

EARLY HISTORY of HOULTON

CHAPTER FOUR

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Houlton's First Church and its First War

In the autumn, Joseph Houlton, Esq., built a mill-dam and erected saw and flour mill beneath the me roof, upon a small stream which empties into the creek near the village, as it now is, and in the meantime, evenings, they ground the hand mill, to furnish bread for the building. Mr. A. Putnam rebuilt a dam and erected a mill same.

The inhabitants principally, having for years, remained as sheep without a shepherd, feeling a sense of their destitution without the gospel ministry, were providentially visited by the Rev. Edmond Eastman, Missionary from Limerick, whose services were gratefully received and duly appreciated, as we may learn from the following church record:

Church Covenant—We, the inhabitants of Houlton, being members of the Church of Christ of

While amid their temporal cares they were not unmindful or different to their spiritual inter-

We
Were Not Selling
Clothing in
1894...

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on it's
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Our Best Wishes to The Pioneer Times for 100 Years of Service in Aroostook County.

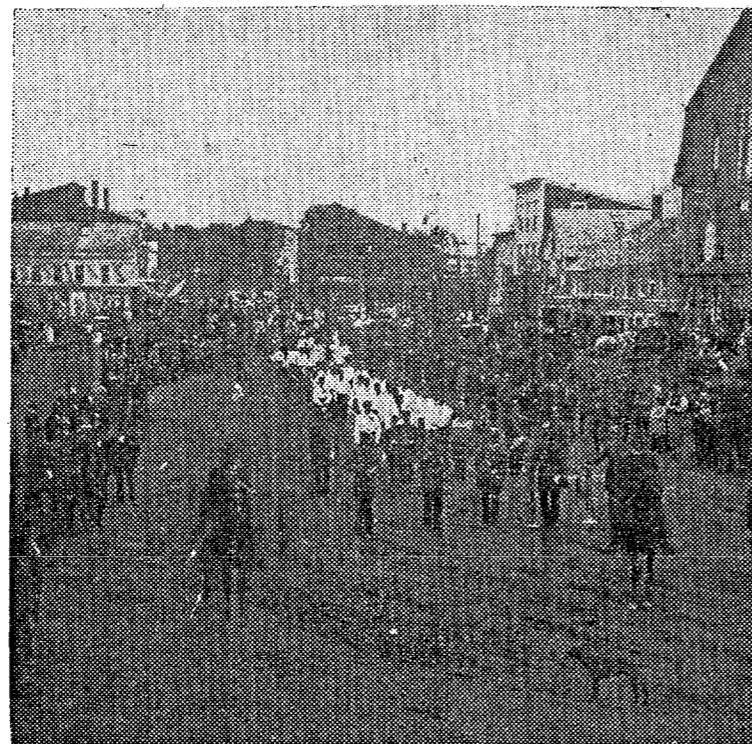
LOGIE'S MEN'S WEAR

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1894

A Celebration of 75 Years Ago



A Houlton July Fourth observance, viewed in Market Square, as it was carried on in 1880.

New Salem, considering that God, in His providence, hath removed us from the stated means of Grace and cast our lots together in the wilderness, where we hope again to enjoy the smiles of His countenance and His presence in communion, do unitedly agree to embody ourselves, with such others as may be pleased to unite with us in covenant; and do hereby bind ourselves in the following articles of our faith and practice:

October 13, 1811, a church was embodied in the Plantation of Houlton, by the name of the First Congo. Church in the Plantation of Houlton. There being present six persons, members of the visible church in New Salem. To these numbers were added eleven who this day became members by subscribing to the foregoing covenant, Samuel Kendall, Joshua Putnam, Aaron Putnam, Samuel Rice, James Houlton, Ebenezer Warner, Joshua J. Kendall, Betsy Putnam, Isa Putnam, Betsy Rice, Sally Cook, Sarah Houlton, Sally

Houlton, Lydia Houlton, Louisa Shaw and Hannah Shaw.

The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper were this day administered—one adult and two children were baptized, viz: Hannah Shaw, Putnam Shaw and Joseph Baker Putnam, by the Rev. Edmund Eastman, Pastor of the church in Limerick, and missionary from the propagating society. Samuel Kendall, Deacon and moderator, pro tempore.

