



Davis & Veeder Store. Main Street, Rosendale, N.Y. (1870/1880s) [Jeff Kraus Collection] see page 3

**Milwaukee Cement Company (Part III-conclusion)**  
**2008 Membership Dues Notice** [see inside]

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## Additions to the Society Library

69. **Sojourner Truth Ain't I a Women?** Patricia C. & Fredrick McKissack. Scholastic Inc. New York. 1992.
70. **Rudimentary Treatise on LIMES, CEMENTS, MORTARS, MASTICS, PLATERING, Etc.** George R. Burnell, C.E. John Weale. London. 1850.
71. **University and Historical Addresses.** James Bryce. Macmillan Co. New York. 1913. [Bryce was the Ambassador from Great Britain 1907-1913]
- 72-88. **Image Album & Scenes Remembered.** CD Series. Stan Graham. Century Publishing. 2003. See page 3 for list of titles.

## Message from the President

I always like the Natural News winter issue because it is the time of year that allows for time to reflect on the events of the past year as well as time to plan for the coming year.

A list of some of the highlights of 2007 follows:

- Dec 25 - Rosendale Chefs Christmas Dinner at Community Center
- Dec 2 - Annual Meeting at Community Center
- Nov 18 - Pickle Fest 07 CHHS Booth
- Nov 10 - Presentation at The City Reliquary Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- Oct 29 - MTV filming at Snyder Estate & Widow Jane Mine
- Oct 28 - Fall Clean Up Day
- Oct 28/31 - GSA Annual Meeting, Denver, Rosendale Cement Region Presentation
- Oct 20 - Ossining HS Visit
- Oct 7 - Blue Stone Festival CHHS Booth
- Sep 29/30 - Bard College Field Trips
- Sep 8 - Taiko Masala
- Aug 11/12 - Hudson Valley Poets Fest
- Aug 3 - Striatium, Kim Cascone & Gary Weisberg Performance
- July 21 - Street Fest Treasure Bazaar
- July 3 - Shaker Museum Visit
- Jun 8/10 - BSA Troop 28 Visit
- Jun 5 - Bruderhof School Visit
- Jun 4 - LSA at Snyder Estate
- May 26 - Priestess Path Visit
- May 16/23 - Boston College Field Trip

2008 promises to be even more eventful. Repairs at the Snyder Estate will continue thanks to the funding provided through the efforts of State Senator John J. Bonacic. The Society will participate in collaboration with Anita Peck, owner of Williams Lake Hotel and film makers Jan Cohen and Monique Fromberg to digitize images and documents that will record the eighty year history of the hotel and the three generations of Williams family members who managed it. Plans for the 2008 special exhibit (Rosendale Souvenirs) are underway. We are also working on plans to participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration in 2009.

*Regards, Dietrich Werner*



Enjoy the Winter  
See you in the  
Spring

We still have a few copies of Peter Genero's book, **Thank Rosendale**, available. The cost is \$16.65 + \$4.45 S&H (New York State residents must add sales tax)



## CD Image Collection Donated



**Stan Graham at West Point**  
Photo: Pointer View, Vol. 59, No. 3  
2002 USMA

Society member Art Church has donated a collection of 17 CDs which contain over 2,500 images to the Society. These CDs will be available to visitors to the Society for viewing. Some of the images in this collection are from Art's personal collections of Hudson Valley post cards and ephemera. Stan Graham, creator of the Image Albums and Scenes Remembered CD series intended the CDs to be useful learning tools. Several years ago Graham and West Point Cadet Library personnel collaborated on the production of "West Point Scenes Remembered", a CD with over 1,162 images. The West Point CD and items from the Military Academy's archives (some of which are included in the CD) were on exhibit at the Cadet Library in 2002.

