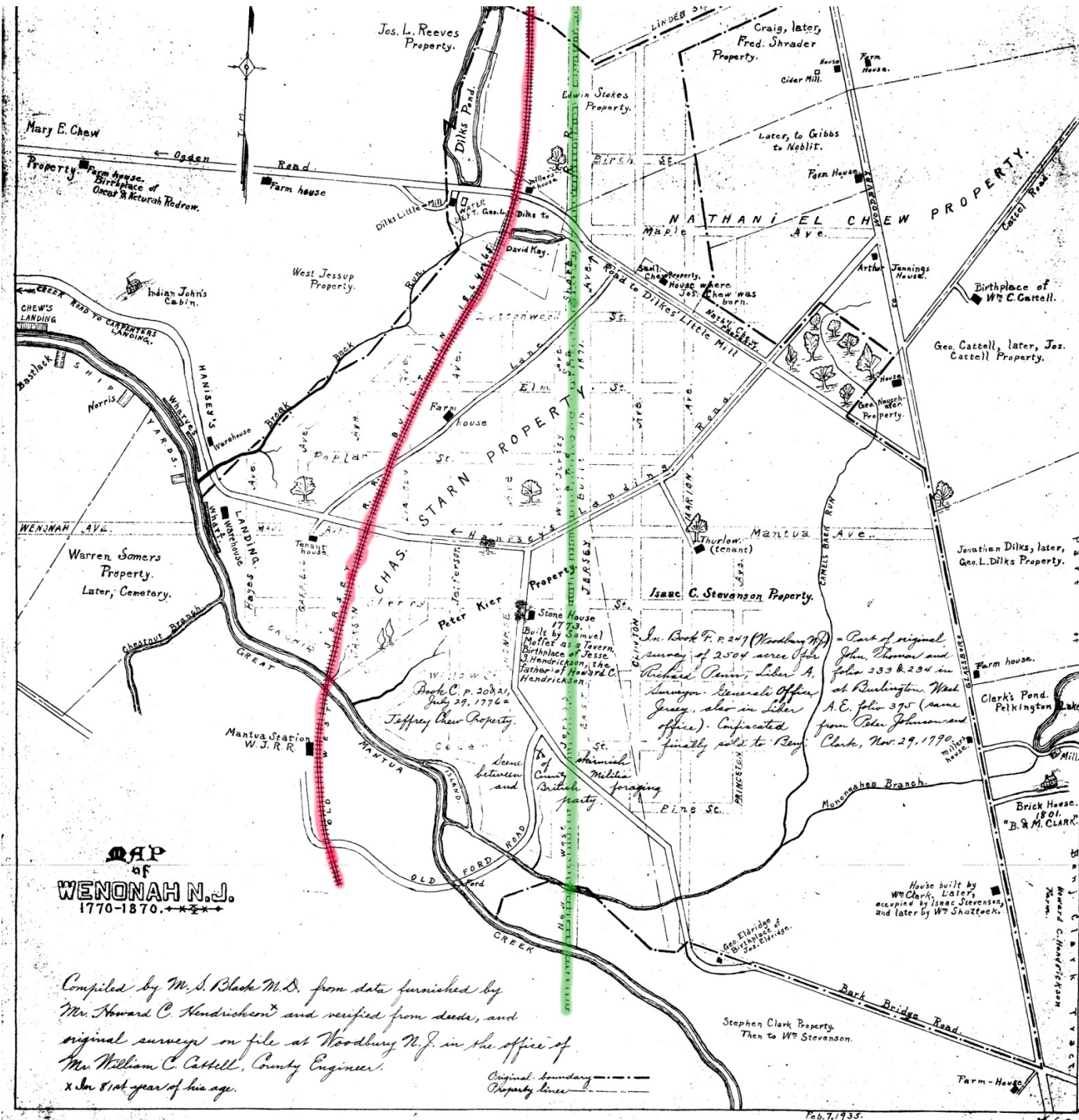


PICTURE HISTORY OF
WENONAH
NEW JERSEY

assembled by

Jack C Sheppard Sr



MAP
of
WENONAH N.J.
1770-1870. +*+*+*

Compiled by Mr. S. Black M.D. from data furnished by Mr. Howard C. Hendrickson and verified from deeds, and original surveys on file at Woodbury N.J. in the office of Mr. William C. Cattell, County Engineer.
x In 81st year of his age.

Original boundary
Property lines

In Book P. p. 247 (Woodbury N.J.) Survey of 2504 acre John Peter Clark, Liber A. Survey General's Office Jersey, also in Liber of Isaac C. Stevenson, Liber A. (copied) - finally sold to Benj. Clark, Nov. 29, 1790.

Part of original John Thomas and John 233 & 234 in at Burlington Wash. A.E. folio 375 (same from Cedar Johnson and finally sold to Benj. Clark, Nov. 29, 1790.)

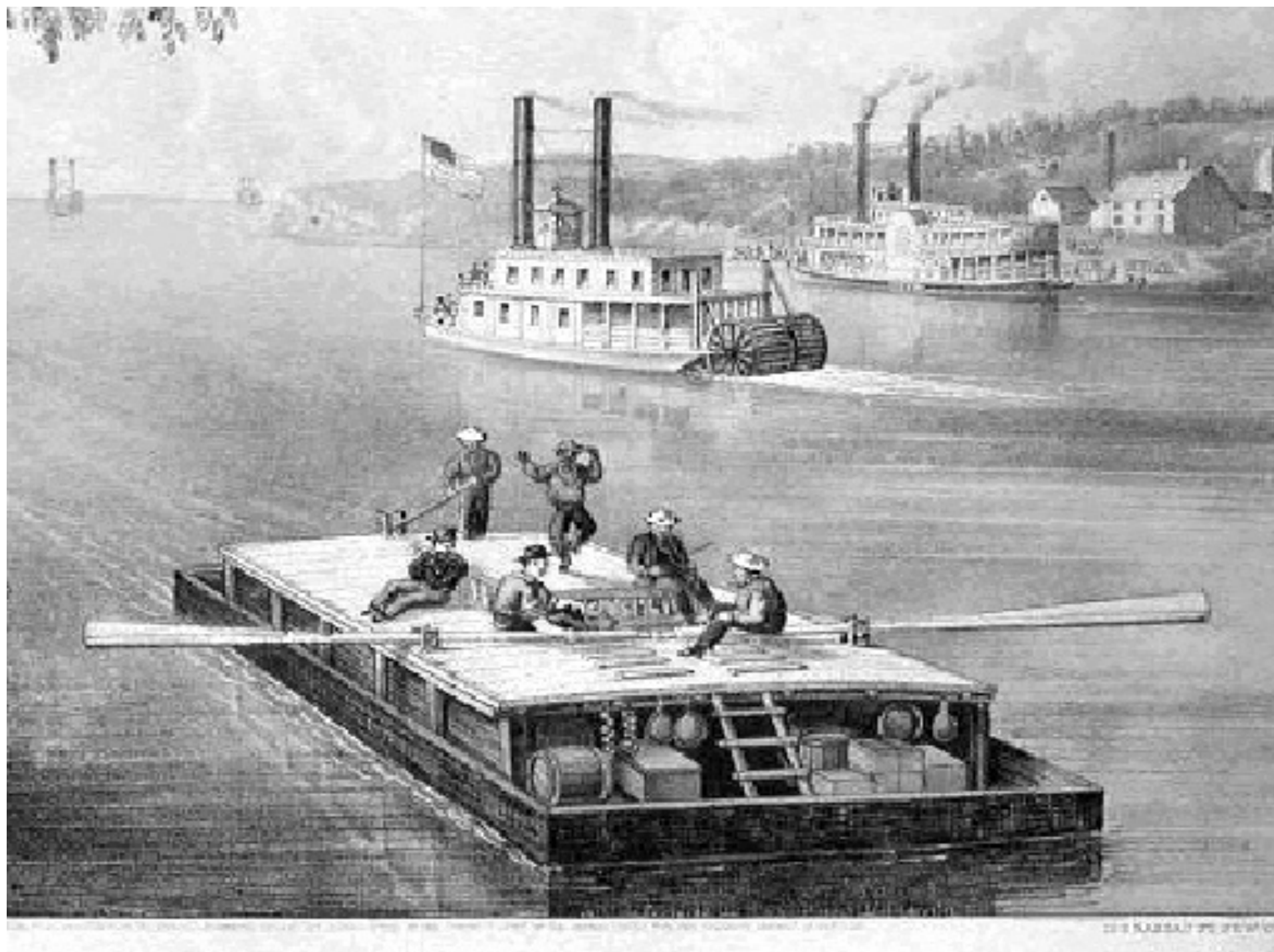
House built by Wm Clark, later occupied by Isaac Stevenson and later by Wm Shattock.

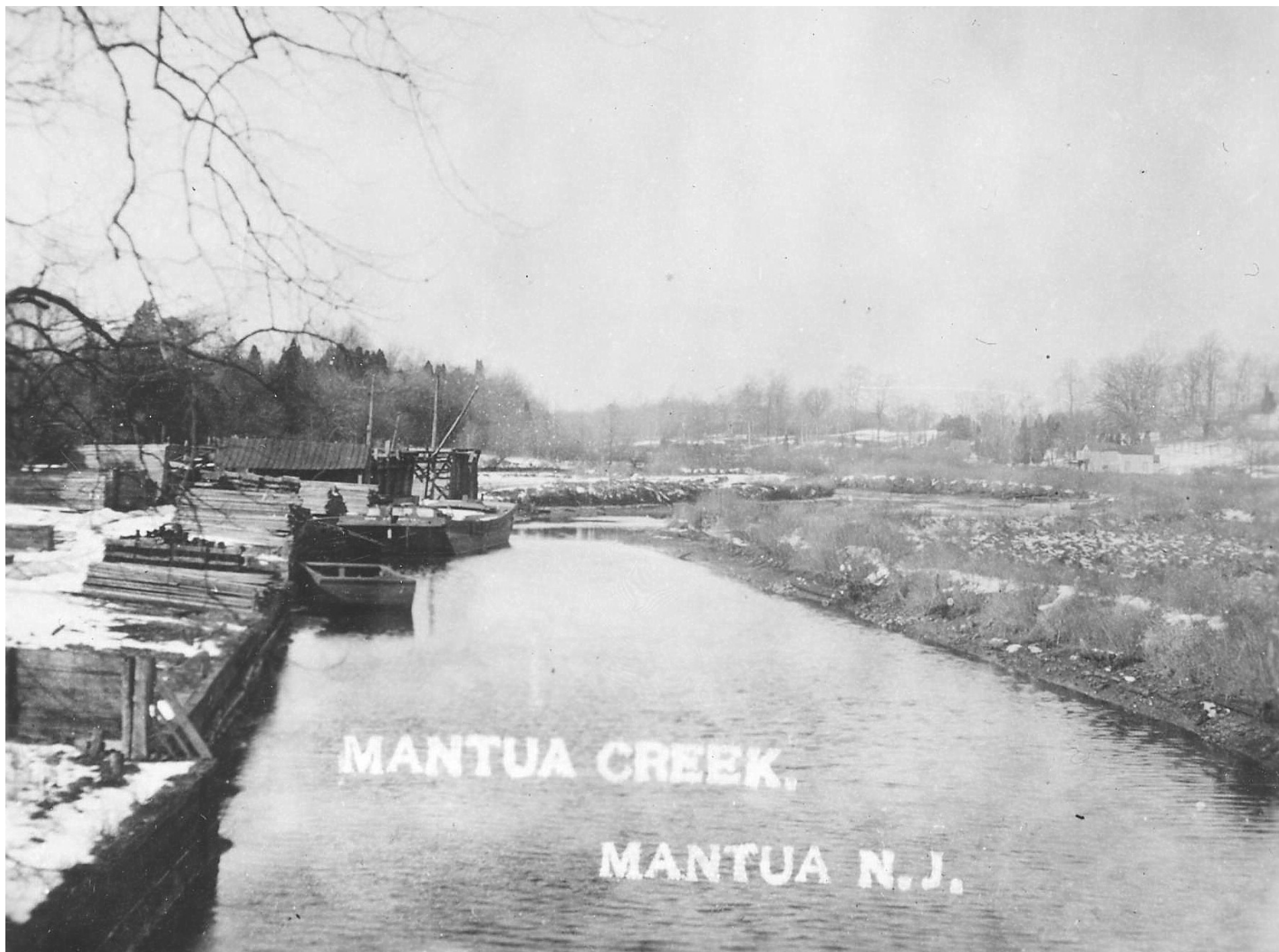
Stephen Clark Property. Then to Wm Stevenson.



