

**GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**PRESENTS**

**SUMMER EXHIBIT 2000**

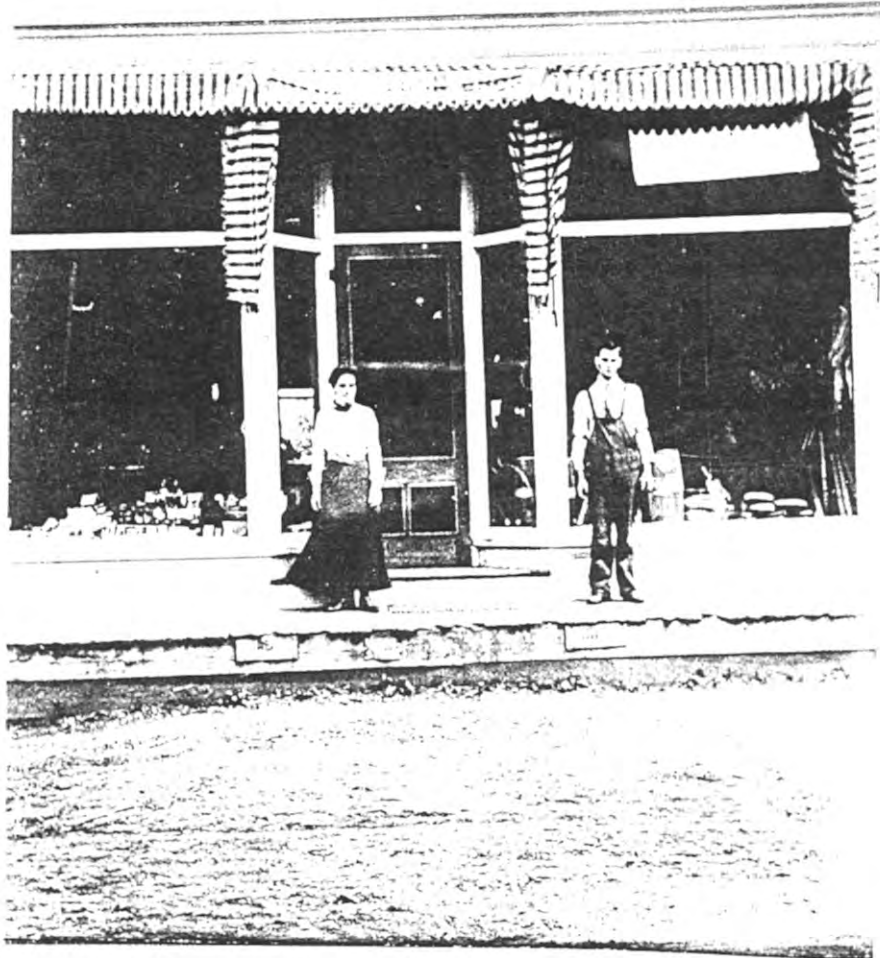
**EVOLUTION OF A COUNTRY  
STORE**

**July 1-September 4**

**at  
GHS Building**

**10-1 Tues., Wed., Thur.**

**10-12 Saturday**



Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cuthbertson  
Greensboro, Vermont

