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PARK BUILDING 14

THE BURTON JEWELRY STORE

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The following terms apply throughout the report:

_____ Census	refers to Bureau of the Census, U. S. Census records for 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920, as well as certain special Censuses (such as Slave and Manufacturing); most are available on microfilm at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park; some data is only accessible in hardcopy or through the History Database
HFD-____	Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Document No. . . documents, manuscripts, maps, etc. in HAFE Library
HAFE	Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
HF-____	Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Photograph Collection numbers
JCC	precedes references to records at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Charles Town, West Virginia
NA RG	National Archives & Records Administration, Washington, D.C., Record Group . . .
Reel ____	references microfilm reels in HAFE library
Reel __, Vol.____	refers to binders in HAFE library of National Archives material photocopied from microfilm
Building Numbers	<u>Park</u> <u>Building</u> indicates current HAFE identification <u>H</u> & <u>AD</u> are prefixes from the park's 1859 base map; <u>H</u> signifies "Dwelling House" <u>AD</u> signifies "Armory Dwelling"
WL	Wager Lot; refers to lot numbers in 1835 property division of Wager Reservation

Preface

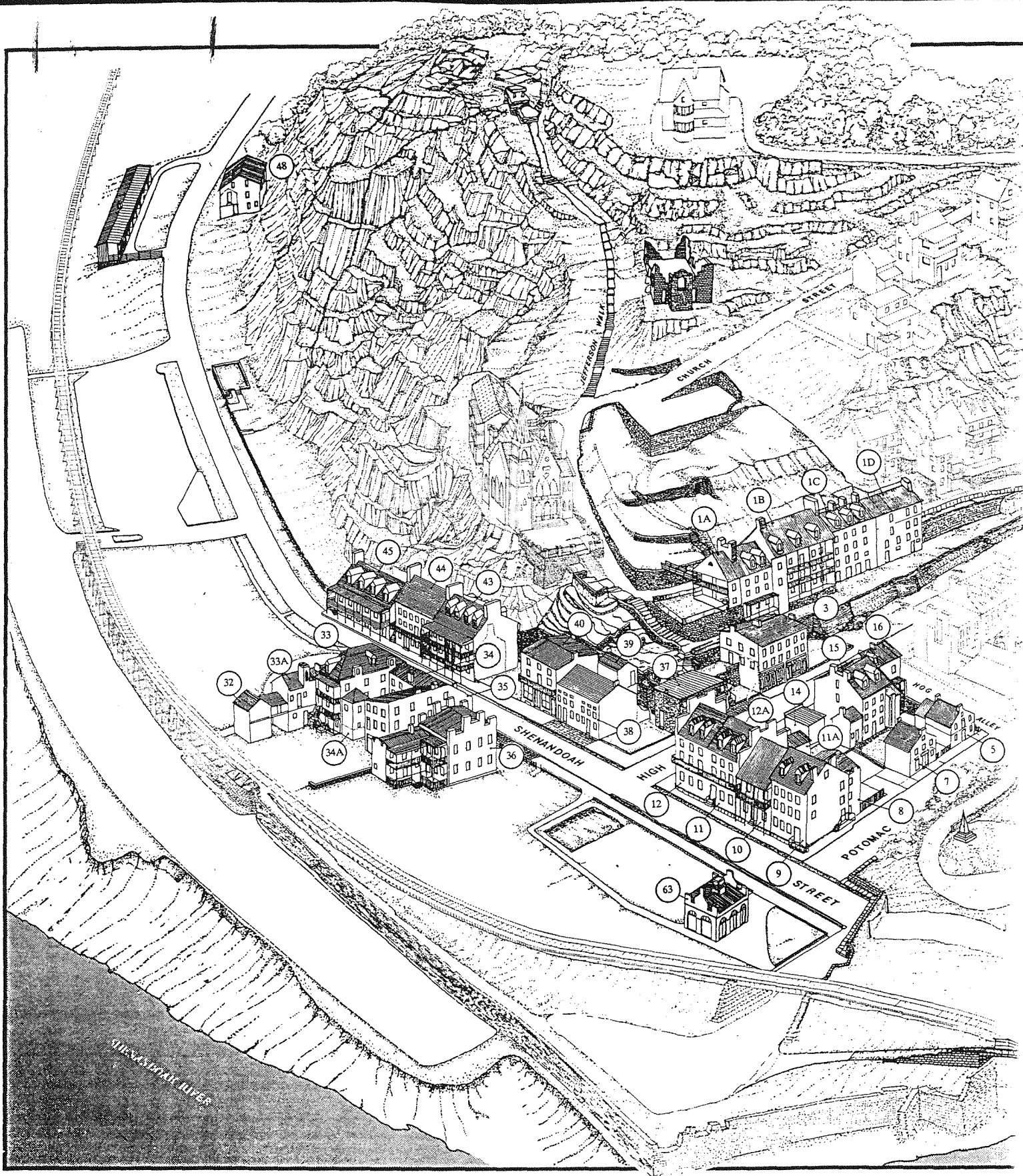
The first draft of this report was prepared in 1990 when scheduled reconstruction of Park Building 14 and planning for the new interpretive exhibit it was to house mandated an up-to-date history of the structure. The previous study, Charles W. Snell's 1957 report for Park Building No. 14, reflected the Park's early philosophy of interpreting Harpers Ferry in the context of the John Brown Raid/Civil War era. This report extends the building's history to Park acquisition in 1953.¹

Although Snell's 1957 work provided the foundation for the present report, current research has uncovered data unavailable to Snell. This report, therefore, elaborates on, corroborates, clarifies, and supplements Snell's, and, taken together, the two reports comprise the authoritative history of Park Building 14.

Of particular value to the present work has been the Park's History Database. Begun in February 1989 by a team of historians working at the Park under a Cooperative Agreement between the National Park Service and the University of Maryland, the history database is a computerized index of local newspapers, local censuses and other demographic data, and pertinent property records. The database assists, defines, and supports restoration and educational programs of the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry. It helps determine appropriate adaptive uses and restoration configurations of buildings in Park Service care.

¹Charles W. Snell, "Historic Building Report, Part I, The Burton Building (Building No. 14)," October 9, 1957.

Lower Town Harpers Ferry Locator Map



I. OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND

Park Building 14, the Burton Jewelry Store, occupies a small portion of the northwest corner of Wager Lot 15, Subdivision 1 (hereafter WL15SB1), fronting on High Street. Alfred Burton, believed to be the initial proprietor of the shop, purchased the land from Ann C. Stephenson on October 12, 1857, for \$100.00. Historian Charles Snell hypothesized that the low purchase price indicated no structure was present on the property at the time of purchase. The property was conveyed to the State of West Virginia in 1954 by the heirs of Burton's daughter, Clara V. Sponseller. She had acquired the property in 1926, following a suit in chancery (W. Howard Burton vs. Clara V. Sponseller).²

Between Alfred Burton's purchase in 1857 and its conveyance to West Virginia almost a hundred years later, the property was involved in several legal transactions. Burton put the shop and its contents, along with other property he owned in Bolivar, into trust on at least three separate occasions beginning in 1860. The first trust included three pieces of property (in addition to Burton's portion of WL 15SB1), two described as in Bolivar and the third described only as a one-acre lot. It secured a four hundred dollar debt to Alfred's younger brother, Warren, a Charles Town

²Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HAFE) designation; JCC Deed Book 37, p.308, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Ann C. Stephenson to Alfred Burton, October 12, 1857; Deed Book 127, p.350, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Special Commissioners Forrest W. Brown and James M. Mason, Jr. to Clara V. Sponseller, June 10, 1926;

Charles W. Snell, "Historic Building Report, Part I, The Burton Building (Building No. 14)," October 9, 1957;

JCC Deed Book 202, p.145, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Alfred O. Sponseller, Lenora S. Martin, Herbert L. Martin, and Edgar R. Sponseller to the State of West Virginia, September 29, 1954.

jeweler. Apparently the terms of the trust were satisfied, as on April 29, 1875 the Burtons executed a Deed of Trust to James T. Reed, secured by the same property, to satisfy indebtedness to William E. Anderson in the amount of \$1,500. The same day Alfred Burton satisfied indebtedness in the amount of \$650 to his oldest son, Henry A. Burton of Charles Town, with a Deed of Trust to William E. Anderson, securing the trust with tools and furnishings, primarily watchmaking and repair items and farm implements. Joseph D. Holmes, in place of the deceased James T. Reed, sold the property and contents of the store to Burton's son, Henry, in 1878. In 1889 Henry A. Burton deeded the property to his stepmother Sarah, Alfred Burton's second wife. As Alfred was still living then, it is unclear why the property was deeded to Sarah. After Sarah Burton's death in 1920 (Alfred Burton had died in 1911), the property was involved in litigation between Clara Burton Sponceller and William Howard Burton; final resolution came in 1926 when Special Commissioners awarded it to Clara Burton Sponceller.³

II. CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPATION

A. Construction of Park Building 14

The exact construction date of Park Building 14, a one-story

³JCC Deed Book 39, p.166 & 167, Deed of Trust, Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to Joseph Claggett and Solomon V. Yantis, March 23, 1860; Deed Book C, p.92, Deed of Trust, Alfred Burton to James T. Reed, April 29, 1875; Ibid, p.75, Deed of Trust, Alfred Burton to William E. Anderson, April 29, 1875; Deed Book F, p.207, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Joseph D. Holmes to Henry A. Burton, March 2, 1878; Deed Book S, p.243, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Henry A. and Margaret V. Burton to Sarah C. Burton, August 29, 1888; Deed Book 127, p.350, Deed of Bargain and Sale, Forrest W. Brown and James M. Mason, Jr., Special Commissioners, to Clara V. Sponseller, June 10, 1926.

frame structure on a low brick foundation, remains unknown. As noted, in 1860, two and one-half years after Burton purchased the property, he put it, along with other property, in trust to satisfy a debt to his brother Warren. The deed for this transaction stated (in reference to the WL15SB1 lot) "with all improvements thereon," apparently the basis for Historian Charles Snell's assertion that the shop was built in 1858. Experience with local deeds, however, has taught historians that such language was common phrasing and not necessarily indicative of extant structures.⁴

Snell also cited an advertisement in the Virginia Free Press of November 11, 1858, and wrote: "William Burton announced that he had opened 'a full assortment of Watches and Jewelry.' Repairing was also done." No references to a William Burton have been found, however, and closer inspection of the advertisement proves it was a long-running ad for W. (probably Warren, Alfred Burton's younger brother) Burton's store--which was likely in Charles Town, where the newspaper was published, as no other location was specified:

WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

W. Burton keeps constantly on hand a full assortment of

Watches and Jewelry,

to which he calls the attention of the public.

