

Hopewell Boro Buildings in 1891 / Fowler Map Annotations

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Buildings that existed when Hopewell Borough was incorporated in March 1891

Based on chapter 44 in *Hopewell's Past* by Betty Gantz (1987)

Keyed to Fowler (birds-eye) Hopewell 1887 map

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Miss E. M. Boggs, Principal

Hopewell Seminary, existed from 1867 to 1899 [Gantz2]

B. Public School [Grand Army Hall] - 75 W. Broad [across Louellen] (~1855)

built in 1855 or 56 [Gantz2]

[then Grand Army of the Republic / Old Grand Army Hall]

C. [Old School] Baptist Church [& Cemetery] - 46-48 W. Broad St. (1747)

Organized 1715

organized in 1715, built in 1747 [Gantz2]

D. [Calvary] Baptist Church N. S. - [3] E. Broad (1872)

1871 or 1872 [Gantz2]

Organized October 24th 1871, Church finished and dedicated December 19th, 1872 [Lewis]

E. Presbyterian Chapel - [79] W. Broad St. (turned) [W of Louellen] (1877)

(now a house that was turned around). built in 1877 [Gantz2]

F. [St. Alphonsus] Catholic Church - [54] E. Prospect (1877)

G. P. & R. Railroad Station - [2] Railroad Place (1877)

A. De Haven, Agent

[Philadelphia & Reading Railroad]

H. [Highland] Cemetery - [95] Hopewell-Wertsville Rd [N. Greenwood]

Public Buildings - Addl. Gantz

[I. + Miss M. Phillips - 86-88 W. Broad [W side Pres. Ch.]

(just past Presbyterian Church) [Gantz1]

Presbyterian Church Building, where Rev. Burt Parry lives today --- in the late 1800's it belonged to Miss Martha Phillips. 86-88 West Broad [Gantz2]

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Businesses and Residences - Fowler 1 - 29

1. Nelson D. Blackwell - [38?] 46 E. Broad - General Merchant [across Princeton] (~1875)

[Corcorans] -> 38 & 44 E Broad??

Nelson David Blackwell, a general merchant, a brick building was built just west of the home. John Corcoran's Liquor Store is Blackwell's home in the early days. Blackwell bought land in 1875 and built the house at 35 East Broad where he lived [see #47?]. He owned many houses in town. This brick store was still there in the 1900's but was destroyed when the Sunoco Station was built. Many businesses were at that location before its demolition. [Gantz2]

[was Esso]

2. David L. Blackwell - [38?] 46 E. Broad - Grain Merchant [across Princeton]

David Lafayette Blackwell, a grain merchant, lived at 46 East Broad. His business was at 46 E. Broad and also another business near the railroad, and eventually it became J.B. Hill's. [Gantz2]

3. F. F. Holcomb & Bro. - 47 W. Broad - General Merchants [across Baptist Ch.] (1865)

(coal yard 1891) General Merchant, (Moore Antique, 1981) [Gantz1]

F.F. Holcombe and Brother, General Merchants. Holcombe owned many operations, but it was a coal yard in 1891. His brother, Solomon Holcombe, was the owner of the house at 19 West Broad (A. Holcombe home). The store was built in 1865 by J.V. Blackwell. John Q. McPherson had it in 1876 and "F.F." bought it in 1887. Mrs. Elizabeth Moore (owner) says there was a sign "F.F. Holcombe and Titus" on her big barn. The partnership dissolved in 1891-92. "F.F." also lived in the house far back from the street, just west of 47 W. Broad (just west of the 3 apartments in back also). [Gantz2]

Hopewell Herald at 47 West Broad Street in 1875 map (second floor) , 12 Mercer St. in 1887 (#13 below) [Gantz2]

4. Jas. L. Manning - 45 E. Broad - Bakery, Confectionary & Toy Store [SW corner Princeton]

Bakery, Confectionary and Toy Store. (oven still in cellar); Rob Holcombe, 1981 [Gantz1]

Confectionery and toy Store, Bob Holcombe's house. It's been reported that ovens can still be found in the cellar. [Gantz2]

5. Mrs. M. A. Carter - 15 E. Broad - Hopewell Library & Fancy Goods [Hw Inn]

[before Central Hotel]

home of Mrs. C. Riley according to an 1875 map. In 1887, the name Mrs. M.A. Carter appears, along with the title, "Library and Fancy Goods". [Gantz2]

