

Mystery Photo

Here's another great "mystery photo" from our archives. Look familiar? Ring any bells? If you have any information about the building, please contact Leslie Turner at 655.7250 or you can e-mail: jturnerii@yahoo.com.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: In 1906 things were looking pretty good for industry in the "village" of Winooski.

THE WINOOSKI OUTLOOK

Gratifying Business Conditions in Burlington's Prosperous and Flourishing Suburb.

The business outlook in the village of Winooski for the coming year is excellent. The increase in wages at the Woolen Mill will be materially felt owing to the cost of living being high. Work for the entire year is promised and it is also expected that a building boom in the way of tenements and dwelling houses will be on. This seems to be the only trouble in the village, there is plenty of work, lots of money and everything is prosperous but the people are living in many instances in close quarters and are unable to obtain separate cottages or houses for two families to live in.

The coming year promises to see the village across the river spread out. One large building boom in the shape of an industry is promised, but the officials are not at present in a position to state their exact plans and prefer to remain silent. The plan is for a large industry which will employ possibly 100 or more men. Here again will be an addition to the population, the men to be employed are those receiving good wages and they will not want to live in cramped quarters.

AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY.

Charles S. Lord in speaking for the American Woolen company's business said: "I don't know whether we will build further the coming year, but then no one can tell what will happen. Our average employees, day and night forces, will be about 1,500 during the year. We are rushed on orders and they are far in advance. We expect to run night and day throughout the year. The outlook now is very favorable for one of the best years in the history of our business."

WINOOSKI RIVER MILL.

Mr. Lord also spoke for this corporation, which is run to prepare products for the mills of the American Woolen company, although a separate plant. He said: "We have a large amount of business there at present. When we are in full running operation, which will be shortly we will employ between 50 and 60 hands. We expect to run day and night in this plant during the year and expect to have all we can do."

BURLINGTON FLOURING CO.

Mr. Lord also spoke for the outlook in the Burlington Flouring company. "There is not much to be said here," said Mr. Lord. "The business is small, but we expect to jog along all during the year and keep the business up to the same standard as in the past. Our force there number about nine men."

STEVENS MACHINE SHOP.

Charles Stevens was interviewed as to the prospects in the Stevens Machine shops. "We are way behind on orders," said Mr. Stevens. "Our outlook for the coming year is too good. We are cramped for room and our present 25 employees have all they can do."

PERFECTION OVERGAITER CO.

Wallace Metts, superintendent of the Perfection Overgaiter company, said: "We at present have about 40 employees and are at present just closing up our season. As to increase, that lies as to our business. Our season is from February to January, we have about one month's idleness in the year. The prospects for next year are good so far. We will have no shut-downs except for holidays. Wages are good and our orders look very favorable."

PORTER SCREEN CO.

A. T. Way of the Porter Screen company stated that the firm's business was progressive and comfortable. The firm have of late done considerable building and have had to increase their working force. They now employ about 250. The price of lumber advancing about 50 per cent. has increased the price of screens about 20 per cent. Orders are coming in very satisfactorily and the outlook is encouraging.

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BUFFALO SOLDIERS, 1909-1913

by Al Blondin



The Buffalo soldiers of the 10th Cavalry after having just completed a tour of duty in Cuba and the Philippines were assigned to the Post at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, VT. The 10th Cavalry stopped in New York City on the July 27, 1909 from its base in Kansas. The occasion of the stopover was to honor the late Col. Jacob A. Auger, late commander of the 10th. Col. Auger had died on April 18th and a parade in his honor on July 28 was to march up Wall Street to Broadway and on to the City Hall. The following day the 10th Cavalry was to complete the trip to their new home in Colchester, Vermont.

The soldiers of the 10th Cavalry, arrived in Colchester at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of July 29, 1909. Lt. Col. George H.G. Gayle was in command. Majors of the unit were listed as Read, Grierson and Sands. The Chaplain was listed as Anderson, along with Captains Patton, Flemming, Whitehead, Wailich, Luin, Ryan and Parker. 1st Lieutenants were listed as Cornell, Terreil, Phillips, Tersel, Muller, Keep and Pope. 2nd Lieutenants were listed as Edwards, Costlemen, King, Whiting and the veterinarian as McMando. Capt. Charles T. Boyd was to be the Post Adjutant with Capt. Kromer the Post Commissary and Capt. Flemming assigned the duties of the Post Quartermaster.