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STONE HOUSE FARM
100 S. WEST AVENUE
CIRCA 1773



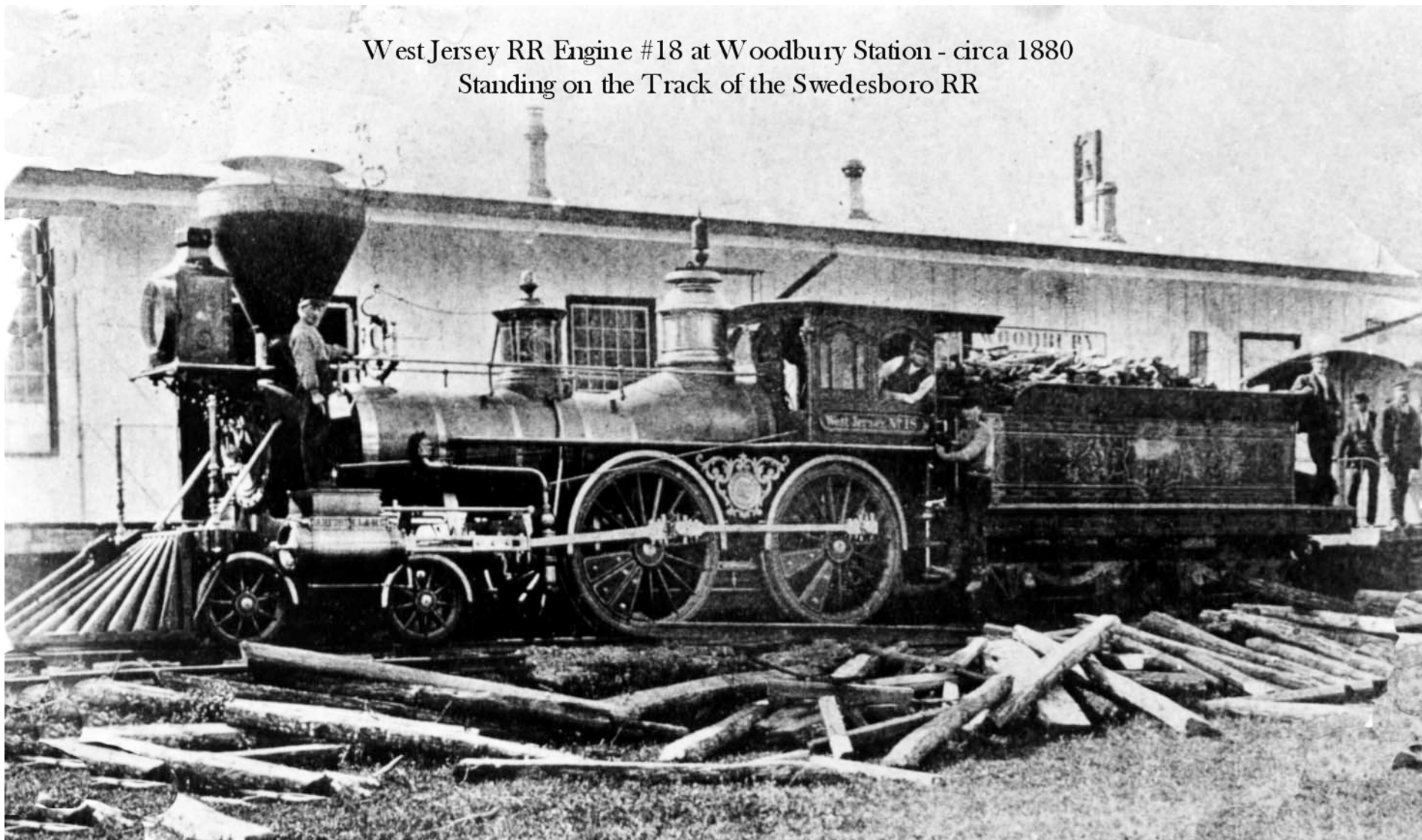


MANTUA CREEK.

MANTUA N.J.



West Jersey RR Engine #18 at Woodbury Station - circa 1880
Standing on the Track of the Swedesboro RR





RR Trestle



“New Mantua Station” ca 1870
First Station in Wenonah



William Joyce Sewell Born in County Mayo, Ireland he became a Union Army officer during the American Civil War. He received America's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle of Chancellorsville. He was the only officer to be awarded the Medal of Honor while in command of a New Jersey regiment. He was severely wounded at the July 1863 Battle of Gettysburg. After the war, General Sewell worked in the railroad industry in New Jersey becoming vice president of the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Company. He was also a U.S. Senator from New Jersey.

By 1866 he had overseen construction of the standard gauge tracks from Woodbury to Glassboro. In 1867 he formed a merger with the Millville and Glassboro Railroad Company headed by Samuel A. Whitney, owner of the Whitney Glass Works in Glassboro. This company had just completed a line extension to Cape May and the merger allowed W J R.R. passengers boarding in Philadelphia and Camden to visit Wenonah and then continue to Atlantic City and Cape May resorts.



General William J. Sewell [1835 - 1901]

Father of Standard Time in the United States

William Allen, born in Bordentown, NJ was a civil engineer by profession. He received his education in private schools and at the age of 15 commenced his railroad career as a rodman on the Camden & Amboy Railroad in 1862. At the age of 16 he was promoted to assistant engineer, and at 21 became the resident engineer of the railroad. In 1870 while serving in that capacity he helped found the town of Wenonah, NJ. Mr. Allen as an early employee of one of the rail lines that became part of the Pennsylvania Railroad System, was the leader in the adoption of standard time and the time zones that serve our country so well today.



William Frederick Allen (1846 – 1915)

Camden Dec. 19th 1870

The Committee appointed at the meeting held on Dec. 14th would report in favor of organizing a Real Estate and Improvement Company to operate at the new Mantua Station of the West Jersey Rail Road under the general laws of the State of New Jersey, with a Capital Stock of three thousand shares of fifty dollars each. Ten per cent to be paid down upon subscription and the balance as may be ordered by the Company.

They would also report that the land consisting of about 572 acres can be purchased for \$69,575.00 and that the first payments required to be made amount to \$26,162.50

They would also report in favor of an organization of the Company being effected as soon as fifty thousand dollars shall be subscribed

Signed

S. M. W. W. W.

W. J. W.

W. J. W.

W. J. W.

Resolved that the contract for the erection of
the Hotel be awarded to the lowest bidder
Messrs Nardew & Brother of Bathden, ^{for \$15,775} they to
take \$1500 in stock and to complete the
building by June 15th apparently
apr 3, 1871

3
Resolved that W. Jewell, Geo F. Staw & W. F. Allen
be appointed a special committee with authority
to act upon the application of Dr. J. S. Garrison
for the ^{resident} agency & also to confer with Dr. Jackson
in relation to the same business

2
Resolved that the 2 square in front of the
Hotel be made into parks and the other
squares adjacent to the depot be divided the
same as the remainder of the town plot

8
Resolved that the name of the town, ^{gladly} be
~~Wenona~~ Wenonah

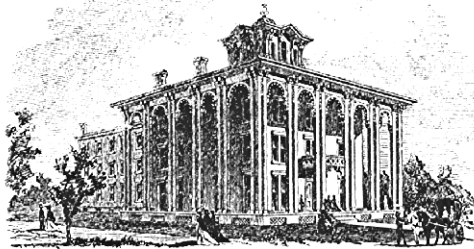
Note: These scraps of paper found with old records in the Synnot
mansion basement were apparently jotted down by the founders in
1871 during the creation of Wenonah.

