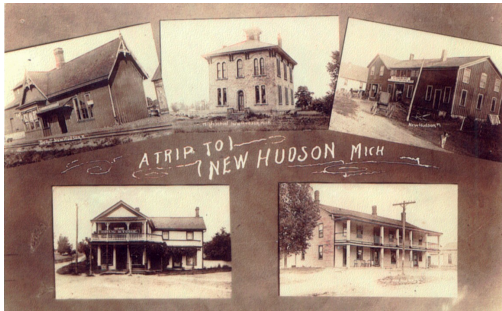




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Historic Pictures



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Lucius Lyon

Lyon Township was named for Lucius Lyon when the state legislature turned down the name of Fruitland as suggested by the Township residents. He came to Michigan as a surveyor in 1821 and was elected the first United States Senator from Michigan. Before taking his senatorial seat, he worked for the adjustment of the Ohio and Michigan border as well as the admission of Michigan to the Union. Through his efforts, the Upper Peninsula became part of Michigan.

Dr. Tucker's Drug Store (1)

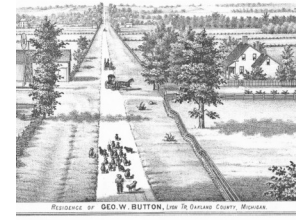


The Tucker drug store was located on the point of land between Milford Road and Pontiac Trail. The building also housed the post office for a time and served as the residence for Dr. Tucker and his family. Lena Bailey also operated a small restaurant attached to this building in later years.

New Hudson Methodist Church (2)



In 1837, eight people organized a congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the small hamlet of New Hudson. In 1884, this building was constructed on Grand River Avenue. When the road was widened in 1930, the church building was set back from the road, turned 90 degrees facing on the current Wells Street. The building served as the church until 1969, when a new church was built directly across the street on Grand River. The site is currently occupied by a resale shop.



George W. Button Residence (3)

This is an etching of the George W. Button residence in New Hudson circa 1876. Many farmers and landowners of the time paid handsome sums to have sketches drawn of their properties as well as portraits of themselves.



Cheese Factory (4)

The Cheese Factory, circa 1900, was located on the site presently occupied by Dolsen Elementary School on Rice Street. The Cheese Factory owner had a house moved from "the hilltop" to Milford Road near Rice Street where it stands today occupied by Ruby Templeton. John Canfield, a former New Hudson resident, remembers taking milk from his father's farm to the Cheese Factory. When the school building burned, the Cheese Factory was used temporarily for schoolrooms. Another similar factory operated in the City of South Lyon.



New Hudson Train Station (5)

The Grand Truck Train Station, circa 1890. The train traveled to South Lyon & Salem, south and north to Pontiac. The building was located on Depot Street, south of Rice Street and East of Milford Road. The street no longer exists. A feed mill was located adjacent to the station.



Spring Thaw and Flood (6)

A spring thaw at the intersection of Grand River Ave, Milford Road, and Pontiac Trail resulted in a flooded roadway. The building on the right was a grocery store first opened as a drug store by Dr. Tucker. The balcony was removed, and the small structure on the side was added for storage. c.1947



Burt's Buggy and Machine Shop (7)

This building stood near Milford Road and Grand River, circa 1880, and was a blacksmith and machinery company where Judd Burt and his son Fred repaired various farm implements. They also began building buggies, and this became their main endeavor. In 1931, Judd's grandson, Fred, started the Vagabond Coach Co., building some of the first mobile homes. When a fire destroyed the original building, the company moved to Brighton. The business continued well into the 1960's.



New Hudson Hotel/Inn (8)

The Hotel was opened for business in 1831 as the "Old Tavern". It had a spring dance floor that swayed and moved to the steps of the dancers. With overnight accommodations available, there was a time that the Tavern was called the New Hudson Hotel. Lumber used in making the tavern was hand cut. The 18" beams fastened with wooden pegs remain as staunch today as when they were originally put in place. The building's appearance has been altered a few times over the years, but it remains one of Oakland County's oldest buildings.



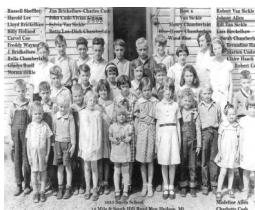
Knapp's Mobile Gas Station (9)

The gas station, circa 1925, was situated west of the New Hudson Hotel. This was a full-service gas station where the attendant would check the oil, clean the windshield and, if necessary, fill the tires. Notice the open pits for oil changing & underbody work.