### Stan Graham Century Publishing

#### Image Albums CD Series

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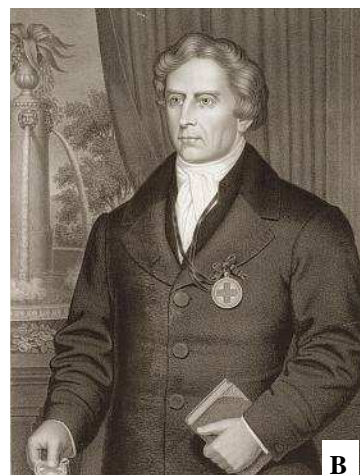
#### Scenes Remembered CD Series

- 86. Hudson (River)
- 87. The Horseless Carriage
- 88. Central Park



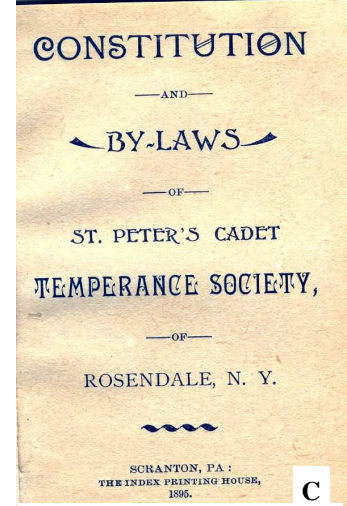
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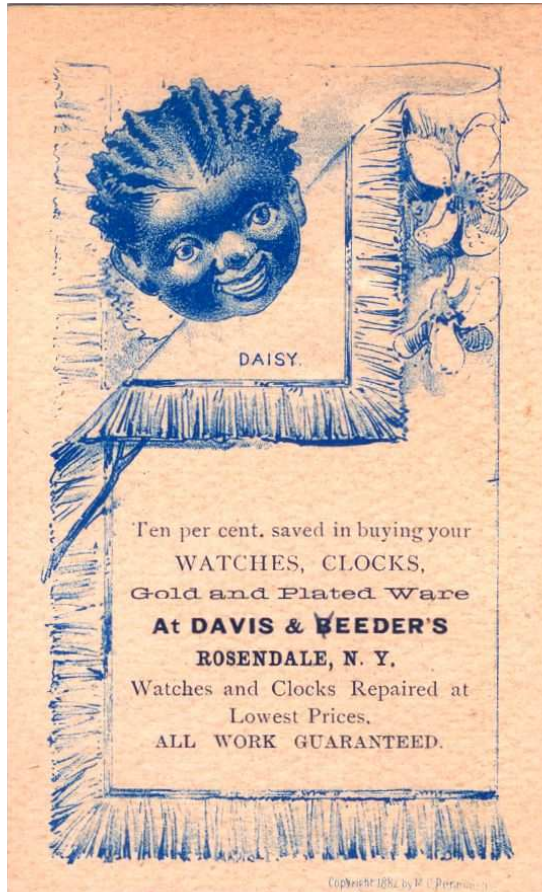
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## More St Peter's Temperance Society "TAB" Items Discovered

In the last issue of Natural News (page 9, Fall 2007) a photograph depicting a young gentleman wearing a suite and a Rosendale St. Peter's T.A.B. ribbon. Three items, all from the 1890s, a membership certificate issued to Wm. B. Fleming in 1892[A], a 1895 Constitution and By-Laws booklet [C], and an invitation card to a 1897 "Grand Easter Carnival" sponsored by St. Peter's Temperance Lyceum [D]. The 1895 Rules Committee as printed in the booklet consisted of Wm. B. Fleming, Joseph A. Fleming, Wm. F. Delaney, Timothy Kavanaugh, Joseph V. Delaney, Wm. Mahoney, Patrick A. Whalen, Daniel J. Dugan and James F. Fleming. J.F. and J. P. Fleming are listed as Pres. and Sec. for the Easter Carnival. Music was to be provided by Haffords Orchestra. It is possible that the gentleman in the photo is one of the Fleming boys or one of the other members of the Rules Committee. We do know that Daniel J. Dugan is related to Society member Dan Dugan.