J. Sheppard Sr.

apparently
apr. 3, 1871



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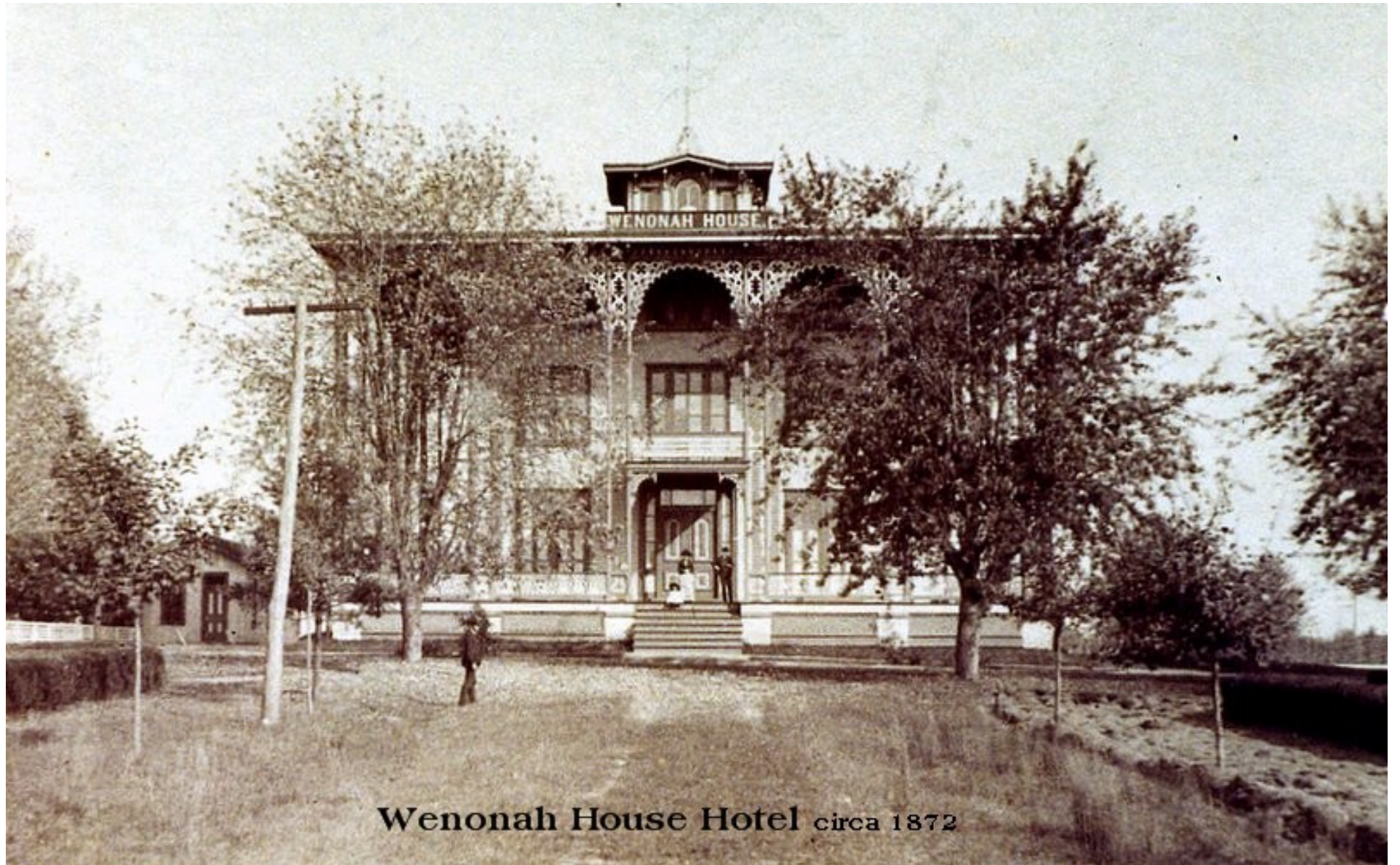
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WENONAH FOR PHILADELPHIA, at	-	7.18 A. M.
“ “ “	-	8.45 “
“ “ “	-	1.45 P. M.
“ “ “	-	4.44 “
“ “ “	-	10.20 “

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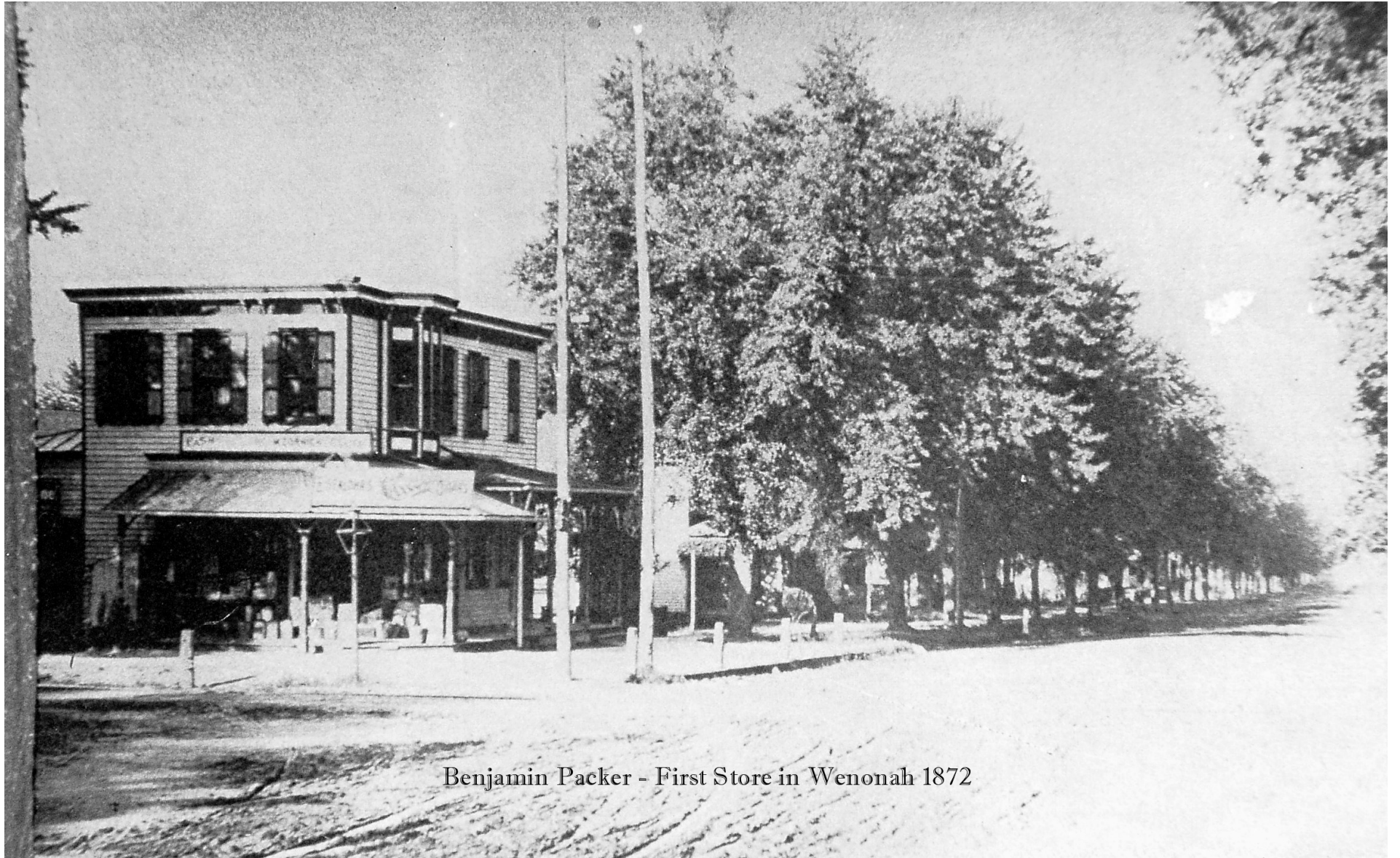


Wenonah House Hotel circa 1872

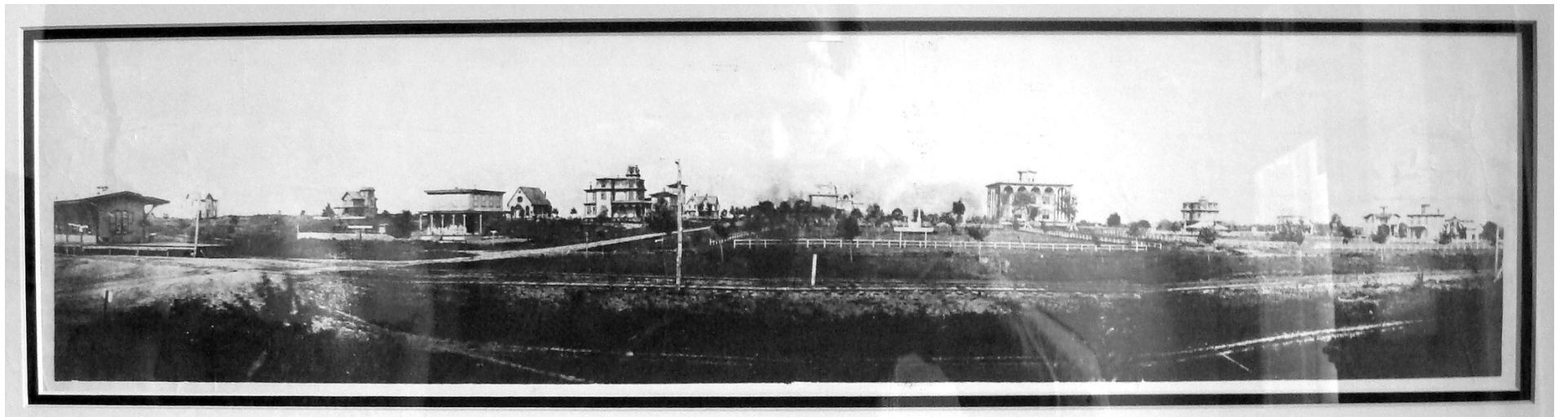


William Morgan
Building
1871
Wenonah
Historical Society

Doc Scheisser's Drug Store c1900



Benjamin Packer - First Store in Wenonah 1872





Joseph Noblitt's Hall
c 1872



Dr. George
W. Bailey

1841 - 1916

Public School, Wenonah, N. J.





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Synnott Mansion
201 E. Mantua Avenue
Wenonah, NJ



Thomas Whitney Sennott
1845 - 1941

Born in Glassboro New Jersey in 1845 he was the son of Dr. Myles (Glassboro's first physician) and Harriet Heston (Whitney). He married Mary D. Eldridge and they had three children, two of whom died in infancy. Surviving child Clayton Eldridge Sennott was born in 1876.

From 1870 Thomas W. Sennott was the guiding force in one of the oldest and largest glass manufacturing establishments in the country. The plant in Glassboro, first known as Heston's Glass Works later became the . Whitney Glass Works of which he became its president, a position he retained until retiring in 1892.

Mr. Sennott was active in the creation of Wenonah and his mansion, built in 1884 at the corner of N. Clinton and E. Mantua Avenues still stands today, beautifully preserved. He built the Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church as a memorial to his mother

His son Clayton and grandson Thomas W. Sennott II lived in Woodbury, moving to Wenonah sometime prior to the death of the first Thomas Sennott. Dr. Clayton Sennott died in 1941. Thomas II died in Wenonah in 1992.

A noted philanthropist, Thomas Whitney Sennott's contributions in the religious community, in body and financial were legend.





EDWARD FARR RESIDENCE
1897

Born in Manchester Maine Mr. Farr came to New Jersey in 1870, moving into Wenonah in 1875.

His ancestors in Maine bought up old sails, painted them and sold them as floor coverings. The product came to be known as "oilcloth" and eventually linoleum.

He was president of the family linoleum manufacturing business Farr & Bailey in Camden NJ. Locally he was clerk of the Wenonah Board of Education for 25 years.

The family home is located at E. Mantua Avenue at S. Princeton Avenue. It was completed and occupied in 1897. It is still known by the name "Little Grange."

His mother Hannah founded the library in Wenonah. She died in Rome while on a trip to Italy in 1912 at age 71.

Mr. Farr built the Wenonah Free Public Library in her honor and donated it to the town.



