

Dolph, Humphrey & Co Foundry (Site)

HISTORY SHEET

General Information

Name of Structure: Dolph, Humphrey & Co. Foundry

Address: 37 Ford St, Clyde Village (today new Highway Dept building)

Parcel ID: (542401) 74112-14-419300

Atlas: 1853: "Foundry"; 1858: unlabeled; 1874: "Foundry",  
1904: "Wood & Son Foundry & Machine Shop"

When Built / Mason: 1843

When Razed: 1979

Why: Deteriorated condition, replace with new building

Original Owner: Dolph & Humphrey

Subsequently: Many, significantly S.W. & S.H. Wood

Original Use: Foundry for manufacture of farm implements and machinery

Subsequently: Same, plus portable steam engines

Pictures: 1979, at time of demolition

Description:

Design details:

Large 2½-story, along the canal and railroad, long side faced Ford St.

Side facing the canal—Large equipment entrance on the right w/originally 3 windows to its left (the one closest the door later bricked closed but with lintel remaining). Above the oversized entrance one small 8-paned window. 3 windows center over the 3 lower level windows (16-over-16 panes).

Side facing the street—The right half of the façade had 2 windows down w/2 centered above them. The left half of the façade had 1 window (just upper) on the side nearest the quoins and to its right was another very large oversized entrance (upper) with a standard sized entry door below it whose right edge was aligned w/the right edge of the upper opening.

Left gable end wall—Very near the front corner quoin line was another oversized entrance; on the other end of the wall was a normal pedestrian entrance. Centered above and between them was a single window similar to those on the façade.

Right gable end wall—No details. It was covered by frame addition and no photo taken after it was torn down and before the cobblestone was demolished.

Masonry details:

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Details are difficult to fetter out. The photographs are somewhat fuzzy, in some areas the stones have fallen off, in others it appears repairs to compromised areas have been bricked over (not uncommon style of repair). It appears limestone quoins were used with multi-colored, sized, shaped fieldstones generally set 3/Q on front, side, and rear elevations. Cannot discern mortar details—neither its physical characteristics nor the application of pointing details.

NOTE: Robert & Alice VanOrden, then owners of the cobblestone house at 3353 Daansen Rd (Walworth), conducted a survey of Wayne County cobblestones in <unknown year>. A photocopy of a photograph of the building in a looseleaf notebook at the Walworth Historical Society is annotated: "Village of Clyde, Galen 7 NOW DESTROYED Warehouse, used until 1978 by the Clyde Road Department. It was very long with metal lintels and three rows of large rocks above the windows, just under the roof line." These quoin-like blocks can be seen in the photographs. The lintels have raised centers midway across their upper edges.

### References

Online photographs of the 1979 demolition of the "Old Village Barn":

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*Landmarks of Wayne County, New York*, edited by George W. Cowles, © 1895 pp 272-73

<https://archive.org/details/cu31924028835143/page/n321/mode/2up?q=dolph>

"In 1831 Condit & Van Buren established a foundry in a wooden building; and a little later the firm became Whiting, Humphrey & Co, who in 1843, sold to Dolph, Humphrey & Co. The latter erected a stone building and added the manufacture of machinery and here the business has ever since been conducted. Among their successors were A.S. Field, Humphrey & Wood, Millard Olmstead, F. Humphrey, Wood & Chandler. December 1, 1866, S.W. & S.H. Wood purchased the concern and carried on business until the death of S.H. Wood, when S.W. assumed the business. In 1887, the latter admitted his son Henry I. as partner under the style of S.W. Wood & Son. They make traction, portable, and stationary engines, iron and brass castings, and do a general machine business."

*History of Wayne County* © 1877, Prof W H McINTOSH, pp 84-85

[http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History\\_of\\_Wayne\\_County\\_1877.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History_of_Wayne_County_1877.pdf) McIntosh

This book documents this foundry / iron-works building with the same information, without any additional details beyond Cowles.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074531/1954-12-02/ed-1/seq-17/> Newark Courier Gazette

"Miss Janet Harper, Clyde, devotes her entry in the Hoffman Foundation historical essay contest to the various industries which her home town have had since the 1800 era. ... In 1831 Condit and VanBuren established a foundry for the manufacture of plows. A little later the firm became Whiting, Humphrey and Co. who in 1843 sold to Dolph Humphrey and Co. They later replaced the original wooden building with a stone one and added the manufacture of machinery. The foundry, known to many as the **Clyde Iron-works**, made traction, portable, and stationary steam engines, iron and brass castings, and did a general machine business until it was closed about 20 years ago."

