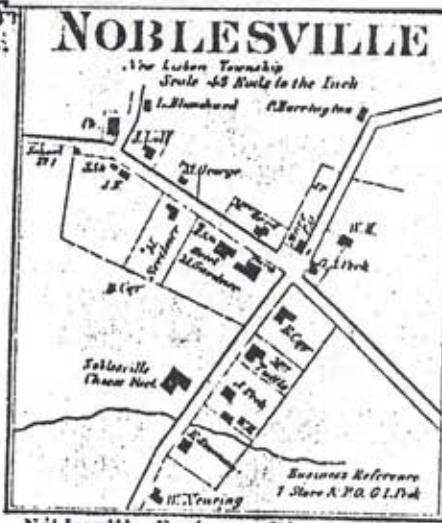


THE MILLS

OF

NEW LISBON





**Stettenville Business Directory.**

Burlington, Moses, Proprietor Stettenville Flouring Mill, Dist. No. 14.  
 Fox, Lewis, dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Croceries, Fancy Goods, &c.  
 Lull, D. C., Manufacturer of Wagons, Agent for Hartwick Plowboy, and Hup Haling and Indulging.  
 Butterland, L. B., Proprietor Stettenville Saw Mill, Manufacturer of Pickets, Laths, and Dealer in Lumber.  
 Sawyer, Nathan D., dealer in Flour, Salt, Tubs and Yelkins, Farming, Hup and Stock Raising and Dairying.

**FARMERS, DAIRYMEN, HOP, STOCK AND WOOL GROWERS.**

Ballard, Geo., Dist. No. 8.  
 Bundy, Wm. Est., do 7.  
 Benjamin, John, do 7.  
 Bundy, Geo., do 7.  
 Bundy, H., do 7.  
 Benjamin, W. R., do 2.  
 Higgins, F. O., do 18.  
 Chapin, Lewis N., do 1.  
 Cummings, Thomas, Joint with Bur.  
 Orusk, W. W., Dist. No. 18.  
 Kimouds A. S., do 5.  
 Eldred, Charles, do 12.  
 Elliot, A. H., do 2.  
 Follett, Dwight, do 13.  
 Fairchild, Chas. B., do 1.  
 Goodhill, John, do 3.  
 Gardner, Wm., do 10.

Gardner, A. H., do 8.  
 Gardner, H. O., do 7.  
 Gregory, Wm., do 6.  
 Hulse, John, do 2.  
 Jones, John, Joint Dist. with Bur.  
 Lealer, George Y., Dist. No. 8.  
 Miller, Garrett, do 2.  
 Potter, R. A., do 4.  
 Parker, Elsha, do 1.  
 Porter, J. B., Joint with Bur.  
 Rockwell, W. R., do 6.  
 Rundel, Walter C., do 2.  
 Towlston, George, do 2.  
 Thorp, K. R., do 7.  
 Wallace, J., do 1.  
 Whitford, Mrs. E. H., do 2.  
 Yates, Trevor, do 1.  
 Young, Robert, do 8.  
 Zeller, David, do 7.

**TOWN OF**

**NEW LISBON**

Otsego Co. N.Y.

Scale 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Bundy, Wm., Justice of the Peace, Dist. No. 7.  
 Bingham, F. O., Com. of Highways Dist. No. 13.  
 Chapin, Lewis N., Practical Surveyor, Dist. No. 1.  
 Fairchild, Chas. B., Prop. Cedar Mill, Dist. No. 1.  
 Goodhill, J. N., Harness Maker and Builder, Dist. No. 2.  
 Harrington, Geo. W., Prof. Circular Saw Mill, and dealer in Lumber, Lath, Pickets, &c., Dist. No. 13.  
 Simonds, Wm. L., House, Sign and Ornamental Painter and Grainer, and Insulator of Wood and Stone, Dist. No. 7.  
 Sherman, Ebor J., Prop. Shingle and Lath Manufactory, Circular Saw Mill, and dealer in Lumber, Dist. No. 18.

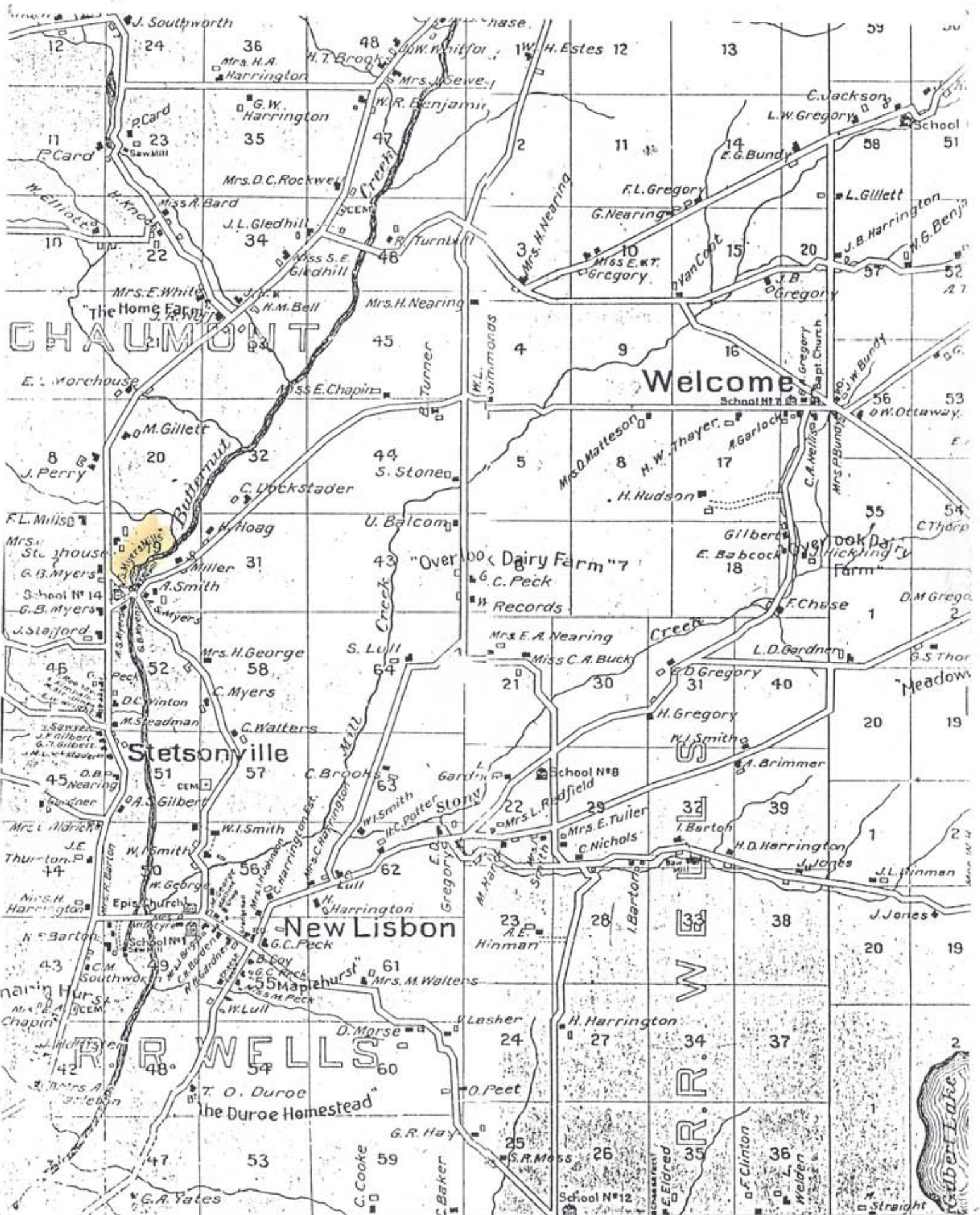
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MYER'S MILL