Edward L. Farr (1861 - 1924)







1 South Clinton Avenue
Dr. George W. Bailey Residence
circa 1872

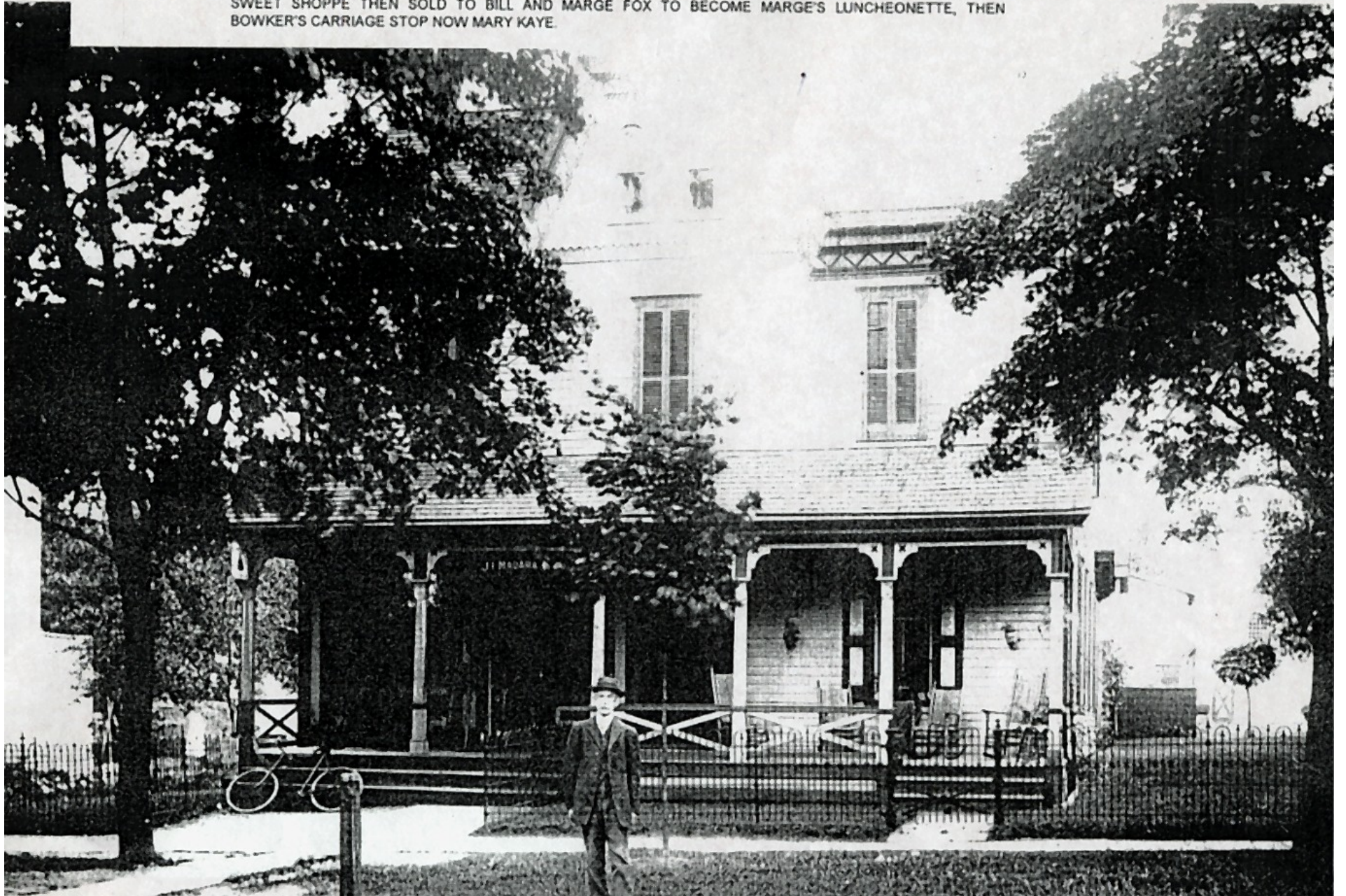


Dr. George
W. Bailey

1841 - 1916

3 EAST MANTUA AVENUE

BUILT BY BENJAMIN F. COLES IN 1880 SOLD TO RICHARD CLARK FOR USE AS A GENERAL STORE WHO CARRIED ON THIS BUSINESS FOR 15 YEARS AND SOLD TO JOHN MADARA (SHOWN IN PICTURE) LATER BROWN'S THEN BILL SEIDERS HARDWARE STORE CALLED "LITTLE STORE AROUND THE CORNER" BOUGHT BY MILTON & MURIEL WEBB IN 1925 AND SOLD TO JIM AND ELEANOR ROSS IN 1947 TO BECOME THE JIM-EL SWEET SHOPPE THEN SOLD TO BILL AND MARGE FOX TO BECOME MARGE'S LUNCHEONETTE, THEN BOWKER'S CARRIAGE STOP NOW MARY KAYE.

