



Conklin & Allendorf Building

RHWG: In 1879 the Conklin and Allendorf building, otherwise known in the 20's century as the Aucock Building, went up on the northeast corner of the village center. The merchant partners operated a general store here. The brick extension housed Hoffman and Coon's shoe store and Hutton's Drug Store. In more recent times, the Aucock family ran a general store here for over 50 years before selling it in the 1960s. Note the handsome mansard roof of variegated slate, with dormer window, that echoes the architecture of the Gedney Building across the street. It now houses a deli, hos, and offices, with apartments on the second floor.

RHHG: This was built in the mid-1850s by two partners, Conklin and Allendorf, as a general store. Various stores and businesses were housed here over the years, including the Red Hook Journal newspaper. In the 1870s a brick addition was the site of the Coon and Hoffman's shoe store and Hutton's drug store, now the Handy Shop and law office. Mr. Conklin was one of the promoters of the Central New England Railroad that ran through

Red Hook, and one of their engines was called "H.H. Conklin." One of the genteel features of the store was a raised wooden step on the sidewalk, which ladies used as they were alighting from their carriages to do shopping. As you proceed north on Broadway you will notice the red wooden shed which extends back of the Aucock Building. It still has the entranceway that teams of horses used in making deliveries to the stores. It also served as the public shed for standing teams and carriages.

Bassett: The Aucock store building was built about 1870 by Conklin and Allendorf, two very noted business men of Red Hook. Later they dissolved partnership, Mr. Conklin taking over the coal and lumber business and Mr. Allendorf taking the store. Later he built the brick addition on the East, shutting the roadway that led to a public shed long patronized by customers of the store and also by us boys playing tag and other games. The new brick addition consisted of two up-to-date stores, and were occupied by Coon & Hoffman as a shoe store and by Ed Hutton as a drug store. Next to the small white building was a higher frame building. Jacob Hutton, father of Ed Hutton and Nick Hutton, had a shoe store there. Later John Henry (Shoe) Shafer as we boys called him, kept the shoe store, and had his shoe repair shop in the rear. Mr. Shafer was a very jolly man and great checker player...It was a frame gable end building and there were two tenants in the upper part. part was used as a boot and shoe shop by George Reed for some years.