## MYERS MILLS

The beginnings of what is now known as Myers Mills go back to the later part of the 1700's. Louis deVillers, an emigrant from France, was an agent for land sales of acreage belonging to another Frenchman by the name of Chaumont. He, deVillers, acquired about 600 acres of land along the Butternut Creek and proceeded to build a dam for a saw and grist mill. He erected two dwellings considered to be 'first class' (sawed lumber, clapboards, and cornices all painted white, and having lath and plaster interiors). He also constructed a dwelling for slaves and a building for the processing of woolen cloth. Around 1800 the property was sold to an Englishman, John Cope, and the acreage was split into about six farms.

There have been numerous owners of the mill property down through the years. A partial listing would include deVillers, Cope, Gregory, Braddock, Smith, Myers, Chase, Durant, Stowell, and Glegg. It is currently owned by Nancy Goehner. It is the Myers brothers, Andrew and George, however, who have given this landmark its lasting name. While they owned the mills, it became a sort of community center: there was excellent fishing and great swimming at the pond, and the pond itself encircled a race track. Andrew had what might now be called a convenience store, selling such things as kerosene, oil, molasses, matches, school supplies, etc. But Myers Mills was especially known for the buckwheat flour it produced for the Pillsbury Company.

The two mills ceased to operate years ago---the saw mill burned down (1930's) and the dam went out (1948) draining the pond and with this, the power supply was gone. However, other potentials were in store for the grist mill. An author, John Durant, bought the property and turned the mill into a studio where he did his writing including many of the stories he wrote for The Saturday Evening Post. Still later, the property was further divided and the mill itself was converted into a unique residence. While the old mill has changed and adapted over the years, it is still a work place. Former owners would be amazed at the difference between what was and what is. Gone are the water wheels, the grindstones, the sifters, and the flour-covered surfaces. They have been replaced by the scanner/printer/fax machine and a computer. But one thing remains constant: the peaceful, quiet, idyllic setting with the Butternut Creek flowing by.

The saw and grist mills have been of interest to residents here from the first. I cannot follow the list of owners from DeVillers to the present time, but I will mention some of them. Sixty years ago they were owned by Daniel Gregory (relatives of his are the Gregorys now living in New Lisbon). From 1850 to 1864 it was owned by Michael Braddock, and was long known as Braddocks Mills. In 1864 Braddock sold them to A. Y. Smith, and the following season that old wolf in sheeps clothing Wm. H. Green alias G. W. Long, came here pretending to be a Methodist preacher, and married Smiths sister. They moved to West Cornwall, where Green poisoned her and she died. Green was captured hiding in a barn and very near ending his life then by cutting his throat. He lived however, was tried and sentenced to be hung, but the sentence was changed to imprisonment for life. A full account of his trial can be found in the Morris Chronicle of Dec. 1867. The mills were bought about twenty years ago by Andrew and George Myers. George has since sold his share of the grist mill to Andrew. Since the Myers have owned it they have put in all new and improved machinery, and the grist mill is one of the best equipped and best managed in the county, making specialty of buckwheat flour. The sawmill is now owned by Truman Chase.

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New Lisbon, N.Y., Mar 25 1912

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**Bought of A. S. Myers, Proprietor of Myer's Mills,**

Wholesale and Retail Manufacturer of

**BUCKWHEAT FLOUR AND CORN MEAL FOR FAMILY USE.**

atom Grinding Promptly Done

1 Broom	40
1/4 Cr Porter	10
Box Matches	05 -
1# Tea	45 -
2 Lamp Chimneys	10
2 quarts Oil	24
1/4# Pepper	10
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Written by Robert George:

### LOUIS CARD, mill owner at seventeen (Myers Mill)

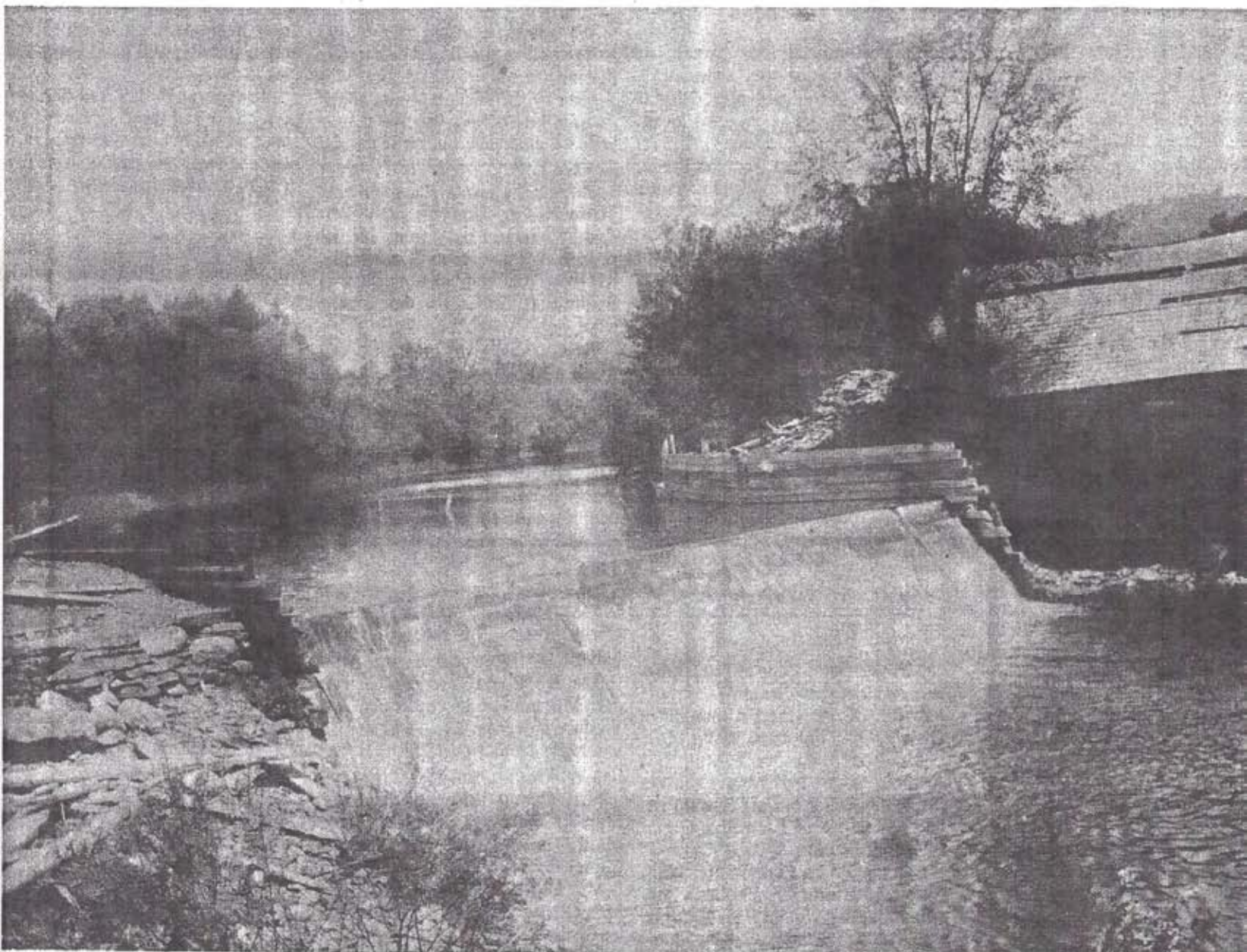
It is a little known fact that Louis Card, brother of Charles Card, owned Myers Mills. He bought the mill when he was only seventeen years old.

