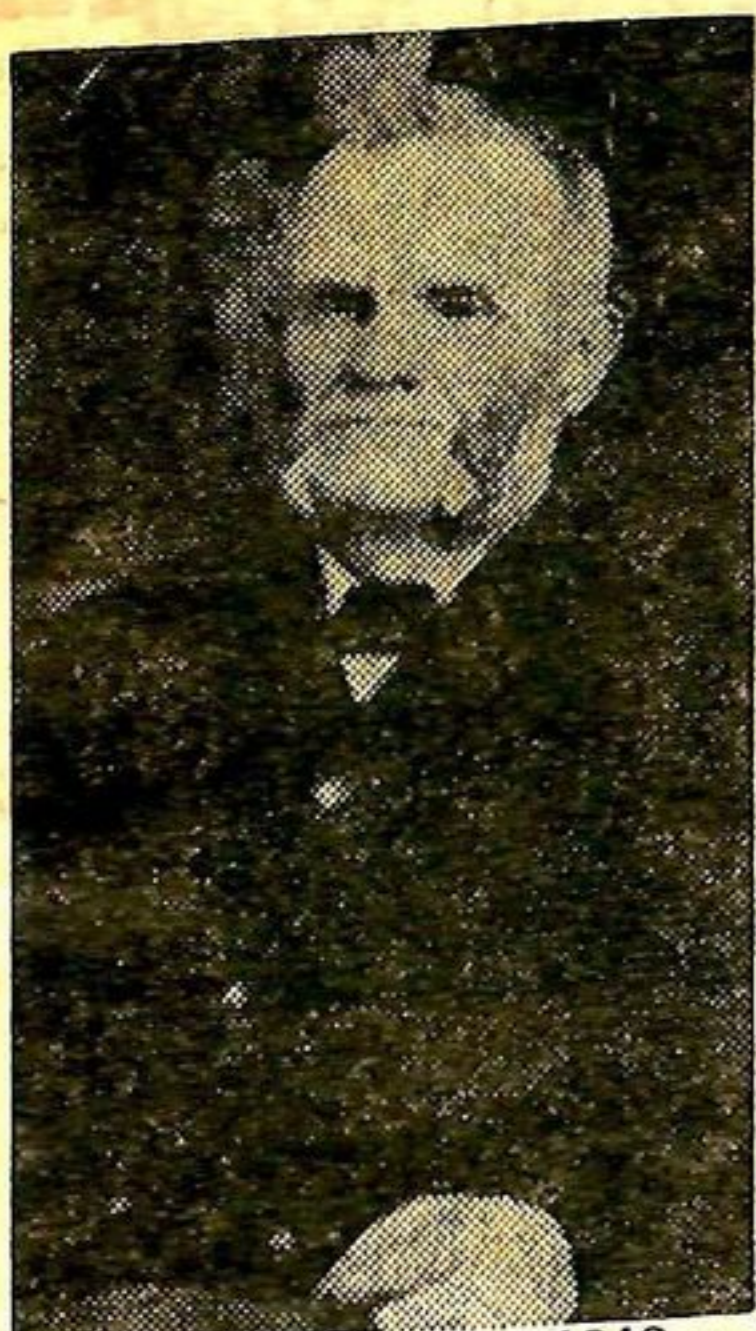
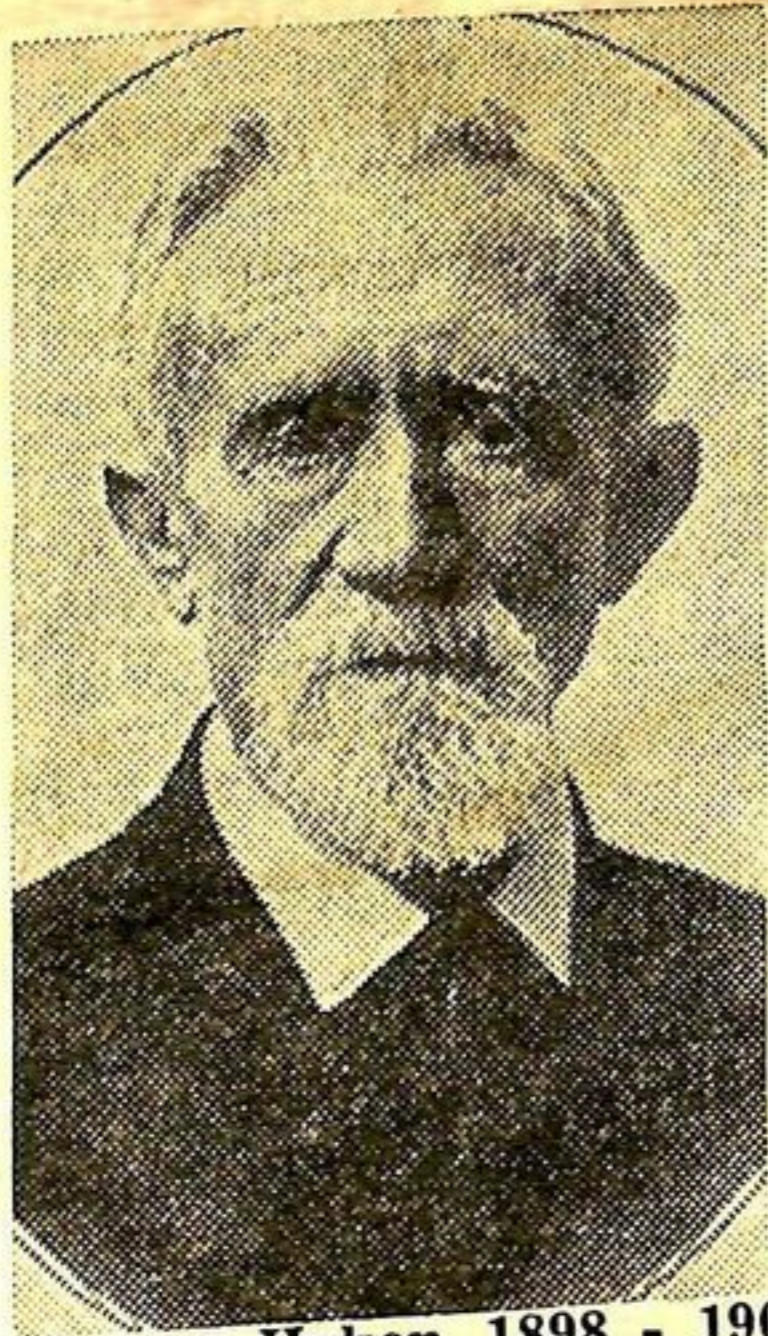


