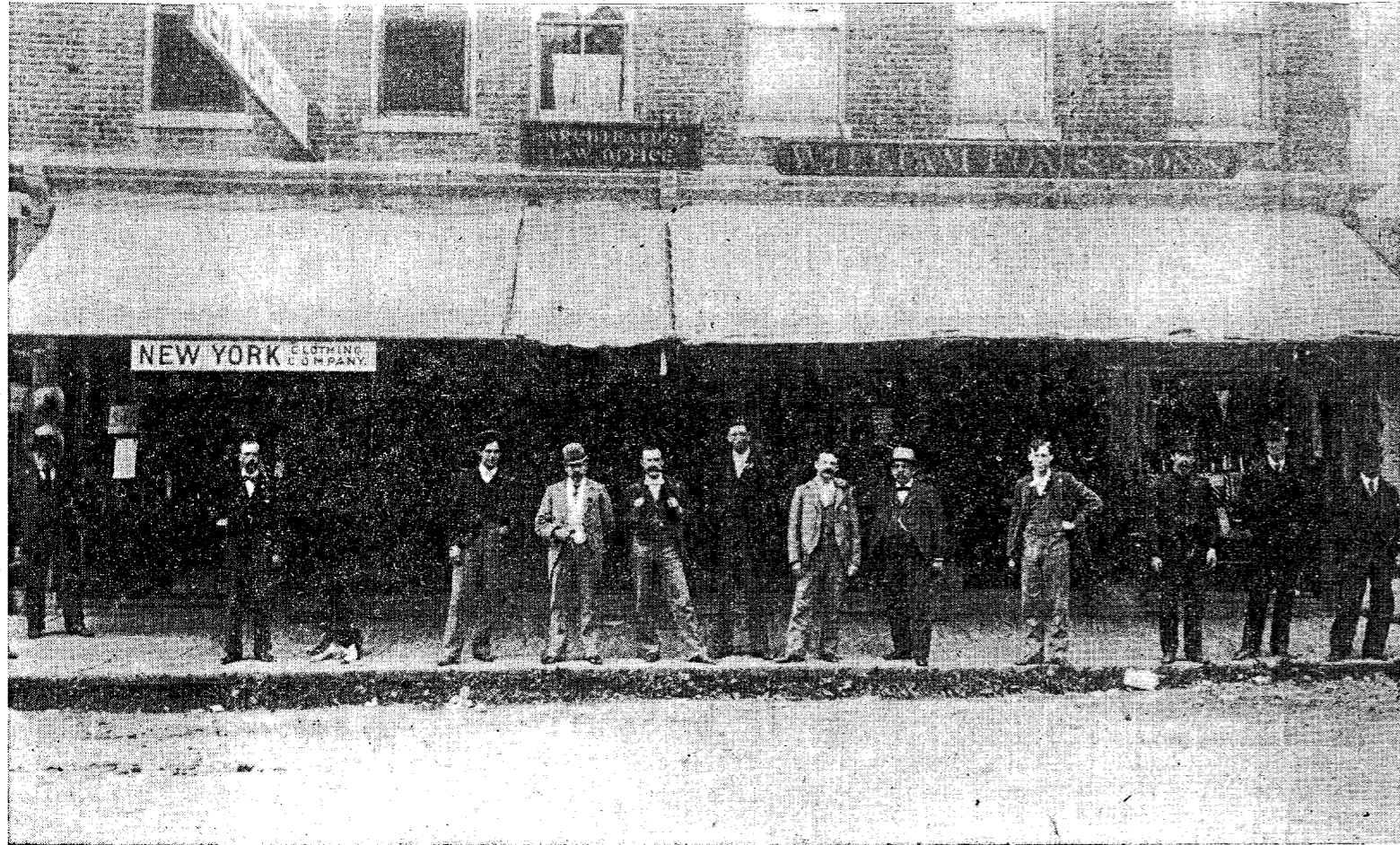
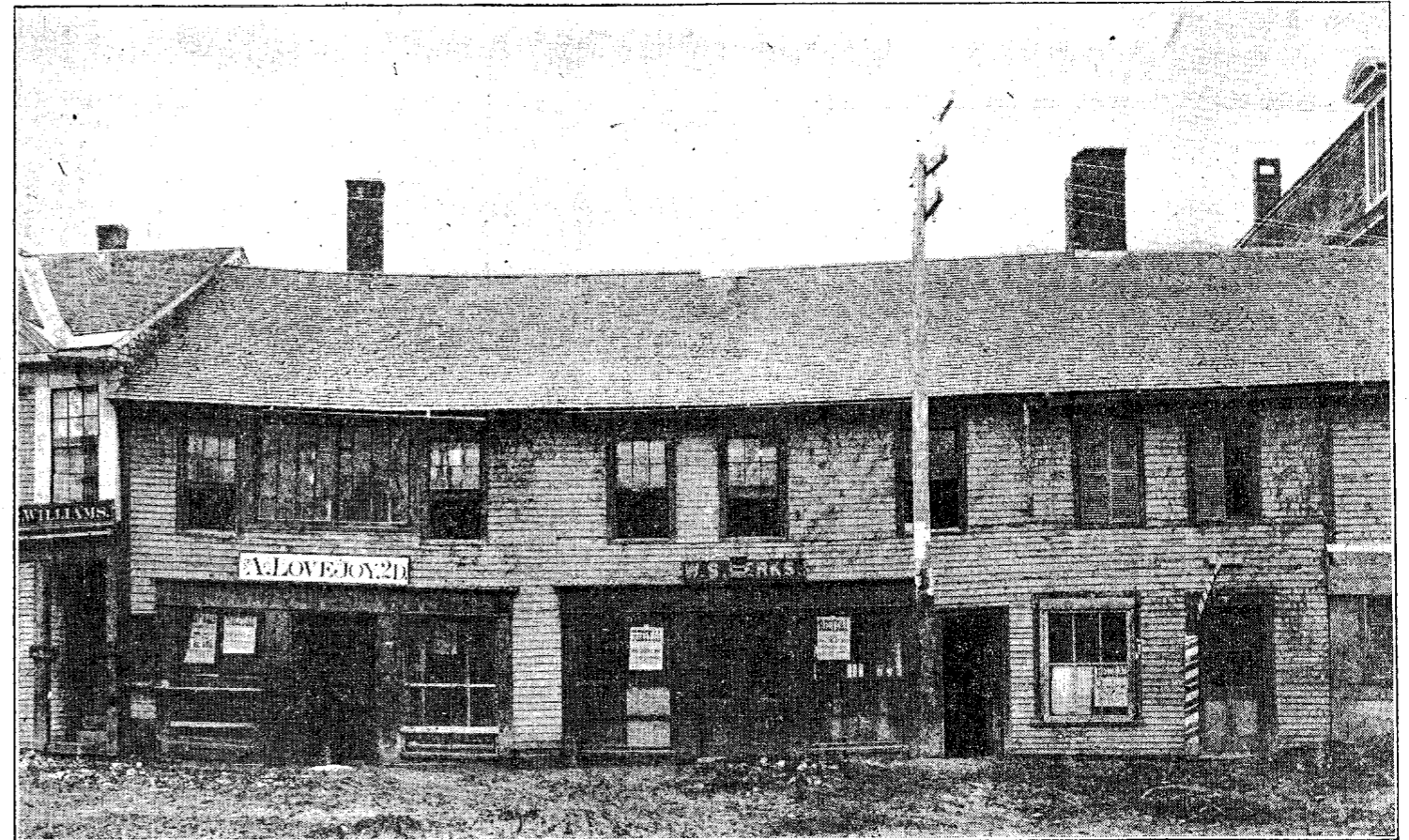


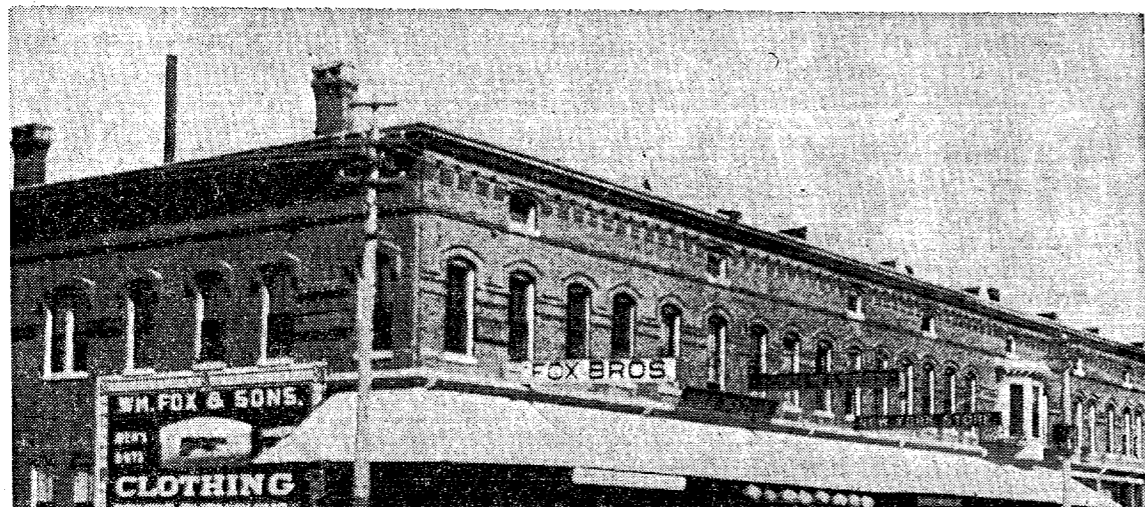
# Views of Houlton's Business Section That Few Older Residents Will Remember



Directly across Main street from S. E. Gray, J. A. Browne Company and French's drug store was this group of retail establishments as they looked some time prior to 1890. The New York Clothing Company occupied the corner store next to the clothing store of William Fox and Son. Man at left, next to dog, is the late L. S. Purington. On his left is Dr. Allie Osgood who later transferred his dental practice to Rumford, Charles Carroll, one time judge of the Houlton Municipal court and a practicing attorney here for many years, Calvin Fox, deceased, then