He fell in the basement of the mill and his leg was crushed in the gears which were always open to the view of the operator. I do remember being downstairs in the mill when there was ice on and about the gears and water wheel. The leg was amputated at the knee. My father told about this happening and warned everyone to be careful about going down near the wheel while it was in motion. Doris Card Whitman told me the same story, so that I know it is authentic. Lew Card was also the father of Christine Card Preston as well as Doris. Perhaps, Lew, never had title to the mill as he was not of age when he purchased it.

I do recall that it was frightening to a small child when they pulled the big wooden lever in the mill, which opened the gate so the full force of the water started to turn the wheel - slowly at first, then more swiftly as it gained momentum. The water boiled through the wheel and down the raceway. These were turbine wheels, two in the gristmill and one in the sawmill. The gears made some noise and the huge pulley, when belted to a smaller pulley, really increased the speed.

As the years advanced, no one kept the dam in good repair, so my father turned to a gasoline tractor for power. My father, LEVI GEORGE, only owned 12 or 16 feet of the dam. The last he did any sawing he used a LINN tractor engine for power.

## Early Files



The Levi George sawmill at Myer's Mills, New Lisbon, was destroyed with all equipment on Sunday night, January 10, 1932, by a fire of unknown origin. A modern cider press was also lost along with the logs and some lumber—

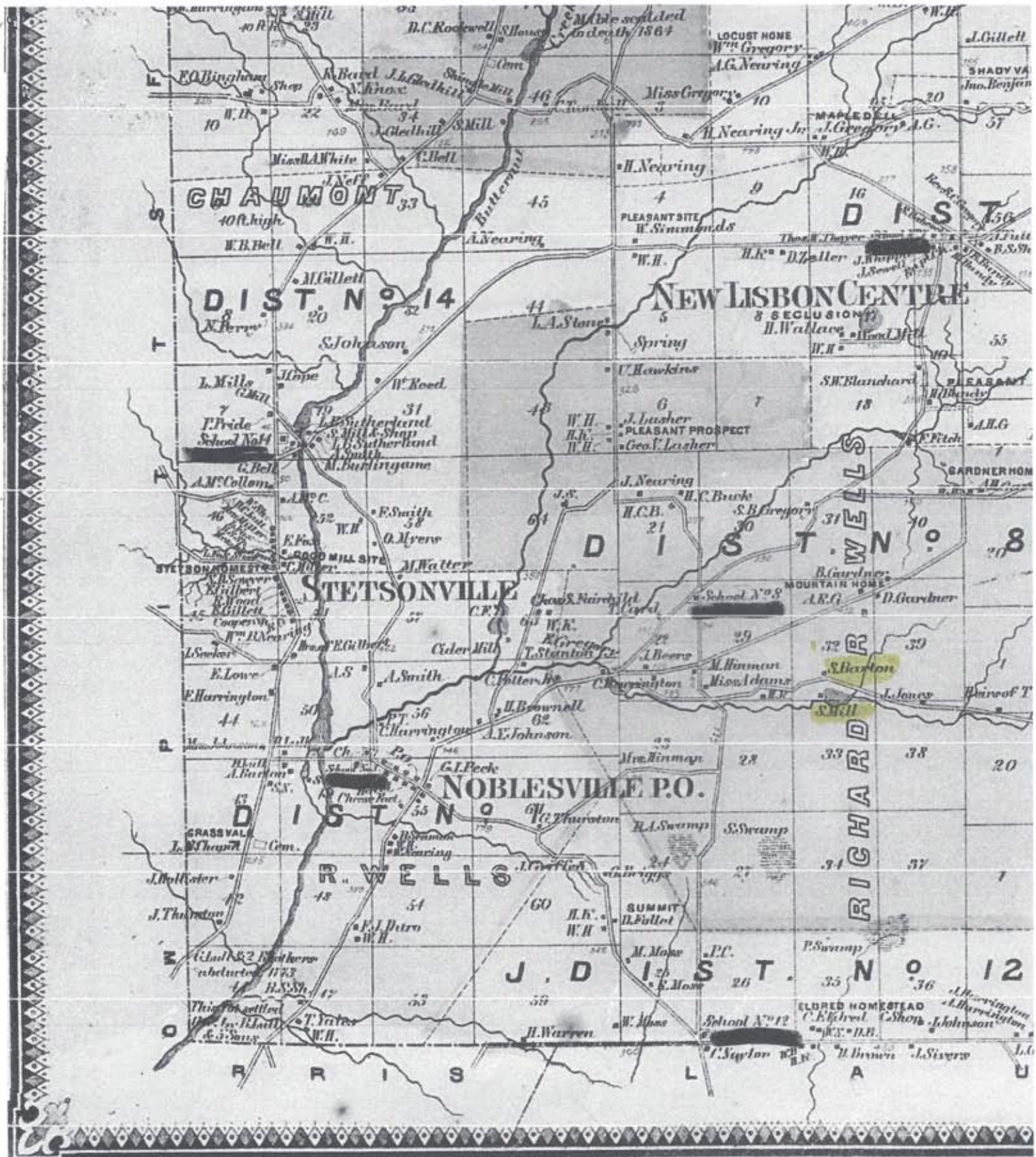








BARTON MILL



## GARRATTSVILLE PAST

Summer-Fall 1878

Porter Barton has repaired and has in operation the sawmill known as the Stately Barton mill (New Lisbon). He can saw timber 40 feet in length.







1908

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Bartons Mill

1880 N P Barton

burned 1897 rebuilt

1852 Amasa Barton

Wm. Lull

James Rood

Abner Earl

Wm. Lull & son Roderick, bought the farm that surrounds Bartons Mills in New Lisbon. Wm. Lull traded farm in Laurens with James Rood for the mills and lived there until he died in 1837 aged 76 years. Roderick Lull married Amy Potter

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Across the highway and a little further east stood the mills owned for the past 56 years by the Barton family. A mill has stood on this site for a long time. The present owner understands that a mill was first built there by the family of Nobles who were among the first settlers of this part of New Lisbon. When the mill was first built the highway ran from the Union Church in Noblesville in a southwest direction coming out on the main road on the west side of the valley a little below the residence of Linus Chapin, deceased. We find this mill was owned about 90 years ago by Abner Earl. His wife was a Card, a sister of Mrs. Faithful Smith, an aunt of Albert Smith and also of Wm. P. Card, for so many years a wagon maker in Morris Village.