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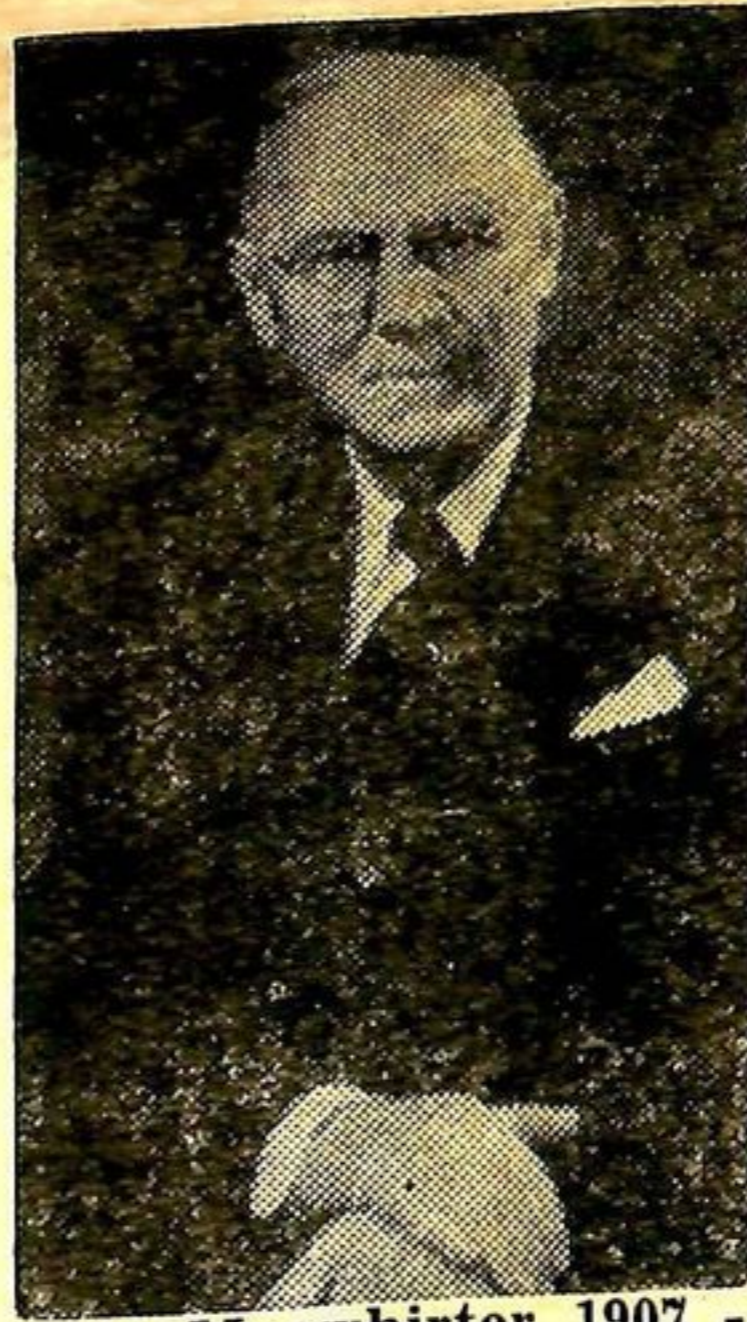
