Obituary

Daniel W. Hauser, Jr.

Daniel W. Hauser, Jr., 75, of Milford, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2010, surrounded by his entire family.

He was born in Boston on February 8, 1934, the son of the late Daniel and Cath-(Maguire) erine Hauser. A resident of Milford for the past two years, Daniel grew up in Amherst, raised his family in Nashua, and returned to Amherst for his retirement

He was employed as a contract administrator in the electronic defense industry for many years. Prior to that, he served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958 and continued as a reservist until 1962. After retiring, he and his wife opened Hausers' Kaffee Haus in Milford.

His greatest joy in life was being with his family. He lived life to the fullest and especially loved summers spending time on his boat on Baboosic Lake and being a snowbird in Florida. He will always be remembered for his strong spirit, outgoing personality, and positive out-

Daniel is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 51 years, Helen (Stasio); his nine children and their 126, Amherst NH 03031.

families: Susan and Gregory Gendron, Patricia and Gerard Pelletier, Judith Hauser and David Montoya, Christopher and Julie Hauser, Marie and Michael Robicheau, Ellen and Richard Fallon all of Amherst; Catherine and John Murphy, Kevin Hauser and Anne Maas of Nashua; and

Daniel and Laura Hauser of Groton NH; fifteen grandchildren: Justin, Amanda, Nicholas, Jessica, Danielle, John, James, Mi-

chael, Allyssa, Autumn, Madison, Ryan, Mitchell, Rachel, and Brooke. He is predeceased by his siblings Paul Hauser, William Hauser, and Noreen Sanborn. He is survived by

sisters Kay Mulgrew and Nancy Parmakian, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Services and arrangements are to be held at Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford on

Monday, February 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. His funeral service will take place at St. Patrick's Church, 34 Amherst Street, Milford on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Donations may be made in his memory to Emergency Medical Service, 175 Amherst Street, P O Box

Historic Amherst

The Foundry on Foundry Street: Its Origin, Heyday and Demise

Part Two

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

In its heyday, the glowing fires from the furnace of the foundry on Foundry Street lit up the sky, and the hum of machinery told of the busy and prosperous life of the community, or so it was nostalgically remembered some decades after it had shut down for good. If people know anything at all about it, there is just one name they associate with the foundry.

Harrison Eaton

He was a self-made man and would become one of the wealthiest in Amherst. Born in Hillsborough, Harrison Eaton left home at the age of 13, so probably in 1831, to apprentice in a foundry, either in Peterborough or Amherst. In his early years,

stove: "I claim the ornamental design for the side-plate, and its feet, and that of each door. Harrison Ea-

To the Rescue

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

A dapper gentleman (at left) who is surely proprietor Harrison

Eaton, Esquire, with twelve iron founders ca. 1869 at the foundry

building that was erected in 1868 on Foundry Street in Amherst

and dismantled and moved to Milford in 1908.

he worked for Ezra Woolson & Son,

whose foundry was just east of their

farmhouse at 65 Lyndeborough

Road in Amherst near the Milford

line. They are said to have produced the first iron stove in Amherst. In

August 1840, at age 22, Harrison married Lucy, the daughter of Capt. Daniel Hartshorn whose farm was

nearby. Their first child was born

in October that year and the young

family lived with her parents. Tragi-

cally, his wife died three years after

they married, their newborn died at 15 weeks of age, and their 3-and-a-

half-year-old daughter a fews week

In 1846, a few months before he

remarried, Harrison bought land at

7 Carriage Road and built a house in

the au courant Greek Revival style,

which had the advantage of requir-

ing less frontage as lots in the Vil-

Harrie G. was born in 1849, most

For some period, Harrison

worked for his (first) father-in-law,

and in 1850 was working for Harts-

horn, Lawrence & Co in the Souhe-

gan Iron Foundry when they built

the original foundry on Foundry

St. I can't help but wonder whether

"Eaton's air-tight cook stove" adver-

was during this period, before 1855,

that he patented a design for a cook

were being subdivid

likely in that house.

Meanwhile in Amherst, Hartshorn and his partners quit the foundry business at the end of 1855. Harrison quietly bought half of the business from one of the two new owners in Oct 1856. He solidified this deal with a follow-up quitclaim deed in March 1857 (perhaps after lingering mortgages and liens were satisfied). Then early in 1858, Harrison Eaton moved back to Amherst for the express purpose of restarting the foundry on Foundry Street, which had been closed in the past year, and taking over the management. The newspaper in March ran a testimonial picturing his Royal Oak cook stove: "It is undoubtedly

the best and cheapest stove in the

market. We speak our convictions

after testing it for several months

in our own kitchen. [Signed:] ED.

CABINET." In the 1860 Census, I

count only nine men employed in

and women of Amherst with in-

comes over \$1000 – his income of \$2,200 making him third highest

it wasn't iron stoves that made

him rich. He hit the motherlode

when he got in on the Francestown

Soapstone Company, incorporated

in June 1865, as one of six founding

partners. Soapstone items such as

parlor stoves, tabletops, sinks, and heat register frames became im-

mensely popular, and the Frances-

town quarry yielded the best soap-

stone in the country. In 1869 that company employed 30 hands. A few

years later, Eaton and a partner be-

came proprietors of the Frances-

town Soapstone works in Nashua,

which in 1877 employed 25

hands, with annual sales of

\$100,000 and theirs was re-

ported to be one of the most

prosperous partnerships in

1867 and 1868 were years of

energetic investment in Am-

herst by Mr. Eaton. In 1868,

he erected a huge, 60x85 foot,

new building at his foundry,

in just three months, at a cost

of \$4000, including a new

and improved furnace, new

engine house, and reservoir

and wash room wth hard and

soft water. "Twenty hands

the state.