June 6, 1900



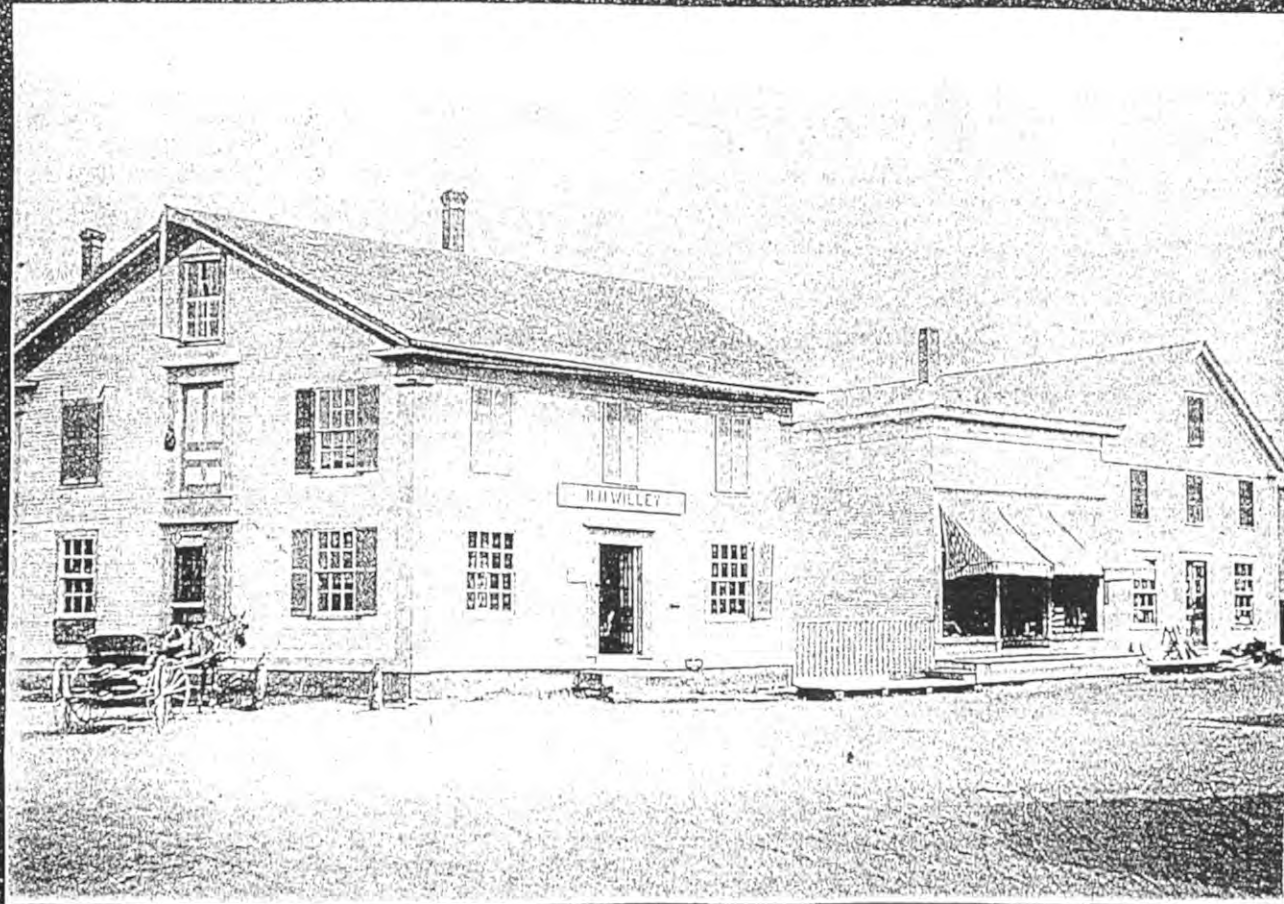
C 1898

GREENSBORO VILLAGE MAIN ST - LOOKING SOUTH

**GRAIN MILL and Cuthbertson Store  
GREENSBORO, VERMONT**

The original Cuthbertson's store is to the left of the horse and buggy. Further to the left is the Randall and Crane store, whose stocks Burton M. Willey purchased in 1900. The grist mill, now "The Miller's Thumb", is to the right. A wooden sidewalk and two street lights are visible. The figure in the foreground may be Dr. Kinney, a local doctor.

c1901



One of the earliest known pictures of B. M. Willey's store, probably taken between 1901 and 1903. The "new" Cuthbertson's store, which opened in 1900, adjoins the original one and has large plate glass windows, an awning, and a raised walkway in front. The Willey's store front is plain, with small windows. It has no awning or raised walkway.

The Caspian Lake Hotel is in the left center of the photograph. B.M. Willey's store is in right center and the "new" and "old" Cuthbertson's stores further right.

GREENSBORO VILLAGE  
MAIN STREET  
LOOKING NORTH

By this time the Willey store's front had been remodeled. The street level windows have been replaced with plate glass windows and the doorway has been widened. The "old" Cuthbertson's store appears to be inactive. The four wheeled carriage in the background is the town hearse.

C1905



By now the Willey's store has an awning, a Nation Wide store sign, and gasoline pumps. The Post Office is located in the store. There are curtains in the upstairs windows where the Robert Willey family is living.

Cuthbertsons "old" store now sells General Merchandise. and advertises Socony gasoline. It has three gasoline pumps. A raised ramp for servicing automobiles has been built. The awning on the "new" Cuthbertson's store is missing.

John Barrington's grist mill and feed store is to the left. Telephone and power lines are visible. The street is still unpaved.

