

# Sawyer's Square

**The Sawyer's Cove area was known in the early days as the center for commerce, shipping goods, and shipbuilding. The whole block was business.**



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**Congregational Church (GPS 44.532808, -67.595715)**



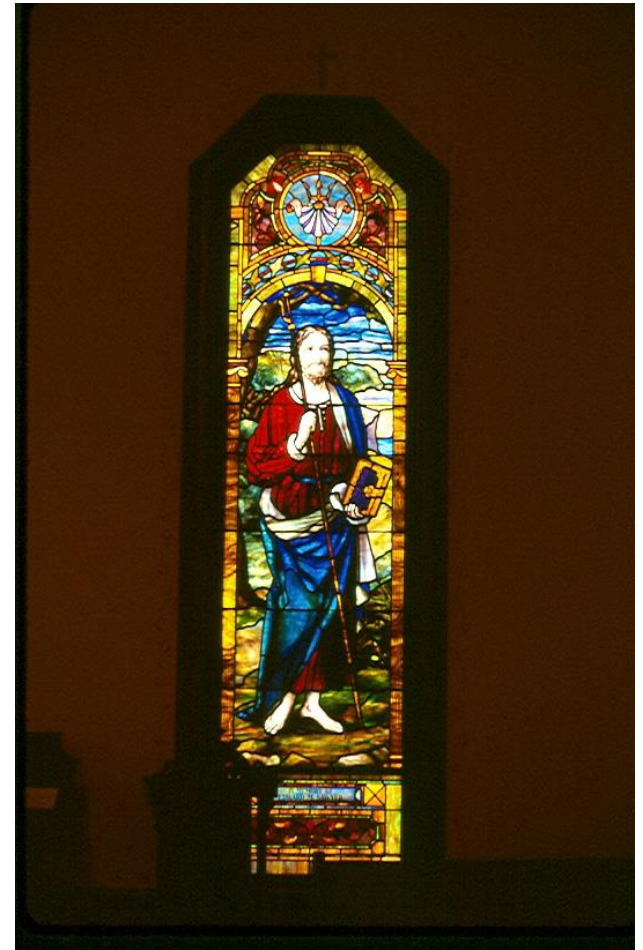
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**The Union Congregational Church of Jonesport was organized in 1877. In 1887 the current Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church was built, a gift from Daniel J. Sawyer to the people of Jonesport. In 2016, the spire of the church was removed for replacement.**



**A vintage photo of the church's interior**



**The 14 stained glass windows in the church are world-class quality. In 1986 the total appraisal of the windows was more than \$150,000.**

**D.J. & E.M. Sawyer Store (GPS 44.532268, -67.595747)**



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**The principal business in town was the D.J. & E.M. Sawyer Store, which was built in 1896. It outfitted a large number of Jonesport area ships. The store closed about 1917. The first floor became the Worcester-Sawyer Insurance Agency from 1932 until 1994. The top 2 floors have been owned since 1936 by the Jonesport Masonic Lodge #188. The first floor is now the headquarters of the Jonesport Historical Society.**



**These 2 photos show the interior of the Sawyer Store back in the early 1900s. The store sold general merchandise and also parts and supplies for ships. The Customs Office was located on the 2nd floor of the building.**



**The Jonesport Branch of the Pittsfield Bank was also located in the Sawyer Store. Simeon Sawyer, son of E.M. Sawyer, was the banker. He can be seen in this photo.**

**C.H. Mansfield Store (GPS 44.532421, -67.595275)**



**In 1881 Charles Henry Mansfield owned and operated a general store and ship's chandlery (specializing in supplies for various types of vessels) on Sawyer Square.**

**In 1887 Charles Henry Mansfield doubled the size of his building to open a furniture store. The building still stands as the Harbor House and is located beside the Jonesport Historical Society.**





**In 1899 Charles Henry Mansfield was in charge of the Western Union Telegraph office, which was located in his store. This photograph shows him in the office. He was also a Notary Public and the Justice of the Peace.**



**Mansfield Dairy Farm (GPS 44.533167, -67.595291)**



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**During the period 1890 until 1957 the MOOSE-A-BEC House was the Mansfield Dairy Farm. It was operated by Alberta (Hinkley) Mansfield, the wife of Bion Bibber Mansfield.**



**In 1929 a large electric milking machine was installed at the Mansfield Dairy Farm. These photographs show Alberta (Hinkley) Mansfield with one of her cows, and a horse-drawn dairy wagon.**

