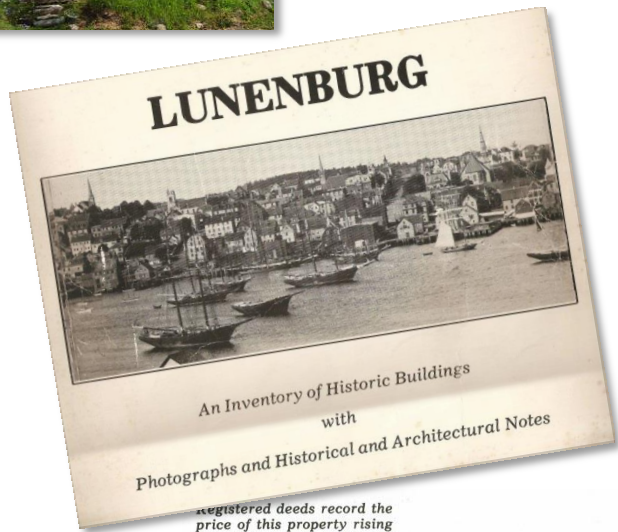


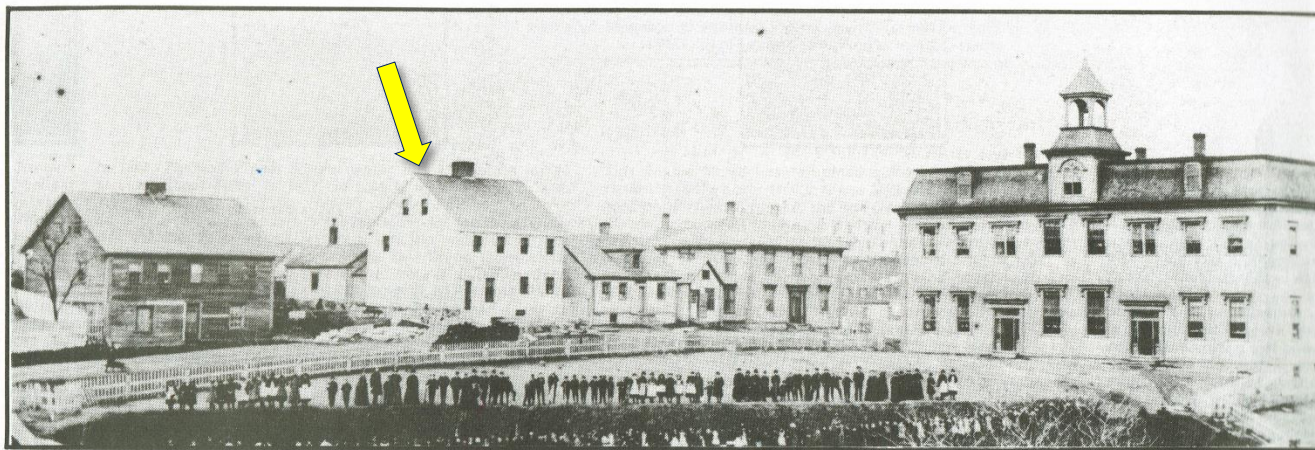
# 135 TOWNSEND STREET, LUNENBURG... part of a historic streetscape for 2 centuries

## Historic & Architectural Notes

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TOWNSEND STREET



Portion of an old photograph showing the Academy with its second storey and Townsend St. houses. about 1887.

Registered deeds record the price of this property rising from 7 pounds in 1800 to 115 pounds by 1811 and it is reasonable to conclude that this house was built in that period, either for John Selig, John Contoy or for Jacob Hamge who acquired it in 1811. Hamge passed the house on to William Hamge and Joseph Hamge in turn, and the streetscape c1888 above shows the house as it looked by the end of the period of their ownership. In 1890 it sold to George Townsend, a cooper, who owned it until 1919 during which time it was victorianized as shown in the c1910 streetscape above.



#54 King c1862

In 1862, John Cruikshank mortgaged this property for 80 pounds, the registered mortgage specifically referring to the existence of a dwelling house. The house is shown on the BEV's and on the Church map is identified in the name of "J. Cruikshank". In 1910, it was inherited by Florence Knickle and in 1934 was purchased by the present owner. Although slightly altered on the main floor by the substitution of new windows and by a single storey addition on the rear, the house still exhibits some early features. The upstairs windows retain their small 6 over 6 panes and there are wide pilasters and a prominent hood trimming the main door.



#129 c1811

The heirs of Joseph Hamge sold this lot in 1888 to William Townsend, a merchant, for \$350. He built this house and, in 1890, sold it to Newton Myra, a ship's carpenter, for \$1,950. In 1898, Myra sold to Capt. William F. Acker and in 1905, following his death, it passed on to his daughter, Imelda Schwartz, in whose family it remained until 1976. The house can be seen under construction in the 1888 streetscape above. With a mansard roof, dormers, enclosed porch and flanking bay windows, and with bracketed eaves, window hoods and original clapboard siding, the house is substantially intact although somewhat rundown.



#133 1887-90



#135 1813-42

This house dates from 1888-90 when it was built either as a total renovation of, or a complete replacement for, a smaller house on the site, which can be seen on the c1888 streetscape above. The old house was the home of Benjamin Dauphinee, a shoemaker, who had bought it in 1842 from William Dunn, a mariner. Beyond Dunn, the old house traces back to John Selig, mariner, for whom it was probably built about 1816.

The new house is shown on the 1890 BEV in the form that it still exists today except that it did not have its roof dormer at that time. It is still quite intact and retains its bracketed hoods over windows and doors, and its clapboards and bracketed eaves and cornerboards. There is a deep transom window over the front door and, above that, a round headed mullioned window. An ell at the rear was part of the original structure and was further added to in the 1940's. The house is still in Dauphinee family ownership.



#141 1888-90



#145 1887



Townsend St. streetscape before 1910