## Davis & Veeder's Main Street, Rosendale, New York



1882 trade card [C.H.H.S. Collection]

The Rosendale firm of Davis & Veeder can be traced back to 1875 when they placed an advertisement in the Atlas of Ulster County published by Beers in 1875. The ad, one of only 25 for Rosendale, states that they were dealers in stoves, ranges, copper & sheet iron ware and that all work connected with this trade was done to order.

By 1882 they had added watches, clocks and gold & plate ware, as well as watch and clock repair as indicated by a trade card. The 1885 Business Directory of Ulster County listed Davis & Veeder as dealers in stoves, tin ware and jewelry. Three years later, as shown by listings in the 1888 edition of the WVRD Directory, Davis had a new partner (George E. Hoffman) and Clinton Veeder had opened C. Veeder's New York Drug Store four doors to the west in the building which would later become Vaughn's Drug store. Four years later (as shown on the 1892 Sanborn map of Rosendale) the building had a vacant store on the left and a clothing store on the right. The partnership of Davis and Hoffman had dissolved or had relocated elsewhere. The clothing store business did not last long. John A. Molloy and William G. Quinn had opened a funeral parlor and furniture store in the building. Molloy & Quinn, undertakers and embalmers, formerly located in Rifton Glen, Town of Esopus, luckily survived the Great Fire of Rosendale in 1895.

**DAVIS & HOFFMAN,**  
DEALERS IN  
**Stoves, Tin, Hardware**  
Clocks, Watches and Jewelry, Rogers' Celebrated Silverware.

**ROOFING,**  
Tin and Sheet Iron Work of all kinds. Sheet Lead, Lead Pipe, Zinc, Babbitt Metal, Pumps, Shovels, Picks, Hammers, Carriage Hardware, Horse Blankets, Halters, Oil-Cloths and Rugs.

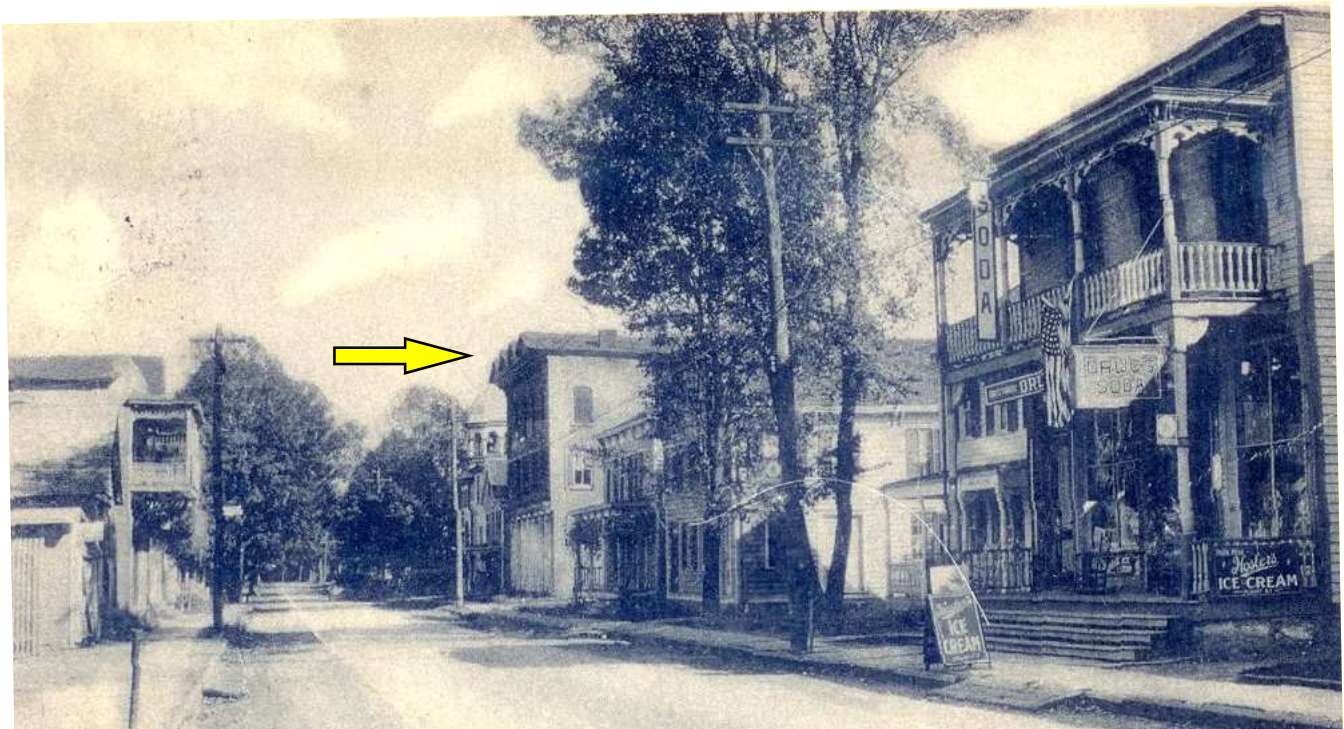
**Lamp Ware**  
of every description.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,  
GEORGE E. HOFFMAN.