**William F. Mansfield Store (GPS 44.533167, -67.595291)**

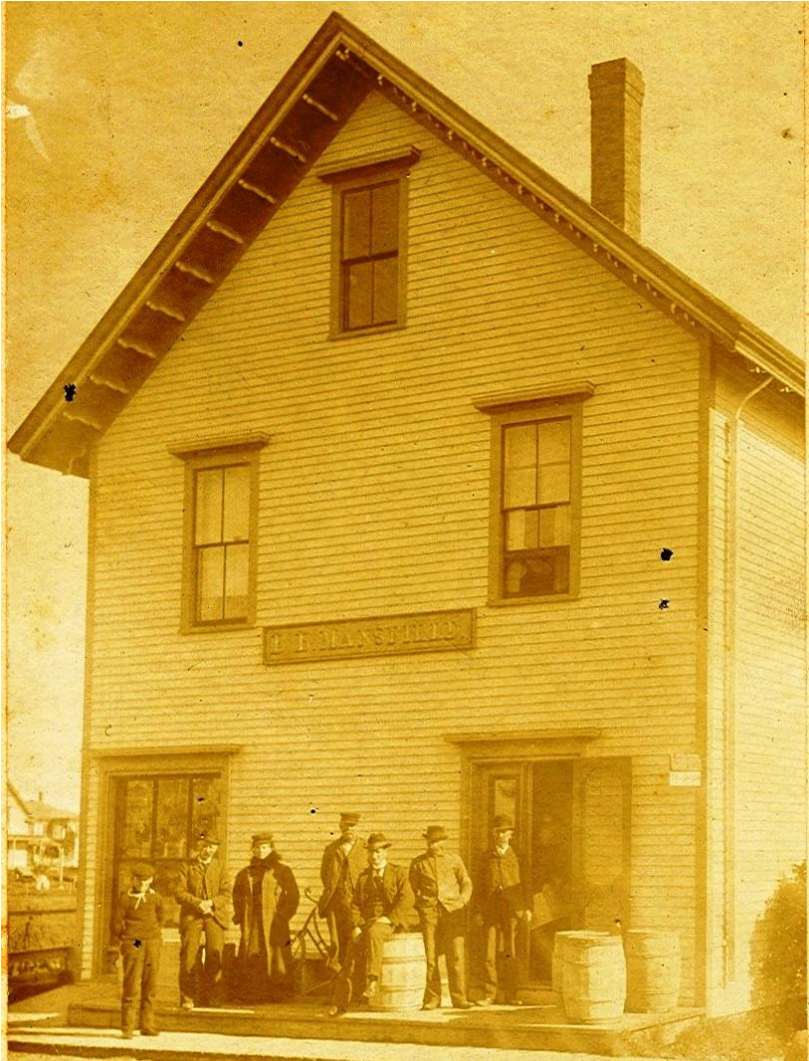


**The Knights of Pythias Lodge was originally located on Main Street where the Jonesport Pizza Shop is now. The hall on Main Street was destroyed by fire in 1914. In 1930 the lodge purchased the building formerly occupied by the William F. Mansfield Store on Sawyer's Square. The building was eventually torn down. The player piano that was in the building is now in the Jonesport Historical Society museum.**



**In this photo of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, the building on the right at one time housed the Jonesport Post Office.**

**Dr. Henry Mansfield Dentist Office (GPS 44.533270, -67.594481)**



**Dr. Henry Alton Mansfield opened his first dental practice in 1890 in the home of his parents. In 1910 he relocated to the former Bion B. Mansfield store, in the photo at left. The building is still standing and is a private home, as shown in the photo at right.**

## Jovial At 95, Retired Dentist Recalls 25-Cent Tooth Extraction

1963

By VIRGINIA LONDON

"Anything I wanted, I went out after and got. I didn't wait for them to bring it to me". This positive approach has brought Dr. Henry A. Mansfield, formerly of Jonesport and now a resident of Bangor, Maine, nearly everything he wanted in life. He recommends it as a fine way to "get ahead".

Dr. Mansfield was celebrating his 95th birthday Sunday with more enthusiasm and gusto than most men half his age. You need to be on guard when you start asking questions because his answers are terse and direct, and combined with his sense of humor, can rock you a bit as this reporter found. This amazing man practiced his profession of dentistry until he was 92, and, not to be overlooked, was the practice of optometry for which he studied and prepared himself, and passed the examinations of the state for a license in this field.

### 'This Is For Me'

He declares that he took up dentistry because there used to be a dentist in Jonesport for whom he delivered bills as a young boy, and he was impressed with both the process and the returns. "I said 'this is for me' ". He threw in one of his humorous observations here declaring, "It wasn't bad, I've probably had my arms around more women than any man in the state of Maine".

Recalling his early days as a dentist after his graduation from old Philadelphia Dental College in 1890, the going rate for a tooth extraction was 25 cents. "I felt that I was robbing them when I had to go to 30 cents. I also made dentures for \$12.50 a set and then I didn't charge anything for taking the teeth out.

"Until the automobiles came, I had five 'offices' located in Columbia, Columbia Falls, Jonesboro, East Machias and Machias.

port and I would spend a week in each, loading my chair and equipment in the buckboard and traveling from one to the other". He chuckled remembering his way of announcing his coming visits, which was sending out handbills—"just like a circus".

### Wore Out Four Cars

After the coming of the automobile he settled for one office but did a great deal of traveling to see his patients, and in the process he "wore out four cars." He always drove his own car until he retired.

During his busy life he has found time to travel through Eastern Canada and the United States and he still travels. During the past summer he flew from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania and back to visit his children.

He has also always been in the Congregational Church where he served as a deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school.

He is an ardent Democrat and gleefully keeps reminding you that he has voted a straight ticket all his life, and fully intends to continue doing the same thing the next time.

Dr. Mansfield's wife, the former Mabelle Church, died several years ago. He has three children,



(NEWS Photo by Maher)

### DR. HENRY A. MANSFIELD

Allen W. of Wilbraham, Mass., he had made 67 years previously. Mrs. Donald Davis of State College, Pa., and Mrs. L. D. Andrews of Orrington, his family includes nine grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Five generations worked long enough to do dental work for five generations in the case of one before he retired, he fitted glasses for one woman whose dentures

he had made 67 years previously. They were still satisfactory, he hastened to state.

Born in Jonesport January 20 1868, Sunday he presented a picture of an extremely youthful 98 and left no doubt in anyone's mind that he was enjoying life to its fullest. He was "the life" of the dinner and entertainment plan need for him with his family and friends at Leavitt's Home in Orrington where he now resides.



In 1959, at the age of 92, Dr. Henry Mansfield was New England's oldest practicing dentist.

Dr. Henry Mansfield traveled to nearby towns in this horse-drawn carriage to serve his dental patients who could not journey to his office. The carriage had all the equipment needed, including a dental chair and a pedal powered drill. In 1989 the carriage was donated to the Cole Transportation Museum in Bangor by Maralyn Mazza, a granddaughter of Dr. Mansfield.