This must have been a season of spiritual refreshment for those who had, for a long time, been deprived of the pastoral labor of a spiritual guide. How desirable to enjoy the preached gospel that religion and fidelity to God, may be commensurate with the increase of population and wealth, and to establish a character of morality and piety that should grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength.

As the news of the declaration of war between the United States and Great Britain, in 1812, of

which the inhabitants of Houlton the Fourth of July, being panic struck, in view of their exposed position, in the heart of the wilderness, surrounded by savages; on the morning of the fifth, Samuel Haskell, a visitor from New Salem (who informed the writer) was despatched to Woodstock to consult some of the principal inhabitants of that place concerning what could be done to secure these defenseless families from insult and plunder by the Meductic tribe of Indians. But before Mr. Haskell reached Woodstock, he met three Provincials on the way to Houlton upon a message of amity.

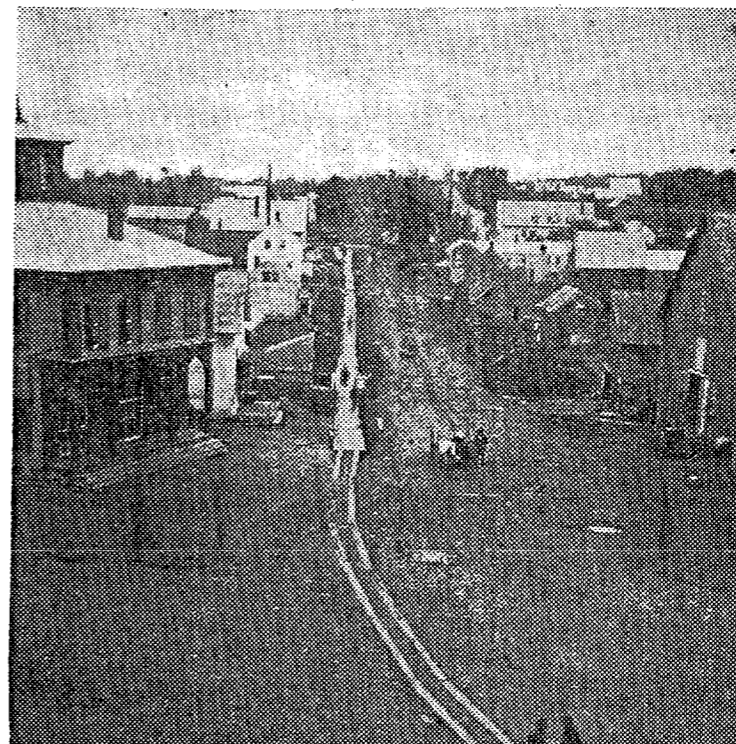
Soon after George Morehouse, Esq., authorized by the Provincial government, came and informed the people of Houlton that they might remain unmolested, as in time of peace, that the arms of the Indians had been secured, and the inhabitants forbidden to sell them ammunition; the government was supplying them with provision. Thus their defense was guaranteed, provided, however, that the citizens of Houlton should neither bear arms, aid or assist in any military operation or designs against his Majesty's subjects; and in case of any hostile movements on the line or in the vicinity of Houlton, either from the American government or by the Indians, they were forthwith to notify the citizens of New Brunswick thereof.

The above, though not in the phraseology of the original document, yet amounts to the same, as nearly as the writer can learn from verbal testimony.

The first sparse settlers on the banks of the St. John, were fearful of the Indians in both governments; and males from 16 years of age and upwards, that were able to bear arms, were furnished with them by the government.

The name of Indian is emphatically associated with barbarism and cruelty by the defenseless pioneer, and how shall helpless innocence be shielded from these scenes of rapine and bloodshed which have marked the Indian character from early history? Here permit the writer to answer

Bangor Street Before 1900



There is nothing familiar about this view of Bangor street more than 60 years ago except its general direction. Even the wooden sidewalk had not been completed at the time. The old McCluskey stable is visible at the right.

the above in the eloquent and instructive language of the Hon. Mr. McClellan, Sec. of the Interior, "Above all should christian instruction be introduced and sedulously prosecuted by teachers devoted to the cause, in the true spirit of their Divine mission, without this, all subordinate means will be in vain, and the great duty which humanity imposes on us, to secure this unhappy race from degeneracy and speedy destruction, will be but a delusive dream of impracticable philanthropy". Ch. Mirror.