It passed from him to James Rood the father of Charles and Elias Rood, both of whom were well known in later years in Morris where they resided. James Rood exchanged the mill property with the heirs of William Lull, son of Ben. Lull Sr. for the farm in Laurens now owned by Irving Crandall, somewhere about 60 years ago, and it came into the hands of Amasa Barton in 1852, who sold it to his son N.P. Barton, in 1883 who is still the owner. The mill burned in Dec. 1897, but was rebuilt the following year. It is well patronized, being well equipped for grinding feed and buckwheat, and for sawing and planing lumber.

From Mull's Bitternut Valley Sketches 1908

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1833, June 3: "Wilson's Spiral Vent Water Wheel for saw and grist mills and other machinery propelled by water power. James Rood. Exclusive rights to make, construct and vend to others. Ready to sell rights for single wheels, dams or as will best suit purchasers . . . those interested in economy of water, of mill and machinery building to call and witness operations of two wheels in his Grist Mill at New Lisbon, also in Augustus Gardener's mill at Cooperstown and one at Moses Rich's mill in Middlefield and others".

1835, April 6: "For Sale. Valuable farm on Butternut Creek at Noble's Ville, in Town of New Lisbon, containing 36 acres of choice land with good Gristmill thereon and 2 run of stone and in good repair. Upon the premises are two dwelling houses and other out buildings. Situation is pleasant and will be sold

low. For terms apply to subscriber. James Rood".



## Fragments of History

New Lisbon, gleaned from the "Freemans Journal" and other sources by Hilda Watrous.

### BARTON'S MILL

The New York Census of 1835 counted 3 grist mills and 5 saw mills in the township. During the 1800s one mill, later called Barton's Mill, stood east of NYS Rt. #54, south of its junction with county route 12, alongside of a stream which flowed southwest from the point where Mill Creek joins the Butternut.

According to the 1880 census, Peter Barton, 24 years old, son of Amasa Barton, owner of the mill, worked as miller, and Mirretta Barton, his 11 year old sister, also worked there. Amasa Barton had been listed as miller in the census of 1860 and an 1872 "Gazetteer" states he owned grist and saw mills and farmed 50 acres.

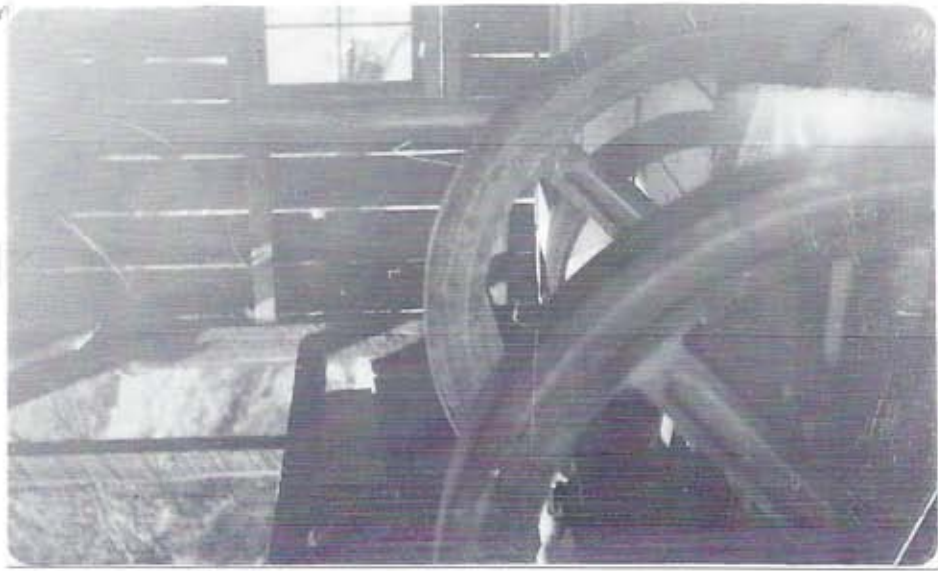
In 1889 an item in the "Journal" related that a June freshet had washed out the old dam above the gristmill, and Peter Barton had replaced it with a very strong and substantial dam 68 feet long and costing about \$200. In 1895 he put steam power into his mill to take the place of water power, "the latter not always reliable". (Peter Card who operated a mill near the four corners of Garrattsville had also added an engine that month to run a planer and a matcher. Perhaps the steam engines were products of Martin and R.L. George who were expanding their machine shop in Noblesville to meet the increased demand for steam engines.)

On December 22 the Barton grist and saw mill was totally destroyed by fire with all its contents. The fire was discovered about 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the saw mill part and, according to the "Journal", neighbors quickly gathered and formed a bucket brigade, confining all their efforts to saving the property outside-lumber and nearby buildings, including Mr. Barton's house and barn. A large pile of slab wood lying on the saw mill side was, nevertheless, completely burned.

How the fire caught was a mystery, as it started in the end of the building where no one had been working that day. The loss was a large one since there was no insurance, but Barton's friends kindly donated standing timber necessary to rebuild the mill.

By late March the following year Barton had his saw mill and one run of stone in running order, grinding feed, and once again "doing a good business".

A "Journal" obituary of Amasa Barton, who died in Noblesville May 4, 1898, tells that he was born in New Lisbon on March 20, 1828, the last of a large family of children. He had married Adeline Warren in 1850 and his death left her, "faithful companion", and two children, Mrs. Ira Smith and Peter Barton, to mourn their loss-husband, father and proprietor of Barton's Mill.



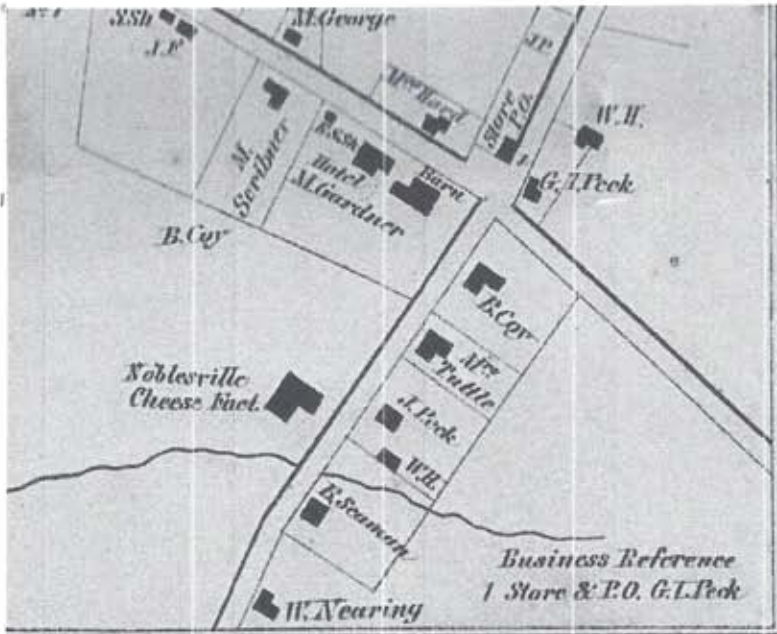




Note: Am not absolutely certain if this dam belongs to Barton's Mill---but I think it does. Please refer back a page to the picture of the man that's fishing. This is Barton's Mill pond (picture found in a family album and the family owned the property). Notice the area in back of the pond: is sloping upwards, contains trees, and has a fence in the background. Now check the dam picture---the same features occur in the background (that's probably Co. Hwy. 12 beyond the fence). So I believe it's a reasonable assumption to speculate that this dam was the Barton's Mill dam---but it is not proof positive.