**Main St., ROSENDALE, N. Y.**



1888 Davis & Hoffman advertisement  
[1888 Wallkill Valley Railroad Directory]



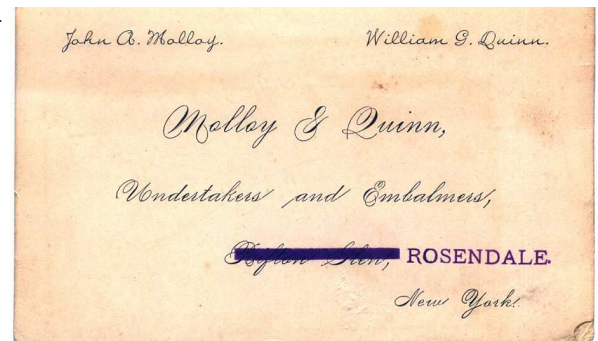
A 1922 post card (published by Silas Auchmoody) showing the 3 story brick building which formerly was the location of Davis & Veeder's. Vaughn's Drug store, formerly C. Veeder's New York Drug Store, is on the right. Vaughn's was the last Drug store on Main Street. [Post Card ~ C.H.H. S. collection]



There was only minor damage to the storefront, the heat having broken the large glass windows of the furniture store section of their business. Being directly across the street from the Sammons House, a large three story wood frame Hotel the heat was intense. A large part of the center of Rosendale's Main Street (the north side) was destroyed by fire in August 1895 including the Sammons House. A close look at the stereo view shows in the



Detail of the Store Front from the stereo view



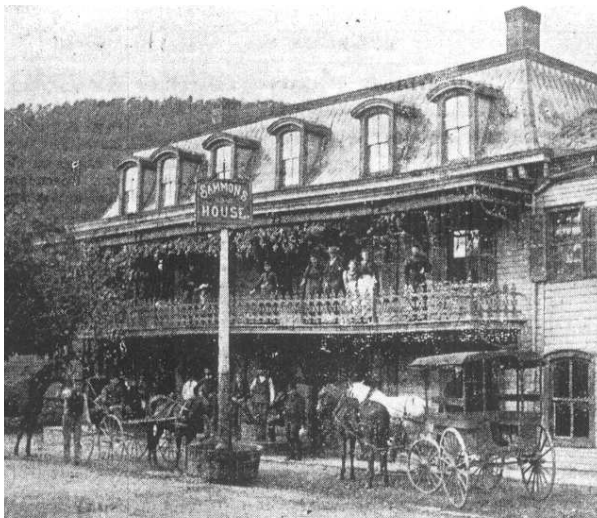
Business Card [C.H.H.S. Collections]



1895 Molloy & Quinn advertisement  
[1895 Wallkill Valley Railroad Directory]

upper left corner just a small portion of the Sammons House Sign. Sammons also owned the brick building which had in 1905 a saloon on the left and vacant store on the right.