C-1930



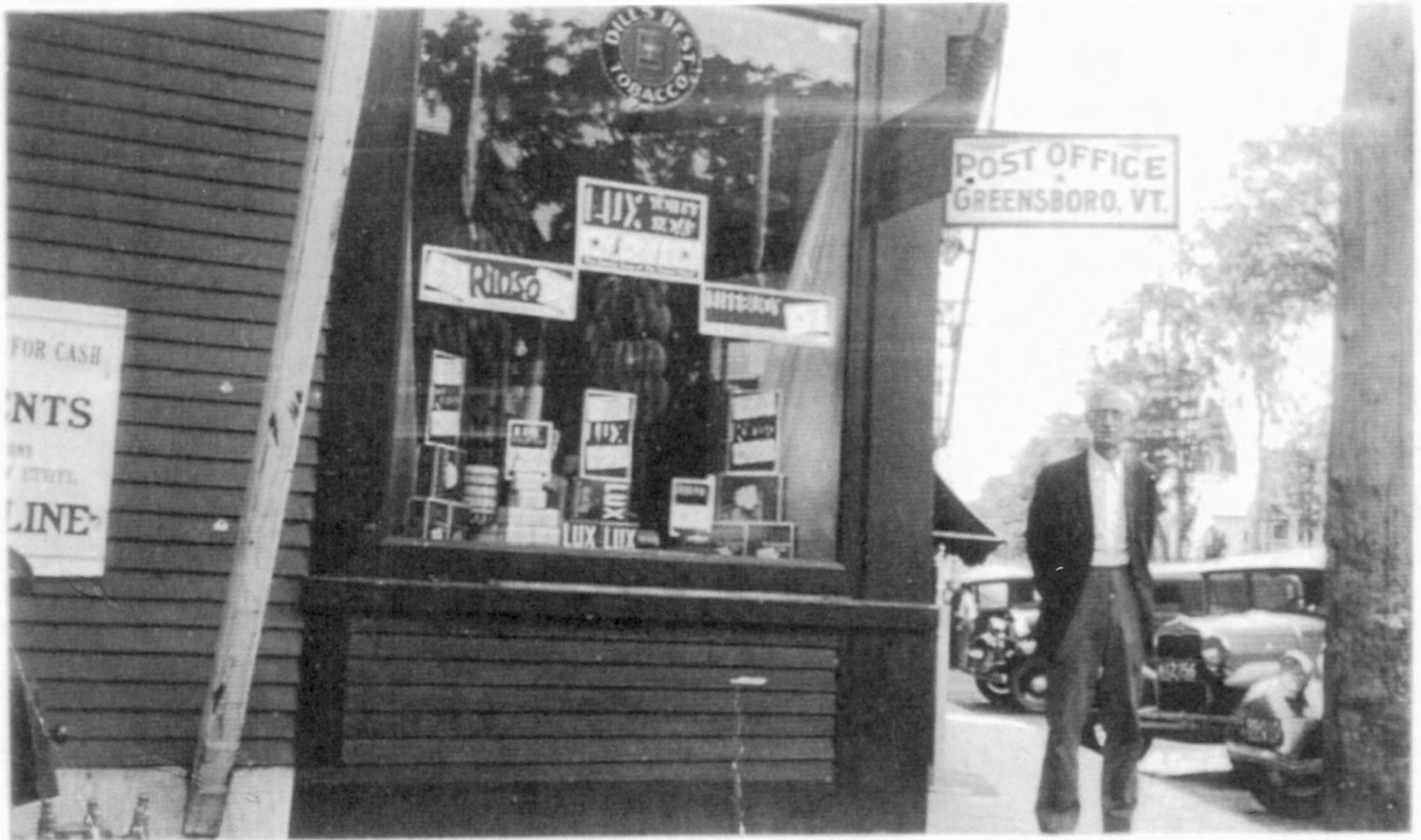


C 1933

The U.S. is in the depths of the Depression and the Cuthbertson's grocery store is closed. Willey's is now selling Socony gasoline and has a raised sidewalk. The Post Office is still located in the store and the street is still unpaved.

**B. M. Willey**

**Bought the store in 1900**



C1933

Mr. B. M. Willey standing at the corner of the store. Nationally advertised brands of soap are displayed in the window. The Post Office is located in the store.



