

Historical home at one time passed to a founder of Lewiston Railroad Co.

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the stone foundation of the north wall.

Since Smith is one of the founding families and was on several committees over the years, it only makes sense that most of Lewiston's founding fathers frequented his home. Names like Barton, Fairbanks, Hopkins, Robinson, Sage, Porter, Tryon and Cooke were all close friends of Smith and attended meetings at his home. It is said that the original kitchen fireplace in the basement has been left intact from 1817.

The second section, or south wing (along Fifth Street), was originally an extensive carriage house. There is some conjecture as to when it was built: the Village Historic Preservation Committee record says circa 1821 in its report, while the sesquicentennial committee puts it as 1855 when Oliver Perry Scovell bought the home from Leonard Sheppard's estate (he was father of Mr. Scovell's first wife, who died young). It was later converted into living quarters, but that date is uncertain.

From Dr. David Smith, the original owner, the home passed on to Leonard Sheppard. He was a merchandizer and one of the founders of the Lewiston Railroad Company. Next came Oliver Perry Scovell and his second wife. Oliver was the nephew of Seymour Scovell, who built Oak Hill on Tuscarora Street (now within Artpark). Oliver Perry Scovell was an ardent



This undated photo shows the "Preacher's House" in an era long past.

Jewett, came from a famous family in Vermont. She lived in this home until her death at 103 years old. Their son, J. Boardman Scovell, took over the residence. He was a lawyer and historian that was personally acquainted with every president from Grover Cleveland to Franklin Roosevelt, and was close friends with Woodrow Wilson. He was a leading authority on Niagara Frontier history and author of the book "History of Niagara Portage."

churchmen, abolitionist and prohibitionist. He worked for the New York Central Railroad as a manager and helped build the Lewiston to Oswego Railroad. He also became a New York state legislator and held several public offices in Lewiston in his later years. His second wife, Elizabeth

gally represented William Love, the man infamous for his "Model City" and Love Canal. Scovell and his wife would sell the house in 1942, and it would pass several hands, not staying in one family's possession for long. The house remains mostly

unchanged from the time of its construction, but the new aluminum sidings and a garage mark its transition to the modern period. This historic home served as the meeting place and dwelling of some of the most important names in Lewiston's history and should be remembered as such.

Celebrating 200 Years

On Saturday, July 2, there will be a variety of activities offered by many community groups and individuals. There will be an early-morning yoga class at Academy Park. At 11 a.m., there will be a parade, so we encourage community groups to plan, create and enter a historically themed float. The balance of the day will have other events, which I will offer in the next article.

There are many opportunities for businesses and private citizens to participate and sponsor one or more of the weekend's events. To learn more about the bicentennial, see who is involved and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.Lewiston200.org.

Be certain to mark your new 2022 calendars now to be here July 1-4. After all, where else would you rather be?

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