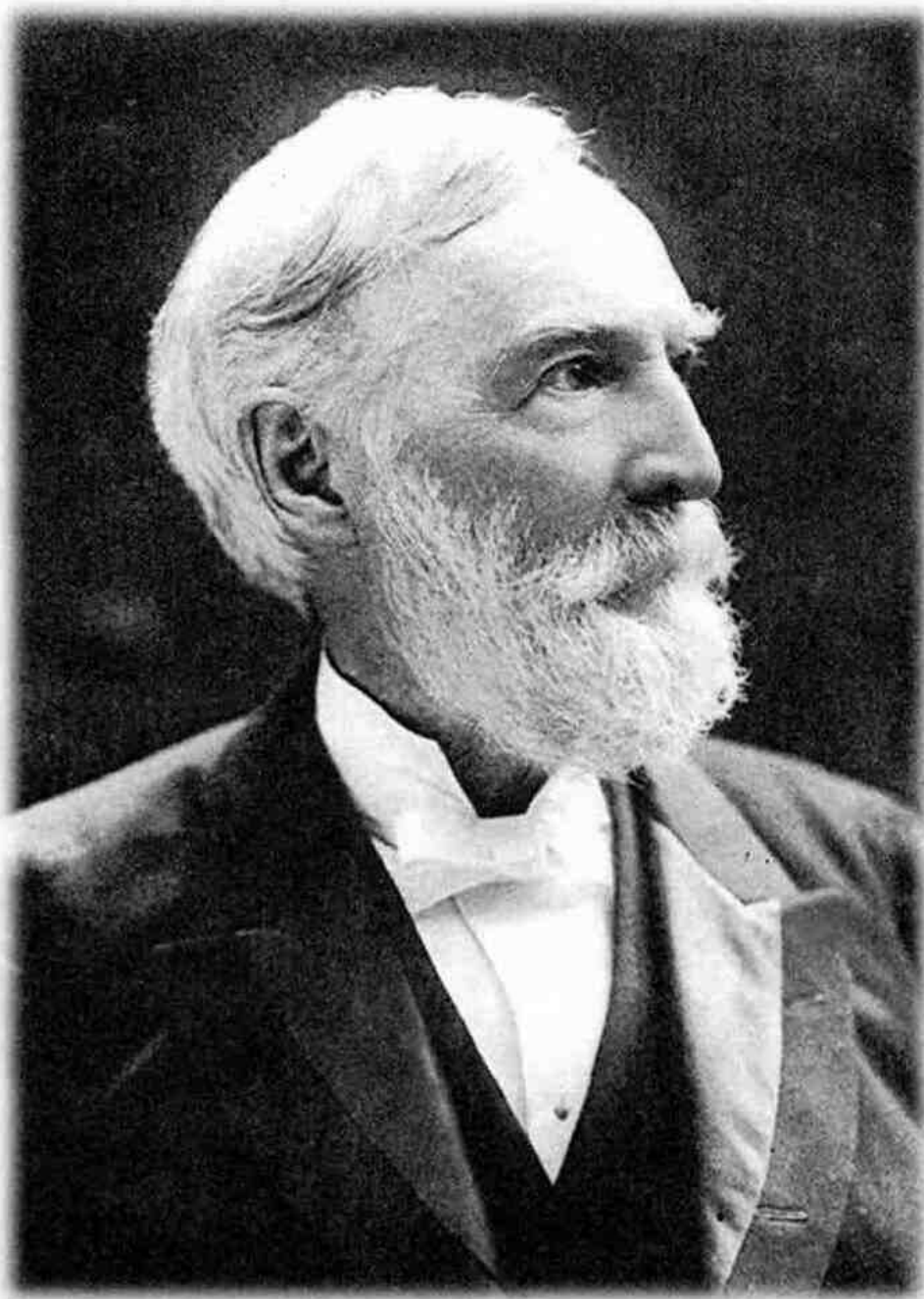




Clark's Store, 3 E. Mantua Ave. circa 1888



Clark's Store
3 East Mantua Avenue
circa 1880

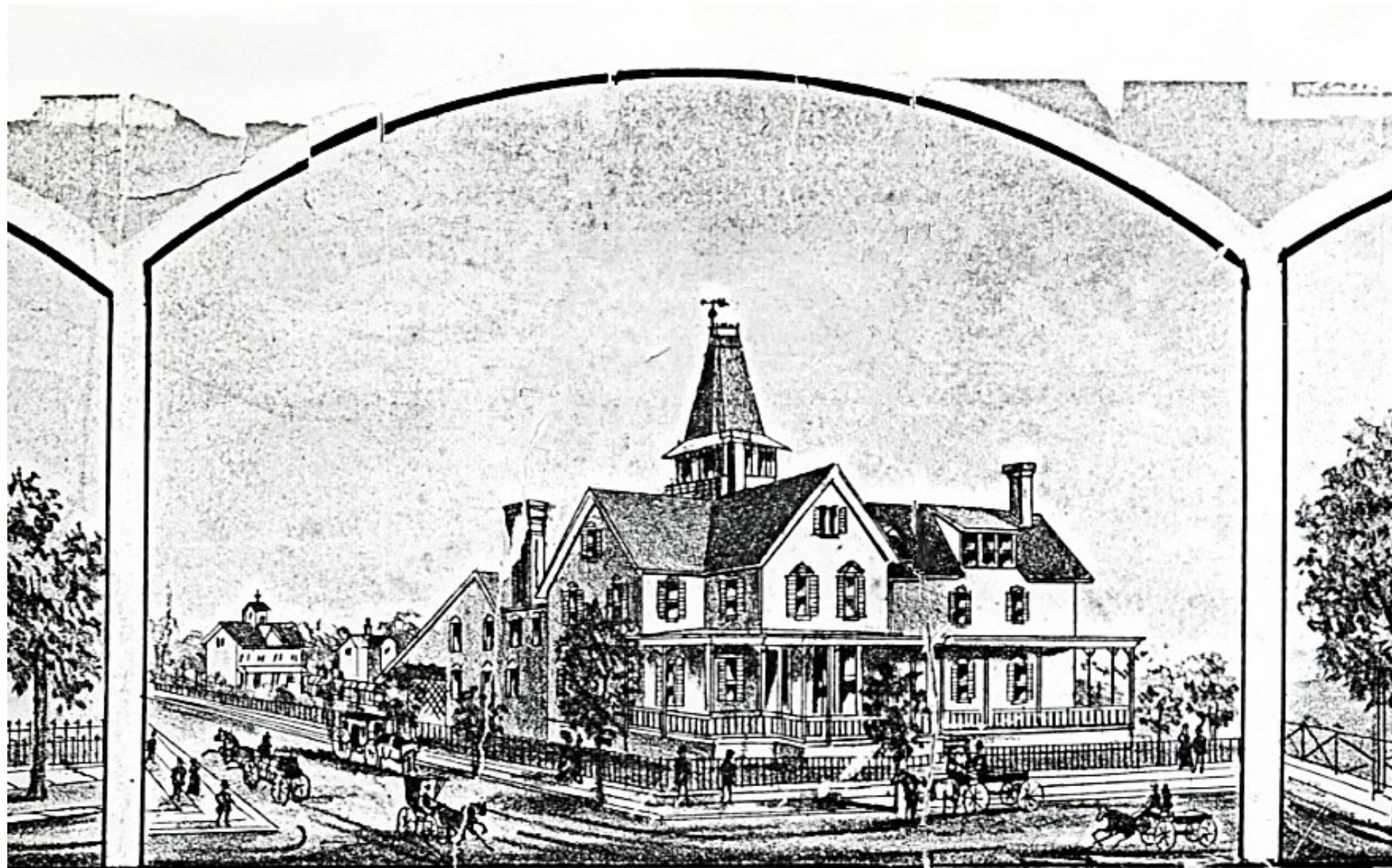


Stephen Greene (deceased 1902)

Stephen Greene played a great part in the development of Wenonah. His involvement in the purchase of the Wenonah Hotel in 1892, which became the Wenonah Military Academy, probably assisted the town in surviving the great depression of the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Stephen Greene owned a substantial part of the southeast quadrant of Wenonah. He built the town's first sanitary sewer system to serve the Hotel and his various properties. He had exotic gardens and greenhouses, a few of which still remain.

The Wenonah Military Academy opened for business September 20, 1904 and lasted until September 1935 when it closed its doors forever, seemingly a victim of the depression. During its thirty years of existence the Academy gained renown throughout the country and had many students from foreign countries.



RESIDENCE OF STEPHEN GREENE.

Corner S. Clinton Ave. & E. Cedar St.
circa 1886



STEPHEN GREENE
HOUSE
C.
1870
Wenonah
Historical Society



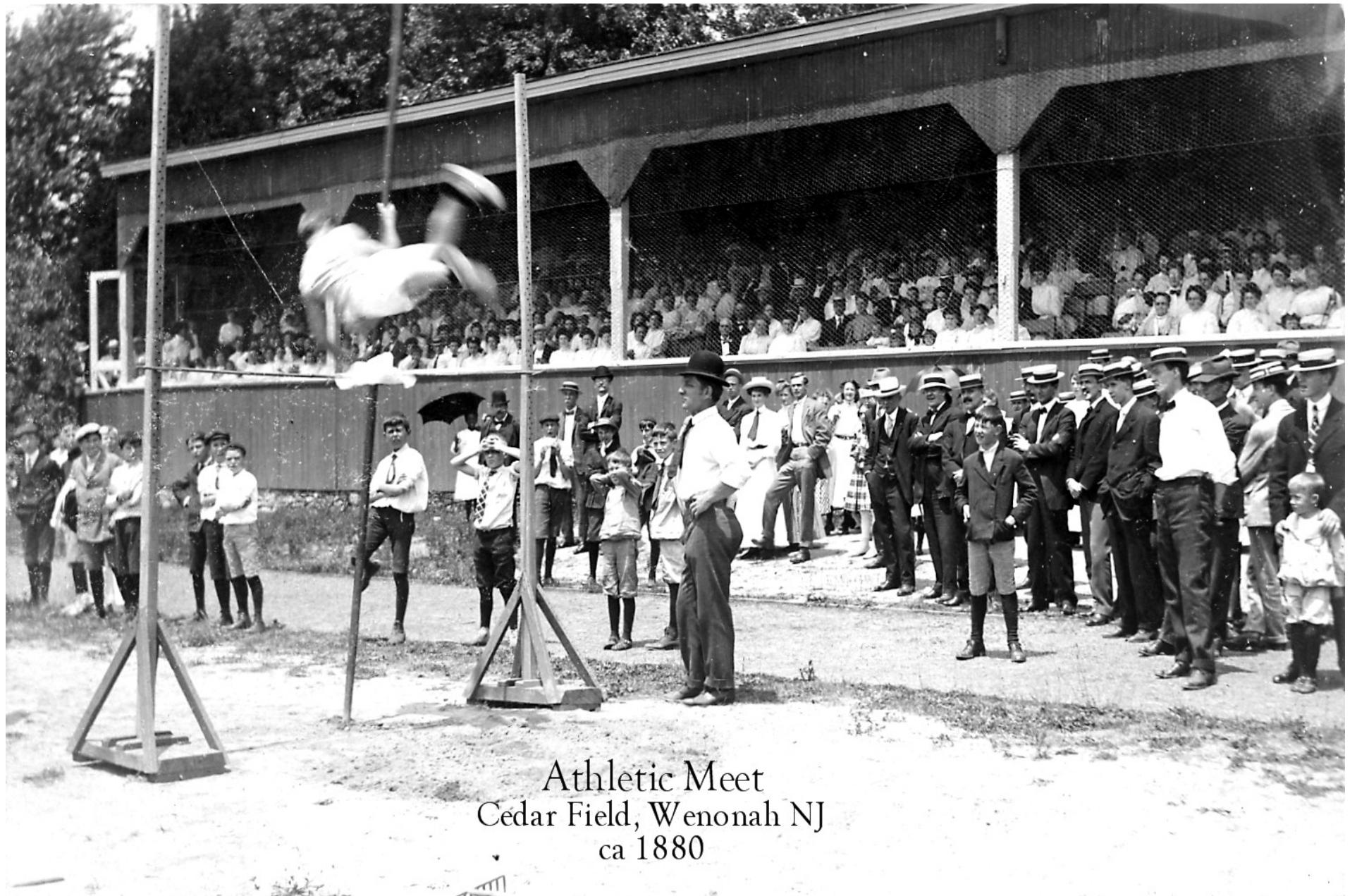
Methodist Church
Cor. Willow & Clinton, Wenonah





Wenonah Inn *circa 1890*

The Wenonah Inn was originally opened in 1872 as the Wenonah House Hotel. It was one of the first buildings in the town. Eventually expanded becoming the pictured Wenonah Inn, it was converted into the Wenonah Military Academy opening in 1904



Athletic Meet
Cedar Field, Wenonah NJ
ca 1880

WENONAH MILITARY ACADEMY

WENONAH, NEW JERSEY



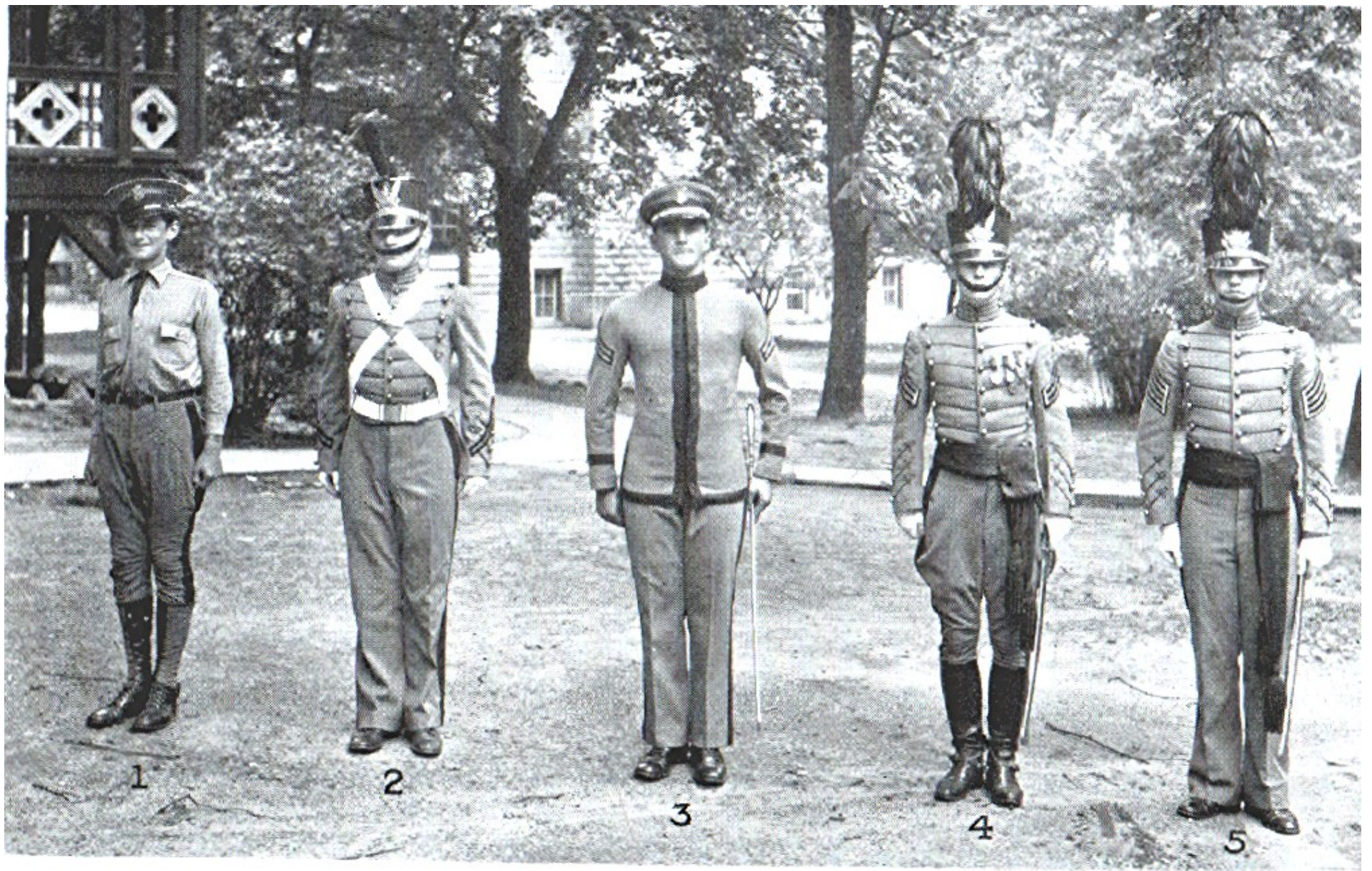
Views showing the Life and Activities of the Academy