a clerk in the Fox store, Edwin L. Vail, first referee in bankruptcy for the northern Maine district, Theodore Fox, brother of Calvin, also a clerk in the William Fox store, Almon H. Fogg, founder of the hardware store bearing his name, and Oscar Clough, also a clerk in the Fox store.



The poster in the window of the tinsmith shop of A. Lovejoy, 2nd, testifies that this picture of the south side of Market Square was taken in 1894. Adjoining the Lovejoy establishment on the right is the original drug store started here by William and Charles Perks, whose store was later known as Leighton and Feeley and now, the Feeley drug store. Further to the right is Talbot's barber shop, in which local customers had their own especially initialed shaving mug. Store on the end was a candy establishment conducted by B. O. Hathaway.

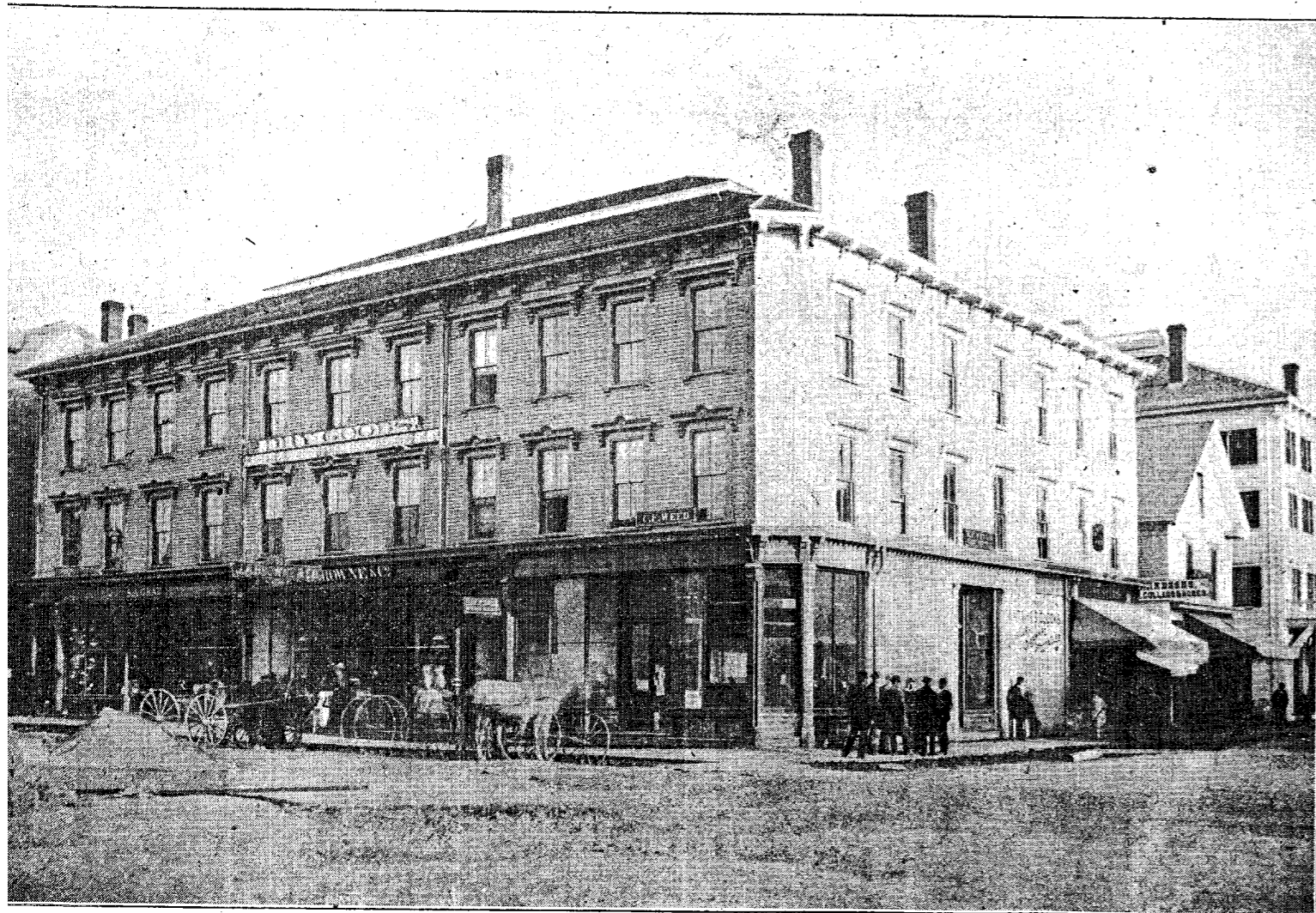




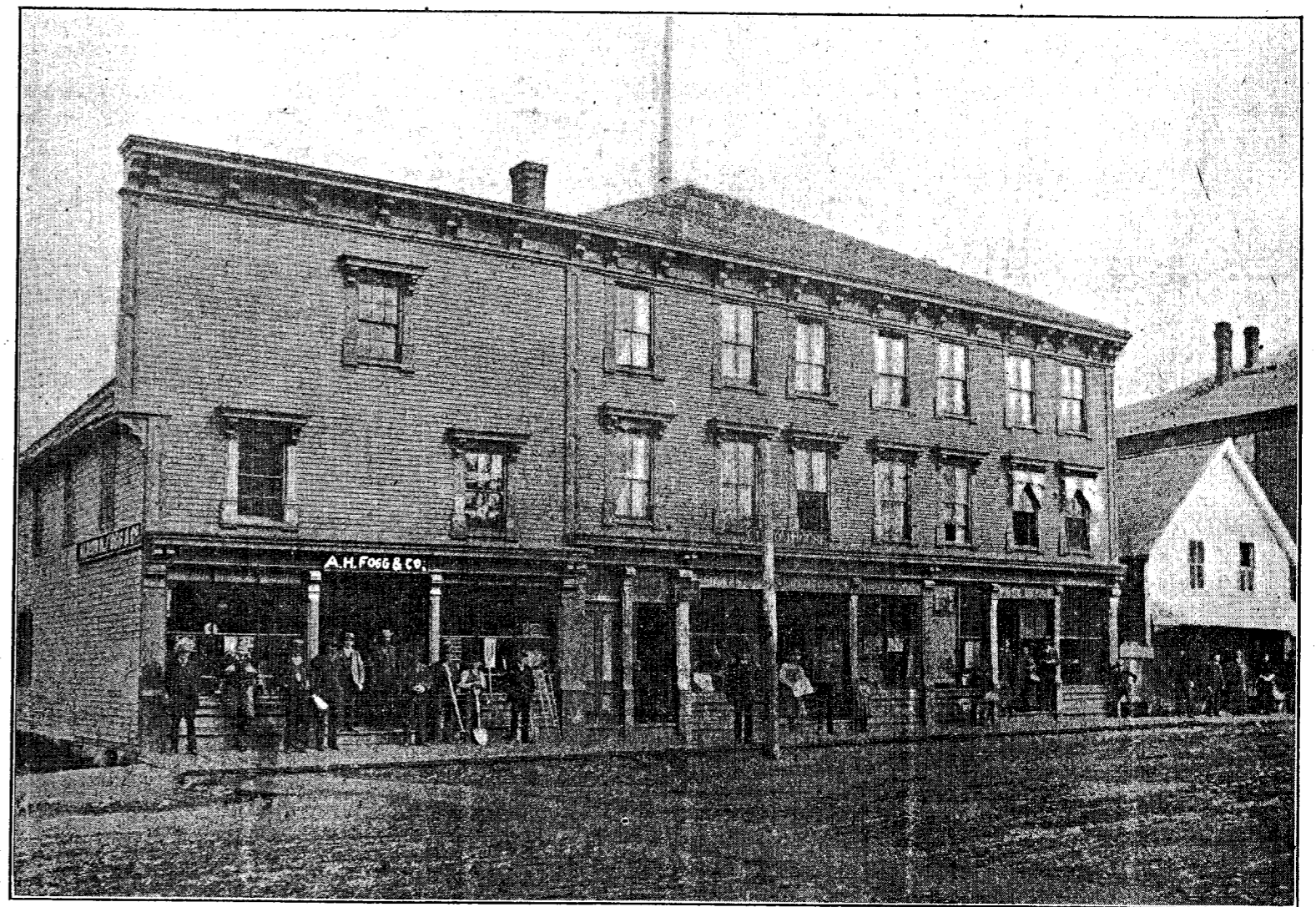
This picture of the then well known landmark, Fox's Corner was probably taken about 45 years ago. East of the corner store, now occupied by Western Auto Store, is the John Watson Company and beyond that, the New York Store and the H. J. Hathaway drug store, now S. L. White Drug Company. The absence of motor traffic is a noteworthy commentary on the time.



The Rice block at the corner of Market Square and Court street was completed before the turn of the century and S. Friedman's clothing store was the first occupant of the corner location. J. E. Robinson had a confectionery store next to Friedman's, later to be occupied by Hubert Smith and then by Palmer's Kandy Kitchen before being taken over by the Milk Bar and now, the Carroll Cut Rate store. Perry's Jewelry store had not moved into the block when this was taken.



This three story wooden structure at the southeast corner of Main and Court streets was completely wiped out by the 1902 fire and was later rebuilt by the owners of the destroyed building. There are still some Houlton people who can remember this once familiar scene as it looked in the late eighties. First store at the left is the tinshop of S. E. Gray on the right of which is the dry goods store of J. A. Browne and, on the corner French's drug store, still doing business in the same spot. Around the corner on Court street was, first, the John Spiers jewelry store, the harness shop of John Rose and the Exchange hotel.



This is the second Almon H. Fogg Block which was built in the sixties and which safely escaped the series of three fires of 1879, 1880 and 1884 but which finally met its fate in the famous fire of May, 1902. For a view of this set of buildings after that disaster, please turn to page one, section H. The above picture was probably taken during the early eighties. At the right of the Fogg store is the Western Union Telegraph office and the Customs House, with the Post Office further to the extreme right. The white building at the far right is Gillin Brothers meat market. Next building east was the Flagg Block.