C 2000



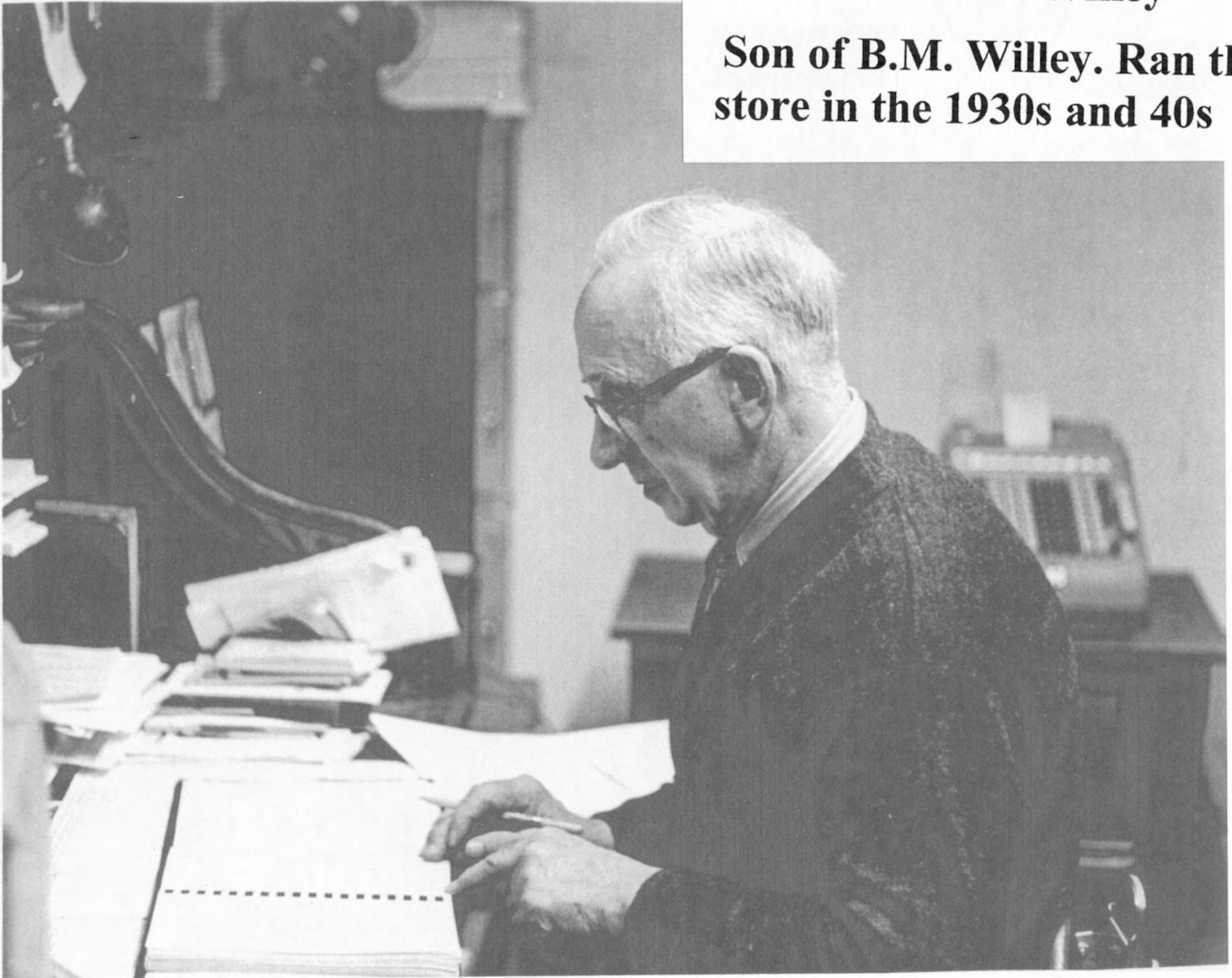
In the years since WW 2 the store has grown to over 10,000 square feet of floor space and greatly expanded its offerings. The grocery section has been more than doubled in size and includes a wine selection. Toys and stationery have been added. Shoes, clothing and sewing supplies are carried on the second floor where the Robert Willeys formerly lived.

The former Cuthbertson's stores have been purchased and linked to the main Willey's building. This space carries tools, hardware, paint, plumbing and electrical supplies, gardening products, hunting and fishing gear and housewares. The link to the main building carries video tapes and seasonal items such as taps for maple syrup collection, Christmas tree lights and insect repellants.

Barrington's grist mill has become "The Miller's Thumb", a gift shop. The post office has its own building. The Caspian Lake Hotel has been replaced by a green, the Memorial Garden and a parking area.

