



### MY FATHER'S TINSMITH SHOP

During the events of the Bicentennial Celebrations, there was a boat anchored at Albany's waterfront in which there were interesting displays, depicting historic events of our area.

While touring the boat, much to my surprise I found a replica of my father's (Clarence Bame) woodshed which was also used as his tin smith's shop. I have forgotten whether it was a photo or a crude facade of the building.

The accompanying explanation stated that slaves were hidden in this building during the days of the Underground Railroad.

Indeed, I was very surprised upon reading this because I had never heard of such a possibility. I have always regretted that I hadn't made a copy of that explanation. It was news to me. How did they know?

Our house and its grounds were sold to Miller's Store to be part of their parking lot. There was a moment when the bulldozer was poised to demolish a small building that had served as a tin smith shop many years ago. A very well known Old Building Historian by the name of Don Carpentier requested time to remove this historic old building. He removed the old wood shed (tin smith shop) numbering each board and the building was restored and is now a significant historic building in "Eastfield Village." Don Carpentier also has some of my father's tin smith tools that were used in the West Sand Lake Village Tin Smith Shop.

shop still appears to be at Eastfield in Nassau, NY, per:  
<https://www.historiceastfield.org/the-village>  
Billed as the Clapper Tin Shop 1820