REPAIRING done in the best manner, and upon the shortest notice.⁵

A reference in the May 28, 1868, Virginia Free Press documented a theft in A. Burton's jewelry shop and was the first

⁴JCC Deed Book 39, p.166-167.

⁵Snell, Bldg. 14, p.1;
Virginia Free Press, November 4, 1858, p2c7.

evidence placing Alfred Burton in business in Harpers Ferry. Additionally, a notice appeared in the January 1, 1869, Virginia Free Press in which A. Burton announced he was acting as administrator of the estate of John Mills, and any individuals having claims to the estate could present them "at my place of business in Harper's Ferry." The earliest reference in public records to Alfred Burton's jewelry store was found in an 1875 deed of trust which referred to the structure "now occupied by Alfred Burton as a jewelry shop."⁶

Burton's shop ledger (which family descendants donated to the Park), details transactions beginning in January 1869, and clearly shows Burton was in business in Harpers Ferry then. The ledger contains, however, miscellaneous entries dated prior to 1869, including two for watch repair in 1868, suggesting Burton opened his shop sometime in 1868 (see APPENDIX VI).

The absence of resources documenting the Civil War years in Harpers Ferry presents a sizeable obstacle to thorough examination of the history of Burton's store. The only relevant Civil War period evidence located thus far is a sketch of the appropriate area of High Street made by James Taylor in 1864 which fails to depict Park Building 14 (see APPENDIX VII).⁷

Park Building 14 was dismantled by the National Park Service

⁶Ibid, May 28, 1868, p3c1; January 21, 1869, p2c5;
JCC Deed Book C, p.93, Deed of Trust, Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to James T. Reed, April 29, 1875.

⁷Dennis E. Frye, Martin F. Graham, George F. Skoch, Ed., The James E. Taylor Sketchbook, With Sheridan Up the Shenandoah Valley in 1864, Morningside House, Dayton, Ohio, 1989, p.44.

in 1956. The structure's facade was stored in the basement of Park Building 16 until May 1989, when it was removed to Williamsport, Maryland, for analysis and restoration by the Williamsport Preservation Training Center, National Park Service. It was re-erected on its original site and opened as an interpretive exhibit in 1991.

B. The Burton Family

Alfred Burton was born February 18, 1826, in Rhode Island. A long time resident of Bolivar, he first purchased property there in 1855. Alfred and Martha Butcher Burton had come to Harpers Ferry in 1852, after their first child, Henry Alfred, was born. His wife, Martha Butcher, died in July 1856 at the age of twenty-five; one son, Warren E. Burton, died in November 1856.⁸

Burton remarried in 1857. His new wife, Sarah C. Fair, was a local girl. In the 1850 census she was listed at age 13 in the "Mosie" (believed to be "Mauzy") household on Virginus Island. Her relationship to the Mauzy family has not been determined. Four of Alfred and Sarah's nine children died in infancy or early childhood. The surviving five were sons, Warren Thomas and William

⁸JCC Deed Book 39, p.166, Deed of Trust, Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to Joseph Claggett and Solomon V. Yantis, March 23, 1860. Deed references property previously purchased by Burton in Bolivar. Information on Martha and Warren Burton came from gravestones in Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar;

Reel 137, Ninth Census (1870), p.473, p.48 of Harpers Ferry;

Virginia Free Press, July 27, 1911, p5c3 (Alfred Burton obituary);

JCC (Attic Storage); deposition of A. Burton, filed in Clerk's Office of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, W. Va., January 4, 1888 (Burton testified he had lived at Harpers Ferry since 1852).

Howard, and daughters, Clara Virginia, Hattie, and Jesse.⁹

Alfred Burton's occupation was listed as watchmaker on the 1870 census (the family was not found on the local 1860 census). The 1880 census showed Thomas W. Burton (also known as Warren Thomas) also as a watchmaker/jeweler. Henry A. Burton had by then moved to Charles Town and become a successful and respected merchant. He kept shop there from April 1874 until his death in 1890.¹⁰

Warren Thomas Burton moved west, and died in Wyoming in 1928; obituaries stated he died in "Billings, Montana," but the inscription on his tombstone read "died at Powell, Wyoming." William Howard Burton, only twelve years old in 1880, eventually followed in his father's footsteps, assuming proprietorship of the Harpers Ferry store business, first in its Park Building 14 location and later from the family home in Bolivar.¹¹

C. Alfred Burton's Jewelry Trade

⁹Reel 248, Seventh Census (1850), p.403B of Harpers Ferry; Burton Family tombstones, Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar, WV; Virginia Free Press, February 12, 1857, p2c6.

¹⁰Reel 137, Ninth Census (1870), p.48 of Harpers Ferry; Reel 138, Tenth Census (1880), p.6 of Harpers Ferry; [Indices to the 1860 Census for areas adjacent to Harpers Ferry and Bolivar, including Virginia, the state of Maryland and Baltimore City, were searched for evidence of the Alfred Burton family; none was found.] Spirit of Jefferson, December 4, 1883, p2c3; JCC Will Book A, p.435, Will of Henry Burton; Farmers Advocate, March 12, 1910, plc4 (recalls death "20 years ago" of Henry A. Burton).

¹¹Ibid, October 13, 1928, plc1; Spirit of Jefferson, October 18, 1928, plc1; Warren Thomas Burton's tombstone in Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar, WV; the discrepancy between Powell, Wyoming, and Billings, Montana, may be accounted for by the fact that Powell (probably a small town in the 1920s) lies about 70 miles south-southwest of Billings, and the news of his death came from Billings. Spirit of Jefferson, January 17, 1929, plc1.

Alfred Burton certainly kept shop on High Street for many years. However, the paucity of newspaper information concerning Burton's business makes it difficult to determine the exact years of his proprietorship.

No advertisements for the store have been found in the Spirit of Jefferson or the Virginia Free Press newspapers. Only a few items referring to the Burton Harpers Ferry jewelry business have emerged--one being the account of a robbery cited earlier in this report. Another is an editorial in the November 5, 1878, issue of the Spirit of Jefferson in which the writer described a "mechanical contrivance" in Burton's Harpers Ferry shop window on which watches of various sizes hung. The article (probably satire) complained that the machine rotated constantly, always at the same rate, resulting in "a bad effect on the brain" of any unsuspecting soul who might pause to view it (see APPENDIX II). An item in 1883 commenting on Charles Town businesses noted H. A. Burton, jeweler, and that his father continued in business at Harpers Ferry.¹²

Newspaper advertisements often yield information on merchandise carried or services offered. The lack of such advertisements for Burton makes an 1875 deed of trust with a partial list of the contents of his Harpers Ferry store particularly valuable. Included were store tools and implements, but not merchandise (see APPENDIX I). Burton's shop ledger (see Appendix V), which consistently detailed sales, repair services, and monies collected, constitutes another valuable source for this

¹²Ibid, November 5, 1878, p2c3; December 4, 1883, p2c3.

kind of information.¹³

The absence of advertisements for Alfred Burton's store in both the Virginia Free Press and the Spirit of Jefferson can perhaps be ascribed to the fact that the newspapers were published in Charles Town and a small business in Harpers Ferry was unlikely to attract customers from there. Most Harpers Ferry advertisements that did appear in the Charles Town papers were notices of new business openings. It is worth noting that a January 1887 Business Index to Jefferson County printed in a Supplement to the Virginia Free Press did not list either Burton's store (H. A. in Charles Town or Alfred in Harpers Ferry), although two Charles Town jewellers were included.¹⁴

Although the newspapers supply scant information on Burton's business, numerous items document his participation in local civic matters. He served, at various times, as Justice of the Peace, delegate to the Republican County Convention, Treasurer for the Logan Lodge in Harpers Ferry, member of the Bolivar Education Committee, trustee of the Pine Grove Cemetery, delegate to the Republican Club of Harpers Ferry, election officer in Bolivar, and Trustee of the Logan Lodge.¹⁵

As noted, Alfred Burton's son Henry was in the jewelry

¹³JCC Deed Book C, p.75; Deed of Trust, Alfred Burton to William Anderson, April 29, 1875;

Alfred Burton Ledger Book, Museum Collection, HAFE.

¹⁴Virginia Free Press, January 20, 1887, Supplement.

¹⁵Spirit of Jefferson, June 13, 1871, p3c2; July 11, 1876, p3c1; July 9, 1878, p3c1; August 12, 1879, p2c1; May 29, 1883, p3c2; February 7, 1888, p3c1; October 18, 1892, p2c6; March 6, 1894, p2c3.

business in Charles Town. In an April 1874 advertisement Henry first offered watch-making and watch and clock repairing services and also jewelry repair. Whether Henry assumed his uncle Warren's Charles Town business or began a venture of his own is unknown, but for many years Henry Burton continued a lively advertising campaign. Beginning in the mid-1880s it appears Alfred Burton was in some way involved with his son Henry's Charles Town business. A news item in August 1885 reported that A. Burton accidentally shot a man at the H. A. Burton jewelry shop (presumed in Charles Town). In March 1886 H. A. Burton announced:

To everybody. Please read this as it is to your interest to do so. A. Burton, my Father, will conduct my business whilst I am away from home. As most everybody knows him as he has been in Harper's Ferry for the last 36 years, and has worked at the Watch business the last 47 years, therefore I recommend all of my friends to him. Leave your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry to be repaired and he will do it in the best of Workmanship, and at short notice.

March 4, 1886--3t.

H. A. BURTON,
Jeweler.¹⁶

Items reporting visits by Alfred Burton to Charles Town and to the newspaper offices began appearing in the late 19th century. Typical was one in the February 10, 1900, issue of the Spirit of Jefferson describing Burton as "nimble as a lad in his teens" (Burton was 74 years old then) and noting he brought a gift of honey from his numerous beehives. Burton was also a practiced beekeeper; the 1875 Deed of Trust involving his property included

¹⁶Ibid, April 21, 1874, p2c6; August 27, 1885, p3c1; Virginia Free Press, March 4, 1886, p3c3.

