

REMINISCENCES OF BY-GONE DAYS

Shelburne was named in honor of the Earl of Shelburne, a noted nobleman. It has beauty of location, fertility of soil, variety and excellence of products, prosperity, high moral character and intelligent citizens.

A farm now known as the O'Grady farm in Shelburne, at the mouth of the La Plotte river, now owned by the Thompsons, was occupied by the Indians for many years as a camping site. It was cleared in 1803 by Benjamin Harrington, who then owned the lot. He emigrated from Connecticut.

The first store in Shelburne was owned and managed by John Simonds, where the Tracy and Maeck store is now located. (?)

Jonathan Taylor, an old and experienced physician, removed to Shelburne from Georgia, Vt., in 1839. He practiced for many years. In those days, when you wanted a doctor you had to go and tell him. He always went on horse-back, and carried his supplies in saddle-bags. The medicine was then in powder form. He lived many years, and had his office in the house on the corner of the road leading to Shelburne Falls.

Edwin Sprague, a young physician, commenced in Shelburne village and followed his profession with profit to himself and satisfaction to the people for several years. He became dissatisfied and left in 1848.

Henry H. Langdon took his place and practiced about six years. He then removed to New York State.

Samuel H. Carrier purchased the residence of Langdon, and practiced medicine for about three years, then left town.

Hugh Taggart, a successful physician, located in the

east part of the town. He practiced successfully for several years, and had the reputation of being a very able physician. When he died, his son Alonzo succeeded him and practiced for several years. His health began to fail, and he soon passed away. (More particulars in the book.)

William Blinn emigrated to this town from Connecticut. He did not live many years after he came to Shelburne. Simon Blinn, son of William, kept a public house for many years in what is known as the Henry Drew place on the main road. Samuel Blinn, son of William, also kept a public house known as the Amos Page house, now burned down. The street on which the two brothers lived has long been known as Blinn Street, and the neighborhood as the Blinn district. There were also four brothers by the name of Blinn who once lived on the street, cousins of Chester who owned and lived on the farm known as the Eli Palmer place. Hiram, who owned and lived on the farm where the Dutch Mill and cottages are now; Chauncey who lived north near the South Burlington line, was a farmer. The house is burned; Orrin was born and lived in a log house on the left corner of the cross-road opposite the Page house. He was a carpenter and my mother's father.

Now the Monroes:- Lyman, a great-grandfather, and Eli, his son, came from Connecticut and settled in Shelburne. Lyman was a farmer. Eli was a tailor. George Monroe, my father, son of Eli, was born in Shelburne and always lived there. Lyman Monroe and wife came to Shelburne from Reading, Connecticut on horseback in nine days.

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