

1998 DESIGNATIONS

C.C. BENTON HOUSE, 14 BANK STREET

One of the most historic and handsomest houses on Bank Street in the Colonial style, it is noted for its rare headers and Palladian windows. The north rear portion of this house is the oldest part having been moved in 1848 from its original site, as a section of the Colburn-Parkhurst house built in 1806. The new front of the house was built in 1848 in the Federal Style. The property extended east to Elm Street and south to Green Street. The house was home to Mr. Colby C. Benton and his family for many years.

C. Benton was engaged in the mercantile business and retired during the prime of his life. He was interested in many aspects of local industry, and historians owe him a great debt for his historical records. His diary, written when he was young, was subsequently published. He received the commission of Colonel from the State of Vermont.

H.W. CARTER AND SONS FACTORY, 11 BANK STREET

Henry Wood Carter was born in 1822 and became an important merchant. He peddled goods with a flair from town to town with handsome teams and wagons. Mr. Carter was known as the “Prince of Peddlers” and “Merchant Prince of Northern New England”. His wagons were made by the Downing-Abbott Co. of Concord, New Hampshire, which made the world famous Concord Coaches.

The gabled portion of the present factory building was built about 1884 as a storehouse for Mr. Carter’s merchandise. Over time the factory was enlarged to its present size. He began by selling samples and taking orders and soon after 1870 began the manufacturing of Carter Overalls. The business became a nationally-known manufacturing company for men’s work clothes. Mr. Carter’s sons, Augustus and Frederick, joined their father and later the company passed to their uncle and cousins, the Jacksons, until the time of its sale.



CRAIGEN HOUSE, 21 BANK STREET

Built in 1855 in the “Italianate” style by Honorable Aaron H. Craigen, United State Senator from New Hampshire. Mr. Craigen was born in Weston, Vermont in 1821. He came to Lebanon to attend the Lebanon Liberal Institute. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in Albany,

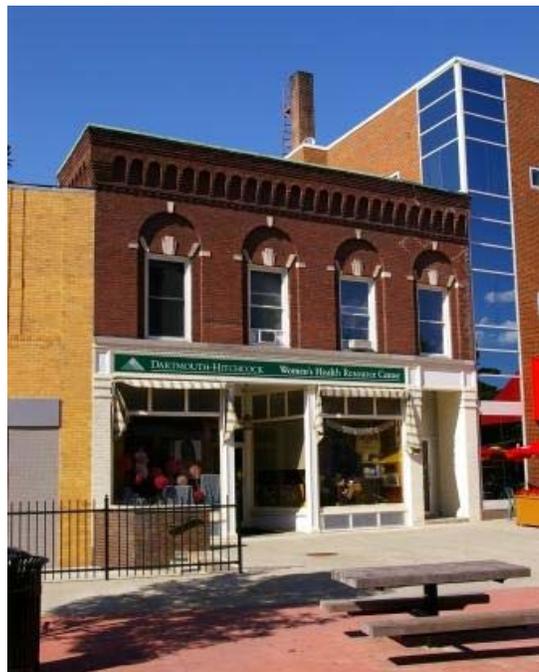
New York in 1847. He entered into politics and represented Lebanon in the General Court 1852-1855 and in 1859. In 1855, he was elected to the 35th Congress and reelected to the 36th. He then resumed his law practice in Lebanon until 1864 when he was elected to the U.S. Senate to succeed Honorable John P. Hale where he served two terms in Congress.

DOWNER-TRUE FARM, 423 PLAINFIELD ROAD

William Downer, Sr., with his family, was the first to settle in the Grant of Lebanon, New Hampshire in 1763 on what would in later years be the True Farm in the southwest part of Lebanon. He came from Lebanon, Connecticut which helped account for the City's present name. The original William Downer homestead was replaced by the present buildings on its site.

HILDRETH'S HARDWARE ON THE MALL

Hildreth's Hardware is the oldest business in Lebanon still in its original name. It was established in 1856, in a wooden building directly across the street (the mall) from where it is now. It was rebuilt after the fire of 1903 on the same site as the earlier wooden store block. The business moved to its present location as a Greek Revival building and has been in business for 142 years.



TOWNSEND FARM AT STORRS HILL

The Townsend Farm on Storrs Hill has a long history. It was owned by Cornelius Storrs in 1763 and sold to his brother Nathaniel in 1769. The last Storrs heiress married a Townsend and the much enlarged farm has descended in the family for 235 years. It is named "Tadmor".

KIMBALL-GROW HOUSE, 29 SCHOOL STREET

The house was built by Alexander Grimes in 1830-1840 and located across the street from his blacksmith shop. The unfinished house was sold to Robert Kimball in 1842 and the interior of the house was finished in a very fine manner in the Federal Colonial Revival style. His daughter Mary completed these improvements in 1868. After her death, the house became the property of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Anna Kimball Grow, wife of Dr. Eugene Grow, Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy. The Grow's added dormer windows, removed the ell, and relocated the horse barn south to Kimball Street. The house remained in the Grow family until Mrs. Grow's death when it was sold to Edmond Goodwin, and then to the law firm of Baker & Hayes.

**OULETTE HOUSE, 26 BANK STREET**

The present house replaced a small cabin on the site in 1826; it was said to have been the home of the first Irishman to live in Lebanon, a Mr. Coffee. The present house was built in 1860 with a gabled front, symmetrical wings, and a barn at the end of the ell. It was the home of a Mr. A. Jones in 1860. In 1882, it was the home of Dr. Daniel Brockway, a local physician. In 1900, he made extensive improvements and added the tower at the northeast corner. It has had many occupants since, one being Mrs. Oulette, an owner for many years.

**WALHOWDON FARM, 35 WALHOWDON WAY**

The old Hough-Patch farm was started in 1780 by Wetherill Hough, and passed to his nephew

Clement Hough. It is known as Walhowdon Farm, the house is Greek Revival with additions. It is one of the oldest Lebanon farms still in the same family.

WEST LEBANON LIBRARY, MAIN STREET, WEST LEBANON

The West Lebanon Library Association was organized on December 31, 1869 with its first books kept in "Union Hall" over the old schoolhouse building. The present library was built in 1908 on land leased from the Boston & Maine Railroad. It was dedicated January 15, 1909. The railroad deeded its site to the City of Lebanon in 1963. The Tilden Seminary Alumnae dedicated the beautiful stained glass window in memory of Dr. Hiram Orcutt, former Seminary Head and teacher, on August 31, 1910. It depicts "Knowledge" surrounded by the "Fruit of Wisdom".