

A Tour of Main St.: #3700 – Walworth Hardware and NYS Sitepower - Part 6 By Gordon Youngman

Editor's Note: Our tour of the east side of Main Street continues from our last issue. The building at #3700 was the site of many businesses, eventually Walworth Hardware. Part 6 features new ownership by Marlene and Steve Hall and a new business in the south portion of the building. Thank you to Gordon Youngman and his grandson, Aaron Fernaays, for sharing their memories and for the time they spent researching and documenting the information about the stores located at 3698 and 3700 Main Street.

Walworth Hardware

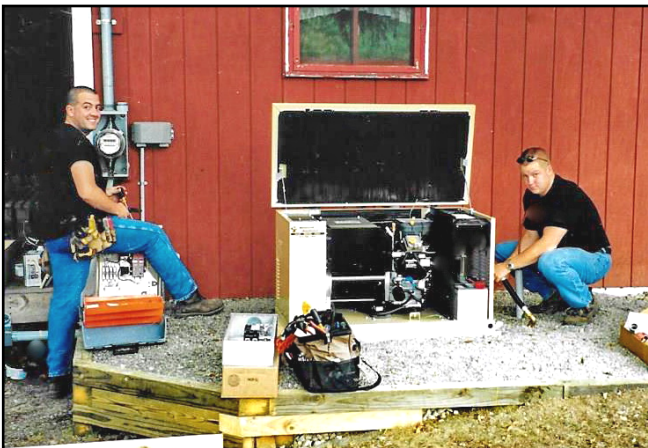
In 1990 Katie and I were honored by the Walworth Town Board for our 40 years of service in Walworth. We decided to retire and on July 1, 1990, we sold the business to our daughter, Marlene, and her husband, Steve Hall. They continued to operate it as Walworth Hardware until Marlene closed the store in 2011. The north side of the building is now empty.



1990: Gordon Youngman congratulates the new owner of Walworth Hardware - his daughter, Marlene Hall



1990: Marlene and Steve Hall. All photos this page courtesy of Gordon Youngman.



Above: 2014: Dan Hall (right) and Sean Baker (left) installing a generator

New York State Sitepower

The south side of Walworth Hardware originally was a separate store located at 3698 Main Street. It was built in 1902 by the Knights of the Maccabees (K.O.T.M.), a fraternal organization. Through the years it has been home to many groups and businesses, including the K.O.T.M., Charles Buckley's General Store, and Wick's Hardware. In 1972 Katie and I purchased this building from the estate of Jack Wick. We installed an enclosed walkway between this store and the variety store we owned to the north and combined them into Walworth Hardware. The business closed in 2011.

In 2003, Dan Hall, our grandson and Marlene and Steve's son, established his business, New York State Sitepower, in the south portion of the building. The business provides home and commercial generator service locally and throughout New York State.

Next issue: the home at 3706 Main Street