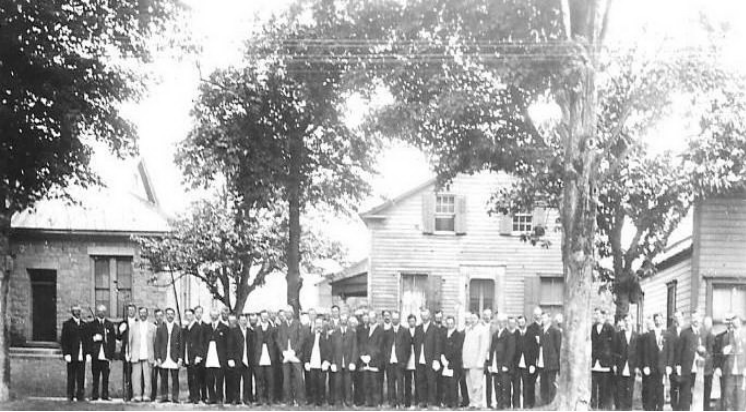


## A Tour of Main Street: A Store and House South of the Masonic Lodge

By Dorothy French

*Editor's Note: This is the 7th in a series of stories spotlighting the businesses and homes on Main Street. The tour begins on the west side of the four corners and travels south.*

Our March 2017 issue featured Masonic Lodge #254 and other businesses previously located at 3697 Main Street. A small store and house were located south of the Lodge and were demolished in 1968 to make room for a parking lot and a new Lodge. According to a "History of Walworth Masonic Lodge #254 F&AM 1852-2001" compiled by Howard Bassage, the store and house had been donated to the Lodge by Mrs. Clifford (Emily) Huntley. The house and store had previously been owned by DeWitt Tuttle, Emily's father.



The earliest photographic history we have of the site is a 1908 picture taken to celebrate a gathering of the Masons, a fraternal organization. Shown at the left is the north wing of the Second Baptist Church of Walworth. A house is pictured in the center of the photo and a portion of a store is shown above.



1923 post card from our museum files shows the little store and the Masonic Temple.



**The "Little Store":** That is how Gordon Youngman remembers the building where he and his wife Katie operated their ice cream and candy business from 1949 - 1950. A meat market was one of the earliest businesses to occupy that site. In the 1930's Ray Pembroke and later Joe Finley operated grocery stores. In the early 1950's there was a gift shop (Alice Schultz) and later a shoe store (Betty Schenk). Other businesses and their owners include an antique shop (Elton May), a jewelry and gift shop (Wilbur Reybrouck), and a shoe store (Bill Youngman). According to information shared at our April 2006 Walworth Memories program, the building also had been a pool hall in the early 1920's.



Richard Roland identified the meat cutters as his grandfather, Winfield Bavis, (left) and Carmen Reynolds (right) working next to the hanging carcasses. Richard said Gordon Youngman told him a meat locker was located in the back of the store. Ice from the mill pond was used to keep the meat cold; sawdust covered the ice to retain the cold.

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Truck ready to collect debris from the house.

**Next building to be featured:**  
**#3689 Main Street: The Second Baptist Church of**  
**Walworth**

If you have information about this building, contact Dorothy French at 315-986-1098. We are always looking to update our museum files about people and places in the Walworth area.



**Small House:** Some of the people who lived there were Charles and Kay Coomber, Gordon and Katie Youngman (1949), Harold and Helen Schultz (1951-1952), Ernest and Marge Grace, and Bill and Elsie Weaver (last persons to live there).

A huge demolition project took place in 1968, resulting in the destruction of the Masonic Lodge, the little store, and the small house. These photos are from Gordon Youngman's immense picture collection.

Above photo left to right - Norm Kirkpatrick, Wally Joslin, and Don Huntley (behind Wally). Note the demolition dust from the house.