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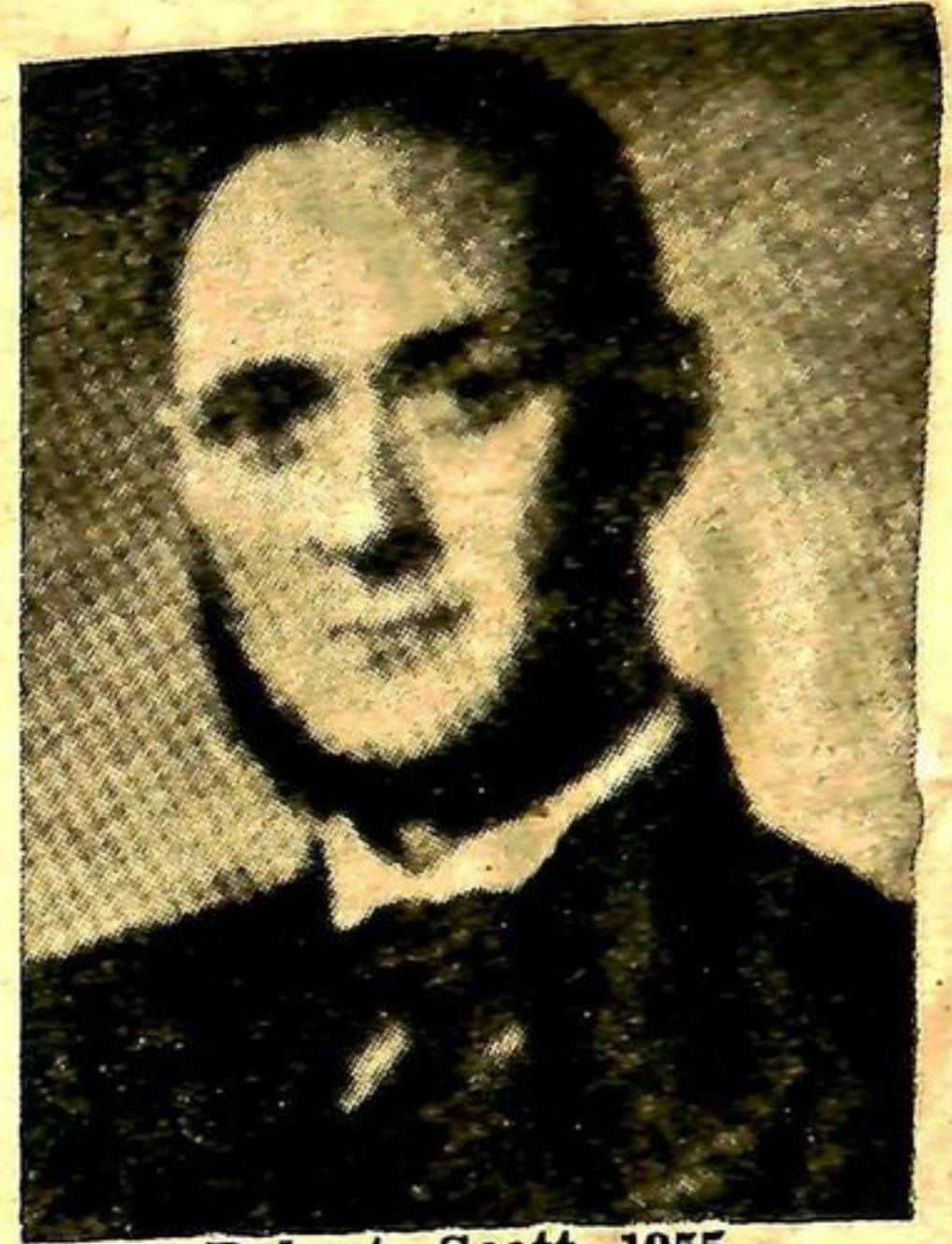
John A. Tidey 1848 - 1898