"sixty stands" of bees (see Appendix I).¹⁷

Alfred Burton was still keeping shop at Harpers Ferry in 1892 according to Randall's Business Directory. Additionally, issues of the West Virginia Gazetteer covering a twenty-year period beginning in 1891 contained the following listings:

[1891-92]	A. Burton	Apiarist	
[1895-96]	A. Burton	Jeweller	
[1898-99]	A. Burton	Jeweller	
[1902-03]	A. Burton	Watchmaker	
	W.Albert Burton	Apiarist	
[1912-13]	A. Burton	Honey Dealer	
	W.Albert Burton	Apiarist	18

Burton's record of watch repair services and sales contained in the shop ledger ended in March 1893. No entries for repair or sales appeared after that. In 1897, the Spirit of Jefferson reported Alfred Burton suffered from rheumatism; the infirmity may have hindered his continuing in the watchmaking trade.¹⁹

The Sanborn Fire Insurance maps depict Park Building 14 as vacant in 1894 and 1902, but once again housing a jewelry store in 1907. In Park photograph HF-370 of Park Building 14, dated approximately 1890, someone (presumably Alfred Burton) is visible through the window, and Howard Burton is standing in the doorway of

¹⁷Spirit of Jefferson, February 10, 1900, p3c2; October 29, 1901, p3c3.

¹⁸Randall's Business Directory of Winchester, Berryville, and Front Royal, VA., Charlestown and Harpers Ferry WVA, John C. Randall, Publishers, Martinsburg, WV 1892-93;

West Virginia State Gazetteer & Business Directory, (several volumes) Manuscript Collection, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC. Volumes consulted: 1877-78, 1882-83, 1891-92, 1895-96, 1898-99, 1902-03, 1912-13. The 1912-13 listing is questionable because Alfred Burton died in 1911; the discrepancy is likely due to the time lag between data submission and printing.

¹⁹Spirit of Jefferson, March 2, 1897, p2c2.

the shop, which appears to be a functioning jewelry store (see Appendix VII).

In 1906, the 80 year-old Burton was appointed truant officer for Harpers Ferry District and in that capacity he visited the local quarries, rounding up boys under the age of fourteen who should have been in school during the day. Between performing his duties as truant officer, beekeeping, and making trips to the Spirit of Jefferson office, it seems unlikely Burton had much time to run a jewelry business.²⁰

Alfred Burton died in 1911 following an emergency appendectomy at a Martinsburg hospital. He was 85. In his obituary the Spirit of Jefferson lauded him as one of the "oldest and best-known citizens of Bolivar . . . universally esteemed for his character and amiability of manner."²¹

D. Park Building 14 after Alfred Burton's Death

Burton family descendants have maintained that [William] Howard Burton ran the business (implicitly in Park Building 14) until he died at his home in Bolivar in 1929, at which time Clara Burton Sponseller sold the shop fittings to William Kronk, a Harpers Ferry jeweller who leased the Burton store for a period of time. Sanborn maps for 1912 and 1922, which show the Park Building 14 property as a jewelry store, support that belief. However, a

²⁰Ibid, July 31, 1906, p2c3; October 22, 1907, p1c6.

²¹Virginia Free Press, July 27, 1911, p5c3;
Spirit of Jefferson, July 4, 1911, p3c2.

newspaper account of William Howard Burton's death stated:

"He was a silver smith by trade and at one time conducted a shop on High Street in Harpers Ferry. He continued with the work to some extent at his home up until the time of his death."²²

Kronk operated a jewelry store on Shenandoah Street for some time. His exact tenure in that store is unknown, but it is certain he was in business in 1915. Just when Kronk moved his store into Park Building 14 is unknown, but documentation shows he vacated the building in 1923. The November 3, 1923, Farmers Advocate reported Kronk " . . . moved his jewelry and watch repair shop across the street to the building formerly known as the Wentzell cigar store. . . " which had been moved from the end of High Street just below Shenandoah Street. In January of 1923, Leo O'Bierne purchased the Wentzell Cigar shop and moved it to a lot on High Street, roughly across from Park Building 14.²³

Little information has been found documenting the use of Park Building 14 after Kronk vacated it. The October 4, 1928, Spirit of Jefferson stated that Mr. C. L. Sexton of Loudoun County, Virginia,

²²Information collected by Park Librarian Hilda Staubs from Lenora S. Martin, granddaughter of Alfred Burton. Correspondence dated August 7, 1979;

Spirit of Jefferson, March 9, 1915, p5c2. The item documents an burglary attempt at Kronk's jewelry store, specifying it was located next door to Wentzell's cigar shop. At that time Wentzell's cigar shop was located on Shenandoah Street at its junction with High Street.

Ibid, January 17, 1929, plc1. William Howard Burton's obituary also revealed he had been in failing health for several years but was able to do his own work and attend his plants, vegetables and flowers during the summer, as well as continue maintaining his beehives.

²³Farmer's Advocate, November 3, 1923, plc5. The Wentzell Cigar Store was former Park Building 2 (The Gospel Chapel), removed by the Park Service in 1957;

Personal Communication with Mrs. Isabel Kern Flanagan, August, 1992, which confirmed the Kronk jewelry store was in a small building immediately uphill from present Park Building 3.

Farmers's Advocate, January 6, 1923, plc1.

had purchased the property which was formerly the High Street grocery store of the late Leo O'Bierne. The item went on to say that Sexton currently " . . . operates a meat market in the Burton Building opposite the O'Bierne Building." Leo O'Bierne had a grocery store in Park Building 37, directly opposite Park Building 14, placing Sexton's meat shop in Park Building 14 in 1928. The sale of Park Building 37 to Sexton was not formalized, however, and where he conducted his business subsequent to October 1928 is unknown. However, in November 1928 the Spirit of Jefferson noted that Mr. Charles Scheutze, a former meat shop proprietor in Harpers Ferry, returned to town and opened a meat shop in the Burton Building " . . . formerly occupied by Sedton [sic] and Butts." Four months later the Spirit of Jefferson revealed that Mr. Chas. Schultze [sic] of Harpers Ferry, " . . . who has been conducting a meat market in the Burton Building on High Street has moved across the street to the Jones building which has been used as a pool room until recently." That was the last instance in which a reference to the "Burton Building" was found in the local press.²⁴

The 1933 Sanborn Fire insurance map showed the building in use for storage. No further uses of the building prior to its sale to the State of West Virginia in 1954 have been determined.

²⁴Spirit of Jefferson, October 4, 1928, p1c1;
JCC Deed Book 131, p.355, Agreement to Purchase, Chester L. Sexton to Charles Scheutze, October 24, 1928. This deed identifies equipment in the market in the Burton Building;
Spirit of Jefferson, November 8, 1928, p8c3; March 7, 1929, p1c1.

APPENDIX I

JCC, DEED BOOK C, P.75, DEED OF TRUST
ALFRED BURTON TO WILLIAM ANDERSON
APRIL 29, 1875

[T R A N S C R I P T I O N]

"This Deed, made this 29th of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Five by Alfred Burton of Bolivar in the County of Jefferson and the State of West Virginia Witnesseth: Whereas the said Alfred Burton is justly indebted unto Henry A. Burton, of Charles Town, in above said County and State, in the sum of Six Hundred and fifty dollars (650\$) as evidenced by a bond of even date herewith, payable with interest, Twelve months after the date hereof, and being desirous of securing the payment of said debt, Now therefore said Alfred Burton, to grant unto William E. Anderson of Bolivar in the County and State aforesaid, as trustee of the following personal property now in Harpers Ferry and Bolivar, in the aforesaid County and State namely to Wit: One Iron Safe, One Show Case, One time piece Regulator, One Watch Bench, One Watch Pivot Lathe, One American Lathe, One Pair of Silver Smith Rolls, One Foot Lathe, One pair of Fairbanks Counter Scales, One Spring Wagon with pole and shafts, One Sulkey, One sleigh and three strings of Bells, One Hay Cutter, One set of Carpenters Tools consisting, saws, plaines, Squares, Chizels, Brace, Bitts, benches, Carving Knives, and all the tools in line belonging to said Alfred Burton, one Oriental base burning stove, One of Adams hand writing press and twenty-four fonts of type, One four horse-power machine, one corn sheller, One cow, One Heifer, One double Barrel Rifle, Three Cambines Rifles, one Sewing Machines (sic), Lyon and Finkle Make, One Book Case, two Writing desks, One large Bench Vice, Two Small Bench Vices, One large Grindstone, Haywood and Bartlett, Pattent, Sixty stands of Bees.

One Tall corner Clock, three Jam Plates, or stock and dies and taps, one Shovel Plow, One horse Bar - shear Plough. One Harrow, One Set of Watch Tools, One set of Watch Glass Draws, One Case of small draws for Watch Materials to have and to hold said hereby granted property..."

EDITORIAL FROM SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON, November 5, 1878

[T R A N S C R I P T I O N]

"Mr. Burton, the Jeweller of Harper's Ferry, has a singular sort of mechanical contrivance in his store window, from which hangs half a dozen watches--some of them old-fashioned family watches, as big and stout as dutchmen filled with lager beer--some as small almost as ten cent pieces--like little babies following their fat papas, and this contrivance keeps continually going round at the same solemn, blind horse rate--no variations, no check, no change of time. Citizens are beginning to complain of this; they say it is having a bad effect on the brain of people who are obliged to look in the window. We certainly think that Mr. Burton, if he cannot give some variety to the movements of this machine of his, ought to remove it. What would Mr. Burton think and say, and do if--after paying his five cents for a look at a short panorama, that instead of ever changing views, the same old Mount Vesuvius, or Gen. Scott on his white charger, was revolving round? Why! He'd smash the show and knock down the dirty-faced Italian that managed it!

We are told that history repeats itself: that the civilization of the 19th century recalls that of Rome, that that of Rome recalls that of Greece, that that of Greece recalls that of Egypt, and so on. But then it will be remembered that one man has never been called on to observe and endure such a recurrence...Under all these circumstances, we really think that if Mr. Burton cannot give some variety to the movements of this machine of his the way we have described, he ought incontinently to remove it."

APPENDIX III

CHAIN OF TITLE - WL 15SB1

October 12, 1857

JCC Deed Book 37 p.308. Deed of Bargain and Sale. Ann C. Stephenson to Alfred Burton

March 23, 1860

JCC Deed Book 39, p.166. Deed of Trust. Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to Joseph Claggett and Solomon V. Yantis.