The saloon eventually grew to become Reid's Hotel which boasted the "longest bar in the Catskills." Joseph Reid, a WWII veteran, operated the Hotel until August 1949 when he leased it to Edward and Edith Dewitt Cherny for a term of five years. Joseph Reid reassumed the operation of the hotel in the 50s and 60s. Raymond Ritter took over management in



Sammons House [Rosendale News]  
Note the sign on the large pole



A detail of the stereo view showing the same sign



1949 Kingston Daily Freeman Ads.

1967. Disaster struck two years later. In the winter, January 2, 1969, fire destroyed the building. Ritter reopened across the street in the former LeFever lumber building, operating for many years a bar and restaurant called Ray's Village Inn. Reid built a small home overlooking the Rondout in the former backyard of the hotel. The hotel site has been vacant since 1969, in its place is a lawn and garden.

A special thanks to Jeff Krause for giving the Society permission to use the Stereo view for the Newsletter. [DEW]





## Milwaukee Cement Company (Part III—conclusion)

Part one and two (which appeared in the Summer and Fall 2006 issues of Natural News.) was from an article written by Howard Greene and William T. Berthelet and published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHSW) in its September 1949 quarterly magazine. The University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee has .8 cubic ft of records created by the Milwaukee Cement Company by the Milwaukee Cement Company Railway Company in its Milwaukee Manuscript Collection. The collection also includes a copy of William Berthelet's



The Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Evening Gazette  
Nov. 14, 1903

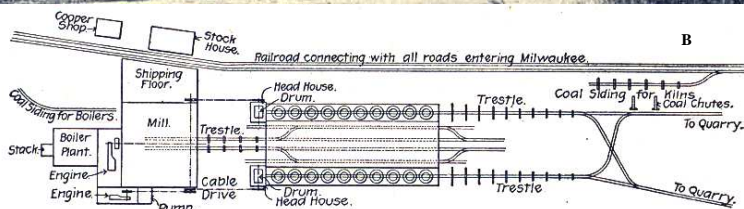
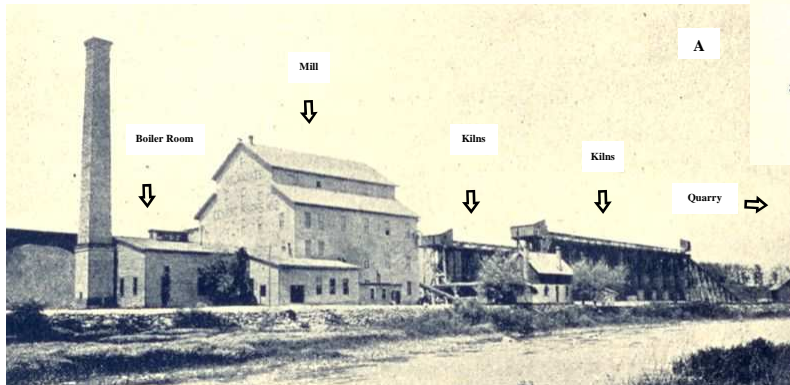


Figure 99.—General Plan of the Plant.



ADVERTISEMENTS.

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# MILWAUKEE

# CEMENT.

"BEST NATURAL CEMENT IN THE WORLD."

Capacity, 4,000 Barrels per Day. Annual Sales, 400,000 Barrels.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

For Uniformity of Grind and Ultimate Strength  
It Stands Unrivaled.