6. J. Thomas Gandy - S. Greenwood at Broad St. - Druggist [now road]

druggist, was on the present intersection (there was no South Greenwood in 1891.) of S. Greenwood and Broad in those days, but the building no longer exists. It was burned in an 1893 fire. The "Holcombe Block" was built after 1893, when the Behres sold the land back to the owners of the Holcombe land. [Gantz2]

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7. Conrad Behre - [1] W. Broad - Oyster & Eating Saloon [at Pharm]

Plumber and Tin worker (building burned down, 1893); Holcombe Block, drug store, grocer's, etc. 1981. [Gantz1]

(wife, Dorothea) was a plumber and tin worker and for the years he was here, a very prosperous business man. Oyster Saloon was here also. Behre was building a 4-story hall hereon, but the 1893 fire ruined it all and the Behres (as noted in the preceding paragraph, sold the land back.) [Gantz2]

8. J. M. Dalrymple - 15 W. Broad - Carriage & Harness Repository [next to Pharm]

Carriage & Harness Repository (J.Kettle's land, whereon house is now); J.M.D owner of #19 W. Broad St. [next W, set back] [Gantz1]

came to Hopewell originally to work as the R.R. Station agent. He married Mr. Drake's daughter, Eucebia, and therefore got 19 West Broad and came into the money! This building was on the lot where Bob Miller bought land in 1911 to build the large home which did belong to Jim and Billy Kettle. [Gantz2]

9. Paul M. H. Arnold - 27 W. Broad - Barber Shop [E side parking lot]

The house is still there, just east of Hopewell Village Hardware parking lot. Arnold was Spanish and he married a black. Allena Arnold, their daughter, was a fine hairdresser; Mrs. Gantz was one of her customers. Allena remembered the 1899 Cook block fire burning and watching it as a child. [Gantz2]

10. Israel G. Howell - 12 North Greenwood - Undertaker & Furniture Dealer

Undertaker and Furniture Dealer, lived in the blue house at 12 N. Greenwood. He invented the bicycle - kjkstand and was a very ingenious man. There was no Center St. when he lived there. [Gantz2]

[11 - NO ENTRY ON MAP]

12. J. H. Piggott - [4] Mercer St. - Agricultural Implements [Pizza]

Agricultural Implements (Henderson's Real Estate former office) [Gantz1]

Henderson Real Estate until recently moved to Pennington. John H. was father of William, Hazel, and Robert. Hazel Chatten McCoy lived on Seminary Ave. Robert's widow is mother of John Piggott of View Point Drive, Hopewell Township; she lived on Model Ave. with other son, Bob. Son John was member of School Board and active member of American legion Post 339. [Gantz2]

13. Hopewell Herald - [12] Mercer St. [Shulte]

P. W. Hartwell, Editor

1874 - 1955 (Now the Hopewell Valley News) [Gantz1]

now defunct (as of 1955) ... now the Hopewell Valley News (started 1956) was at 47 West Broad Street [#3 above] in 1875 (second floor). The present Hopewell Valley News building did not exist in 1891, however it was present in an 1897 booklet at the Railroad Ave. location. P.W. Hartwell was the editor of the Herald in those days. He had quite a way with words. On the 1887 map, The Hopewell Herald was on Mercer Street ... on the same side as the present pizza shop, etc. [Gantz2]

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14. J. C. Harrison - 62-64 W. Broad - Harness Manufactory (<1898) [NW corner Mercer]

He rented this house because J.M. Phillips owned the house in 1891. The Harrisons bought it from his estate in 1898. This house has always been a 'thorn', many claiming it to be older than it seems to be. The house was on the property in 1898. It is very possible that Enoch Phillips (brother to J.M.) may have built the house, Enoch owned the land after his father's death in 1820. Enoch planted apple trees in 1823 on the present property of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. [Gantz2]

15. S. Smith Ege - [80] W. Broad - Blacksmithing & Wheel-wrighting (Pres. Ch. / Louellen)

Blacksmithing and Wheelwright (corner of Broad and Louellen), also on E. Broad just west by 4 houses of #4 (Manning), Mrs. Ken Hullfish 1981. [Gantz1]

He lived at 37 East Broad, and also had a shop in back of that. His wife was a milliner and many remember her hats on display in the front window of the house. [Gantz2]