April 29, 1875

JCC Deed Book C, p.75. Deed of Trust. Alfred Burton to William E. Anderson (for Henry Burton). Peronal property only. Real estate excluded.

April 29, 1875

JCC Deed book C, p.92. Deed of Trust. Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to James T. Reed and William E. Anderson.

March 2, 1878

JCC Deed Book F, p.207. Deed of Bargain and Sale. James T. Reed and Joseph D. Holmes to Henry A. Burton. Includes building and personal property.

August 29, 1888

JCC Deed Book S, p.243. Deed of Bargain and Sale. Henry A. and Margaret V. Burton to Sarah C. Burton.

May 30, 1992

JCC Release Book 3, p.328. Release. James T. Reed and William E. Anderson to Alfred Burton.

June 10, 1926

JCC Deed Book 127, p.350. Bargain and Sale. Special Commissioners Forrest W. Brown and James M. Mason, Jr. to Clara V. Sponseller. Case in chancery, Howard Burton vs. Clara V. Sponseller, October 11, 1923.

April 22, 1950

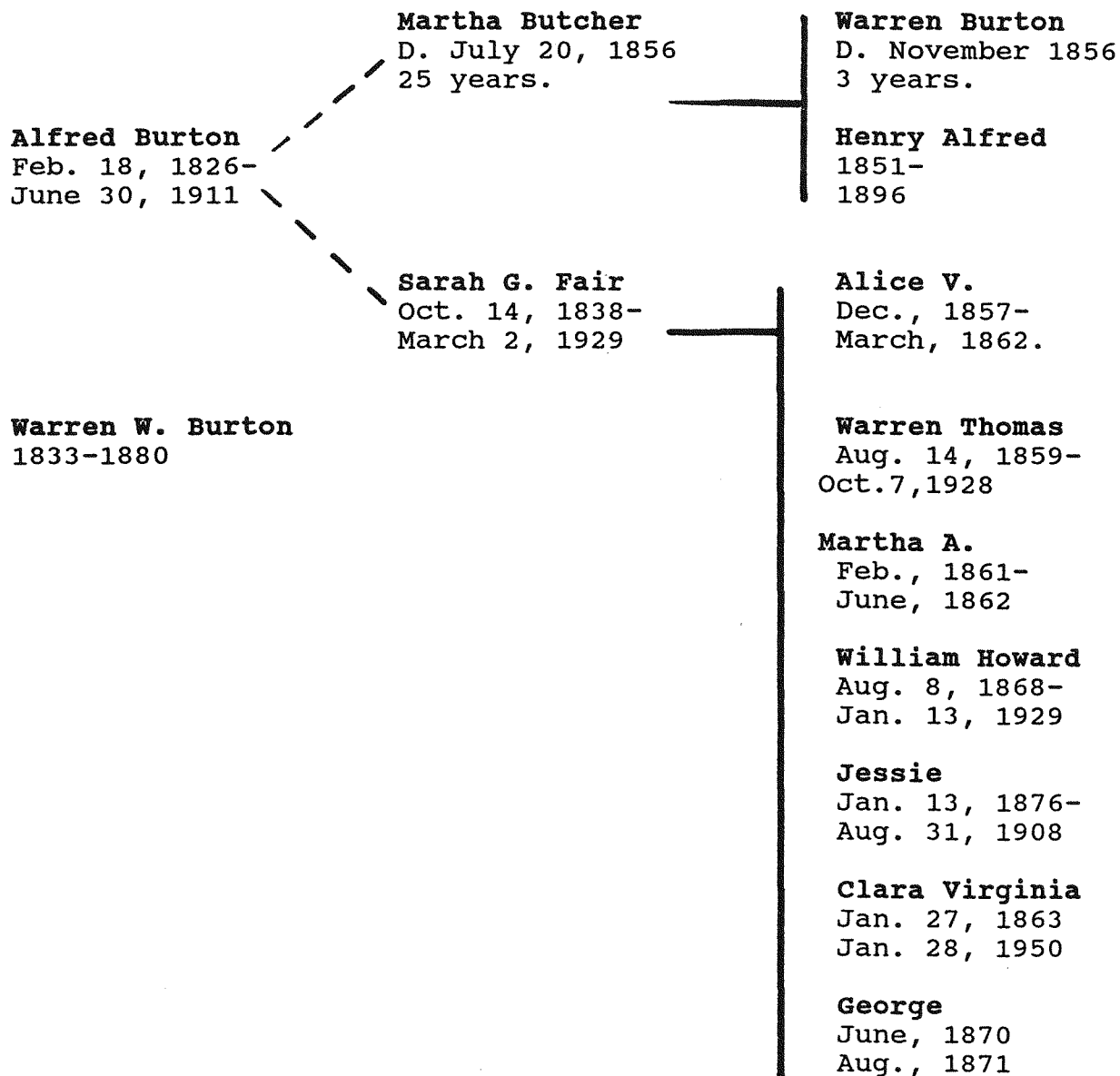
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THE BURTON FAMILY

Burton Family tombstone information from Fairview Cemetery,
Bolivar.



Alfred Burton - Biographical Sketch

Alfred Burton was born on February 13, 1826, in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. He and his wife, Martha Butcher Burton, came to Harpers Ferry in 1852, after their first child, Henry Alfred, was born. About the same time his younger brother, Warren W. Burton, established himself in the jewelry business in Charles Town. A long-time resident of Bolivar, Alfred Burton first purchased property there in 1855. Martha died in 1856 at the age of twenty-five after having borne two sons, one of whom, Warren E. Burton, died in November 1856.²⁵

In January 1857 Alfred Burton wed Sarah C. Fair in Baltimore. The new Mrs. Burton was from Harpers Ferry, listed in the 1850 census as a 13 year-old in the "Mosie" (believed to be "Mauzy") household on Virginus Island. Her relationship to the Mauzy family has not been determined. Alfred and Sarah Burton had nine children, four of whom died in infancy or early childhood. The surviving five were sons, Warren Thomas and William Howard, and daughters, Clara Virginia, Hattie and Jessie.²⁶

Alfred Burton purchased a small portion of WL 15SB1, the future site of park Bldg. 14, in 1857. In 1860 he and Sarah put that property and the Bolivar property into trust to secure a \$400 note payable to his brother Warren. The fact that four lots were encumbered to secure a \$400 debt suggests the lots did not hold structures. As regards the Harpers Ferry lot, WL15 SB1, there is no evidence indicating the existence any structure on the site until after the Civil War. An 1864 sketch of High Street fails to depict the store. Entries in Burton's store ledger book--purchase of a table safe and a stove in early 1868--and a May 1868 account of a burglary at his store attest to his being in business then, but nothing until 1875 locates his store on the WL 15SB1 site. In

²⁵Some Burton family data comes from tombstones in Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar;

Reel 137, Ninth Census (1870), p.48 of Harpers Ferry;
Virginia Free Press, July 27, 1911, p5c3 (Alfred Burton obituary).

²⁶Reel 248, Seventh Census (1850), p.403B of Harpers Ferry. The name "Fair" appeared only in that census at Harpers Ferry. In addition to Sarah Fair's listing in the "Mosie" household, there were Thomas Fair (30) and Rebecca Fair (28) listed in a large Bolivar household headed by Henry Lee (53) (Ibid, p. 401B of Bolivar).

Reel 137, Ninth Census (1870), p.48 of Harpers Ferry;

Burton Family tombstones, Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar, WV. Only one of Burton's sons, Henry Alfred, is known to have married. All three surviving daughters were married: Clara Virginia to Edgar Randolph "Dolph" Sponseller, Hattie to Daniel "Gus" Stewart, and Jessie to Joseph M. Jones.

Virginia Free Press, February 12, 1857, p2c6. Alfred and Sarah were married in Baltimore on January 23, 1857. Accounts of the Burton's Golden Wedding anniversary celebration appeared in local newspapers in November 1906 (Harpers Ferry Times, November 23, 1906, p5c2; Spirit of Jefferson, November 6, 1906, p3c2).

fact, an entry in his ledger reflects payment for $\frac{1}{2}$ year's rent, July 1869 to January 1870, on premises at 600 Fayette Street (presumably Baltimore).²⁷

Local newspapers reveal that Alfred Burton was active in Harpers Ferry/Bolivar political and community affairs for many years. He attended a convention of the "Opposition Party" for Jefferson County in April 1859, and eight years later was a delegate to the Union Convention of the 11th Senatorial District held in Shepherdstown. The following year he was identified with "Radical Machine" county nominations. Although associated with opposition or radical causes, he achieved numerous civic offices, including Justice of the Peace, Board of Education Trustee, Delegate to State Republican Party Convention, Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery, Temporary Chairman Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee, Election Official Harpers Ferry District #2, nomination for School Commissioner on the Republican ticket, and as his last major public office, Truant Officer for the Harpers Ferry District.²⁸

A long-time Mason, Odd Fellow, and member of the Knights of Pythias, he frequently held office in those organizations. He was also an ardent--and apparently skillful and successful--beekeeper. The newspapers carried frequent mention of receiving a "cap" of honey from Burton.²⁹

²⁷Deed Book 39, p.166, Deed of Trust. Alfred and Sarah C. Burton to Joseph Claggett and Solomon V. Yantis, March 23, 1860. Deed references property previously purchased by Burton in Bolivar;

Alfred Burton Store Ledger, museum collection, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park;

Carol Petravage, "Historic Furnishings Report, Burton Jewelry Store, Building 14, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, November 1990," pp.4,5; also Figure 1, pp.50,51.

²⁸Virginia Free Press, April 14, 1857, p2c3; August 22, 1867, p2c3;
Spirit of Jefferson, July 7, 1867, p2c2;
Virginia Free Press, February 24, 1872, p2c2; August 21, 1875, p3c1;
Spirit of Jefferson, July 11, 1876, p3c1;
Virginia Free Press, August 9, 1879, p3c2;
Spirit of Jefferson, May 29, 1883, p3c2;
Virginia Free Press, September 20, 1888, p3c2;
Virginia Free Press, October 26, 1892, p2c6;
Farmers Advocate, October 22, 1898, p2c1;
Spirit of Jefferson, September 4, 1900, p2c1;
Harpers Ferry Times, May 19, 1905, p4c1;
Farmers Advocate, July 28, 1906, p2c4.