GARRATTSVILLE MILL AKA CARD'S MILL



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 Peck, Geo. L., dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries,  
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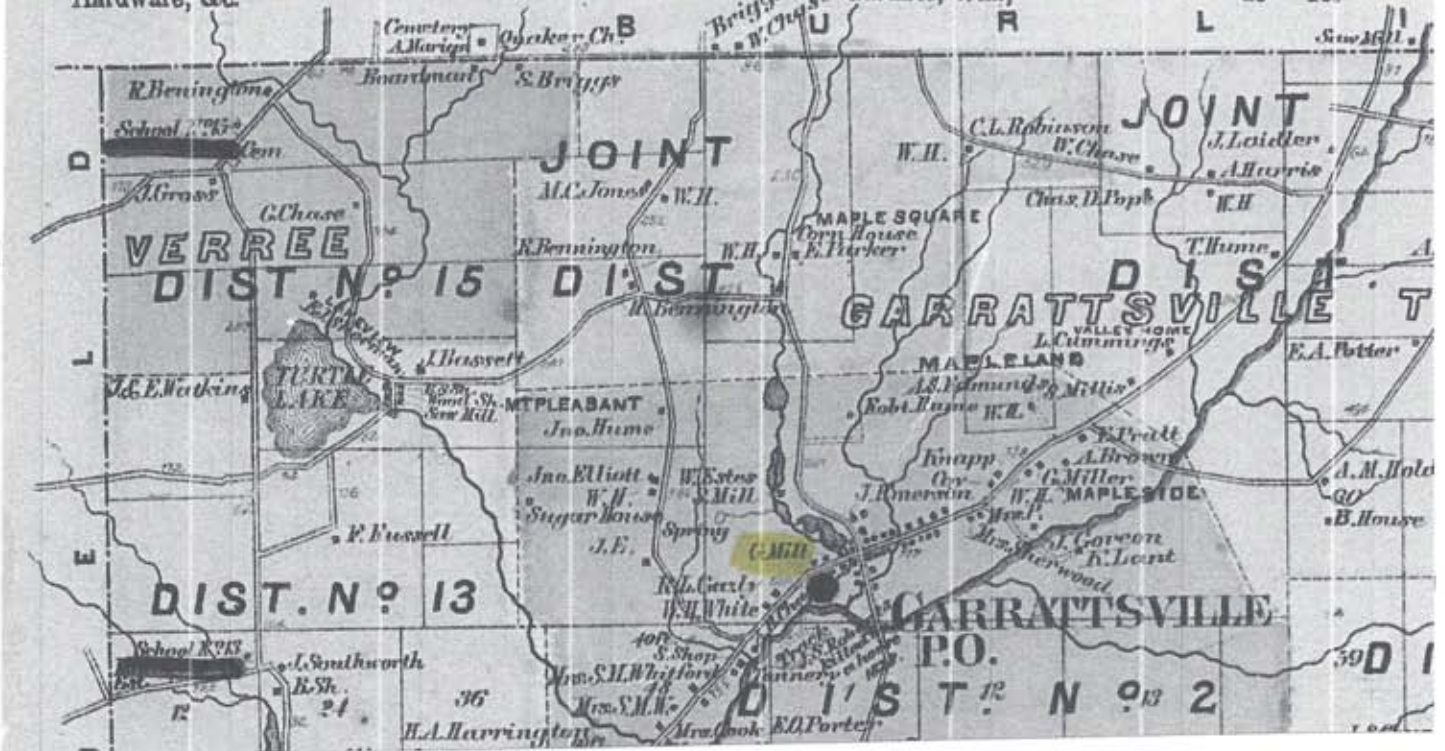
Lull, D. C., Manufacturer of Wagons, Agent for Hartwick Plowboy, and Hop Raising and Dairying.

Sutherland, L. B., Proprietor Stettsonville Saw Mill, Manufacturer of Pickets, Laths, and dealer in Lumber.

Sawyer, Nathan D., dealer in Flour, Salt, Tubs and Firkins, Farming, Hop and Stock Raising and Dairying

**FARMERS, DAIRYMEN, HOP, STOCK AND WOOL GROWERS.**

Ballard, Geo.,	Dist. No. 5.
Bundy, Wm. Esq.,	do 7.
Benjamin, John,	do 7.
Bundy, Elon,	do 7.
Bundy, H.,	do 7.
Benjamin, W. R.,	do 3.
Bingham, F. O.,	do 13.
Chapin, Linus N.,	do 1.
Cummings, Leman, Joint with Bur.	
Cronk, W. W.,	Dist. No. 13.
Edmunds A. S.,	do 2.
Eldred, Charles,	do 12.
Elliot, A. H.,	do 2.
Follett, Dwight,	do 12.
Fairchild, Chas. S.,	do 1.
Gledhill, John L.,	do 2.
Gardner, Wm.,	do 10.







Francis O. Bingham  
 Ed Lewis - L. Rockwell  
 " 7 pabell <sup>my</sup> Henry <sup>y Davis + Jack</sup> Moore <sup>about</sup> them

1816 - when I was a young girl cards  
 made a good conduit from their pond  
 to the mill - while they were installing  
 it all the kids in town were up at the pond.  
 Jim Cummings - crawled through it  
 and we all ran along beside calling  
 to him to see if he was alive - we were  
 greatly relieved when he finally emerged  
 down at the mill. about 1/4 mile.

Rythia Holdridge  
 wife Chisholm  
 son Stuart

Dr Wheeler office + home sister Nancy  
 has burned.

Uriah Hawkins - now Howard Tillson  
 (some place here lived Mr. Drumroy + family  
 Mrs. Smith - Dr. Green - Hiram Wallace - Simon  
 Bundy - Horace Bundy  
 cards house

First a blacksmith shop - by Timothy Pelton  
 cards <sup>40/6</sup> mill



Hiram White bought it of 5 Bradbury brothers  
 bought by Wm. Kanatt - once a school called The White House.  
 Hiram White distillery = made into  
 house by Oliver Bingham Sr. - then a Talbot - then  
 Stearns + Herrick = Edwin Gregory + Mercy Herrick  
 Arthur their son - Sarah Hoag da of Ed. Hoag  
 da Bertha = now owned by Perry.



## GARRATTSVILLE MILL

The mill was once a blacksmith shop with a Mr. Timothy Jewett Pelton as workman/owner. Other uses were varied: Abe Welch supposedly had a wagon manufacturing business here and later there was a paint shop located on the second floor. Peter Card bought from Alonzo Avery the wheel and water rights of the nearby creek and set up his own mill and carriage factory ---and also a grist, cider, and planning mill as well as a saw mill.

The Business Directory of Otsego County, 1872-3 lists: Card, Peter (Garrattsville) cooper & (with Wm. H. Card) saw mill and farmer.

A news item tells about the Great Storm of June 7, 1874 and states: "In Garrattsville, both dams belonging to the grist mill are gone."

Remarkably, this building still stands in the village of Garrattsville. It is weather-beaten and somewhat forlorn but is a reminder of times past.