## MILWAUKEE CEMENT CO.,

154 West Water Street,

Send for Handbook on Hydraulic Cement, free.  
PROMPT SHIPMENT GUARANTEED.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Milwaukee Cement Co. ad in Ira O. Baker's Treatise  
on Masonry Construction [3rd edition, 1890] C.H.H.S.  
Library

manuscript for "*The Story of the Milwaukee Cement Company*". The Century House Historical Society has in its collections both the September 1949 SHSW magazine as well as a photocopy of Berthelet's 1942 manuscript. The photographs of the fire that destroyed mill number one in 1910 are from a photograph album in the C.H.H.S.'s collections. The album

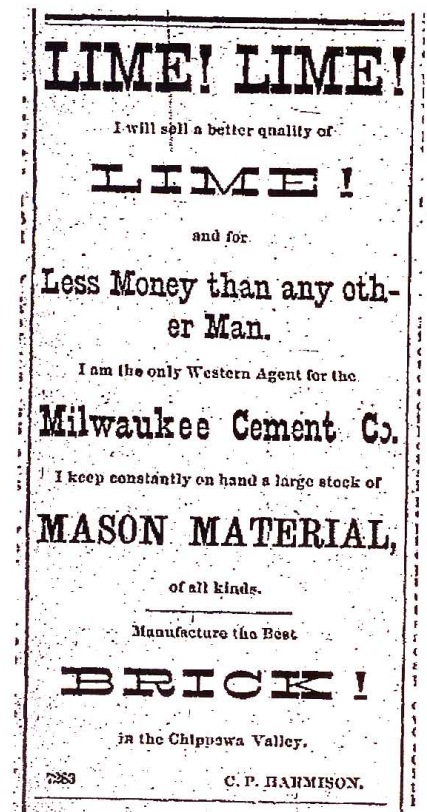
Fig. A and C are views of the Milwaukee Cement Company's plant number 2 and the open pit quarry. Fig. B is a general plan of plant number 2. *The Engineering Record*, a professional magazine published monthly, had run a series of articles on European and American cement plants. These articles were combined in book format and published in 1900 under the title *The Cement Industry*. Nineteen American cement plants are described in detail, among them the Lawrence cement works at Binnewater (now the site of Williams Lake Hotel) and the New York & Rosendale cement works (now the site of Willow Kiln Park) in the village of Rosendale. It is from this book that figures A, B, and C are taken.





**Milwaukee Cement Company Mill Number 1**

The above photo is from *Images of America -- Shorewood Wisconsin*, a pictorial history of Shorewood, produced in conjunction with the Shorewood Centennial in 2000. The book is available from the Shorewood Historical Society, 3930 North Murray Ave., Shorewood, WI, 53211 or [www.shorewoodhistory.org](http://www.shorewoodhistory.org).



**Eau Claire News**  
July 28, 1877

contains photos taken between 1909 and 1910 by an unknown photographer.

The Society also has a newspaper clipping file of advertisements and articles about the Milwaukee Cement Co. One such article was copied by news papers as far south as Texas even newspapers in Canada carried the story. The article appeared in the Manitoba Daily Free Press, Winnipeg, Canada in its April 21, 1883 issue under the headline "The Ubiquitous Dynamite" **Date-line, Milwaukee, April 20.—** The American express agents of this city to-day discovered a package of dynamite weighing 25 lbs., which was shipped from Newark, N.J., by the Adams Express, and turned over to the American Co. on Thursday at Chicago. It bore no mark to indicate its deadly contents, but was directed to the Milwaukee Cement Co. When delivered by the American express driver, officers in the Cement Company's employ said it was dynamite, and the package was returned to the American office, and lay on the sidewalk until one p.m. The Cement Company claim it is only a lot of fuses. An expert says the amount was sufficient to blow the whole express train to atoms, and demolish a whole block. The package is eighteen inches long, twelve inches wide, and eight deep. George H. Paul, president of the Cement Company, said to-night that the box had not been opened, and it was not known whether it contained fuse or dynamite. He spoke of the matter lightly, saying it was common to ship all kinds of explosives.

[dew]



Mailed at Milwaukee August 1911. Message says in part "Went out with the boys to the cement mills and took pictures last Sunday, this being one of them. Best Regards From Pete."