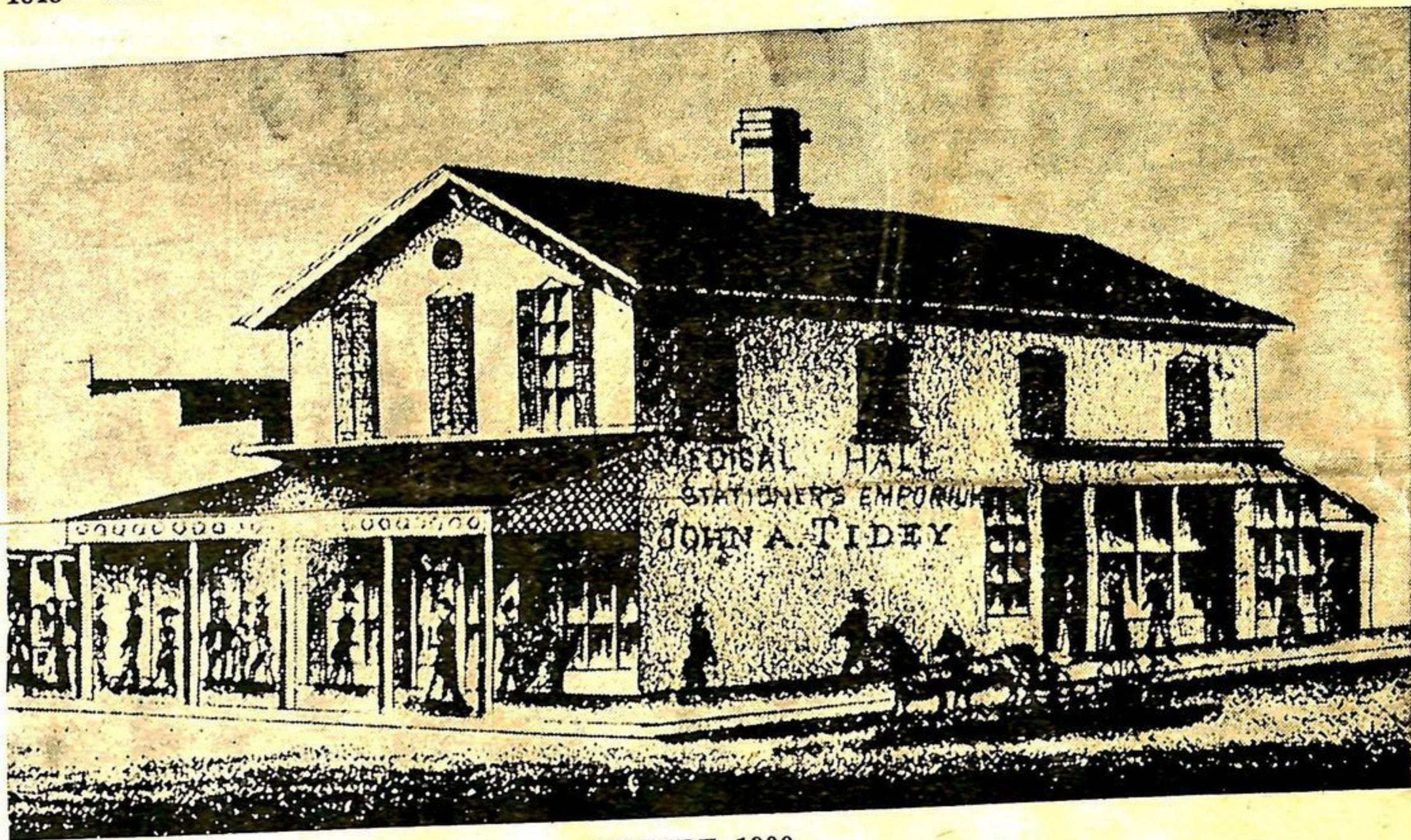
James Haken 1898 - 1902



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Robert Scott 1955 -



BEFORE 1900

HISTORY OF A PHARMACY OLDEST DRUG STORE IN ONTARIO LOCATED IN NORWICH ?

There seems to be reasonable fact to support the belief that Norwich, Ontario can boast the oldest drug store in the same location in Ontario.

The Ontario Pharmacists Association are presently restoring what is reported to be the oldest drug store in Ontario, namely, the Field drug store in Niagara on the Lake. This store was opened in 1820 but moved to its present location in 1862.

The Corner Drug Store in Norwich was opened in Norwich by John A. Tidey in 1848, 14 years before Field's moved to its present location. It was operated under the name of Medical Hall - Stationer's Emporium and continued to operate under this name for at least 50 years.

