



Robyn's Table Chat

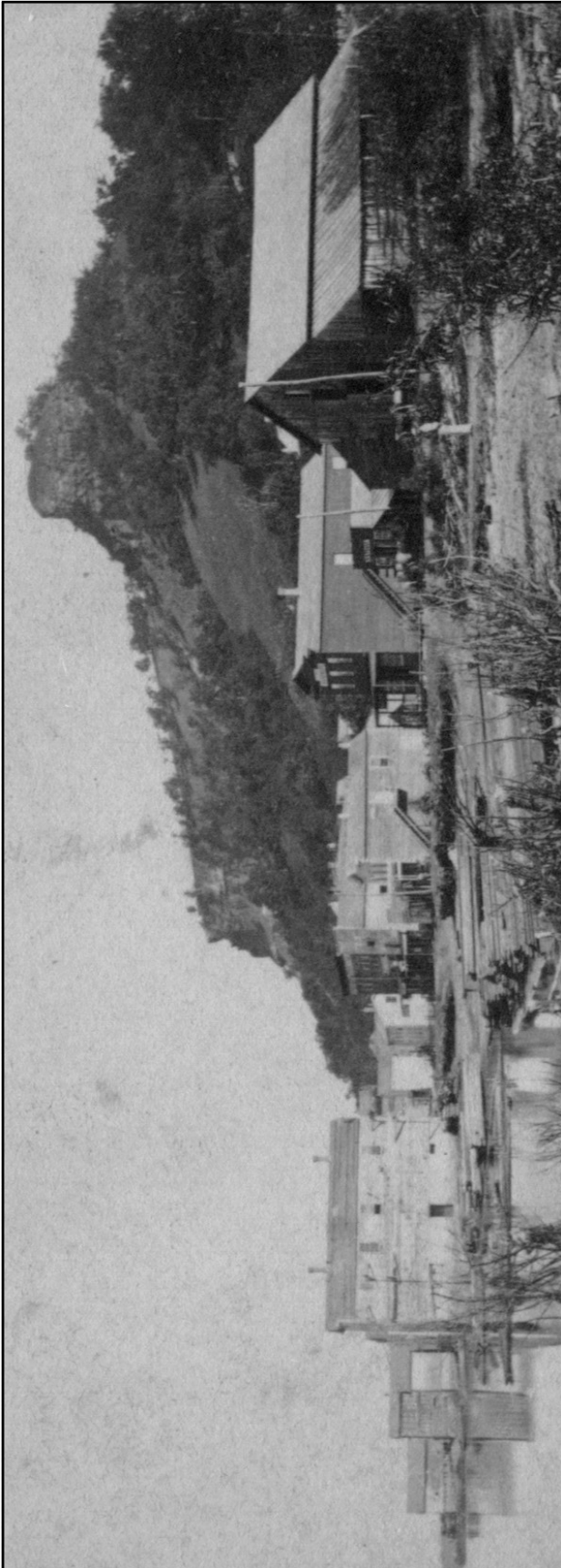
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Special Sales

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Another one of those... "I've seen it before...almost".

It's Trempealeau, on the East End of Front Street. But I don't remember seeing the lumber from the lumber yard on the shore like that... nor do I remember one with a man standing on the road (arrow) And I'm wondering what the two poles are for? One in front of the building where the man is standing and another just to the left of that building. We know it's before the fire and before that railroad came through. In the April 14th 1887 fire it was reported that it originated in the rear of C. R. McGillvray's (McGillvroy) hardware store, from supposed Spontaneous combustion. The flames spread rapidly eastward, burning everything on the street from Masonic temple to Hankey's dry goods store, a brick block. The entire population fought the fire with buckets without avail, until it was stopped by intervening brick walls. Among those "burned out "are:

Frank Wilbur, livery stable; J. S. Robinson, jewelry; William Blum, meat market; C. R. McGillvray, hardware; C. Hangel, dry goods; F. A. Goodbue, books and stationery; Mrs.(Mr) Humphrey, restaurant; J. S. Pierson, drug store; the Seymour Block used for carriage painting; Allen & Gibbs, groceries; and the American Express office. A large part of the various stocks of goods are saved. The principal manufacturing factories at the time were a feed and grist mill and a shingle and planing mill.

Every time I run across a photo like this, I keep wondering which was which, because I've never seen a photo just after the fire.

Photo courtesy of Bill Crogan.

Happy Birthday
Sharon Howe



January 21st

Happy Birthday
Nelson Richason



January 16th

Happy 94th Birthday
Ruth E. Emmons



January 22nd

Look at this great
Valentine's Special
Going on Now
At
The Craft Barn
and

Ammo N Camo
Purchase \$30 Gift Certificate
And get your choice of
A Box of Chocolates
or a Camouflage T-Shirt
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at
Beach Corner Art Studio

Friday, January 22nd 1:30 - 3:30
Wednesday, January 27th 6pm - 8pm

**Plus Special Savings
Throughout the Store**

You heard right!