²⁹Virginia Free Press, April 29, 1869, p3c3 (this item reported that the Circuit Court has named A. Burton as a Trustee of Harpers Ferry, Virginia Lodge No. 1, IOOF); July 29, 1869, p3c2 (this item named Alfred Burton as an officer of Harpers Ferry Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 25); April 29, 1882, p3c2 (Burton was elected Treasurer of the Association of Beekeepers of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia); November 10, 1897, p3c3.

Alfred Burton's occupation was listed as watchmaker in the 1870 census (the first census in which the family appeared). The 1880 census listing for the Burton family showed son Thomas W. Burton (known as Warren Thomas) also as a watchmaker/jeweler. Burton's oldest son, Henry A., became a successful and respected merchant in Charles Town, where he kept a jewelry shop from April 1874 until his death in 1890. Several volumes of the *West Virginia Gazetteer*, a guide to businesses in the state, carried listings for Alfred Burton; in 1891/92 issue he was listed as "Apiarist," in 1895-96 as "Jeweller," in 1898-99 as "Jeweller," in 1902-3 as "watchmaker" with an accompanying listing for W. Albert Burton as "Apiarist," and in 1912-13 as "Honey Dealer" and W. Albert Burton as "Apiarist." The last listing reflected a time-lag between data acquisition and publication as Alfred Burton died in July 1911.³⁰

In October 1888 Mrs. Annie Harrington died at the home of her son, Alfred Burton. Obituaries stated she was 79, thus agreeing with the dates on her tombstone of April 28, 1809, to October 6, 1888. No more is known of Mrs. Harrington, who was not listed in any local census.³¹

Family correspondence reveals that during the winter 1897-1898 Alfred Burton suffered from rheumatism so badly that "we have to cut his food up for him" and that he also had "dropsy" which made a foot and leg swell badly. A newspaper item in November 1897 affirmed the rheumatic condition in a report that "Mr. A. Burton who has been almost helpless in his hands since last April due to rheumatism" had been thrown from a wagon when a wheel detached and had suffered a dislocated shoulder. Alfred Burton was likely unable to continue his watch repair trade during that time, and it is not known whether he ever resumed it. The spell of poor health did not daunt him, however, as he continued extremely active through the turn of the century and during the first decade of the

³⁰Reel 137, Ninth Census (1870), p.48 of Harpers Ferry;

Reel 138, Tenth Census (1880) p.6 of Harpers Ferry;

[Indices to the 1860 Census for areas adjacent to Harpers Ferry and Bolivar, including Virginia, Maryland and Baltimore City, were searched for evidence of the Alfred Burton family. None was found. Careful examination of the Jefferson County 1860 census did reveal a listing for Warren Burton, age 27, a jeweller from Rhode Island, together with Sarah, age 25, and Ella, age 4.]

Spirit of Jefferson, December 4, 1883, p2c3;

Will Book A, p. 435, Will of Henry Burton;

Farmers Advocate, March 12, 1910, plc4 (recalls death "20 years ago" of Henry A. Burton);

West Virginia State Gazetteer & Business Directory, volumes for 1891-2, 1895-6, 1898-9, 1902-3, 1912-13, Manuscript Collection, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC, photocopies in HAFE library. The listing of "W. Albert" is a bit mysterious; no individual of that name has been identified.

³¹Virginia Free Press, October 11, 1888, p3c4.

twentieth century.³²

Alfred Burton died three days after an appendectomy at Martinsburg City Hospital in June 1911. Due to his advanced age (85) and a heart condition, he had endured the surgery without benefit of anesthetic. The funeral included Masonic and I.O.O.F. rites. His wife, Sarah, lived on until 1920, when she died at her Bolivar home.³³

Alfred and Sarah's son Henry A., like his father a member of Virginia Lodge, I.O.O.F. of Harpers Ferry, died in March 1890. Warren Thomas Burton moved west, and died in Powell, Wyoming, in 1928 (although newspaper accounts state "Billings, Montana"). William Howard Burton, only twelve years old in 1880, eventually followed in his father's footsteps, assuming proprietorship of the Harpers Ferry store business, first in its Building 14 location and later from the family home in Bolivar. According to his 1929 obituary, William Howard also engaged in bee-keeping and gardening at the family home.³⁴

Beginning in 1957 and continuing through 1980, Burton descendants Alfred Sponseller and Lenora Sponseller Martin (children of Clara Virginia Burton Sponseller, 1863-1950) were generous in sharing family artifacts, papers, and lore with Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Photographs, watch-making tools and equipment, and the Burton store ledger, contributed immeasurably to the faithful restoration of Park Building 14, the Burton Jewelry Store.

³²Letter dated January 13, 1898, Jessie [Jones] to "My Dear Brother" [Warren Thomas Burton].

Virginia Free Press, November 10, 1897, p3c3. The newspapers carried frequent mention of Burton until his 1911 death; consult the HAFE History for further details.

³³Virginia Free Press, July 27, 1911, p5c3;

Spirit of Jefferson, July 4, 1911, p3c2;

Farmers Advocate, March 13, 1920, plc1. Mrs. Burton's obituary noted she had been a member of the Rebecca Auxiliary of the I.O.O.F.

³⁴Spirit of Jefferson, October 18, 1928, plc1. William Howard Burton's tombstone in Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar, WV, records that he died in Powell, Wyoming. The discrepancy between that and the newspaper obituaries is perhaps explained by the fact that Powell (probably a small town in the 1920s) lies about 70 miles south-southwest of Billings, Montana, and the death was reported in Billings papers. Ibid, January 17, 1929, plc1.

APPENDIX V

EXCERPT FROM BURTON STORE LEDGER

Burton Ledger - Building 14

A Partial Transcription

Page from 1881 Catalogue for W. B. Clapp, Young & Co., suppliers of watch and possibly clock parts.

Entry dated ? 1, 1870 --"Alfred Burton Esq. To Asa Higgins Esq, For half years Groundrent on premises No. 600 Fayette Street from July 1 to January 1, 1870 at \$136 Dollars per annum. \$68.00
Respectfully yours, Asa Higgins
No. 53 North Carey Street Baltimore
Next Adjoining St. Lukes Church"

Receipt -- "Rec Harpers ferry Jany 29th 1881 of Mr. S Burton sixty dollars and fifty cents in full of account from 1865 By settlement to date Tho M Beale"

Envelope from Hirshberg, Hullander & Co., Importers and Manufacturers of Painters & Artists Supplies, Baltimore MD, to H.A. Burton, Harpers Ferry, dated June 6, 1893.

Recipe -- "S.S. Proportions 2 dwts of Choloride of Zink(sic) and 1/2 Ounce of Alcohol / Tempering(?) Equal parts of Salt Water and Acetic acid"

Discount card for Benj. Allen & Co., 141 & 143 State Street, Chicago, Illinois, for 1894 catalogue. Catalog includes watches, jewelry, silver ware, silver hollow ware, clocks, optical goods, etc.

Entry -- "C.P. McKnight dealer in printing Int, No. 211 E. Lombard, Baltimore Md. / Dufur & Co. 113 Howard St. Dealer in wire [?] Baltimore Md."

Entry -- "Check on the United States for 767 39/100 No. 4268 / Draft K1392) / Registered Sep. 17th 1873 Payable to E. W. Willson, attorney in fact"

Entry -- "Doc Ranson

Instrument fix	25
spring in lock	25
ten pounds half of honey	210
Mr Smith Doctor Bill cash	225
Clock oiled	25
Clean the BanBov[?] Clock	100
Clean 24 hour weight Clock	100
two cr in a coffee Mill	25"

Page before p. 1

James Holt	1 Hog	1500
	4 Hogs	1000
J. Mills bot of J. Holt		225
8 ? of Pork at ?		127
2 calf Hides		250
Pork	Paid	45
May 12 J Holt		696
May 26 2 Sheep 1 ????		260
1 Lamb skin		50
June 2 1868	Paid John Mills	507

Page 1. -- at top of page "James W. Homes & Co. Dr."
page of entries follows:

Oct. 10	To 5.28 bls Iron?	\$15.84
	James Watson lot of L. Mills	
	Dec. 15, 1865 Pick shovel crow bar	
	Digging iron	1.50
	2 keys by G. Tacey	1.00
	1 lock and key by G. tacey	1.50
	205 Working iron at 2 1/2	5.12 1/2
	May 3 45 lbs of Canvas	5.00
	May 17 anvil hammer and lo?	15.00
	cash 5 gal?	?
	a lot of iron	<u>1.41</u>
		30.53
		5
		25.53
1868		
Feb'y 3rd	to one Iron Chain	10.25
	Paid 13 March 13, 1868 John Mills	30.78
1868 Jan 10	1 Reurou?	7.00
Do	Table safe and lo	<u>6.75</u>
	Cash	13.75
1868 April 3	1 Stove	<u>9.00</u>
		17.75
May 28	11 1/2 98 cent? Paid	2.07
June 22	1 Collor(sic)	.50
July 11	list? of G. Whatson 25/1/4 4/1/2	1.13
August 3	1 Pair of Gloves	3.00
August 8	bought 66 of waste at 8 cents	<u>5.28</u>
		9.41
do	old iron 154 at 3 1/4	<u>1.15</u>
	John Mills indebted to Mr. Whatson	10.56
August 11	Mr. James Whatson indebted to J. Mills	<u>17.75</u>
		7.19
August 21	Wool 23 at 35	.85

Paid 5 Dollor
 Mr. James Whatson indebted [figures
 Paid J. Mills . scratched out]

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A. Kelly 20 of working iron at 3 .60

Mix & keep dry
 12 lbs of dry Sand
 2 oz. Saltpeter
 4 oz. Sulphate of Iron
 6 oz. of fine Salt
 Lot Restori S (?)
 use Little of the Saltpeter
 if the S. is too hot cool it
 off, heat again to a cherry Red
 Sprinkle a little of the compound
 on, & cool off

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John Correll October 30, 1867

	Bot of J. Mills 12 W iron at 3	.45
	1 a & e	.10
	July 6, 1867 1 cast weel(?)	.15
1868	Do 61 of Work iron at 3	1.83
Febr 21st	to one Iron Handle	.06 1/2
June 23	bolts 8 at 2	<u>.24</u>
June 26	Paid John Mills	2.63

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June 3 1868 (?) of bar 29 Dewey Vance 8 to Iron
 Wrote Iron 15508 last 2000
 Short 978 Paid

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June 20	John Mcfarland shiped a car No 1135	
	Least iron 7 290 wrought iron	43.00 (?)
	light iron Lead zink	
		83.52
		<u>4.50</u>
		58.02
	No of bar (car?) 1575	
Aug 26	Cast 4500 [struck out] 4600 Loss	7.20 5
	Lead 245 wrote 12000 chain(?)	
	No of le ar(?) 1462	
Octo 13	least 16[struck out] 8150	4000

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July 27	20 horse shoes at 5	100
August 10	5 horse shoes at 5	25
Set 8	4 horse shoes at 5	20

The preceding entries were made in a variety of hands in a brownish black colored ink. On page 7, the ink changes to a purplish color and the handwriting seems more consistent. From page 8 on, brownish black ink and purplish ink are both used, but the entries are listed in a consistent and orderly manner indicating that they belong to one business concern. I believe that Alfred Burton began the entries for his shop on page 7. Perhaps he was reusing an old ledger that belonged to someone else.

