





1980s

Fraleigh Store/Lyceum Theater, 21 East Market Street

RHWG: Built c. 1875, the clapboard building housed a hardware store run by Stickle and Ring. Phillip Fraleigh ran the business for many years, with a blacksmith and wheelwright shop in the rear. Around 1910, Joseph Griffing renovated the store and established the Lyceum Theater, the town's first movie house. Dances, basketball games, community meetings, and high school graduations were held at the Lyceum, which had a stage and large gathering space on the second floor. It is now an antiques center.

Bassett: The old blacksmith shop and wheelwright shop have all passed; as have Billy Mills, the blacksmith; John Crandell, the wheelwright; and Ely Jewell, the wagon painter. Ely was another tall man. The Red Hook Lyceum now covers the spot where the three old shops stood. The original building that replaced the old shops was built for a hardware store. This business was run by Ring and Stickle.