We got in a SEMI-LOAD of
Sunflower Seeds this time!

Truckload Sale!!!
January 16th-23rd

Only \$12.00 for a 50lb bag

Or

\$11.50 for 10 bags or more

Centerville's best kept secret....

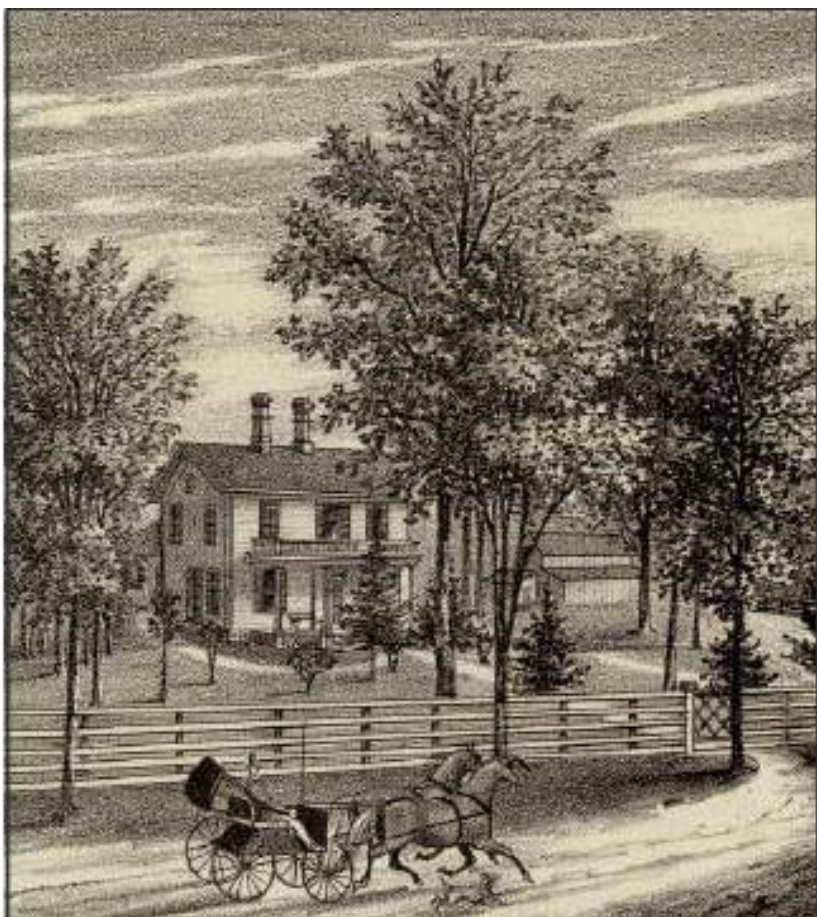
Centerville Co-op

Just west of Centerville on State Road 54/35

608-539-3311

Did you know...

The third floor of The Treasure Chest is loaded with antiques?



**"You what!" I said to Ruth E. Emmons.
"I lived there in 1919."**

I had called her to see if I could mention she was going to be 94 this month. Then she casually mentioned that she had lived in the old Schilling house in 1919. Or Freeman House.

"We (her mother-Mabel (Schuman) Dale and Ruth) lived in the house and Charlie Freeman lived in the basement. We rented it. Dad (Roy Dale) was going to school in Detroit at the time - learning to be a car mechanic...When we got word that he had died of the flu - January 1920 - Grandpa (Sam) Dale went out to Detroit. The funeral was at Grandpa Schuman's (Fred). It was held outside in the yard because he (Dad) had died of a contagious fever. "

What was it like?

"I remember the open porch on the front. My mother had a pet squirrel that came up and ate out of her hand.

I remember I ran away one day. I was three. Ran away to grandma Dale's (Katherine) to the house by the reservoir. Probably ran across the bridge and through the woods."

I didn't realize they were living there in the early 1900's.

"They moved to the reservoir house in the 1890's

from up by Ettrick."

Anything else about the house?

" I had a pet rabbit in a cage out in the front. Bit my finger one day.

"And I used to play with the neighbor boy, Gilbert Vier."

Was he the jeweler's son? "Yes"

Where did they live?

"They lived in the house down the road, across the street - the pebble-dash one. It was on the right when you turned the corner.."

I know you were only three, but do you remember the lighting?

"Oh yes, it was the 'Old fashioned' clear glass electric lights where you could see the filament in them... Mother saved a few of them.

And I remember an open back porch, a platform one.

I remember wearing button shoes...

What about the second floor?

"I don't remember the second floor - The house was a lot smaller then. They added on to it quite a bit."

Thanks, Ruth, it's always wonderful talking with you!!!!