

Red Hook Hotel







Elbow Room

1945





1937



Lobby 1950

RHWG: It was at this site in 1799 that Cornelius Elmendorph built the old Red Hook Hotel, a large, graciously proportioned public house and inn that served the Red Hook community for 165 years before being razed for a gas station. Site of some of the earliest town meetings, the hotel became famous for its Elbow Room, a bar that attracted travelers between Albany and New York, especially when the Taconic Parkway was extended to Red Hook in the 1940's.

RHHG: Where the Shell Service Station now stands is the site of the famous Red Hook Hotel. This building was torn down in the 1960's after it was damaged by fire. It had served the people of Red Hook since 1797. It also had stores and a barber

shop as well as a large meeting hall which served as a courtroom and polling place for Red Hook citizens.

Bassett: The old Red Hook Hotel has changed some. In the old days, the bar and sitting room were on the south end of the building, but fronting to the east. On the north end was E. Teats' shoe store and on West Market Street was a store used at one time as a cigar factory and later by Frank Beddington, who was a brother-in-law of Richard Martin, who had a meat market there. Over these two stores was a hall used as a court room and polling place for many years.