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### Peter Card's Mill

There is evidence that a second cheese factory operated by Alonzo G. Avery stood between the chair factory and the Peter Card Mill and the river road in Garrattsville Village (Butternut Creek). Peter Card purchased the wheel and water rights on the creek from Alonzo Avery and set up his own mill and carriage factory.

Peter Card sold feed at this grist, cider and planning mill on South Street in Garrattsville.

In 1910, a saw mill was added to the facility.

Before Peter Card took over the above combination; Abe Welch had a wagon manufacturing here in this building. The second floor was a paint shop, paint used in this factory.

This landmark of our village is still standing, but vacant many

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**NEW LISBON:** In 1810, there were in New Lisbon four or five grain mills, seven saw mills, a fulling mill and a carding machine. Also one Baptist meeting-house and seven schoolhouses. The inhabitants were principally farmers; most of their wearing apparel being made at home.

"Harrington's inn," a well-known public house, was situated on the West Branch of the Otego, at a point about one mile northerly from "Fall bridge." This tavern was erected in 1813 by James, father of Stafford Harrington, and is still standing and utilized as a farmhouse on lands once belonging to the writer. In 1813, according to J. H. Kenyon and Matthew Gregory, of Mount Vision, "Harrington's inn" was one of the (3637) busiest places, from a lawyer's professional standpoint, in the county; many suits at law being tried there, and occasionally drawing attorneys even from the county seat itself.

Besides the tavern, there was a gristmill and a sawmill built, not far from this time, just under the high bank east of and below the house, the two structures standing close together; but no bridge had been erected there, as yet, spanning the creek. About the same period, Ira Kenyon, a schoolteacher and father of one of my informants, was one day called to "Harrington's inn," to write the ballots for an election soon to be held at that point..

NEW LISBON: About 1814, a gristmill and a sawmill, probably taking the places of older ones on the same site, were erected on the West Branch of the Otego creek, close of Harrington's inn, and at a point about one mile above "Fall bridge"; the inn referred to having been built in the preceding year. The embankment of the ancient millpond, on the flat opposite the old tavern stand, is still plainly visible. In 1814, the crossroad running by the Harrington tavern and mills, and connecting the East and West Branch highways, was called "the post-road" -- a man carrying the mail over the same in saddle bags; this being a section of a mail route between Cooperstown and "Louisville," via Hartwick.  
(3684)

Abraham Lippitt was probably now conducting a milling business at South Hartwick. At a point a little below that place, and on the west side of the creek, was the commencement of a highway, built long before, which conducted the traveller over the hill, and through the woods nearly all the way, to the grist and saw mills of James Harrington, on the West Branch of the Otego. Mr. Harrington was a brother of Sheffield, Stephen and Job Harrington, and had a son, Stafford, who, as an old man, came from the West, in about 1892, to revisit these scenes of his childhood.  
(3416)

The Harrington mills (in New Lisbon) were built, by James Harrington, on what was afterwards the Vaughn-Ballard-Huntington-Grandall farm, and I presume the date of their construction was prior to 1810. At that time, James Harrington was probably conducting an inn business, also, in his small, clapboarded, frame dwelling near the mills; this being succeeded by a larger tavern, in 1813, on or near the same site. Remington Kenyon, before removing from Rhode Island to New Lisbon, was a miller by trade; and, in about 1810, alternately acted, more or less, for both Lippitt and Harrington, in that capacity, running their mills both night and day.





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The Stetsons

In 1791 when Moors and Whitford sold a parcel of their Perree purchase the land was described as "that part where Eli Stetson has chopped and is to chop 50 acres"...Eli was a witness to their sale of land to Isaac Nash in 1791. In 1795 Whitford sold land to Timothy Stetson, father to Eli, adjacent to 100 acres previously sold to Eli. When some of Isaac Nash's land was sold by his estate, some property included the "mill seat of Eli Stetson".

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At the Recorders Office in Cooperstown there is a deed dated March 6, 1807 that states that for the sum of three hundred dollars, lawful money of the State of New York, Samuel Bosworth and his wife Abigail conveyed to Samuel Stetson Southworth and Gurley Southworth forty acres of land in the Town of New Lisbon. This was land that had previously been owned by Timothy Stetson. It is of interest that the price was paid in the currency of the State of New York and not of the United States and also that Abigail made her mark rather than her signature.

The boundaries specified in the deed indicate that the land was located just east of a hundred acre tract owned by Eli Stetson and just north of Eli Stetson's saw mill. In fact, one stake rested in the mill pond. One of the older residents of the neighborhood suggested sometime ago that this may have been what is now known as Card's Pond. This has since been verified. A map showing this land appears on page 9.

As to where the money came from for the purchase of the land, we can only speculate. It is noted however that in the settlement of Desire Southworth's estate eleven years later, there is mention made of money owed by various children including both Gurley and Samuel Stetson. It is possible that then as now it was good practice to borrow money from widowed mothers and to forget about both the principal and the interest. It is noted too that the land changed hands in the succeeding years in a rather mysterious way and ultimately came into the hands of Mother Southworth (Desire).

Whether or not the partnership of Gurley and his brother came to a sad end we cannot say. However a deed dated January 18, 1811 shows that the two brothers acting as partners sold off twelve acres from the southern end of their tract to Eli Stetson. This may have been part of the mill property. It may have served also to give Eli Stetson access from his 100 A tract to the highway. On the same day Gurley gave Samuel Stetson Southworth a quit-claim deed for his interest in the remainder. This not only terminated the partnership but it appears to have been the only land of record owned by Hiram's father Gurley in either Otsego or Chenango Counties.

This juggling of property did not, however, stop at this time for there is recorded later, in 1811, a deed for land sold by Samuel Stetson Southworth to Richard Emerson. This was the remaining twenty-eight acres, left after selling twelve acres to Eli Stetson. On the same day Richard Emerson sold eight of these same acres to Desire Southworth. At about this same time too Samuel Stetson bought another tract of thirty-six acres south of the mill pond which he held for several years.

## *Fragments of History*

New Lisbon Township as compiled from various sources by Hilda R. Watrous.

### Desire Stetson Southworth

Desire was born June 29, 1746, one of two children of Ensign Samuel Stetson (4th generation descendant of Cornet Robert Stetson of Scituate (Norwell) Mass.) and Ann Dimmock Stetson. Desire's brother was Timothy Stetson who came with his family to the New Lisbon area about 1790. Desire married Nathaniel Southworth Jr., a descendant of Captain Constant Southworth. (Constant's widow resided in Plymouth Colony in 1628 - having wed Governor William Bradford - with her two sons, Thomas and Constant Southworth).

According to "A Genealogy of the Southworths. . ." by Samuel G. Webber (1905) Nathaniel, 5th generation of Constant's descendants, was born in Mansfield Conn. Nov. 26, 1742. He married Desire in 1764 and they had 8 children: Lois (1765), Eleazer (1768-1850), Ann (1773), Eunice (1776), Ozian (1778), Gurley - his paternal grandmother was Lois Gurley - (1781-1825), Samuel Stetson (1783) and Ruth (1786).