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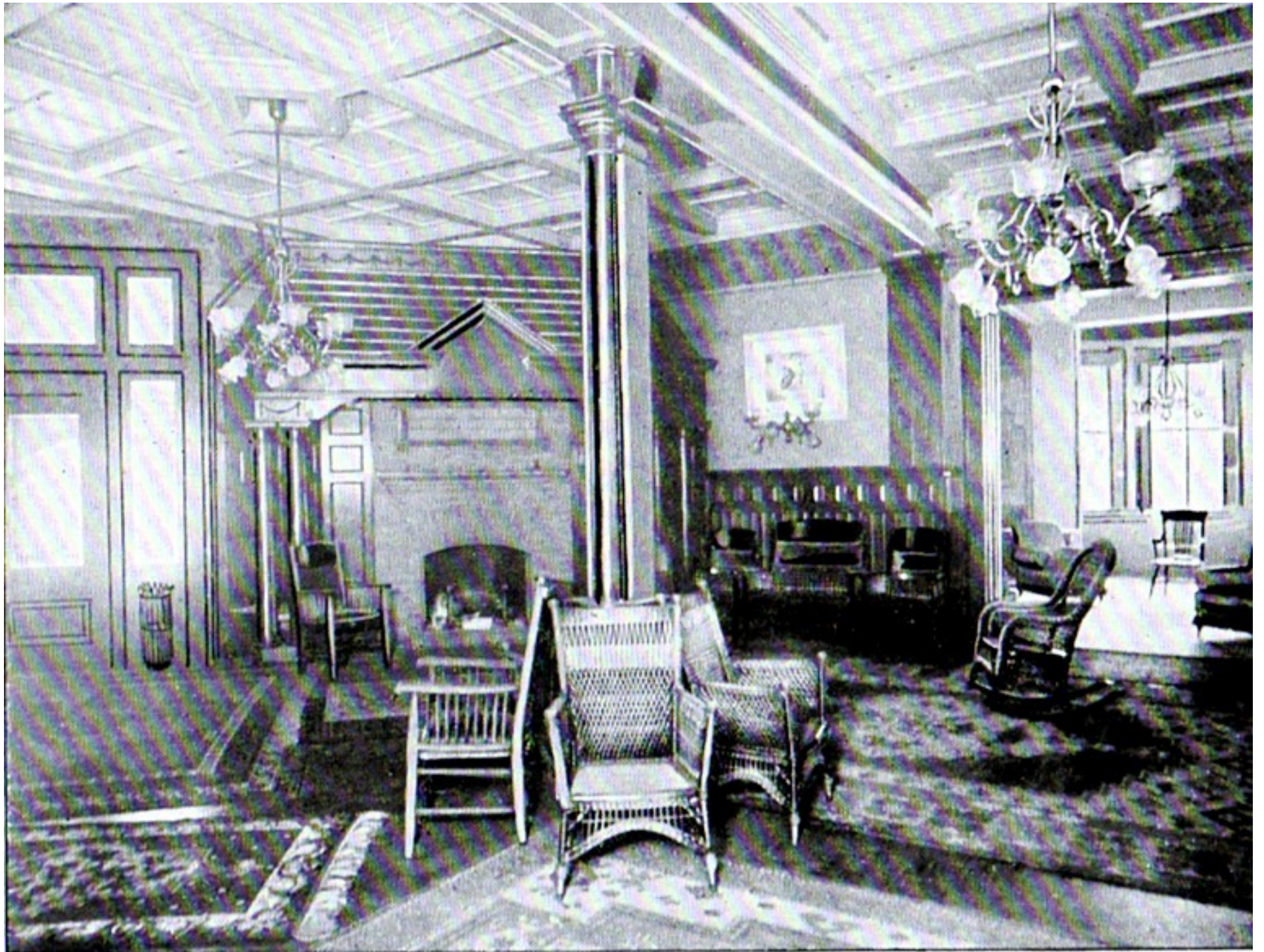
WENONAH NJ
circa 1920



1. Cadet Fatigue 2. Cadet Full Dress 3. Officer's Dress 4. Cavalry Officer's Full Dress
5. Officer's Full Dress



Arthur John Holton WMA Class of 1912



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RECEPTION ROOM AND LIBRARY

ca 1912



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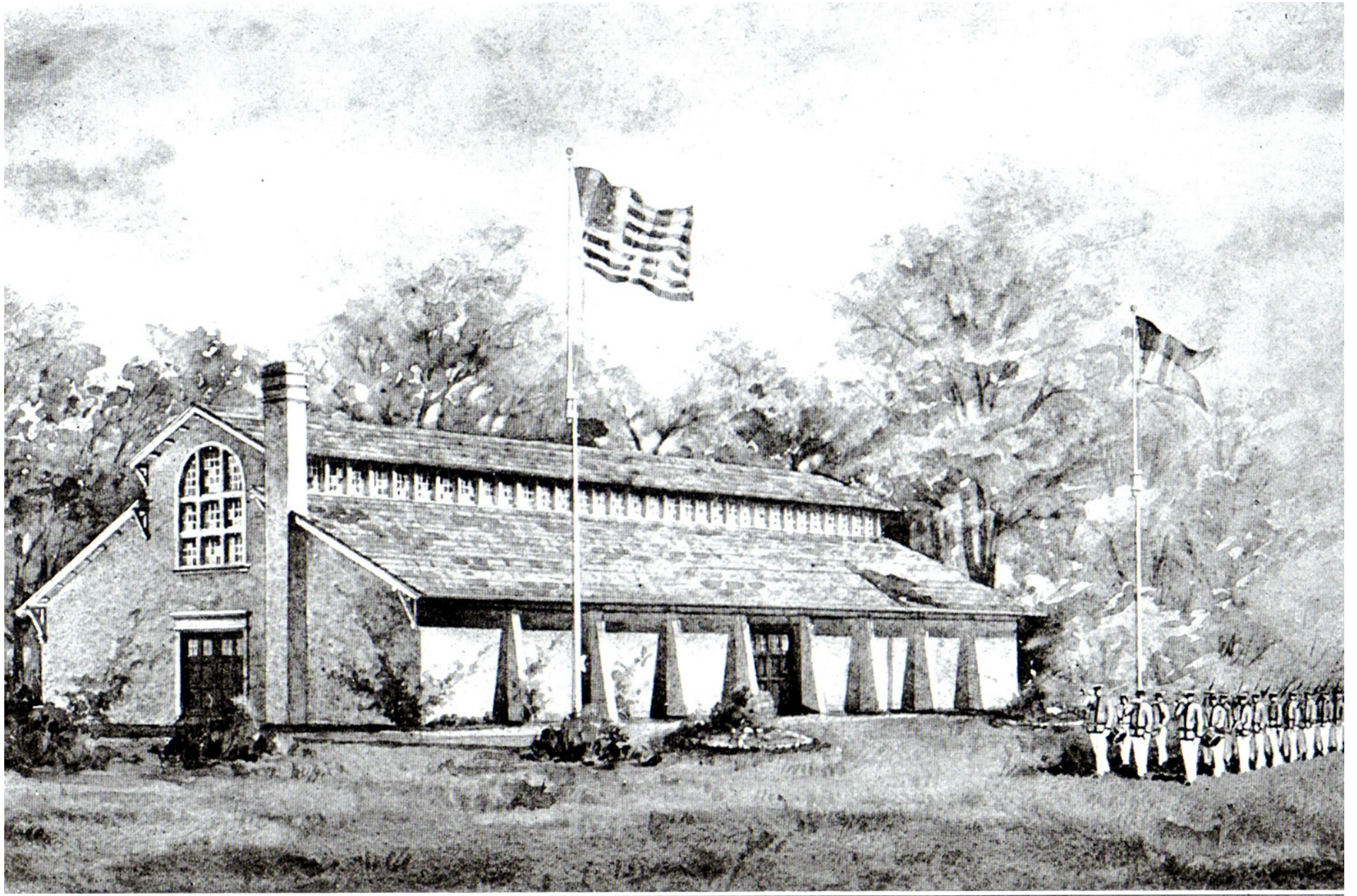
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CADETS' QUARTERS

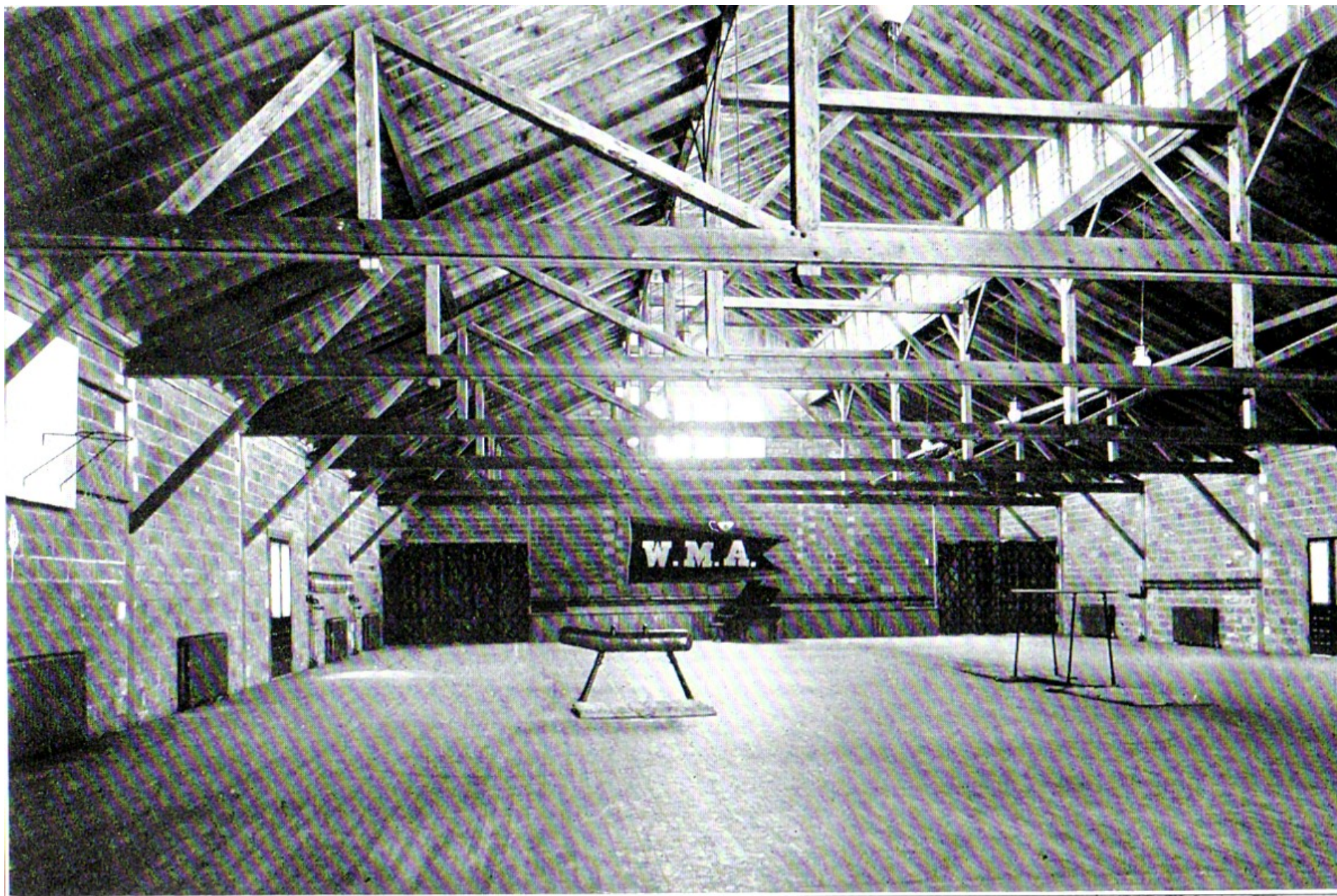
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NEW DRILL HALL AND GYMNASIUM