Heyday

the foundry versus twelve in 1850. Although Harrison Eaton appeared on the 1866 roll of 16 men



Harrison Eaton, an iron founder, was the first owner-occupant of this house at 7 Carriage Road, built in 1846; he sold it to Rev. Seneca White in 1852.

remodeled it into a duplex tenement

for other foundry workers. Gilson

was the first owner-occupant of

the house next door, at 7 Foundry

Cash must have been flowing in

1868, for Eaton also bought the 3-

story brick building, which he re-

paired and used as a warehouse for stoves and castings. And at the very same time that the new found-

ry building was being constructed, a dozen workmen were remodeling

his new and final residence, the brick

Samuel Bell House (now Country

Mansion condominiums). Eaton

left his mark on Amherst architec-

ture by giving it the only mansard

roof in town, this French style be-

ing popular among wealthy urban industrialists. He had made a tidy

profit on his prior home, the Samuel

Vose House at 91 Boston Post Road,

which he had purchased at auction

from Vose's heirs for \$1000 in 1865

and sold for \$2200 just three years

Mr. Eaton started spending to

boost the local economy in another

way: He and other leading citizens

realized that Amherst needed an-

other source of income, given that

the court no longer drew throngs

and opportunity for industry was limited by lack in transportation

(neither big river nor train depot

in the Village), so they built an el-

egant hotel in 1869 on the Common

to lure urbanites seeking a place to

rusticate for the summer. This was

deemed so vital to Amherst's fu-

ture prosperity that the taxpayers

even kicked in \$4000 in addition

to about \$16,000 contributed by

twenty citizens. As editor Boylston

wrote in Eaton's obit, "He was one

of the progenitors, directors, for a

time the sole owner of, and a heavy

loser in the famous Amhert Hotel."

would continue with soapstone, real

estate, lumbering and agricultural

A savvy businessman,

Street, which he owned 1858-1870.

are now employed and the monthly payroll amounts to about \$1500," the Farmers' Cabinet reported. (To put this into perspective, in 1832 the Melendy & David whip factory employed 16 men and 9 women, and the whip factory of Timothy Danforth also in the Village employed 6 men and 4 women.)

iron stoves through low cost yet high quality. According to an article in the Manchester Union of 2 Feb. 1908 (quoted by Dorothy Davis in the Milford Cabinet of 8 Aug. 1985), "the business ... was one of the leading industrial ventures of this section. In many houses and many hundreds of country school houses today can be found the Amherst stoves which under the management of the late Harrison Eaton, made the town famous. ... It is said to have been one of the best conducted establishments in the country. During all the years of the business here, ... there [was] only the best of fraternal feeling between Mr. Eaton and his men, [and] the employees ... banded together to help each other and the community." Well, he gave all his employees a turkey for Thanksgiving in 1867 and 1868 - we know this because his workers took out ad's to thank him. And they in turn, on New Year's Day 1868, presented him with a 36x42

body know what happened to this?) In 1867, Eaton and another investor bought the lot at the corner of Boston Post Rd. and Foundry St., where an old tavern had burned, and moved the Old Stewart House there "where it is to be fitted into two tenements." This conversion, however, did not happen. So instead Eaton sold the "old Vestry" at 5 Foundry St. (the county courthouse before it was moved), which he had bought a year earlier, to two of his

Eaton achieved success with his

inch walnut frame with "shadows" (silhouettes) of twenty workmen in a show of appreciation. (Does any-

foundry workers, Stephen Horace Gilson and George W. Osgood, who

pursuits. He also got into politics, representing Amherst in the State Legislature in 1873-'74 and 1885, and was a member of NH State Senate 1877-'78. "There is no more careful, safe and judicious man in the Senate than Mr. Eaton," wrote the legislative correspondent of the Concord Mirror. He died in 1889, "universally beloved and regarded," per his obituary. His grave in Meadow View Cemetery is marked by an immodest tall high-gloss red-gran-

It burned down in 1876.

Although Harrison Eaton sold his interest in it in 1873 when he was 55 years old, that was not quite the end of the foundry.

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Stoves on display at Wigwam Museum. The one on right bears the moulded inscription: "ROYAL OAK No. 8 / H. EATON, AMHERST, N. H., 1858." The one in middle reads: "H. EATON No. 30, AMHERST, N. H." and "PATENTED JAN. 5, 1869."

Emerson Rd, Milford, NH

Brownie Troop 20910 Supports Our Troops with Operation Write Home



-ront Row: Susie Wason, Alexa Leary, Alison Daniel, Amanda Jordan; Back Row: Simonne Dodge, Rebecca Sileo, Katie Rosse, Libby Manz, Evmorfia Alton, Rebecca Benjamin, Kelly Sileo; Leaders: Irene Raissis Alton, Dorothea Daniel, Patti Benjamin

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Brownie Troop 20910 worked on a project to support our Troops. They researched and chose "Operation Write Home" because it allowed them to physically make something for the troops that they can use to stay in touch with their loved ones in the spirit of Valentines Day! The wanted to show their support to our nation's armed forces by sending blank "handmade" greeting cards to write home on, as well as, cards of gratitude to encourage them. As a Brownie troop, they handmade 120 cards and also wrote cards of encouragement.

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The current total of cards as of $2/1/10 \sim 321,602$ cards have been

tised by the firm in Jan. 1850, while they were still in the 3-story brick building opposite the bank, was designed by Harrison. In 1852, Eaton apparently set up in business on his own in Bedford, where he was a wholesale & retail dealer in iron stoves and other foundry products, and did copper, tin & sheet iron work. Then he worked for a few years in Nashua. It

sent to deployed heroes!

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