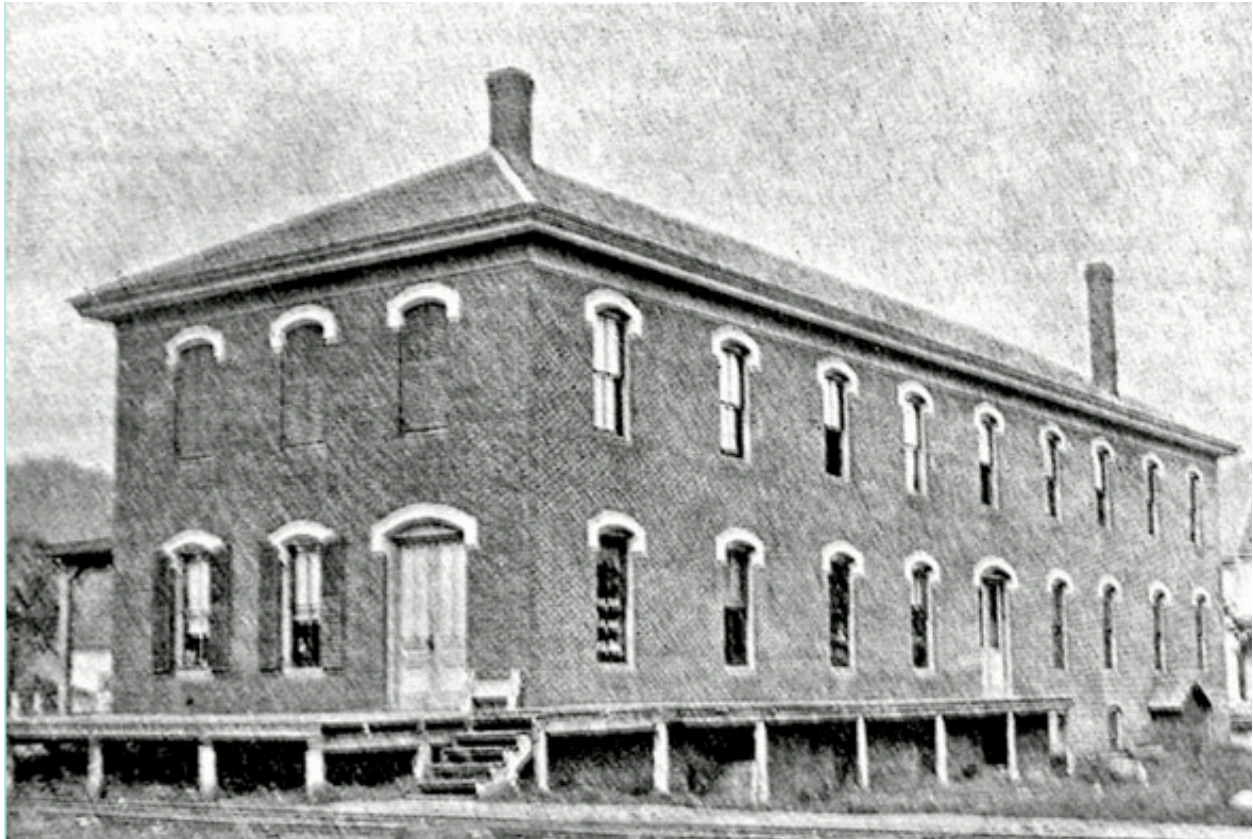


THE BRICK BLOCK
LOCATED AT #42 HIGHLAND STREET and 32 PERKINS PLACE
BETWEEN THE RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

This block, by the tracks that arrived in 1853, was built by Henry Ramsey and Charles Joy, in 1886. Mr. Ramsey was also the station agent as well as the postmaster for 5 years.



The "Brick Block was, most likely, the first business block to have a rail side landing to facilitate the loading and unloading of goods. The firm of Stickney and pray moved from the Sargent Block , on Main (Central Street) to the Brick Block and purchased flour by the rail-car load. Next in the block were Davison and Bailey. They moved here from the Sargent Block, too. Then came the Stickney brothers who dealt in salt and flour and an assortment of other goods. Whitcher and Page were the next occupants in the block. Page soon left and the business continued under the name C. O. Whitcher, until 1904 when Mr. Whitcher sold out to a group of local businessmen: Mulliken, Wright, Hosford, Lord and Webster, operating as the Brick Store Company. Followers in the building were: Cyrus cameron's furniture business, Butson's Marketand Rhett Scruggs, a dealer in furnaces and a plumber.

In 1922 Scruggs moved to the Opera Block, occupying space on the Court Street side. This business later became Scruggs Hardware.

Various businesses occupied the block until Rhrett Scruggs purchased it in 1923 and converted it into apartments.

The next owner was Seavey Pellegrini, a Nash Dealer in Woodsville, on North Court Street. Many others have owned the building since, but it is still an apartment house! (2008)