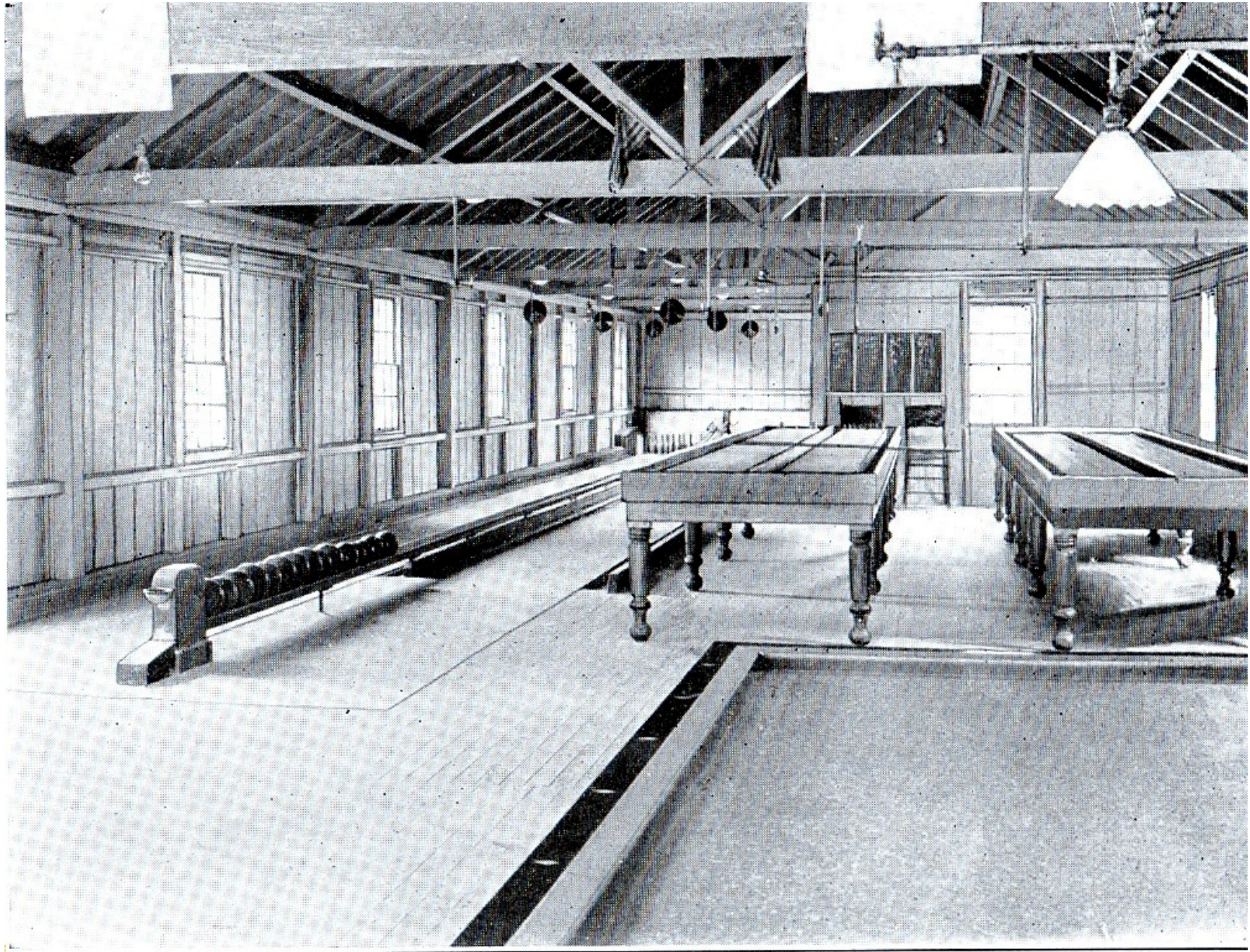
ca 1912



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INTERIOR OF GYMNASIUM AND DRILL HALL

ca 1912



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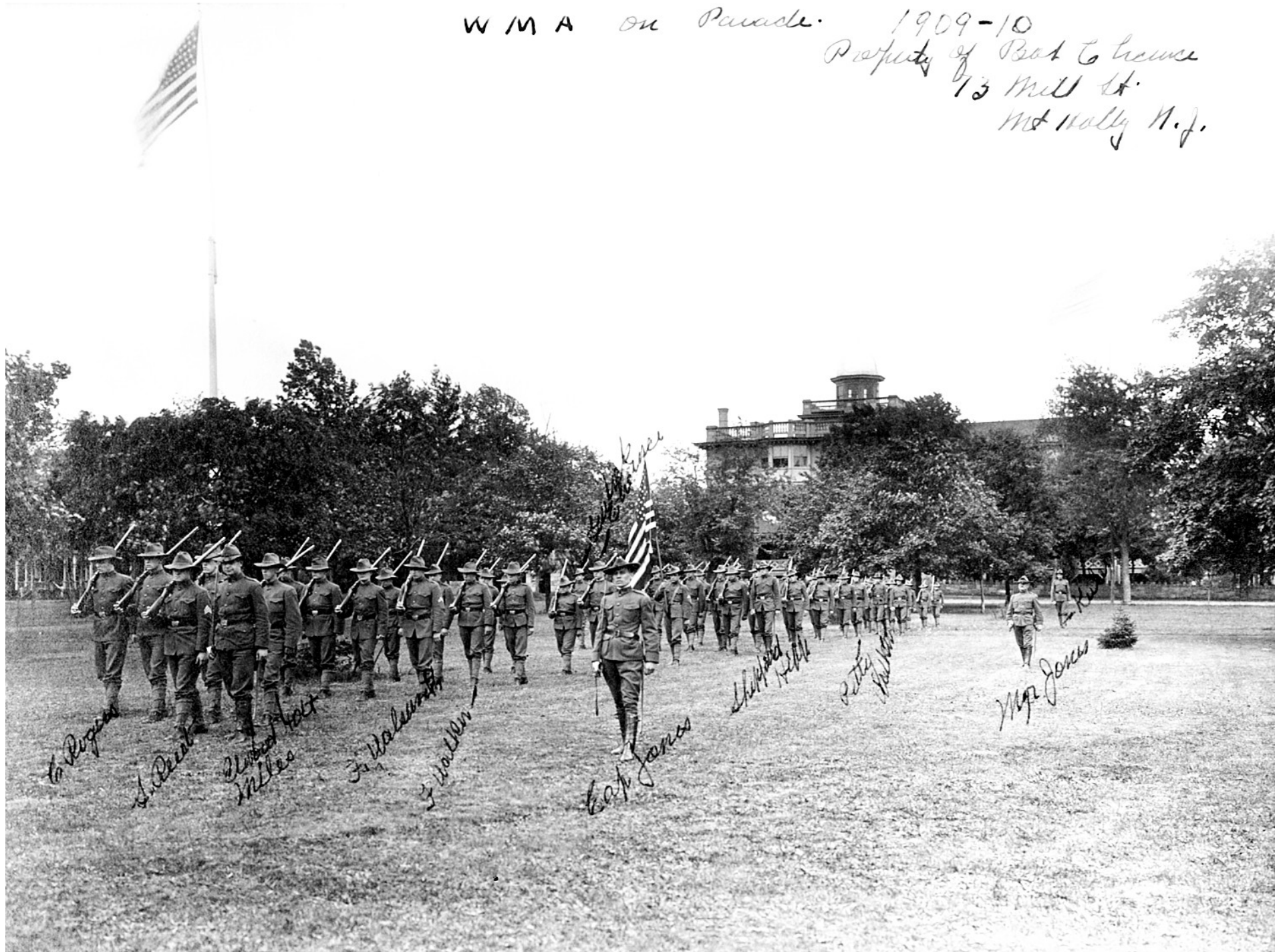
STUDY HALL