**Robert Willey**

**Son of B.M. Willey. Ran the store in the 1930s and 40s**





Gertrude Willey 1976  
Ralph Fisher



**Ernest and Phyllis Willey Hurst**  
**Ran the store from 1950 to 1998**



PRESENTED BY THE PRESERVATION TRUST OF VERMONT

**LOCAL  
STOREKEEPER  
AWARD 1999**

**THE WILLEY'S STORE  
PHYLLIS WILLEY HURST &  
THOMAS M. HURST, PROPS.**

**FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE  
TO THE COMMUNITY  
AND EXCELLENCE IN  
STOREKEEPING**

AND THE VERMONT COUNTRY STORE, WESTON, VT



Stefan Hard/Times Argus

The Hurst family poses in The Willey's Store of Greensboro which has been in the family for four generations, providing everything, including the kitchen sink. In front is Phyllis Willey Hurst, whose grandfather bought the store at the turn of the century and who still does the bookkeeping; behind her is son Thomas M. Hurst, who runs the store with help from wife, Merrill, and daughters Emily, 14, back, and Whitney, 12.

## *Willey's: A country classic*

Greensboro store celebrates its 100th year of customer service





COPIES OF BILLS  
DATED in 1900

**B. M. WILLEY,**  
Dealer in General Merchandise,  
FRUIT and CONFECTIONERY.  
Greensboro, Vt., 7-21 1900  
M<sup>rs</sup> E. H. Bancroft  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

REG. No.	CLERK	Account Forwarded.
		13 43
1	B. Berries	
2	1/2 lb Bacon	13
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4		13 56
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Your account stated to date. If error is found return at once.

**B. M. WILLEY,**  
Dealer in General Merchandise,  
FRUIT and CONFECTIONERY.  
Greensboro, Vt., 8-23 1900  
M<sup>rs</sup> E. H. Bancroft  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

REG. No.	CLERK	Account Forwarded.
		40 80
1	Oliver Oil	50
2	2 U-neda	10
3	5 Calock Tea	10
4	Lehauker	35
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6		41 85
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**B. M. WILLEY,**  
Dealer in General Merchandise,  
FRUIT and CONFECTIONERY.  
Greensboro, Vt., 7-22 1900  
M<sup>rs</sup> Bancroft  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

REG. No.	CLERK	Account Forwarded.
		13 56
1	lett. coffee	35
2	1 lb M. grain	15
3	3 lb Clo. pins	09
4	2 B. N. Bacon	54
5	B. Berries	15
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7		14 84
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COPY OF MOVIE THEATRE ADVERTISEMENT

# IDLE HOUR THEATRE

HARDWICK, VERMONT

Two Shows Each Evening beginning at 7:00 and 9:00

SUN. & MON.

MAY 7 & 8

BING CROSBY

## "RIDING HIGH"

Coleen Gray — Charles Bickford — Jimmy Gleason  
One of Bing's best pictures in a long time!

WED. & THURS.

MAY 10 & 11

David Brian — Juano Hernandez — Claude Jarman Jr.

## "INTRUDER IN THE DUST"

M. G. M. films a fearless drama of power and passion  
from Wm. Faulkner's great novel!

Added: Latest NEWS and Selected Shorts.

FRI. & SAT.

MAY 12 & 13

Kirk Douglas — Marilyn Maxwell

## "CHAMPION"

Hard-Hittin Action . . . the Story Behind a Man Who Lived  
and Loved by his Fists!

Also: Latest Episode 'Great Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok'

Next Sun.-Mon.: Claudette Colbert "BRIDE FOR SALE"



**Original Door Handles of  
The Willey's Store –**

**Replaced c. 1997**

# WHAT AM I ?

Winner will be announced AT Annual Meeting August 14

Answer - Check writer machine

There were 5 CORRECT answers

1. Helen Lyles
2. Courtland E. Perry, Sr.
3. MARY SARGENT
4. Maggie Altman - \*winner\*
5. Becky Hamm

Grand prize winner - Maggie Altman  
Her name was drawn from jar  
with the other winners