In 1867, Confederation year, a group of Toronto druggists formed "The Toronto Chemists and Druggists Association" and the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, at which time although they were an infant Group, compared to "The Norwich Pharmacists Association" they resolved, (according to The Globe, July 1, 1867) at a meeting at Mechanics Institute to invite the druggists in either section of Canada to meet together, with a view to organization of a central body and obtaining Legislative action to secure the objects sought by the members."

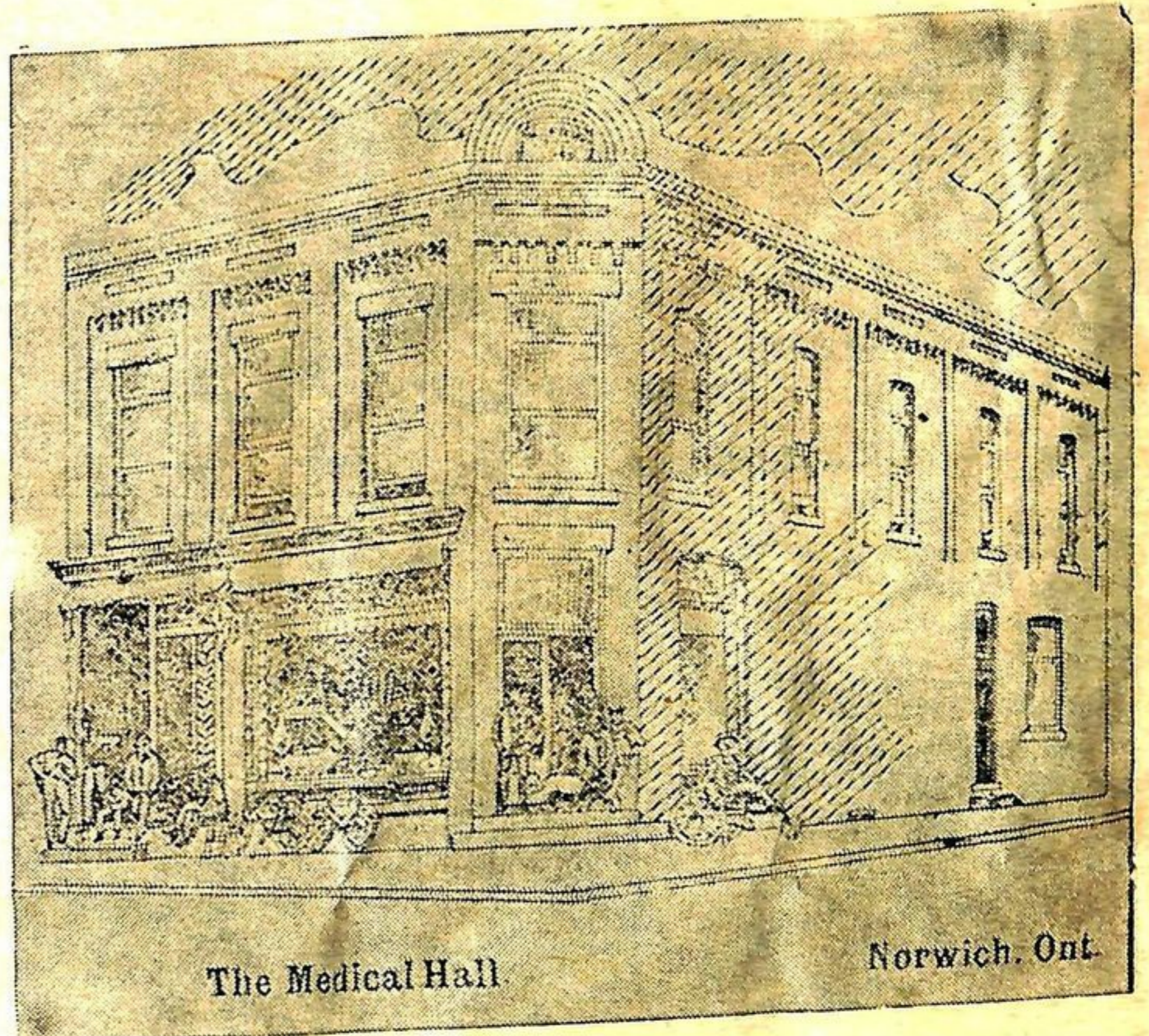
Groups of Druggists in Toronto have spent the 100 years since 1867 with a view to organization and Legislation, however they have continued to pay little attention to the older but much less influential Norwich Pharmacist's Association.