In 1807 Gurley and Samuel S. Southworth purchased 40 acres in New Lisbon; this land previously had been owned by their uncle, Timothy Stetson. The parcel adjoined property owned by Timothy's son, Eli, who operated a saw mill there. In 1811 the Southworth brothers sold 12 acres of their parcel to Eli who had earlier chopped 50 acres in the vicinity of Turtle Lake (Crystal Lake); aerial maps show vestiges of an old logging road from the lake to the still existing foundations of what is presumed to be the location of Eli's saw mill. (In later years a grist mill and a saw mill occupied the site, even into the 20th century, when the dam to the mill pond was broken by the owner Luman Chase). In 1811 Samuel sold the remaining property to Richard Emerson; Emerson and his wife Sarah, also of New Lisbon, sold a portion of this property to Desire Southworth, who had been widowed in 1809.





Present day site of Stetson Mill (2019---Fenstermacher)

























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A saw mill below the lane mentioned was owned, it is believed, by David M. Hard, and sold by him to the Cone brothers. For a while they ran it together; then the eldest one bought the other half, and hired a man by the name of Joshua Wood to run the mill. He was a stranger, but a good workman. He moved into a double log house above the mill. His family consisted of himself, his wife, a little girl, and a madam with three children. His wife had the poorest part of the house and earned her own food and clothing working for her neighbors. In summer she picked berries and sold them to the Garrattsville people. She was a slack, easy going sort of a woman, which may have accounted for the family arrangement.

After several years some young men took exception to Wood's manner of living and one night when his wife was away gave him and the madam a noisy arrenade. Soon after the old log house was found to be tenantless. When or where they went was not known, though the wife must have learned, for soon she disappeared. The saw mill was then sold to Oliver Gorton, and his sons Jacob and Joseph did the work there. A small house was built near the bank for Jacob's family. It is now a hen house.

20 were laborers

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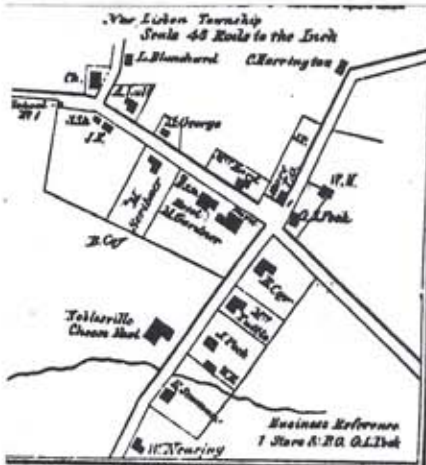
Edwin Harris	21	Sawyer	
Henry Harris	41	Physician	
Patrick Kelly	19	Laborer from Ireland	
Benjamin Webster	74	Mason	Mass.
Edw. Webster	31	Bucket Maker	Hybrid
Chapman	20	Hammer maker	
Leah Gregory	62	B. Clergyman	Conn.
Stephen Whipple	50	Painter	N.Y.
Proper Babcock	26	Laborer	N.Y.
Joseph Gorton	32	Millwright	N.Y.
Edwin Webster	30	Hammer maker	N.Y.
Charles Church	27	"	"
Charles Votter	25	"	"
Norman Black	25	"	"
Peter J. Albert	22	"	"
Orlando Cole	35	York finisher	"
Orville Paine	35	Blacksmith	
William Murray	20	Farmer	
Lymon Herriman	20	York finisher	
Orville Sholf	34	York finisher	
William Coy	23	Blacksmith	Mass.
Franklin Shinn	28	Shoemaker	Conn.
Elijah Butts	30	Blacksmith	
Elwha Pratt	15	Farmer	Conn.
Francis Durc	40	Shoemaker	Eng.



11.12.	DELOSS ANTHONY son	19	Ots.	3	Farmer	
	ROSALTHA dau	9	"	3		
	ABEL CARD boarder	27	"	M --	"	Native V.
	ANGELINE CARD wf	25	"	M 2/12		
	MARY F. " dau	5	Greene	2/12		
	WM. PARR boarder	30	Ots.	M 2	"	"
	THRESSA PARR wf	29	"	M 3		
	WM. J. MURRY	26	Ire.	6	Drover	Alien
	MARY STEPHENS	6	Ots.	-	boarder	
12.13.	C. H. BROWN	40	Scho.	M 3	Blacksmith	Native V.
\$ 450	M. M. wf	18	Ots.	" 18		
	WM. H. son	2	"	"		
13.14.	J. B. GORTON	36	Ots.	M 36	Millwright	"
\$ 500	MARY ANN wf	33	"	" 9		
	THEODORE REED neph	10	"	6		
	CHARLES GORTON son	3	"	3		
	MATILDA REED sis-i-1	25	"	- 6/12		L.O.
.15	CHARLES BALCOMB	22	Ots.	M 2/12	Farmer	"
	ANN wf	20	"	"		
	DOROTHY HALL moth	48	Scot.	W	"	
	JANETT " sister	11	Ots.	"		
	CHRISTIEN " "	18	"	"		
	JOHN " broth	25	Scot.	"		Naturalized
	GEORGE " "	14	"	"		
14.16.	EDWIN G. BUCKLAND	55	Vt.	M 4	Machinist	"
\$ 250	CASSANDRA wf	45	Ots.	" 4		
15.17.	ARTHUR SLATER	45	Mass.	M 7	"	"
\$ 200	JULIA wf	25	"	" 7	(poss. ANTHONY, not ARTHUR)	
	DEXTER son	18	"	5		
	MARY JANE dau	7	"			
	BENJAMA son	5	Ots.			
	FRANKLIN " "	3	"			
	JULIA dau	1	"			
16.18.	WM. COY	38	Ots.	M 38	Blacksmith	"
\$ 200	HARRIET wf	38	Vt.	" 22		
	ROXANN dau	17	Ots.			
	HENRY son	15	"			
	ELI " "	6	"			
	ALBERT A. " "	3	"			
	B. O. " "	2/12	"			
	LIDY mother	66	Mass.	W --		
17.19.	ZARE WATSON	58	Dut.	M --	Farmer	" L.O.
\$ 400	SALLY wf	58	Mass.	"		
	FIDELIA TALBERT dau	25	Ots.	M --		
	LORENZE WATSON son	19	"			
	MERTIMER " "	16	"			
	CHAD TALBERT s-i-1	31	Ots.	M 4	"	"
	HARRISON BARNES	35	--	6/12	" (Boarder)	"
	JAMES SELF	--	Eng.	4	"	Naturalized V.
18.20.	DAVID DART	33	Ots.	M 6	Blacksmith	Native V.
\$ 50	ANNA wf	30	"	"		
	EMM Z. dau	9	Oneida	"		
	RUTH A. " "	6	Ots.	"		



MILL NEAR TURTLE LAKE



**Noble'sville Business Directory.**  
 Gardner, Martin, Proprietor Noble's Hotel.  
 Peck, Geo. L., dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries,  
 Hardware, &c.

**Stetsonville Business Directory.**

Burlingame, Moses, Proprietor Stetsonville Flouring Mill, Dist. No. 14.  
 Fox, Lucas, dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Crochery, Fancy Goods, &c.  
 Lull, D. C., Manufacturer of Wagons, Agent for Hartwick Flouring, and Hop Raising and Dairying.  
 Rutherford, L. B., Proprietor Stetsonville Saw Mill, Manufacturer of Planes, Laths, and dealer in Lumber.  
 Sawyer, Nathan D., dealer in Flour, Salt, Tubs and Pickles, Farming, Hop and Stock Raising and Dairying.