Post card CHHS Collection



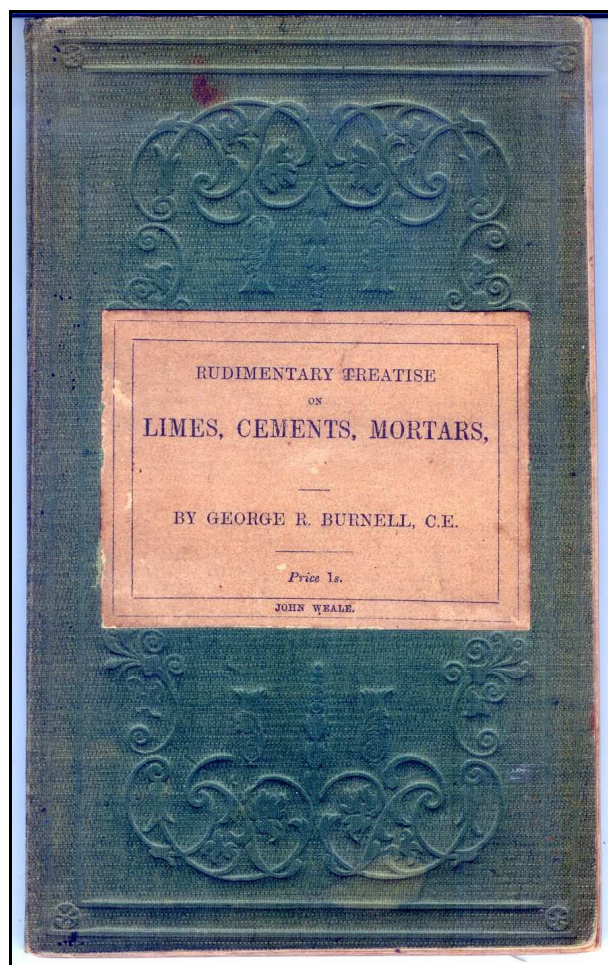
## 1850 Book on Lime & Cement Donated to Society

One of the newest additions to the Society's ever growing library is a very scarce 1850 original green blind stamped embossed hardcover edition with paper label on the front cover. The book published by John Weale, Architectural Library, 59, High Holborn, London, in 1850 is volume four in the fourth series of rudimentary works for beginners. It sold for 1 shilling. The book, written by George R. Burnell, C.E., is titled Rudimentary Treatise on Limes, Cements, Mortars, Concretes, Mastics, Plastering, Etc.

Most of the 124 pages are devoted to the various uses of hydraulic and non-hydraulic limes. There is a cursory discussion of cements, both Roman and Portland but no mention of the American Hydraulic cements which by 1850 had become well established in the United States.

The value of Burnell's book (which went through at least 9 editions between 1850 and 1872) is in its description of the manufacturing methods and uses of limes. [dew]

Front cover of George R. Burnell's 1850 book on  
Limes, Cements, Mortars, Etc.



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LIMES, CALCAREOUS CEMENTS,	
MORTARS, STUCCOS, AND CONCRETES.	
CHAPTER I.	
CURSORY VIEW OF THE PROGRESS OF DISCOVERY IN THE SCIENCE CONNECTED WITH LIMES, ETC.	
<p>THE use of some cementing material to bind together the small stones or bricks employed in the construction of walls, and also for the purpose of giving them a smooth surface adapted to receive polychromic or other decoration, dates from a very high antiquity. It is, however, probable that it was subsequently to the discovery of the art of brickmaking, that the ancients arrived at that of burning lime. Indeed, the use of moistened clay, which was found to have a certain ductility, and to harden also in drying, was likely to have preceded that of lime, as a cement; for the qualities, and the mode of obtaining the latter, were of a nature to require long study and great experience.</p> <p>The Assyrians and Babylonians appear to have employed either moistened clay or the bitumen so plentifully supplied by the springs in their country. Some doubt appears to exist as to whether these people did really use mortar. Captain Mignan</p>	
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## Joseph A. Fleming Do You Remember?