In 1869 the name College of Pharmacy was adopted in Toronto and in 1871 it became official when the Ontario Legislature adopted the Pharmacy Act of 1871.

The Pharmacy Act of 1871 posed a great many problems to the fledgling College of Pharmacy, one of which was John A. Tidey in Norwich, Ontario. By 1871 Mr. Tidey (now president of the Norwich Pharmacists Association) had already operated a drug store on the corner for 23 years, so after a good deal of consternation and deliberation, the College of Pharmacy decided to give Mr. Tidey a licence to make him a druggist on the corner in Norwich. — A licence that was to remain until the store was sold to Mr. James Haken in 1898.

James Haken bought the store in 1898 and operated it successfully for a number of years. In 1900 a disastrous fire wiped out the frame structure on the corner of Stover and Main Sts. Fortunately however, prescription records and account books had been moved to another building on the afternoon preceding the fire. In the same year a new red brick building was erected on the same site, to replace the building destroyed by the fire.

James Haken spent two uneventful years until it was revealed



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ed to the College of Pharmacy that Mr. Haken was not a druggist — although his business was licenced by the college four years earlier on the strength that his son (then living in U. S. A.) was a druggist. In 1902 Mr. Haken was successful in hiring Mr. Norman Macwhirter of Owen Sound to manage the Corner Drug Store for him.

Mr. Macwhirter bought the store in 1907, and gave Norwich good and conscientious service until 1955, when it was sold to the present owner.

While Norwich has never laid claim to the oldest Drug Store in Ontario the current member of the Norwich Pharmacists Association is convinced that it must surely contain one of the oldest. The business recently closed by William Adams is believed to be older than the Corner Drug Store, however it has not remained at the same location — perhaps this business was opened in 1819.

In 1967 — 100 years after Confederation, the Corner Drug Store is continuing as best it can to provide the community with the best in drugs and service as did Mr. John A. Tidey one hundred and nineteen years before — and in spite of presenting problems to Toronto Druggists Associations.

At least the Community can be assured that the Corner Drug Store in Norwich has been in the same location 14 years longer than the oldest drug store in Ontario.

SCOTT PHARMACY, NORWICH