Page 7 (Probably the beginning of Burton entries)

Harpers Ferry West Va. Jan 6th/69

	checks		No of watches	\$ cts
"	147	Cleand	14097	1.50
16		Cleand	41639	1.50
"	77	Put in order & fix the case	3440	1.75
18	94	Glass & hand	<u>22522</u>	.65
			4510	
19	"	Daniel J. Young	36982	4.00
		Cleans two watches & mainspring		
"	paper	Joe. Edemer	15766	
		center Post		1.00
21	"	Cleand	5128	1.50
22	90	Glass & hands	74228	1.00
			8045	
23		Mainspring	<u>6006</u>	1.50
			17727	
25	DL	Glass	20127	.35
"	1.47	Glass & hand	46439	.60
			20604	
30	"	Cleand	14981	1.50
"	"	Cleand	1859	1.50
		J.J. Kerns		

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Harpers Ferry West Va. February 1st 1869

	Days checks		No of watches	\$ cts
2	"	Thomas Carter	313	1.50
		Mainspring		
4	paper	Rep 1 Watch Q.T.(?)	<u>313</u>	1.50
			40	
"	"	Patrick Mugrin(?)	14981	1.50
		Cleand		
6	"	Cleand & Glass & Key	44893	.70

"	"	Mr. Grubb	49803	1.50
		Cleand		
"	"	Hing & Glass & hang(?) & Cleand	3658	3.50
"	94	Hands & Glass & center Pinn(?)	6661	2.50
		hairspring(mainspring?)		
8	"	M. Treeps Cleand	39139	1.50
10	"	Cleand & Glass	224	1.85
20	"	Mrs. Filling		
		Glass & hand (?)	6661	1.50
22	"	Repair mainspring drum	6684	1.00
"	90	Cleand	42033	1.50
			42305	
25	"	Glass (?)	4111	.75
		Mr. Verte check not fetch in		
27	paper	Cleand	39032	1.50

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Harpers Ferry West Virginia feby 27th/1867

Days checks		No of Watches	S cts
Feb27	147 Cleand	1047	1.50
		32053	
"	96 Cleand	50010	1.50
"	" James T. Reed	2208	ows 1.00
	Thunfrica(??)		
"	paper Mr. S.G. Smith	3191	1.50
	Put in order		
"	7 Hairspring	5030	1.00
"	" Mr. Bracket	15069	.75
	Clock (Click?)		
"	94 Mainspring	1854	1.50
28	" Mr. Finley	12781	1.50
	Cleand		
March 26	" Daniel Boyls	23378	1.50
	Cleand	12338	
29th	" John Gribbey	20127	1.50
	Mainspring not paid		
30	147 Escape Wheel Rep	22401	1.50
30	paper Henry Beymer	15038	2.00
	Mainspring & C. (?)		
"	" Put in order	8514	1.00
		32993	
April 3	" Mr. Conway	46340	1.25
	Chang hairspring & Glass		

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Harper's Ferry W. Va. April [sic] 6th/69

	checks	No of watches	\$ cts
Apr 6th	147 Mr. W. Tales	46130	1.50
	Mainspring		
"	" Mr. A. Riley	1518	1.50
	Cleand		
"	" Mr. Ketzner	1613	3.50
	Two hole jewel & Mainspring		
Apr 7th	Cylinder, Clean, Glass, Second	31869	5.00
	Verge		2.00
9 paper	Put in order	30147	1.50
10	" William Chambers	37185	1.50
	Hing		
"	" Click	47794	1.15
"	" Ballence & Two Pivots	8536	3.00
"	" Mr. Fox	21328	ows 3.00
	Cleand & Pivot		
13	" Three Jewels & Pivot	65	5.00
"	P.L. Alter the Escapment	47366	1.50
15th	A.L. John J. Stevens	13927	1.50
	Mainspring		
17	P.L. S. Collis	23125	ows 1.50
	Mainspring	5763	

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Harper's Ferry West Virginia Apr' 30 1869

	1869 check	No of watches	\$ cts
Apr 20th	S.L. Cleand	5018	1.50
" 28	Click wheel	26390	1.50
May 1	" Cleand	13525	1.50
"	" Mr. Engle	9039	1.50
	Cleand		
" 97	Harispring	136761	1.00
" paper	Cleand	28320	1.50
" paper	Put in order	128702	2.75
"	" Cleand	2907	1.50
5 paper	Cleand	108688	1.50
"	" Mainspring	31958	1.50
" paper	Put in order	20202	1.25
7 96	Fetch in Ratchet wheel	4933	check paid 1.00
8	" Hairspring alter & Glass	38826	.75
13 28	Mainspring	6148	1.50
		12905	
"	" Alter hairspring & Glass	88095	.85

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Harper's Ferry W. Virginia May 18th/69

	check	No of watches	\$ c/.
May 18 89	Cleand	36286	1.50
	Mr. Kirwan		
" paper	Cleand	10332	2.00
20 paper	Casespring & hand &c(?)	24936	2.00
		18644	
22 E.L.	Mainspring	8060	1.50
24 89	Clickspring	5561	1.00
		8839	
94	Clenad & hands Glass &c	47938	2.50
31 paper	Over Bank	58806	.75
June 1st"	Cleand	28164	1.50
" "	Capjewel & Cleand	15	1.50
" "	Put in order	13	1.50
9 "	Mainspring & hand	28178	1.75
11 "	Cleand &c	1771	1.75
12 paper	Mainspring	14393	1.50
" "	Mainspring	15335	1.50

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Harpers Ferry W Va. June 10th 1869

Date	check	No watches	\$ c/
11th	Paper Put in order	1558	.75
11	" Thomas McManus	13310	1.75
	Pioivot[sic] & hand		
"	Paper Cleand	88095	1.50
"	Paper Put in order	2013	1.00
"	Paper Chain Hook	2549	.75
"	S.L. Glass & hands	10	1.10
"	Paper Alter Hairspring	71	.50
16	7 Cleand	24864	1.50
	Paper O. Higgins	4878	Paid 50c 1.50
	Mainspring	Rec'd paymt	1.00
18	Paper Mainspring	21951	1.50
"	Paper Cleand	276	1.50
20	Paper Glass	47910	.35
26	Paper Cleand	1616	1.50
"	Paper Cleand & click	68154	2.50

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Harper's Ferry W. Fa. July 7th/69

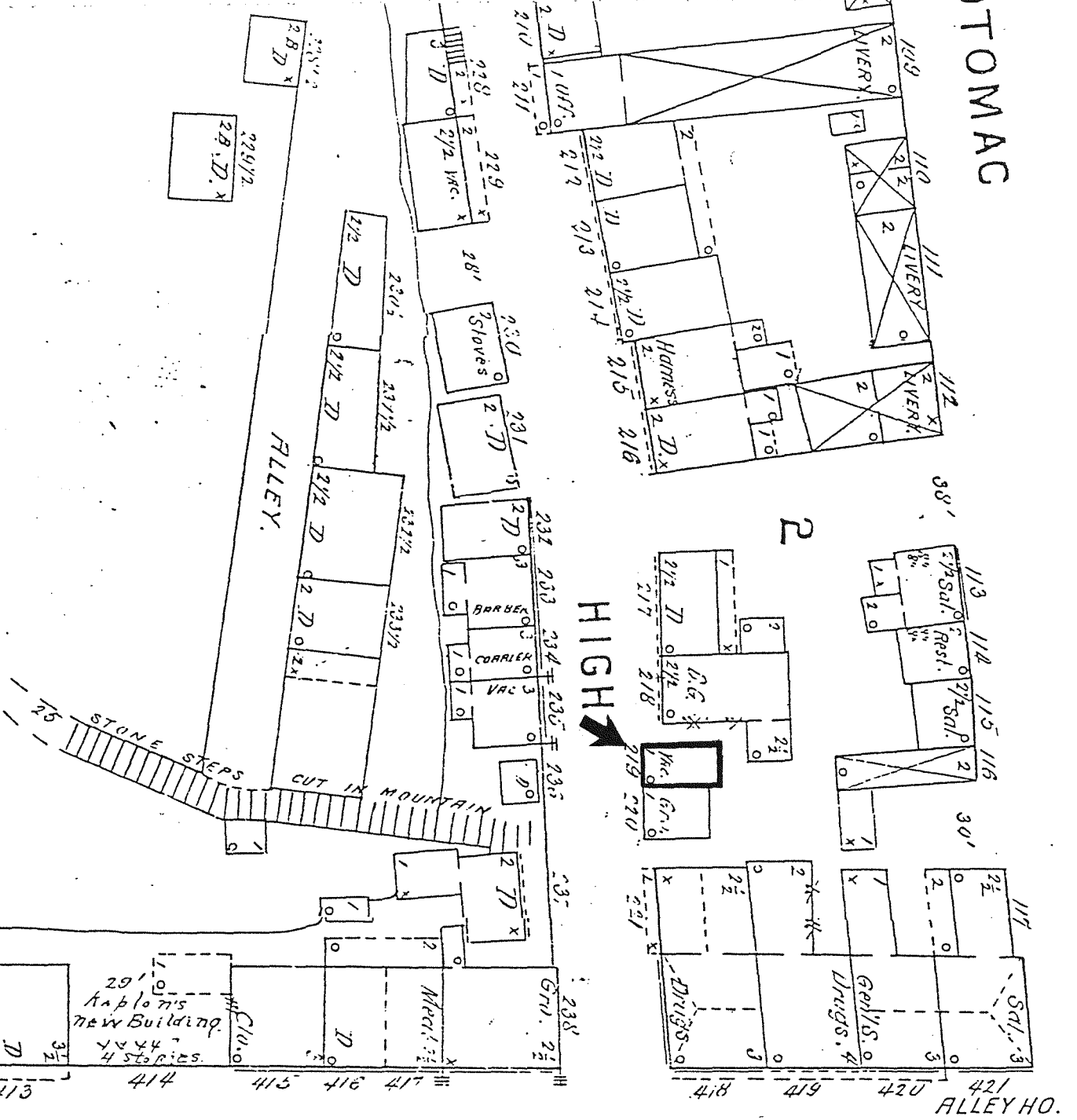
date	check	No of watches	\$ cts
July 7	Edward Weeks	2679	1.50
	put in order		
" 9	Higgins (Colored)	40561	Paid 1.00
	Run to fast		