**Congratulations !**

Choice of T-shirt or History of Greensboro













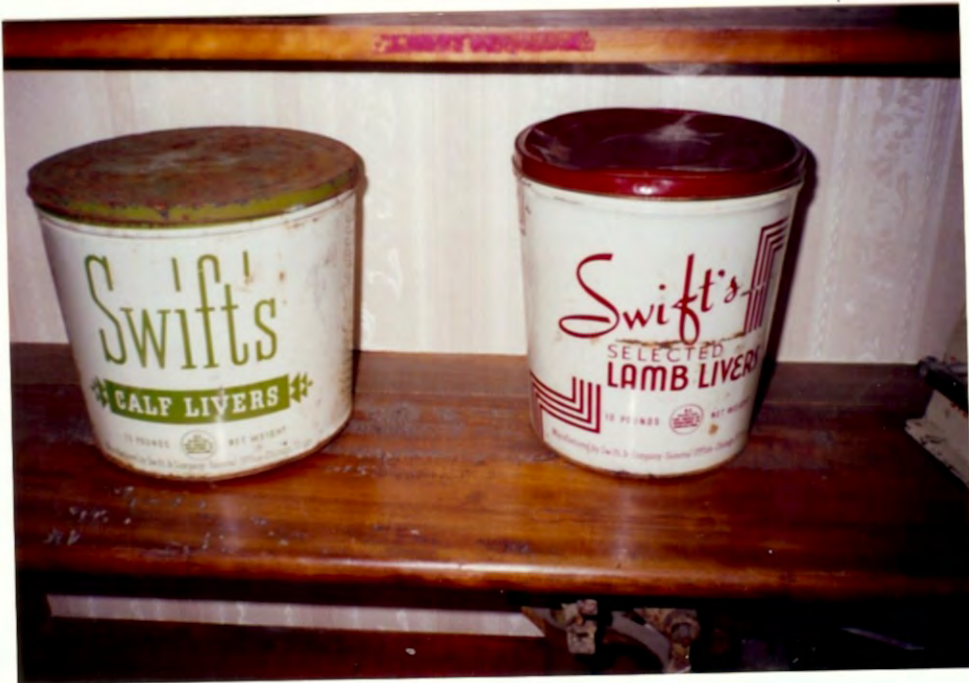
## Greensboro Post Office

Mr. B. M. Willey was postmaster in Greensboro village from 1922 to 1933 and the post office was located in the Willey's store during those years.

The box holders' names from that period can be seen on the box labels.











F-GHS- Events

June 17-19, 2000

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VHS Expo 2000

Tunbridge Fair Grand

Jean Smith

J Cook foto

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VHS Expo 2000

Tunbridge Fair Grounds

Jean  
Smith

J Cook foto







Aug 2000

The following pictures were taken by GHS intern, Becky Hamm of the interior of Willey's store and the last ~~2~~ are taken of the exhibit.

Aug 2000

Upstairs of Willey's STORE



Aug 2000

Interior of Willey's Store



Check out counter  
Wilby's Store



Interior of Willey's Store



Interior of Willey's Store





Aug 2000

Upstairs of Willey's Store



Aug 2000

Upstairs of Willey's Store



Aug 2000

Interior of Willey's Store



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Interior of Willey's STORE



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Interior of Willey's Store



GHS 1 '00

Aug 2000

Viewing the Exhibit



GHS 3 '00



Aug 2000

James H. Pope (Hazel Giles' father) in his hardware store c. 1892 in building which is now Dick Thompson's old house. Pope was born in England, went to farm in Sherbrooke, Quebec when he was 8-10 years old. He learned the tin smith's trade in St. Albans from man named Keir.

Possibly came to Greensboro because of the Keirs (who lived in the area – Craftsbury?)

He moved to the store (now N.E. Trading Co.) and had a tin shop there, Making sugar tools, stove pipe, and pots and pans. Tin came in big sheets packed in boxes (on R.R.)

## Pope Store – Greensboro Bend c. 1895



James and Laura Pope  
in front of their Hardware  
Store in 1895

Hazel Gile photo



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J.H. Pope Store - Greensboro Bend



**POPE'S STORE-GREENSBORO BEND**



**Pope Store – Greensboro Bend  
c. 1895**





Designed by L. S. Collins     Ritchie Bros. Lumber Co.'s Gentlemen's Roadster, Greensboro Bend, Vt.

*Amos Shatney drives an ox team main street*

Main Street, Greensboro Bend, Vt.





**F. A. Goodrich Store  
c. 1912**

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- 1. cash registers ✓
- 2. post office box ✓
- 3. spool box ✓
- Natl Biscuit Co - glass lover ✓
- Nail Spoon ✓
- lily tulip cups ✓
- ice cream soda glass ✓
- tool - screws ✓

Condition: Good

From: The Hevost

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: Meriel Bittner Date: 5/21/00

GHS: Ernel Harvey Date: 5/21/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- ✓ 1920 Nutrape bottle (green); J.P. Coates Spool dispenser ✓
- ✓ 2 pepsi glasses; ✓ cocacola glass; bullet mold;
- ✓ clear bottle - ounce measurement (perhaps baby's?)
- ✓ Park's Fruit punch cooler; shelf item retriever ✓
- ✓ Pepsi-Cola crate; ✓ old crate; ✓ barrel cover Biville ✓
- ✓ Post Office Sign; metal sweater form dryer ✓

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Phyllis Hurst

Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2000

Owner: Merrell Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Errol Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_



TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

nail scale ✓, Idle Hour Theatre ad ✓  
J.S. Pierce Fruit cake tin ✓  
Spurr's Mocha Java Coffee Case ✓  
Sleigh ✓ B.M. Willey Sign ✓ Ret 10/18/00  
10/18/00 Door handles ✓ Award - Brass ✓ Ret 10/18/00  
✓ Our 55th yr 1989 VT Grocers - paperm brwn Ret 10/18/00

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner: Merill Herbst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Errol Hanney Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- Meat tenderizer for cube steaks; ✓
- ✓ Austin Young + Country Biscuit box; old metal scoop ✓
- ✓ Swift's Calves livers 13 lb. tin; ✓ Sarsal dish dispenser
- ✓ Diamond Eyes Display cabinet; 2 soda glasses ✓
- ✓ Glass ventilator stillin box; banana split dish ✓
- ✓ 1923 ice cream cup holder; Supreme Delouze scale ✓

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Phyllis Hurst

Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner: Merrell Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Ernie Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

metal dipper, oil dispenser ✓  
 cellophane wrap; Caspian Lake potato bag; ✓  
 Dial typewriter; ✓ double kerosene angle lamp; ✓  
 S & H green stamp dispenser; ✓ Dial-a-pricer machine ✓  
 metal price stamper, bag of buttons, ✓ Candy jar Necco ✓  
 Royal marshmallow tin; ✓ order form book (1950's?) ✓  
 Condition: Vermont country milk bottle ✓

From: Phyllis Hurst  
 Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Background data and source: \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2000

Owner: Meriel Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Excel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

Wiley's special blend coffee can (2) ✓;  
Helicia nut oleomargarine box ✓  
1940 Fairbanks scale ✓  
1934 egg crate box 2/3 full ✓, box with BVD's ✓  
✓ 1918 check machine; 1937 soda bottles "Barrio" (2) ✓  
✓ Box of Putnam's Dye-Tints, egg gathering basket ✓

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Phyllis Hurst

Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

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To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept 2000

Owner: Marie Otterst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Erceel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

✓ Soda fountain stool, penny match box ✓  
~~and~~ Gazette Ad 1910 in black frame ✓  
 ✓ Aunt Lydia's carpet button box, Scale 1983 ✓  
 ✓ wrapping paper dispenser, can of Swift's  
 lamb livers, Caspian Lake coffee can ✓

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Phyllis Hurst

Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Background data and source: \_\_\_\_\_

These items part of Willey's store stock

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2000

Owner: Merrell Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Ercel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

spatula } ready to be  
scale } returned  
10/18/00 (P)

Condition: Good

From: Marg Bascom

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Background data and source: \_\_\_\_\_

Raymond Mercier gave her the spatula  
Unknown origin of scale

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: around Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 2000

Owner: Margaret H. Bascom Date: 5/11/2000

GHS: Excel Harvey Date: 5/11/2000

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- ✓ 1. black ear tea pot
- ✓ 2. cocacola tray
- ✓ 3. (2) skaters lanterns
- ✓ 4. (2) ~~infant~~ invalid feeders
- ✓ 5. sarsaparilla bottle
- ✓ 6. mope bottle
- 7. (2) candy jars
- 8. fishing lures

returned  
10/18/2000

Condition: Good

From: Courtland E. Perry

Address: Towne Hill Rd Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Montpelier

Phone: ( ) 223-3024 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: C. Perry Date: 5/24

GHS: Excel Harvey Date: 5/24

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

Returned 10/18/00

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- ✓ 1. 5 gal. crock jug
- ✓ 2. 3 round wooden boxes in graduated sizes

Condition: Good

From: Sheila Carver

Address: Greensboro Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: September 2000

Owner: Sheila Carver Date: 5/12/2000

GHS: Errol Darney Date: 5/12/2000

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_



TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

9 pieces of yardage *Returned 10/18/00*

Condition: new

From: Donna Perry

Address: E Montpelier Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (72) 229-9896 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept, 2000

Owner: Donna Perry Date: 5/16/2000

GHS: Excel Harvey Date: 5/16/2000

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

*Mary B. Ciasechini  
took items  
9/2000*

1 Iron muffin pan  
✓ white owl tin, ✓ wicker hamper tin, ✓ cigarette box tin,  
✓ Brigg pipe mixture (Prince Albert tobacco tin)  
Keeping til next summer

Condition: Good

From: Mary ~~Ciasechini~~ Ciasechini

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept 2000

Owner: Mary B. Ciasechini Date: 6/1/00

GHS: Evel O. Harvey Date: 6-1-2000

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

Mary Louk  
9/26/2000

- ✓ 1. 2 tin boxes
- ✓ 1 aluminum coffee pot
- ✓ 1 enamel double bailor
- ✓ 1 " patty
- ✓ 1 tin flour disaster or sprinkler
- ✓ 1 checkerboard incl checkers 10 red & black

