS & SON.

# ROSE MEAT MARKET.

The old reliable stand at the Main Street Bridge is the place to buy Fresh and Salt Meats, Oysters, Fish, Poultry, Clams, Sausage and Sauerkraut, Everything Fresh, Everything Neat, and prompt service accorded the public.

FRED ROSE, Prop.

Bell Phone.

## The Arcade Bakery.

Ernest Gregg conducts a first-class city bakery one door west of the C. E. Churchill grocery on Main Street.

Fresh doughnuts, fried cakes, breads, pies, cookies and delicacies of every description are sold here. Their goods are right. Try them.

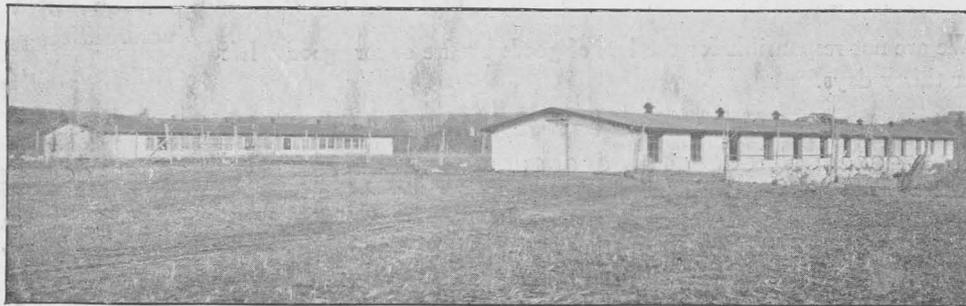
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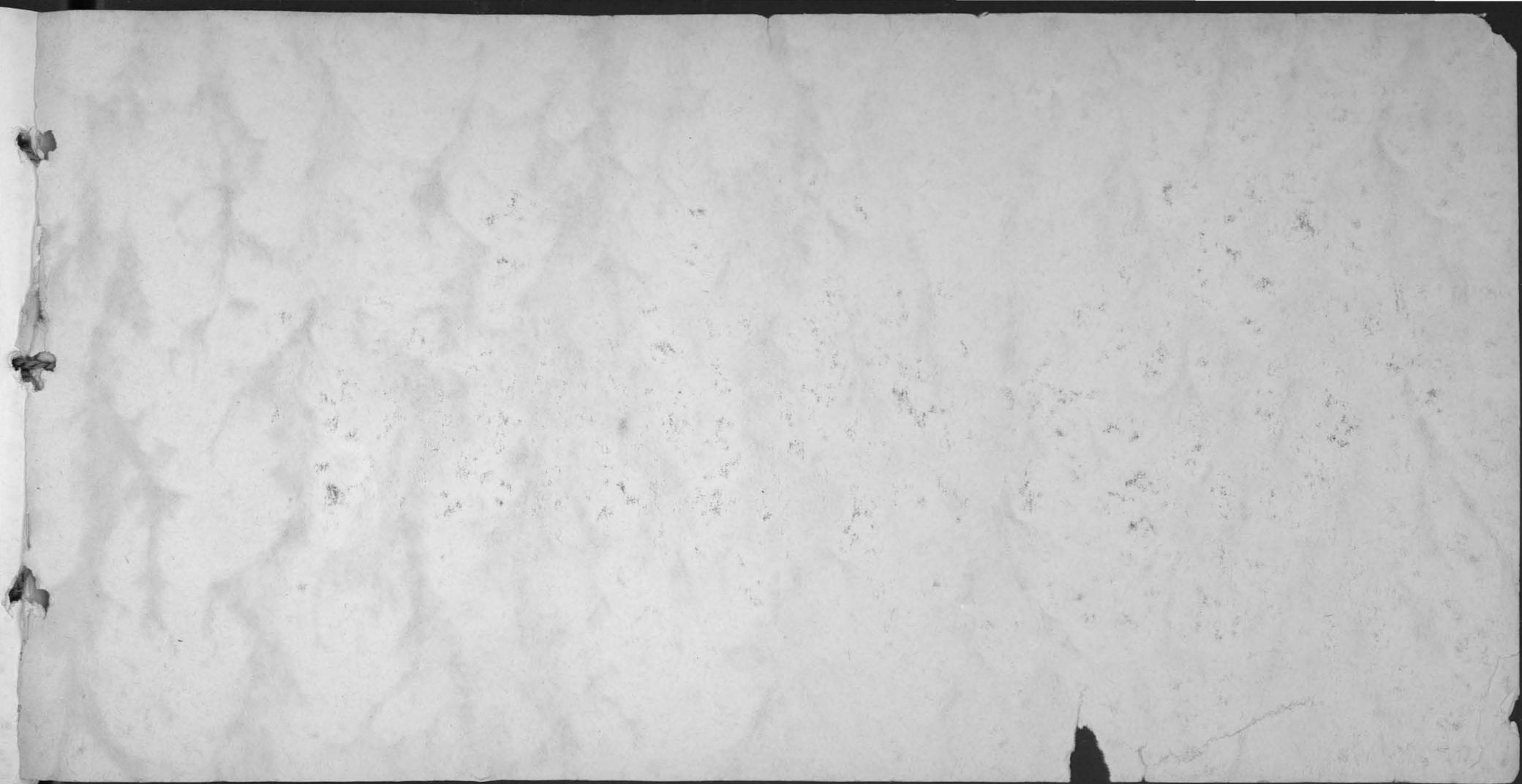
## Commercial Poultry Yards

OWNED BY FRANK K. MASON,



Mr. Mason was the first to operate an extensive poultry business in Arcade. This enterprise was started in 1901 and has been on a paying basis from the very first. There are kept here 2000 hens during the summer and 1000 during the winter. At present (November, 1912) the eggs are bringing 55 cents per dozen.

Mr. Mason is a valued member of the Board of Education and takes an active part in the interest of the Library.



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