Smith School (10)

The Smith School was located at the NE corner of 12 Mile and South Hill Road. This was one of seven small, one-room schoolhouses built to serve the Township children in the 1890's. Around 1920, the consolidation of rural schools had begun, and these small buildings were abandoned.



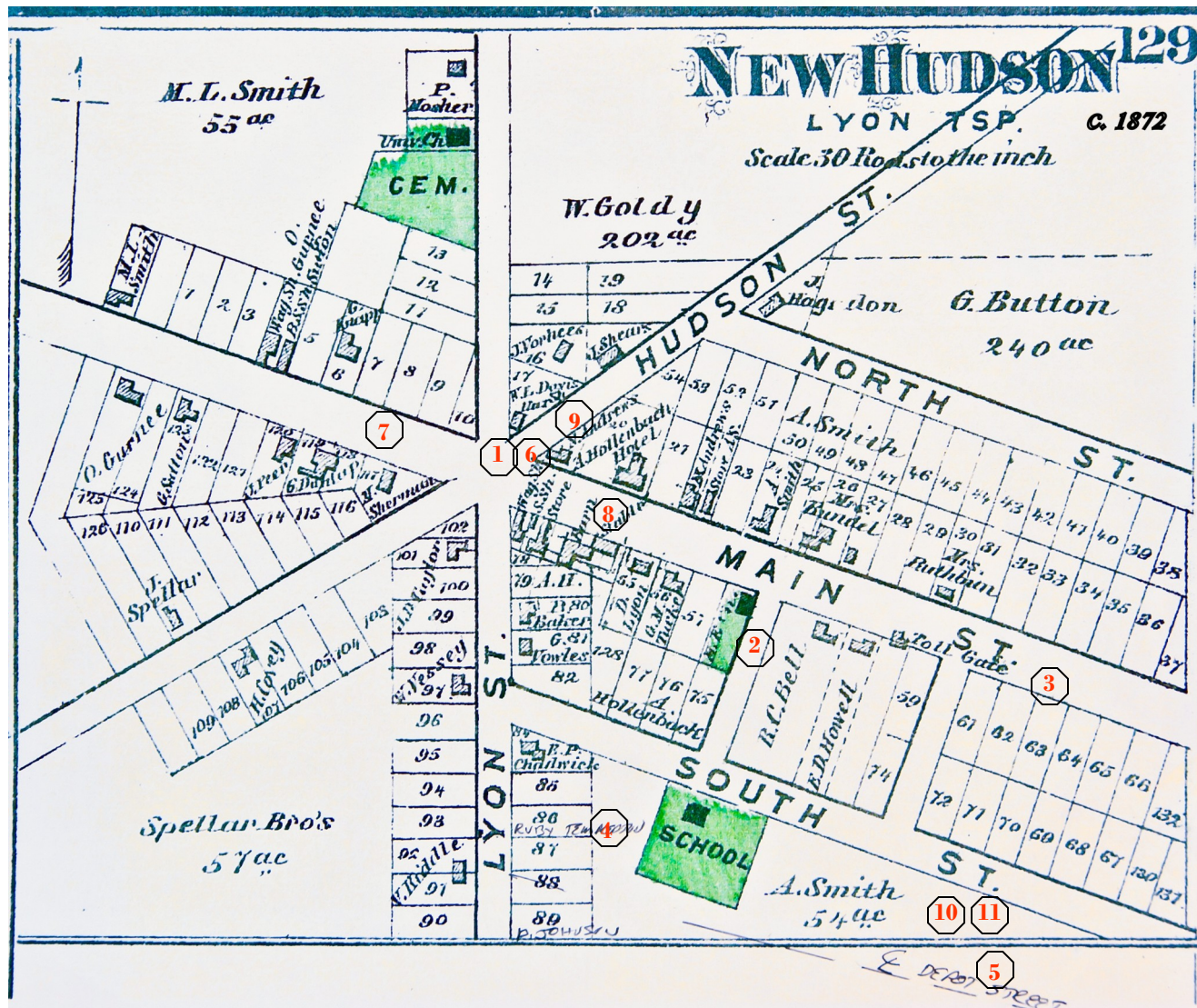
School Children (11)

This is the Smith School Class of 1935. Children of various ages were being taught in the same one-room school, which was a common practice. The school terms were scheduled around the farming duties of the day, so there was a three-month semester in the early spring and a second in the winter months.

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