It happened in ...

1906

The restaurant in the Burnham block on Main street, recently run by John Pelkey, has been purchased by Ed Keating who will conduct the business there in the future. Mr. Keating is an experienced restaurateur and will undoubtedly keep up the reputation of the place.

The staging in front of the Fris-

Formed A Milk Association Here In 1879

The records show that the first Milk Association to be organized in the town of Houlton was founded April 2, 1879 for the betterment of their business conditions and to create an agreement among the producers on a common basis of operations.

The officers chosen included three managers, Messrs Alden A. Green, Albert T. Putnam and F. W. Pearce, a salesman, E. S. F. Nickerson and a secretary, A. W. Ingersoll.

The news story of the event read as follows: "The Farmers or milk owners of Houlton and vicinity, were quite fully represented, and a decided expression of interest in the subject was manifested by all. The rallying point around which the feelings centered was, that the production and care of the milk, with the subsequent sale of the cheese, was purely a farmer's business; and as such they should agree on a common basis of operation.

BY-LAWS ADOPTED

"By-laws, brief and to the point, were adopted, the main features of which are, the managers to supervise the season's operations; the salesmen to market the cheese; and the principal of voting by cows: — that is, each man shall vote, according to the number of cows he owns, one vote for each cow, the milk of which has been furnished to the factory.

"A vigorous provision was also made to secure the purity of the milk, for a very great deal depends on that point.

"This humble beginning is the germ of better things for the dairy interests among us; for it is capable of indefinite expansion, as the farmers realize the advantages of such association together.

"Mr. Nickerson made a proposition to make up the milk for \$1.25 per 100 lbs of cheese, and the greater number of the milk owners at the meeting will patronize this factory.

"In this connection it may not be amiss to state that Mr. McAdam since his return to his home in Rome, N. Y. has said that the Nickerson cheese which he exam-

tial or better built block in the State of Maine, and when the Mansur block is completed, with the rebuilt Snell House, Houlton will stand at the head of any town for substantial and good looking business blocks in its public square.

Biddo Iott of this town, or "Happy Jack" Iott as he is known in the baseball world, is now playing ball in the Connecticut League. Biddo jumped his contract with the Fall River team to join the outlaw league where he played very good ball. Finding that his prospects for advancement into higher baseball circles were not very brilliant while a member of the outlaws, he got reinstated with Fall River, and then transferred to Connecticut. He is playing great ball this season.

"The Boston Comedy Co." H. Price Webber, manager, will be at the Heywood Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings, March 2nd and 3rd. The opening bill will be the new realistic drama in four acts, entitled, "The Gold King" and has never before been done in Houlton. Admission 25c, reserved seats 35c. There will be a matinee





Do you remember

- ... when castile soap was sold in long hunks and salt cod in strips?
- ... when the molasses keg and the kerosene can stood side by side in the back room?
- ... the glass jars of "jawbreakers", the collection of hat pins and Old Honest Plug chewing tobacco?
- ... when even coffee was wrapped in brown paper and tied with twine?
- ... when whale oil was offered for sale in big vats?
- ... when sawdust covered the floor of every well-kept grocery store?

Yes, Times Have Changed— BUT OUR POLICY HASN'T!

In nearly 60 years of progress, we have grown from one small store to over 600 stores serving 400 communities from Maine to New York. It's a far cry from that early store of 1897 to the modern First National Super Market of today. But our policy has remained unchanged: To bring you ever better foods at ever lower prices.

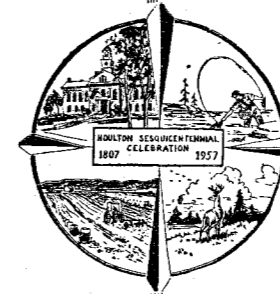
FIRST NATIONAL STORES



The staging in front of the Frisbie Block was taken down last week and we are proud to say that there is not a finer, more substantial

seats 35c. There will be a matinee Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tickets 15c to everybody. Reserved seats on sale at French's.

Nickerson cheese which he examined at Winthrop, was 'the best made cheese he ever saw in Maine.'



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