**FARMERS, DAIRYMEN, HOP, STOCK AND WOOL GROWERS.**

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Ballard, Geo.                    | Dist. No. 8   |
| Buddy, Wm. Exp.                  | do 7.         |
| Benjamin, John                   | do 7.         |
| Buddy, H.                        | do 7.         |
| Buddy, H.                        | do 7.         |
| Benjamin, W. R.                  | do 8.         |
| Bingham, F. O.                   | do 11.        |
| Chapin, Lewis N.                 | do 1.         |
| Cummings, Lemas, Joint with Bur. |               |
| Crock, W. W.                     | Dist. No. 12. |
| Edmonds A. G.                    | do 9.         |
| Edred, Charles                   | do 12.        |
| Elliot, A. H.                    | do 2.         |
| Follett, Dwight                  | do 12.        |
| Fairchild, Chas. B.              | do 1.         |
| Gledhill, John L.                | do 1.         |
| Gardner, Wm.                     | do 10.        |

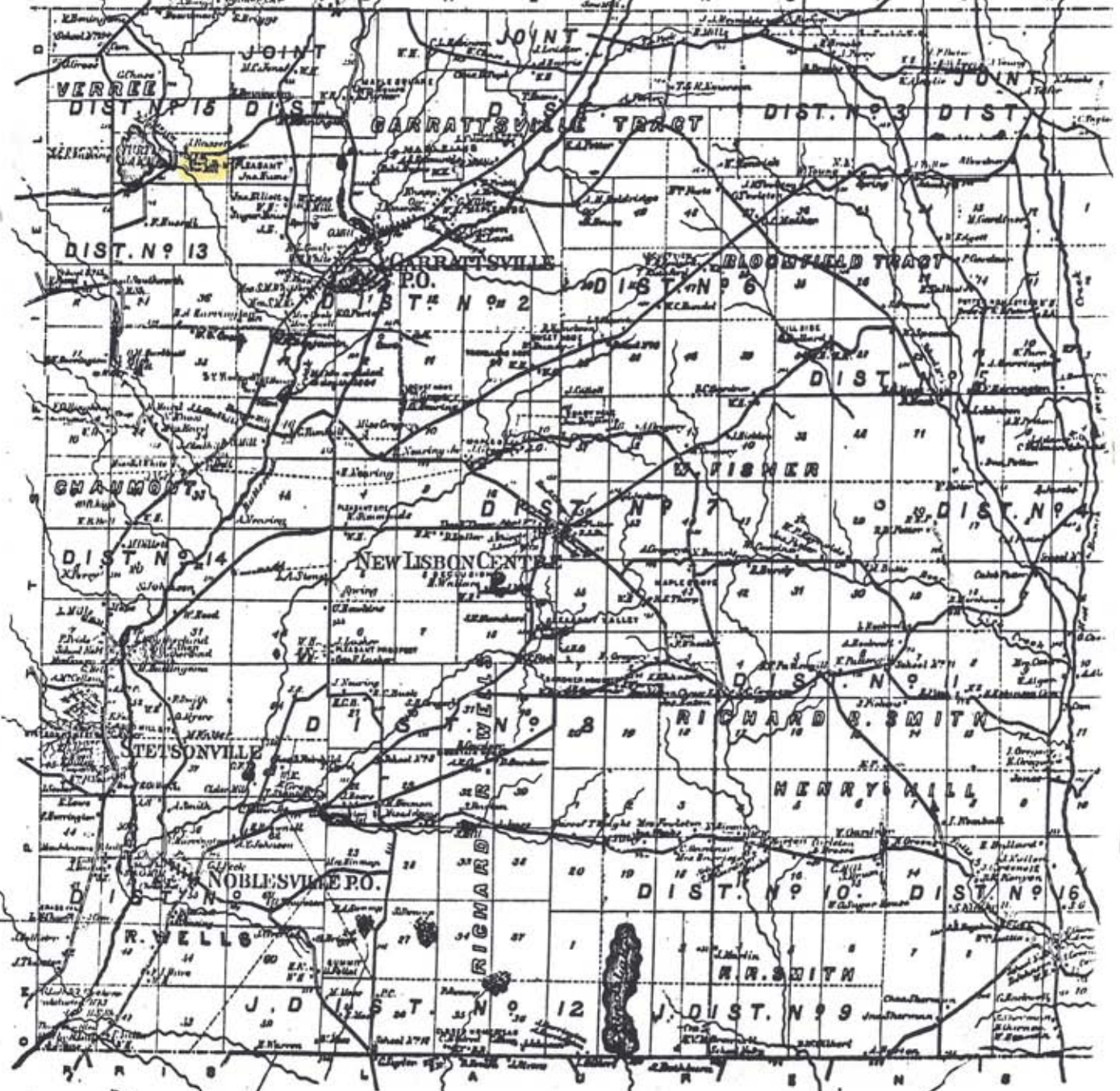
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| Gardner, A. H.       | do 8.                 |
| Gardner, H. C.       | do 7.                 |
| Gregory, Wm.         | do 8.                 |
| Himes, John          | do 1.                 |
| Johns, John          | Joint Dist. with Bur. |
| Leaher, George V.    | Dist. No. 2.          |
| Miller, Garret       | do 2.                 |
| Polter, R. A.        | do 4.                 |
| Parker, Elsie        | Joint with Bur.       |
| Porter, J. P.        | do 1.                 |
| Rockwell, W. R.      | Dist. No. 6.          |
| Rusdel, Walter C.    | do 4.                 |
| Touriston, George    | do 2.                 |
| Thorp, M. S.         | do 1.                 |
| Wallace, H.          | do 1.                 |
| Whitford, J. R. & M. | do 2.                 |
| Yates, Trevor        | do 1.                 |
| Young, Robert        | do 2.                 |
| Zoller, David        | do 1.                 |

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Buddy, Wm., Justice of the Peace, Dist. No. 1.  
 Bingham, F. O., Com. of Highways Dist. No. 1.  
 Chapin, Lewis N., Precinct Surveyor, Dist. No. 1.  
 Fairchild, Chas. B., Prop. Older Mill, Dist. No. 2.  
 Gledhill, J. M., Harness Maker and Builder, No. 2.  
 Harrington, Geo. W., Prop. Circular Saw Mill, dealer in Lumber, Lath, Planes, &c., Dist. No. 1.  
 Mowada, Wm. L., House, Sign and Ornament Painter and Grainer, and Lather of Wood, Dist. No. 1.  
 Sherman, Elmer J., Prop. Shingle and Lath factory, Circular Saw Mill, and dealer in Lumber, Dist. No. 1.







This tiny photo is found among New Lisbon's photographic collection along with a 'snapshot' of the area's history which is presented below.

Circa 1880 photograph of Turtle Lake, in the northwest corner of New Lisbon township. A sawmill had been built at the outlet sometime previous to 1800, one of the first in this area. Eber J. Sherman purchased the surrounding farm in 1858, his family owning it until the early part of this century. By 1917 overnight campers frequented the lake but it wasn't until about ten years later that an official campground operation began, now called by a more appealing title, Crystal Lake. Buildings shown in the photograph include the Sherman residence, barns, a blacksmith shop, cabinet shop and sawmill.

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