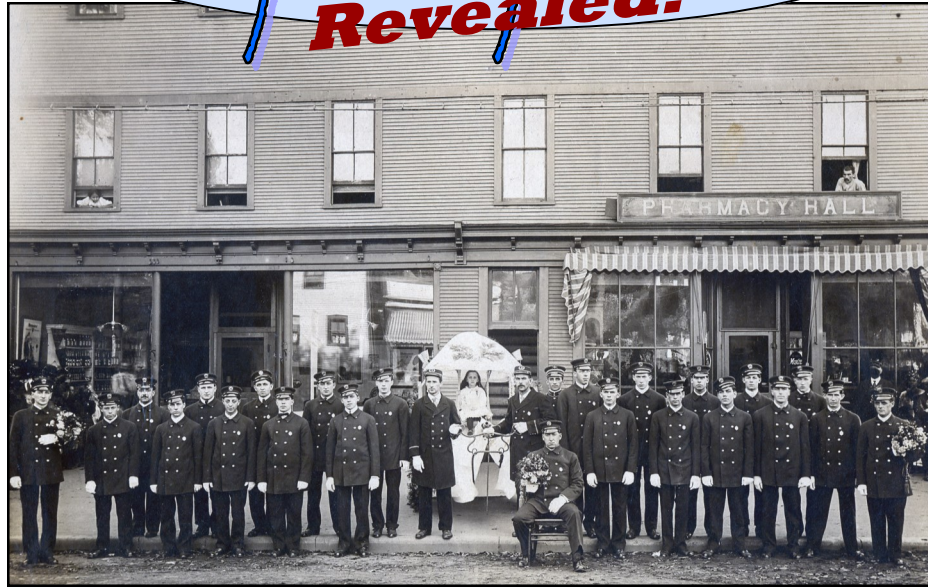
Troops arriving in Vermont were ill-prepared for the climate here having been recently assigned in Kansas from their outpost in Cuba and the Philippines. The post and state to which they were now assigned was thought to have a strong bastion of abolitionist support and a miniscule African American population. The winter of 1909-1910 proved very discouraging to the new arrivals, of whom lacked the appropriate clothing for the weather.

In August of 1909, Capt. Leon B. Kromer was relieved of his duties as the Ordinance officer. 1st Lt Charles Mayo, Squadron Adjutant, was assigned as ordinance officer, engineer officer, signal officer, post intelligence officer and charge of the post school. It was also at this time that Capt. Henry Whitehead received his order to proceed to Governors Island N.Y. for temporary duty.

A funeral was held for Sgt. James Elliot who died from complication of a bout with pneumonia. Sgt. Elliot's horse was draped in Black and followed the funeral procession. Sgt. Elliot had been a soldier since 1887 and cited several times for bravery, having received the Medal of Honor for bravery in the Battle of San Juan Hill. He was 44 years old when he passed away.

A member of the 10th Cavalry, Emmitt Jones was arrested in Burlington and charged with intoxication. Jones appeared before Justice J.T Stearns and pleaded not guilty. A hearing was held and Jones was later discharged. Jones was found at the foot of a stairway near Battery Park sleeping and when awakened it appeared that he had been drinking, but was not staggering or using bad language. In his plea of not guilty he further stated that members of the 10th Cavalry were under strict orders about intoxication and if found they would be severely

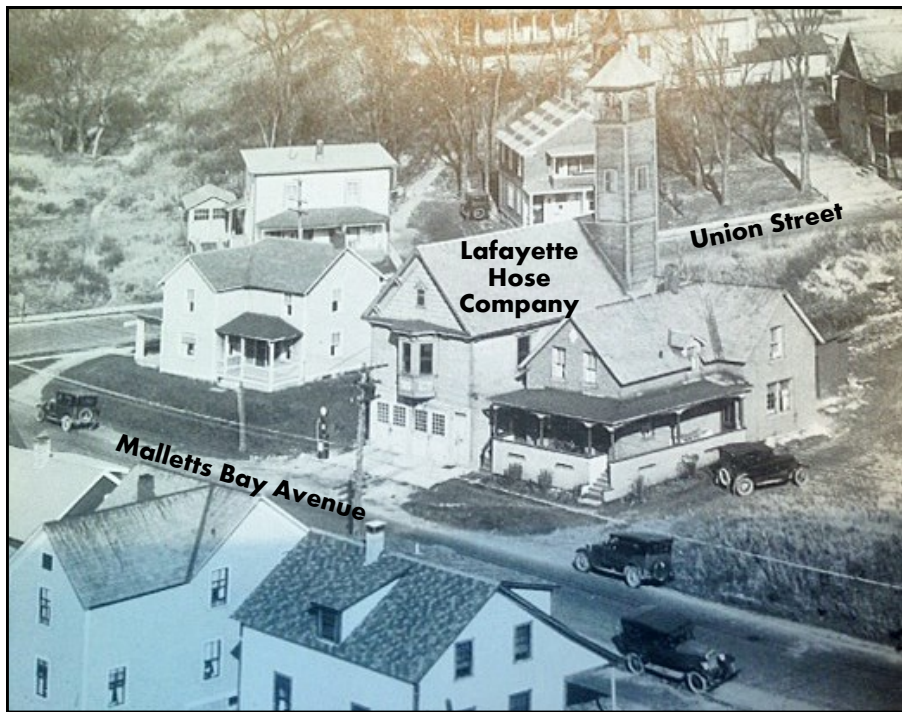
Mystery Photo Revealed!