Joseph A. Fleming was born in Rosendale on the fourth of July, 1881. Fleming wrote a local history column for the Rosendale News. His first article appeared in the November 18, 1938 issue of the Rosendale News.

### Do You Remember? Historical Vignette No. 1

Rosendale News Vol. 1 No. 38

#### Joseph A. Fleming

Who remembers when the James B. James cement interests here were at the height of their activity?

This company operated mines in Rosendale village, Creek Locks, New Salem, and elsewhere. The ruins of these works are still conspicuously in evidence hereabouts. On upper Main Street can be seen two of their quarries and the abutments of their storehouse and loading dock for canal shipment. The masonry of two of their old kilns still stand at the head of James Street on the Huben property; across the road opposite St. Peter's Church one of their abandoned mines is noted in a bad state of collapse—another opposite the Fleming homestead was partially covered years ago in conjunction with property improvements. On the Krstic Farm still stands their largest enterprise, a mine of considerable extent. James Street is named after this pioneer manufacturer whose activities ceased locally about 1890, after some thirty years of extensive work.

Space limits forbids an extended survey of this and other interesting enterprises which contributed to Rosendale's rich historical background, but the writer is wondering who remembers this or any other colorful details of Rosendale's early industrial era.

A few days after Fleming's birthday in 1939 he was appointed as Associate Editor. The July 7th, 1939 issue carried his thirty-fourth Do You Remember article. This was not a full time job for Fleming, he was employed at Vassar College and had moved to Poughkeepsie. The forty-first Do You Remember article (August 25, 1939) started a tradition of adding photographs to his articles. Later that year each of his articles was accompanied by Fleming's photograph. It was now easy to find his historical vignette in the Rosendale News.

We do not know when the last Do You Remember article was published. In the C.H.H.S.'s files we have copies of many of the articles between no. 1 through no. 194 which was published in the January 29, 1943 issue. Most of Fleming's articles concentrated on the era which bracketed the height of the Rosendale cement industry and its subsequent decline. [DEW]



**Joseph A. Fleming**

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Ozone Park, N.Y. Mar. 28- 1941

Dear Friend:—

Yours received and glad to hear from you. I remember the Brothers and was conversing with Bill in his store a few years ago. I may have the names mixed but the faces are familiar.

It was my Brother Charlie that ran the pump in the Black Smoke. It was during John Hess' "Superintend" time. I worked one summer at the mill and much of the time was Stevedore with Norm Lewis and the Haley boys. I started work in 1887 at the Barnhart mill and in 1889 went trimming at A.J. Snyder, then in the cooper shop, chamfering at Spaulding or Beachs. Then up to the New Beach plant & then back again to A. J. Snyders; and then to Binnewater mill with D.A. Barnhart & John Cook; in cooper shop. Left in 1902 and never got back to the business again. My brother Charlie went to Phila. and was engineer for the Girard College. Was assistant Chief and died while there in 1930—after 31 yrs. service. I am the only one left of the family of 4 children.

Ann, born Mar. 8th, 1870; Charles, born July 26, 1871; John, born Mar. 3, 1874; James, born Nov. 14, 1879.

The only one that I can suggest to help put on the Barnhart picture is Hiram Ghear High Falls. On the Norton mill picture Mrs Elizabeth Schinnen.

Some day I hope to see the old town again.

Does Geo. Holmes still work at Vassar? I believe he was retired. An old friend of mine.

Yours, John Carman

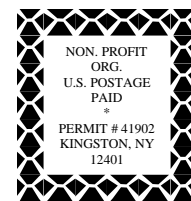
P.S. Regards to Abe Dunn and Jack McKeon, Warren Sammons & all the Brothers. J.C.

**Text of letter sent Joseph A. Fleming**  
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**Special Exhibit**

**Opens May 11**

**At the C.H.H. S. Museum**