

**Downers Grove  
37 Years Ago**

PERSONALS BY THE EDITOR

Capt. T. S. Rogers, the president of the board of trustees, has been a resident of Downers Grove since 1844, excepting his army career during the war, wherein he served as captain of Co. B, 105th Illinois Infantry. For the past twenty years he has conducted a first-class meat market in Chicago, and is now located at the corner of Eighteenth street and Wabash avenue.

W. Amos Moore, the real estate agent of Downers Grove, has an office with the lumber, coal and hardware firm of J. W. Rogers & Co., near the depot, and with DeWitt & Ackley, at No. 148 La Salle street, Chicago, and is the right man in the right place—reliable, energetic and of good judgment.

Thatcher & Crescy have resided here since 1838 and 1854 respectively, their dry goods, grocery, clothing, boot and shoe house having been established by the first named in 1856. Although quiet and unassuming, they know their business and patrons can rely thoroughly on quality of goods and representations made.

J. W. Rogers & Co. have been established since 1861, and are the pioneer lumber and building material dealers of Downers Grove. Their establishment is located opposite the depot, where may always be bought the various grades and qualities of the above articles, hard and soft coal, hardware, stoves, tinware, sewing machines, etc., besides imported Norman and domestic draught and buggy horses. The firm is composed of J. Warren Rogers and W. Smith Brookings, who first came to this vicinity in 1844 and 1838 respectively.

David Kline, the grocer, dry goods, boot and shoe and crockery merchant, came to this vicinity in 1853, and served during the war with the 64th Illinois Infantry, losing a leg therein. For 18 years he has conducted his establishment with much credit and success, and is regarded as one of the most reliable citizens.

La Salle & Co. controlled and managed by John La Salle, the founder, occupy their own double brick store, and keep a full assortment of general merchandise, country produce, and and Capt. T. S. Rogers' choice corned beef. A fine hall is located over these stores, is the hall of the place, and rented at nominal rates.

Richards & Naramore own and manage the only meat market in the place. It is a very neat brick and stone building, substantial, and conveniently arranged for the purpose for which it is used. They are both old settlers of this vicinity and are well known and do a thriving trade.

Chas. Anderson & Co. conduct a very creditable grocery store, and although not a long time in the business, yet are favorably known and have built up a nice trade, which is increasing with the growth of the village. The firm is composed of Chas. Anderson and John Riddler, the former being quite an extensive apiarist and "raises" large quantities of honey, which the firm disposes of to consumers.

W. S. Carpenter, who was raised in this vicinity, and conducts the only drug store here, which is in every respect a "model store" and a credit to himself and Downers Grove. He is a licentiate in pharmacy, energetic and laborious, and is determined to keep pace with everything in his line and the demands of the trade or rather profession.

V. Simonson the popular and skilled watchmaker and jeweler, is located in a portion of the drug store, and is accounted an efficient and expert workman. He learned his trade in both the new and old world, and has acquired a proficiency not always attained by so-called watch makers, and besides is reliable.

Mrs. Kimball is a lady well known and liked in the community, and recently opened what has since become quite popular among the ladies of the Grove—"The Ladies' Store." Herein may be found innumerable articles comprehended under the general head of "ladies" and children's furnishing goods," which are too numerous for the editor, although a married man, to either remember or enumerate. But, ladies, go and see for yourselves, as Chicago prices are guaranteed.

D. Kimball, who owns and occupies his own property at Downers Grove, is proprietor of "Kimball's Amanuensis School," at 83 and 85 Madison street, Chicago, where thorough and practical instruction is given in short-hand writing, type-writing, penmanship and general office work. It goes without saying that Mr. Kimball's superior methods and personal adaptability, together with his long and studious experience and results attained, pronounce him an adept at his profession, having but

few equals therein, both as author and teacher.

Lyman & Giddings is a firm well known in Chicago, and equally well known in Downers Grove. Thomas Lyman, the senior member, first came to this locality in 1839, therefore ranks with the very oldest settlers, and is naturally and justly proud of the place of his adoption. He has done business in Chicago for many years past in real estate, mortgage loans and investments. Mr. L. R. Giddings,

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