APPENDIX VI

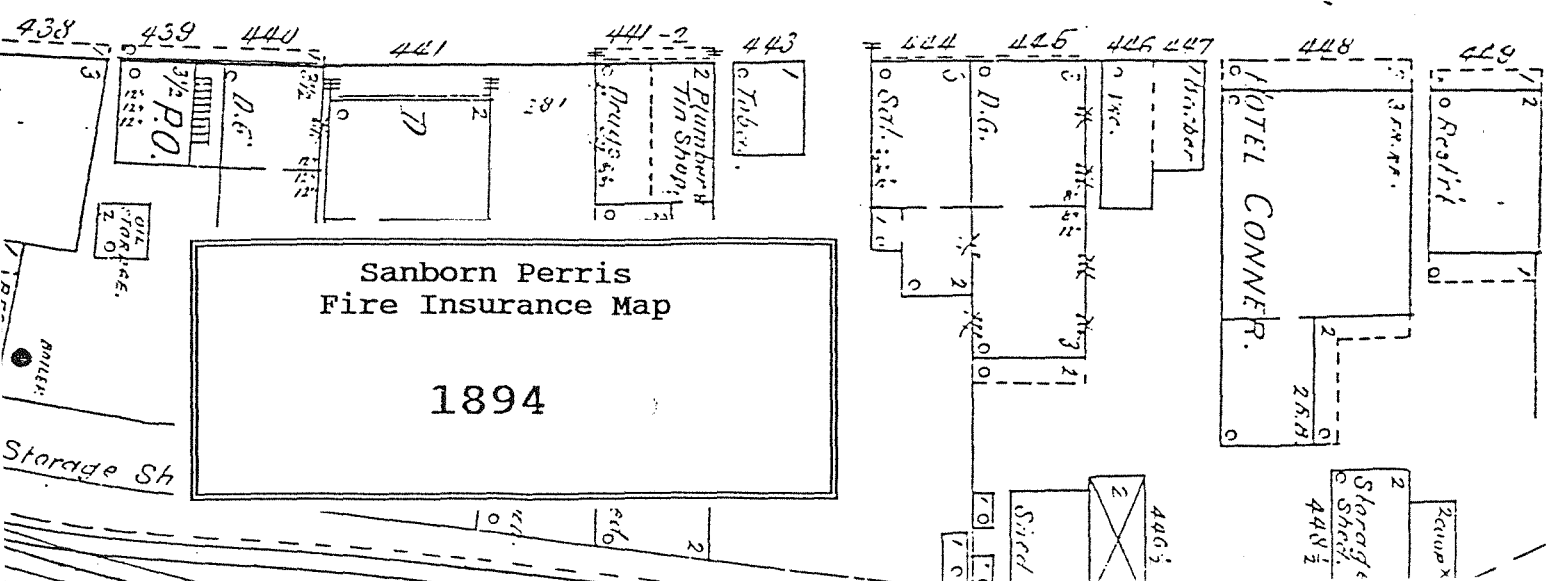
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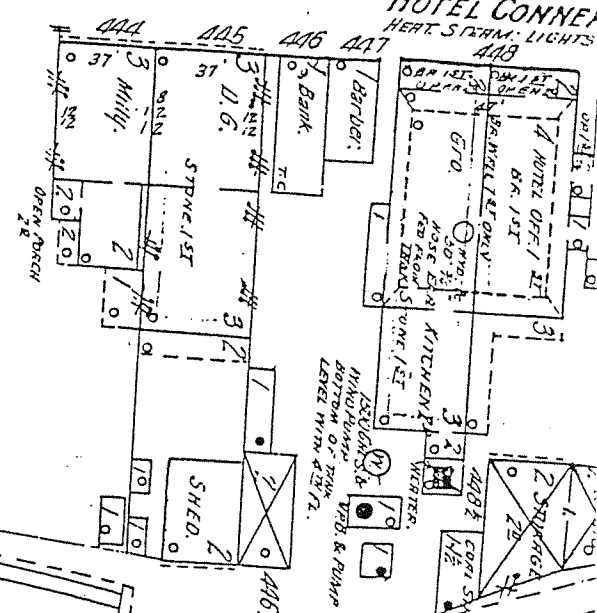
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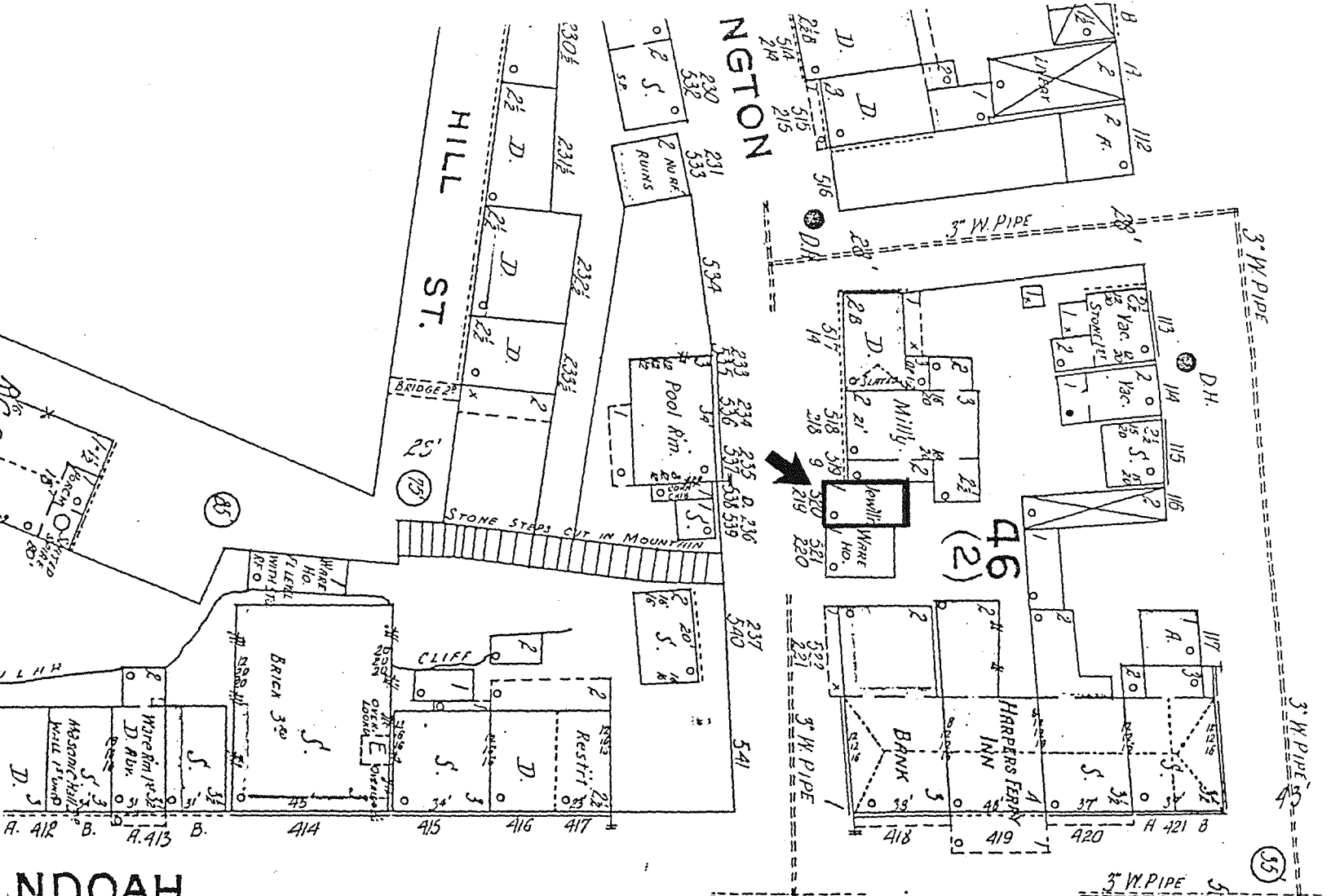
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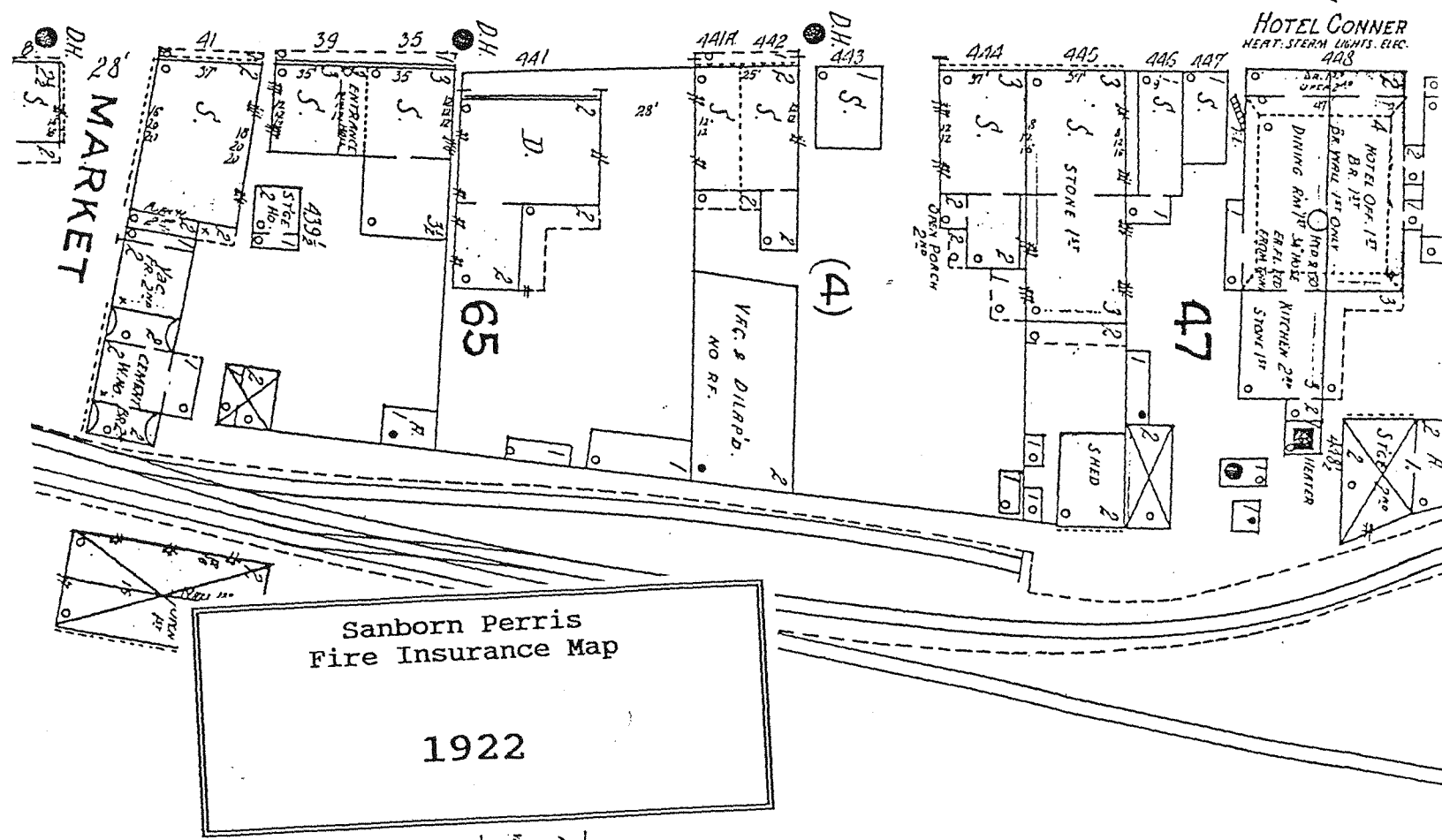
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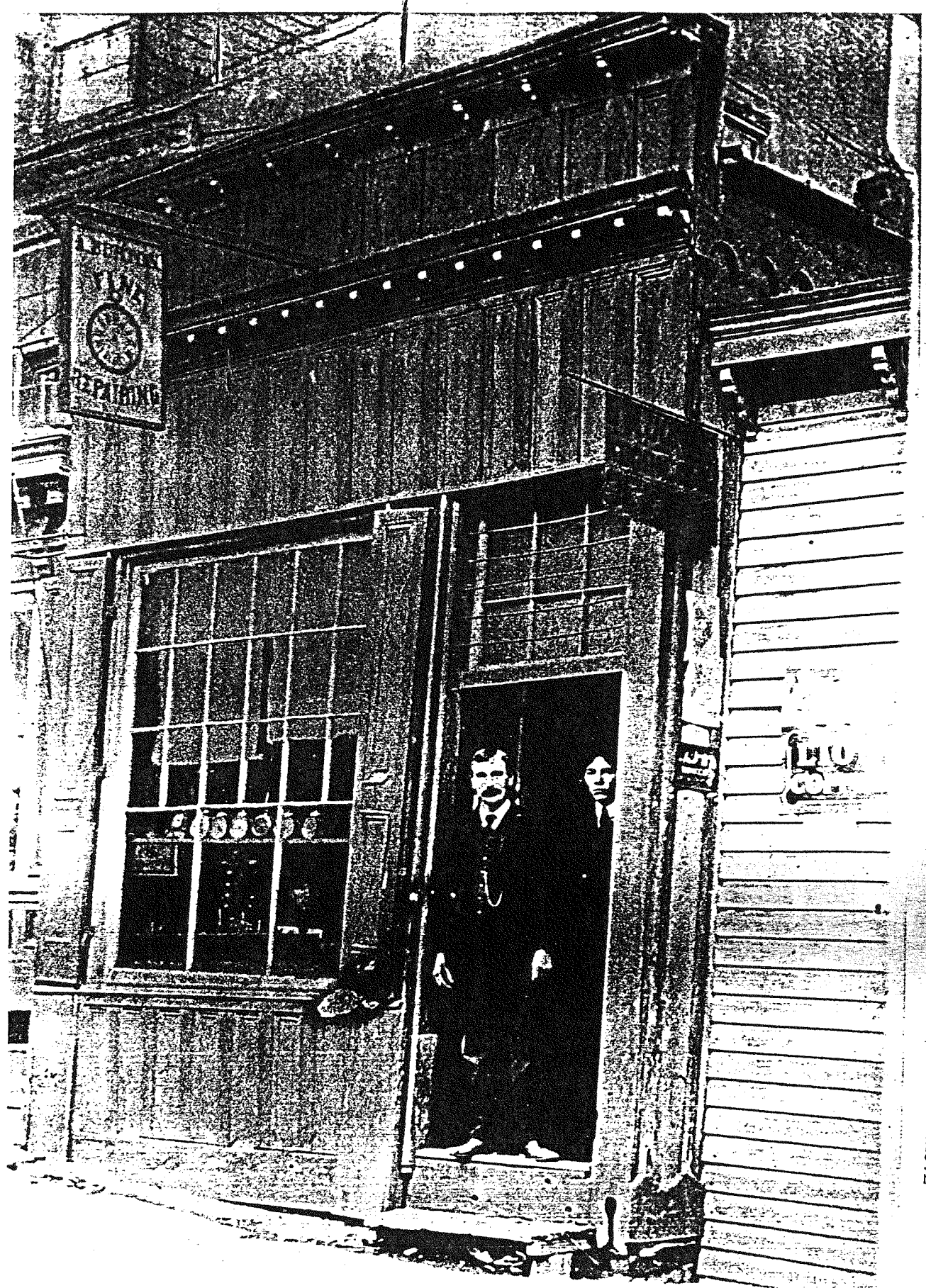
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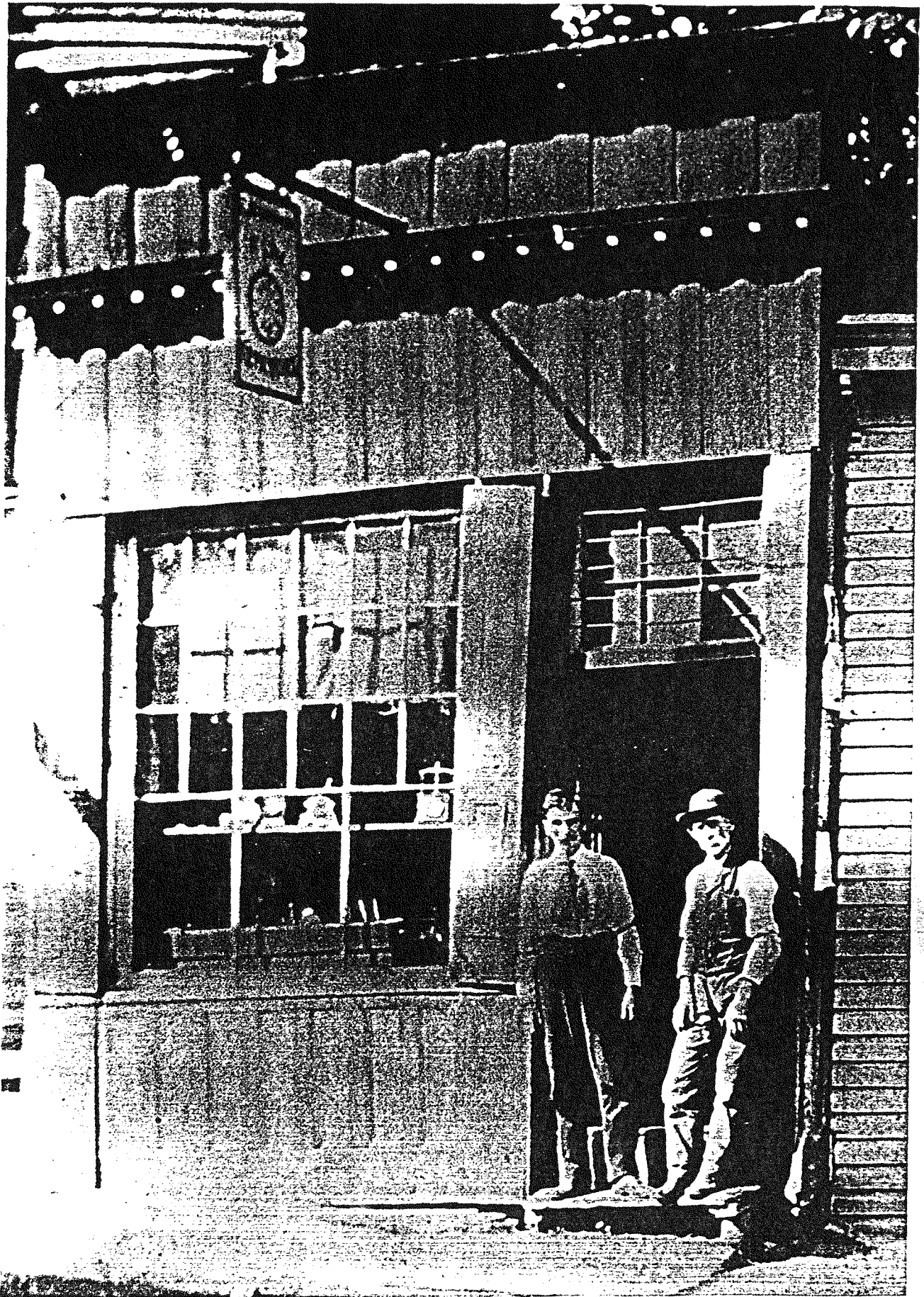


View of High Street from Shenandoah Street—leading to the Valley Pike.





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Jefferson County Courthouse records, Charles Town, West Virginia; including deeds, releases, birth and death records, tax records, and wills; many contained in the HAFE History Database

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Tombstone inscriptions from Fairview Cemetery, Bolivar, West Virginia

Business Directories

Photographs in the Park collection

The Burton store ledger in the Park collection.

Personal communication, Patricia Chickering with Isabel Kern Flanagan, over three years beginning in 1992