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Mary & Walt Craschini

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan  Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: Mary B. Craschini Date: 6/26/2000

GHS: Evel Hervey Date: 6/26/2000

Temporary Custody Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accession Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

October 26, 2000

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

Willey's Coffee Can - Green  
Willey's Coffee Can - Red  
Framed Willey's Ad "BM Willey's Corner Store"  
Caspian Lake Potato Bag  
Cash Register

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Barbara Hunt

Address: Bradford Inso Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) 222-9369 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

To be examined as a Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Loan \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Background data and source: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Jan 2001

Barbara Hunt

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GHS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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A "clerk" stocks shelves at The Willey's Store exhibit at the Greensboro Historical Society. The exhibit is there this summer. (photo by Dorothy M. Ling)

## The Evolution Of A Country Store

by Dorothy M. Ling

GREENSBORO — The interior of Willey's Store, as it might have looked 100 years ago, is on display at the historical society building.

As one enters, the clerk behind the counter (tables) is reaching for a can on a high shelf. A variety of things are on the tables from an early cash register, wrapping paper roller, marking machine and Green Stamp dispenser to penny candy jars, Austin Young and Biscuit display, a modeled suit of early underwear and J and P Coats spool cotton. Just beyond is a table and stool with

glasses and bottles, a reminder of the soda fountain earlier in the store. A barrel of potatoes and a box with eggs reminds a different way of packaging. Shelves show a variety of household items, food and cook ware, many with forgotten name brands.

In the back is a display of pictures of the Willey/Hurst family members with Putnam Fadeless Dyes and Diamond Dye cases framing photos of Greensboro Bend stores.

On the other wall is a large photo display of "One Store One Family One Century" with displays of the Willey building in late 1800s through

the years with the changes until today. Captions explain the changes with it as well as its neighbors. On the desk are open ledgers with a view to prices and business in an earlier time.

By the window is the post office with its 90 boxes, still named for users, which was in the store from 1922-1935.

Greensboro has its small museum store with society publications and T-shirts for sale. The exhibit is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday until Sept. 4.

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## Greensboro Historical Society Set To Exhibit

by Dorothy M. Ling

The spring newsletter of the Greensboro Historical Society came out recently covering items of interest and plans for the summer. It had an article about the 100 years of Willey's Store and one about Phyllis Hurst as well as a review of the winter program about Lakeview Inn and one on the fifth grade of Lakeview Union School writing a book on Greensboro architecture and one on its history. These will be available in the Historical Society building this summer.

GHS's own exhibit will open July 1 and be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon each week until Sept. 2. Greensboro is also joining in other exhibits. At the Vermont History Expo 2000 on Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, at the Fair Grounds at Tunbridge, Greensboro will feature its summer theme, Stores — especially Willey's Store. There is also a Greensboro exhibit included in the Orleans County Historical Society at the Old Stone House in Brownington. This exhibit runs through Oct. 15 and is titled "A Day at the Lake: Reflections on Vermont's Lake Region."

Activities begin in July. Wednesday, July 5, from 2-4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social and open house with historic games for children.

Wednesday, July 12, at noon:

GHS summer business and planning meeting with long term planning session, "what is your vision for GHS?" This will be at Anne Pinkney's sugar house. Bring lunch.

Wednesday, July 19: Panel Discussion, "Greensboro Stores Down through time," co-sponsored by the Summer Lecture Series, at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Panelists: Jim Cook (moderator), Phyllis Hurst, Nancy Hill, Whitney Hurst, Merrill Hurst and Allen Davis.

Sunday, Aug. 6: Hysterical/Historical Hunt at 3 p.m., meet at GHS building.

Wednesday, Aug. 9: (Part II of the popular winter meeting), "Tales of the Lakeview Inn", will be held at Lakeview Inn at 8 p.m. hosted by Kathy Unser and John Hunt. Tour the restored building and share memories of its past. Co-sponsored by the Summer Lecture Series.

Monday, Aug. 14: Annual meeting and lecture by Weston Cate speaking on "Vermont Country Stores: A Living Tradition" in Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: "Unlocking the Secrets of the Past: Researching Local History" conducted by a panel of historians: Gaior Davis, Allen Davis and Charles Morrissey in Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23: Quality Used Book Sale, Cider and Donuts at the GHS building 10 a.m.-1 p.m.