Same building today, located on the corner of Malletts Bay Avenue and West Lane.



Photo was taken in 1911 on Malletts Bay Avenue and the gathered group is Winooski's Lafayette Hose Company. The Lafayette Hose Company was located right across the road from where the photo was taken (see photo below). When Winooski became a city they decided that they didn't need to support two fire companies so they closed this company down.



Malletts Bay Avenue, circa 1940

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OLD PHOTOS

Don't throw them out!
Throw them our way!
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HISTORY

By Pierrette Roy
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*When I was a kid in school,
history was a mystery to me
and trying to remember dates
was a bore and a chore!
"It's all Greek to me,"
we kids would say,
but having a charismatic teacher
was a help to make me see
the adventure history could be.
When I was growing up
I started keeping and collecting things.
It became a hobby and
some folks thought it was dumb
and sort of sloppy, but
I soon became a pack rat
and was criticized for keeping
too much of everything –
but you know what I think,
if it weren't for pack rats
and collectors of things old and past
we would never have a resource
for remembering the past and what went before
And there would be, alas! No
history societies to last, in our world.*

punished. Jones said, "I rather cut off my right arm than do that". He went on to say that he had been to a dance, lacked sleep and took refuge in the stairwell to do so.

On August 16, 1909, the 10th Cavalry Band gave a concert in the bandstand at the Fort and was open to the public. The concert was well received and largely attended.

On the August 22, 1909, the 10th Cavalry baseball team played an exhibition game against the city ball team. A large crowd showed up at Centennial Field for the game that saw the soldiers of the 10th Cavalry winning by a score of 7 – 2. The 10th Cavalry band was also at the game and played between innings.

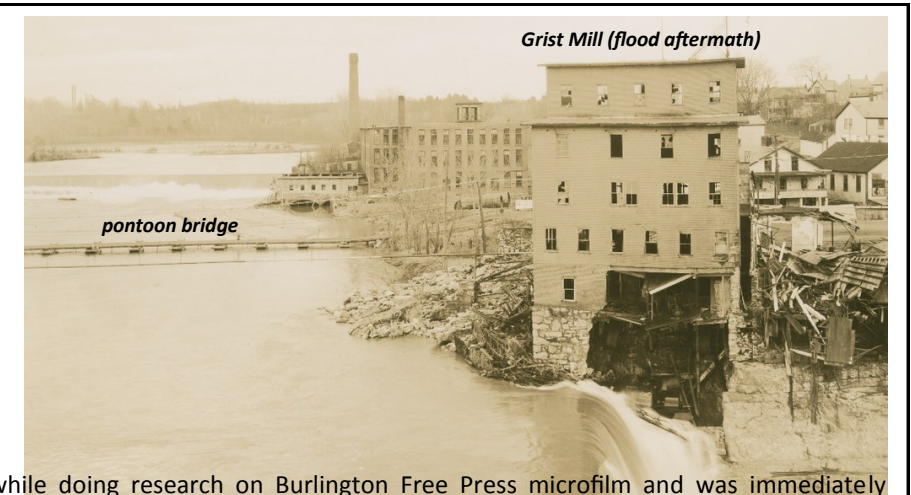
On August 24, 1909, the 1st squadron of the 10th Cavalry took part in maneuvers held in East Framingham, Massachusetts. The 1st squadron was then scheduled to march back to its base at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, a trip of about 15 days in duration, passing through Rutland, Vermont on its return with a 3 day layover in Rutland and some free time for the soldiers to enjoy the state fair. They returned to the fort on September 7, 1909.

WINOOSKI

Ford Coupe Backs Into River, But Driver Escapes—Friendship Circle to Meet—Employees of Woolen Company Use Foot-bridge

Use Foot Bridge
Employees of the American Woolen Company are using the footbridge over the river, which was constructed just below the site of the old grist mill.

Burlington Free Press - 2 January 1928



I found this tiny "blink and you miss it" news item while doing research on Burlington Free Press microfilm and was immediately interested. Many people are familiar with a temporary pontoon bridge (pictured) that was built to link Winooski with Burlington after the old Winooski Bridge fell in the 1927 flood. However, this blurb refers to a footbridge below the grist mill (also pictured) which means it would have been below the falls. It also seems to confirm a story someone related to me a few years back about a "suspension bridge" built over the river for workers from Burlington to get to the Winooski mills after the flood. A photo of a footbridge has yet to surface but the possibility of such a bridge is certainly intriguing. The Winooski Historical Society would welcome information anyone might have on the subject! ~ Leslie Turner

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