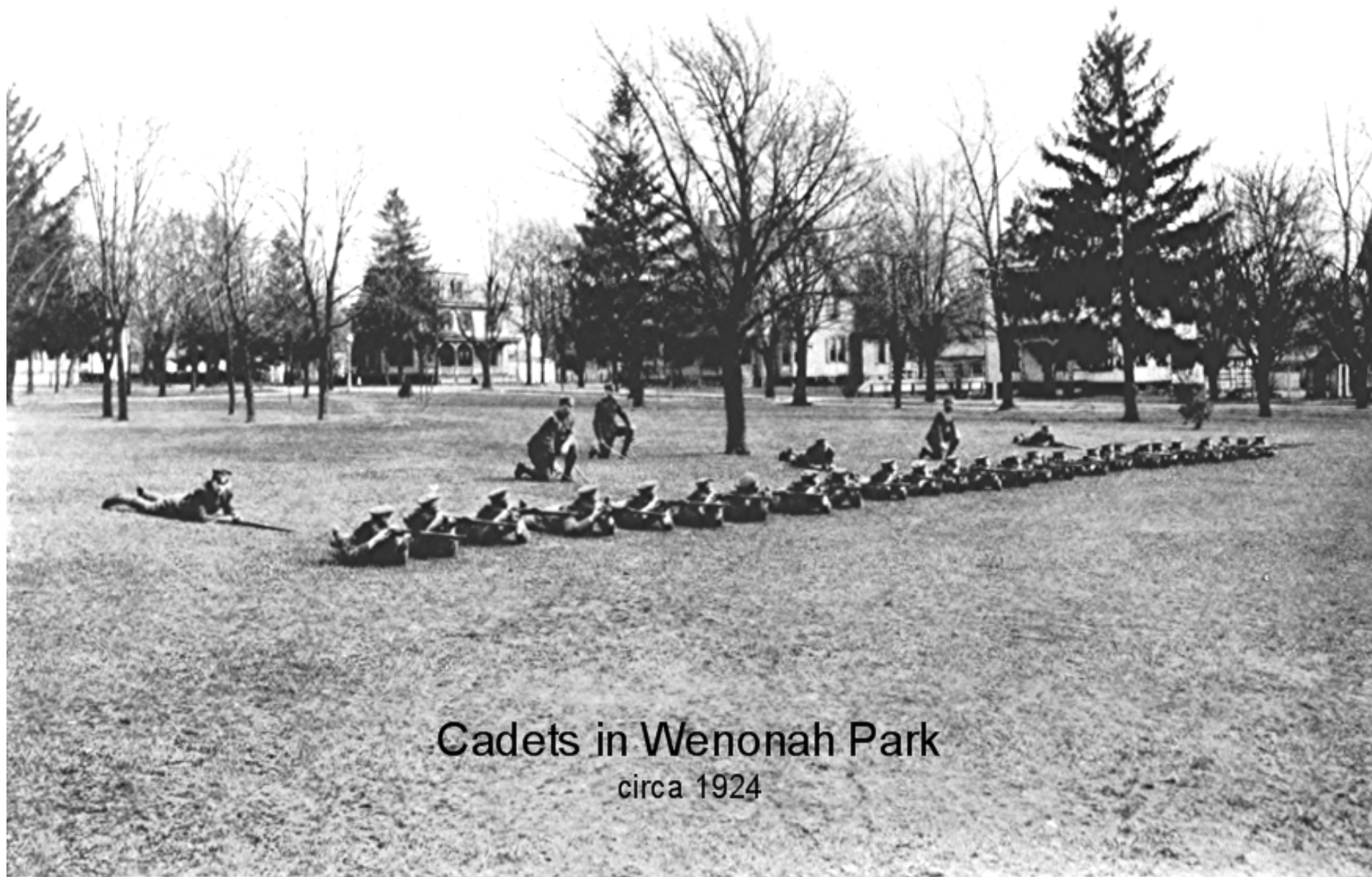


Cadets on Parade on Ogden Road at Warner's Lake
Water Works on Left circa 1924

W M A on Parade.

1909-10
Property of Beat C. Linn
73 Mill St.
Mt Holly N.J.



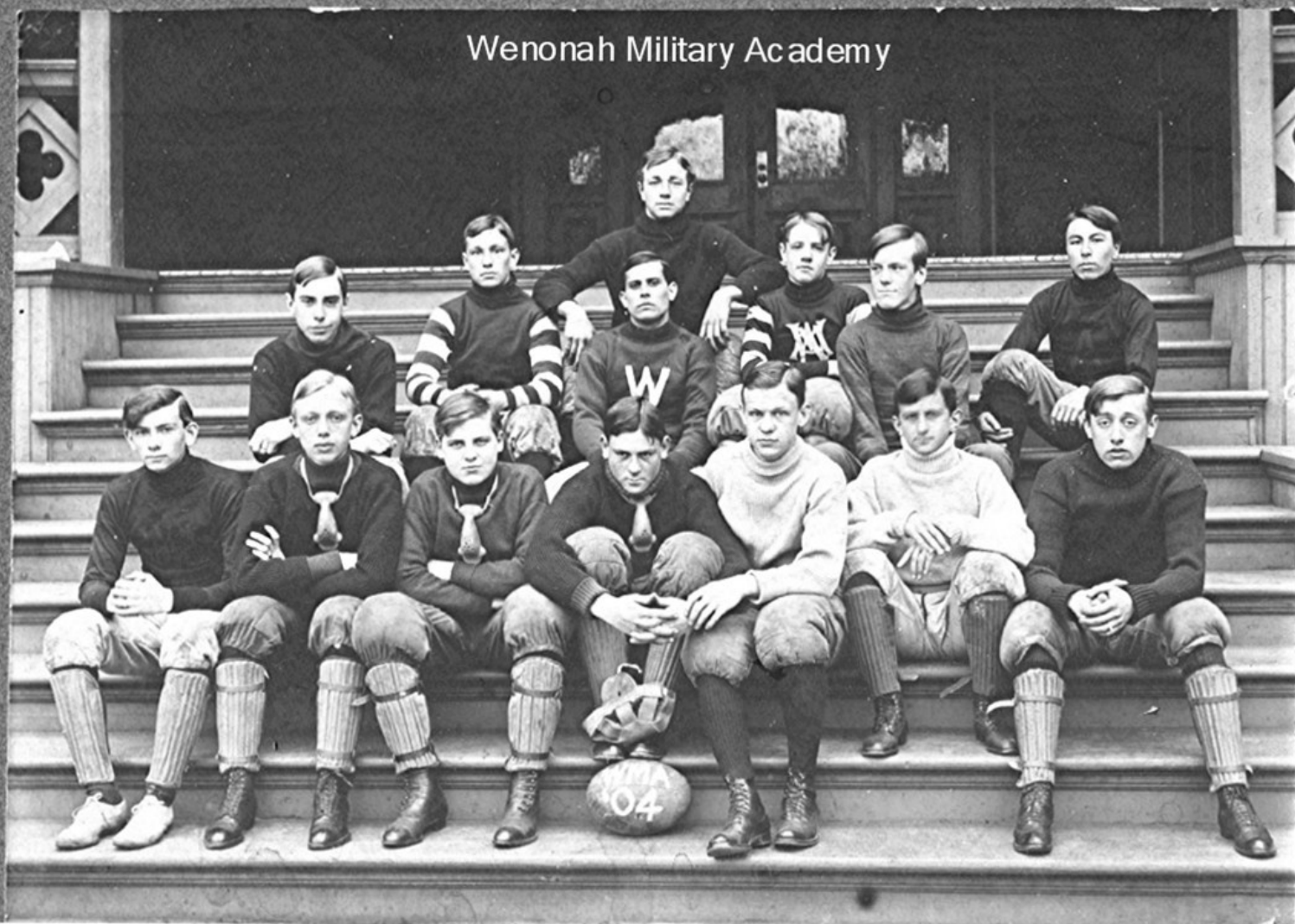


Cadets in Wenonah Park
circa 1924

At White House Nov 22 1930
President Herbert Hoover



FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM - 1904
(Over for names)



Top man not known. L-R Back Row: Henry Powell `06, Alex Middleton `05, Capt. Percy Jones, Ross Menwin, George Fox `07, Tom Gillingham `07
Front Row: E. LeGrand Reeves `06, Bill Coffin `07, Russell R. Barrett `08, Charles Dickinson `07, Clarence Hoy, Oscar Hohenstadt, D. Harlow McDermid `07



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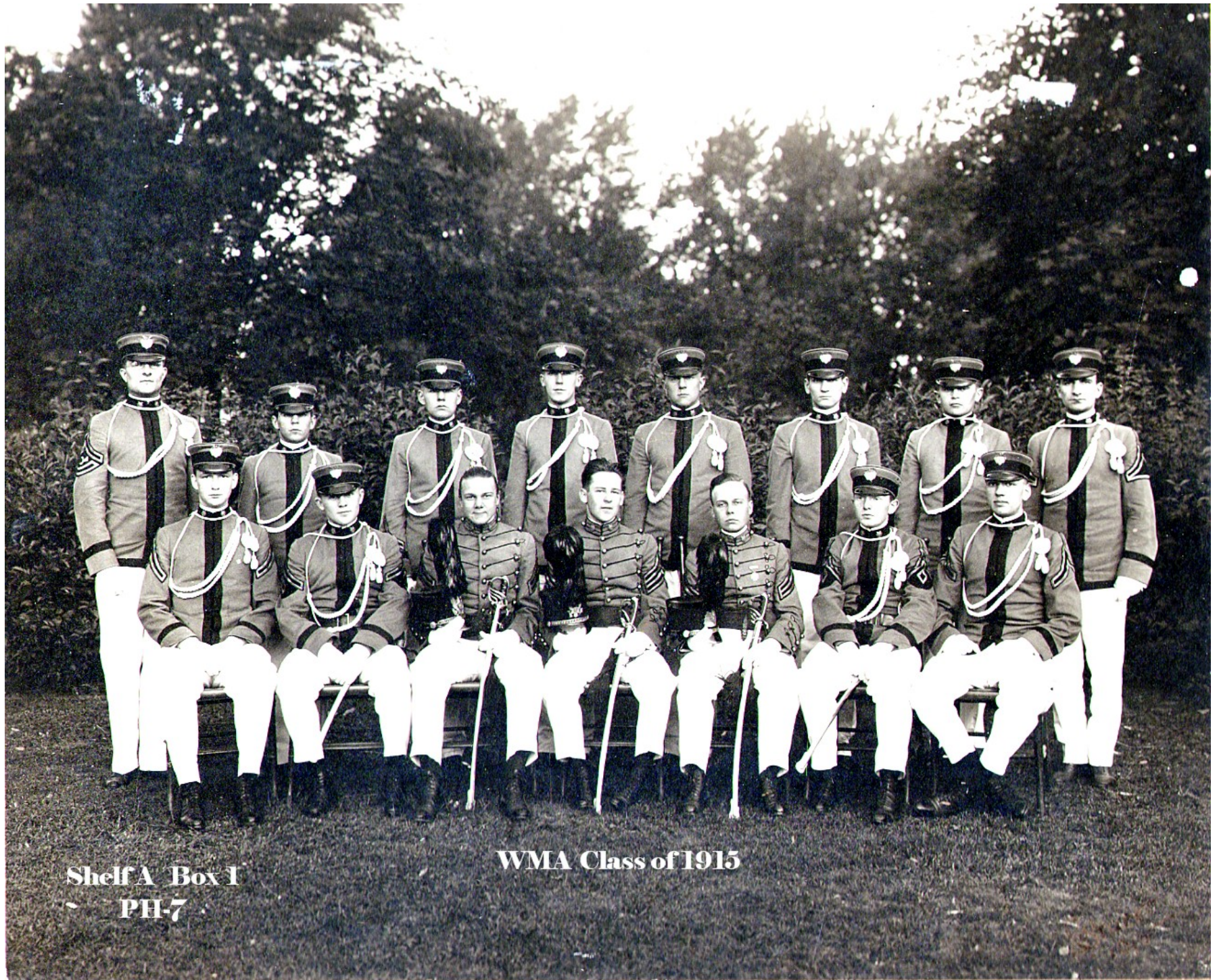


Feats in Horsemanship,
Wenonah Military Academy,
Wenonah, N. J.
circa 1920





Herb Pennock
1913



Shelf A Box 1
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WMA Class of 1915





Wenonah in the Spring

photo jshepsr

And Wenonah continues
to be one of the best,
if not the best
“Home Town” in the
State of New Jersey
Thank You