16. George Staples - [23 Center] behind 24 -26 W. Broad - Blacksmithing and Carriage Making

now Center Street, Blacksmithing and Carriage Making, now home of James Hall. [Gantz1]

was a very large building behind 24-26 West Broad. In a smaller version, Mr. Nolls made its remains into a home which is now the residence of Councilman James Hall of Center Street. Staples' sisters lived in 18 West Broad. This was sold to Mr. J. Blackwell. His daughter married "Tut" Moore and they lived there ... she died recently. [Gantz2]

17. William F. Drake - [16 Princeton?] - Carpenter and Builder

(can't find on map) N.E. Corner Col. and Princeton; Carpenter and Builder; in the 1890's he lived at 16 Princeton Ave. (corner of Columbia and Princeton --- n.e. corner) [Gantz2]

18. Harry D. Sutphin - 22 Front St. - Carpenter and Builder [NW corner at Burton]

Carpenter & Builder (Mrs. Stryker) [Gantz1]

Front street had no name then. John G. Burton, Charley's father, owned this house. Mrs. Stryker lives there. [Gantz2]

19. A. J. Wyckoff - 31 Columbia Ave. - Carpenter & Builder

(not on the 1875 map) had the house on the southern side of Columbia, between Princeton and Seminary. It's Edith Cromwell's at 31 Columbia, originally small, with the entire east end added on. [Gantz2]

20. Lebbeus H. Titus - ~29 Columbia Ave. - Carpenter & Builder

Carpenter & Builder ([Mayor] Boughner 1981) [Gantz1]

believed to be 29 Columbia Ave., the house was originally small and added to later. [Gantz2]

21. William W. Drake - 23 North Greenwood - Mason & Builder [SE corner at Cook]

Mason & builder (Mayor in 1891) [Gantz1]

Drake was mayor in 1891 and lived at 23 N. Greenwood (corner of Cooke Place and N. Greenwood). Today this is the home of Jeff and Marlene McCollum and their three children, Brian, Timothy, and Amy. Jeff was a former award-winning reporter for the Hopewell Valley News and is on the Board of Health. [Drake's name was inscribed on the back of the mantelpiece in Norman Blackwell's home.] C.L.

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Williamson, dry goods merchant, (was in the old 5 & 10, part of drug store now), lived in this house, as did his children, Ken and Joseph Williamson (Sr.). [Gantz2]

22. S. S. Carver - 60 Model Ave. - Butcher [W side Auto Repair]

There was a small building on that property. There is speculation that he might be the "Uncle Sam", who sold oysters and advertised in the Herald in Nov., 1891. [Gantz2]

23. Cray & Pierson Livery Stable - 10-12 Princeton [N of Columbia]

(Pierson was at 29 Blackwell Ave. in 1890 tax map.) [Gantz2]

24. Finney & Fetter Steam Mill [& Saw Mill] - 24-26 Louellen?? [corner Model] (gone)

[Lambertville Pike] - "24-26 Louellen" -> 18 Louellen + 93 Model ?

corner of Model and Louellen, Finney was from Lambertville. Soon after, A.G. Fetter was the sole owner. The mill burned several times and was rebuilt. The "business" was sold out in 1894 to J.M. Phillips. [Gantz2]

25. John S. Van Dike - 24 W. Broad - Lawyer [next to Baptist Cemetery]

Lawyer - his office was at ' 24-26 W. Broad St., small building where 3 story house is. [Gantz1]

His office, in 1887, was in a small building at 24-26 West Broad. He also used a small building in back of Cook's Block in the 1890's. [Gantz2]

26. Joseph M. Phillips - 60 Hart Ave. - Justice [John Hart House]

John Hart House [Gantz1]

Justice of the Peace. This is Bob Stewart's home (the famed John Hart House). He (JMP) was the son of Thomas Phillips, who from J. Hart's death, did his best to own all of John Hart's lands and almost succeeded. Eventually Joseph and Enoch owned the same. Thomas Phillips died in 1820.

27. John A. Miller - 14 W. Broad - [Doctor] [3rd W of Greenwood]

Doctor (Medical) [Gantz1]

(Dick Edling's). He had his office on the basement level. The house has been enlarged. His son, Dr. Robert Miller, of 15 West Broad, is well remembered. [Gantz2]

28. E. P. Hawke - 19 N. Greenwood - [Doctor] [across Center]

Doctor (Medical) [Gantz1]

was next to W.W. Drake's (the Mayor) and is today the home of Hopewell Borough Clerk,, Douglas Terhune. Doesn't look the same 1981, now open porch on S.W. corner. [Gantz2]

29. Louis P. Hurley - 51 N. Greenwood - [Veterinarian] [across Hart]

lived near where Hart Ave. starts on N. Greenwood [Gantz2]

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30. West End Hotel - 48 W. Broad - [Hopewell House Liquor at Mercer] (<1889)

West End Hotel - Hopewell House now [Gantz1]

sold in 1889 to Taylor Provisions of Pennsylvania. In 1891 it was the "West End Hotel". Peter Van Fleet was there in 1893. [Gantz2]

31. [Gantz] - 25 Blackwell Ave. [across Cook] (1891)

building in 1891; (R.A.Gantz, 1981) [Gantz1]

1890 tax map showed more houses on Columbia Ave. 25 Blackwell Ave. land was bought and the house was built in 1891, (that house is the home of historian Betty Gantz and Bob Gantz). [Gantz2]

32. Jo. Pierson, Livery Stable - 29 Blackwell Ave. [corner Railroad] (<1890)

Jo. Pierson, livery stable; (W.Potts,1981) [Gantz1]

The 1890 tax map shows the Joseph Pierson Livery Stable at 29 Blackwell Ave. A road was built to the station, so Railroad Ave. became longer and later that former section was named Model Ave. [Gantz2]

33. John Ewing - 16 Lafayette St. (<1890)

John Ewing's home, one half today's size; owned this before building # 25 Blackwell Ave. [Gantz1]

1890 tax map showed more houses on Columbia Ave. 16 Lafayette Street was built (Ann Dow's house). [Gantz2]

34. Cook Block - [2 East Broad] (1890)

Cook Block was built in 1890 and advertised in the Herald in 1891-92. It burned down in 1899. [Gantz2]

41. Tomato Cannery - 2 Somerset [across Hamilton] (1892)

The Tomato Cannery was in the thinking process and was built in 1892 [Gantz2]

42. John Wert / "Purple House" - [45 Columbia] [SE corner at Princeton] (<1875)

The "purple house" was here in 1876 and was the home of John Wert. [Gantz2]

43. The Creamery - 56 Model [Auto Repair W Mercer] (~1887)

The Creamery was started in 1887 and was here in 1891. [Gantz2]

44. Mason Ege - [31] W. Broad - Hardware [parking lot] (<1871)

Mason Ege had a hardware store ... Hopewell Valley Hardware ... old Rorer's. The second floor of this building was used by the Calvary Baptist before 1871-72, until the church was finished. [Gantz2]

45. Casual Shop / Golden? - 37 West Broad [across Baptist Cemetery] (<1891)

The Casual Shop at 37 West Broad was a home in 1891 and was probably occupied by William Golden's widow.

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46. Public School - [12-14] Model (1888)

By 1891, there was a public school with four rooms on Model Ave. apartments, built in 1888. [Gantz2]

47. Hopewell Museum / Stout - 35 E. Broad (1877)

The museum on East Broad was built in 1877 by Randolph Stout, who lived there in 1891. There was a coal yard next door, 1890 map. [Gantz2]

Sources

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- CHAPTER XLIV - Hopewell Celebrates 90 Years (June 1981)
- [Gantz1] p 193 - "Format Given People on 6/20/1981- Buildings Existing when Boro Inc. March 1891"
- [Gantz2] p 195 - "1887 MAP Information (Prepared for June 20, 1981 celebration)"

Keyed to Fowler Hopewell 1887 map (birds-eye)

- Fowler map (1887) lists entries A - H (public buildings) & 1 - 29 (businesses & residences)
- Other entries (to 1891) added from Gantz
- Fowler entry titles and descriptions are from Fowler [with annotations added]
- Fowler entry addresses are from Gantz [with annotations added]

Maps Referenced by Gantz

- "**1875 map**" ~ Everts & Stewart - Hopewell - Combination Atlas Map of Mercer County
- "**1890 tax map**" ~ Scarlett & Scarlett Fire Map - Hopewell

The earliest places in Hopewell are: [Gantz2]

- Holcombe's, 19 West Broad
- Edling, 14 W. Broad (#27)
- Guinness, 2-4 West Broad
- Hopewell House, 46 W. Broad (#30)
- Casual Shop, 37 W. Broad
- Old School Baptist Church and cemetery.

Other people of importance in 1891, as mentioned in the Herald of 1891-2 were: John Fox, butcher ... at Sam Carver's; D.B. Cox, auctioneer; Collings & Hoagland, painters; Hoppock & Hart. [Gantz2]