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074506/1941-02-13/ed-1/seq-4/> Newark Union Gazette, Marion Enterprise

Training Courses in Defense Trades to Open for Youth

Clyde—Opening of new national defense school in Clyde for young men in Wayne Country and surrounding areas was announced this week by the Clyde Vocational School ... The Clyde Vocation School is operated under state license with sea license instructors and is located in the S.W. Wood Engine Company buildings, Ford St Clyde. ... With such a great demand for machinists and welders inner national defense program our school expects to turn out trained men for the many positions available today.

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No cemetery records found for Dolph or Humphrey (first names unknown)

Maple Grove Cemetery, Clyde NY

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/136689176/sidney-watkins-wood> (1829-1913)

Founded as Chandler, Wood & Co. in 1866 by George Chandler, Sidney W. Wood & Seth H. Wood. The firm changed names to S. W. Wood & Co. in 1867 when Mr. Chandler retired and in 1886 to S. W. Wood & Son.

In 1914, S. W. Wood Engine Co., Inc., was incorporated; portable & steam traction engines, machinery, etc.; \$45,000; by H. I. Wood, R. G. Wood, J. E. McGinnis.

Sidney Watkins Wood was b. 4/10/1829 in Kingston, NY,

He and his first wife, Catherine Whitmore (1829-1868) had 3 children:

Henry I. born 1856, Ella W. born 1858, and Ray Y. born 1864.

Second wife was Catherine Queeman, (1830-1922).

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/136691308/seth-henry-wood> (1821-1886)

Seth Henry Wood, who died January 18, 1886, came to Galen with his father, Israel, in 1830; he was a cabinet maker, and in 1868 established with his brother, Sidney W., the present engine manufactory in Clyde of S. W. Wood & Son.

Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1913 (2801).pdf (10/10/1913)

<https://fultonhistory.com/Newspaper%205/Rochester%20NY%20Democrat%20Chronicle/Rochester%20NY%20Democrat%20Chronicle%201913/Rochester%20NY%20Democrat%20Chronicle%201913%20%282801%29.pdf>

"SIDNEY W WOOD — Death Robs Clyde of One of Its Prominent Business Men  
Clyde, Oct 9—Sidney W. Wood, prominent business man of this village and manufacturer of portable and stationary steam engines and boilers, died yesterday at his home in West Genesee street, aged 85 years. Mr Wood was born in Kingston, Ulster county, April 10, 1829. He was educated in the common schools, after which he learned the machinist trade in Geneva. In 1866 he came to Clyde and established the machine works in connections with his brother, Seth H Wood. It is now carried on under the firm name of S. W. Wood & Son, who succeed to the firm of S. W. Wood & Company in October in 1876.

Sidney W. Wood, George Chandler and Seth H. Wood rented the old foundry of Ambrose Field in 1866 and for the ensuing year carried on the business under the firm name of Wood, Chandler & Company. Then Mr Chandler retired and the firm name was changed to S. W. Wood & Company. This co-partnership continued until the death of Seth H Wood, January 18, 1886. The following October, Henry I. Wood bought the interest of his uncle, Seth H. Wood, and the business has been conducted since then under the firm name of S. W. Wood & Son.

In 1898 Mr Wood and his two sons, Henry I and Ray G, bought the property of the Ambrose Field estate and the following year erected new boiler and blacksmith shops and

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reconstructed the other buildings. Where there were three or four men working in the shop in 1866, the firm now employs 25 or 30 men the years round ten hours a day.

When he was 12 years old Mr Wood began running the Stevens saw mill, which he operated until he was 17 years old. In that mill he cut out timber used as "sleepers" in constructing the road bed of the old Auburn railroad. At that time the railroad was built by spiking strap iron rails on to "sleepers". At the age of 25 he married Catherine Whitmore, who died in 1868, and in 1876 he married Catherine Queeman. By his first wife he had three children, Henry I, Roy G, and Ella, all of whom live at home. On February 9, 1911 he was stricken with paralysis at the dinner table, since which time he had been confined almost entirely to the home."

Note: Repeated in Syracuse NY Daily Journal 1913 - 4617.pdf (10/9/1913)

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn85026906/1913-11-20/ed-1/seq-5/> Newark Courier Letters of administration were issued to Catherine and Ray G Wood upon the estate of Sidney W. Wood, late of the town of Galen. The value of the personal estate is \$23,000.

Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1914 - 2354.pdf (6/9/1914)

A determination in the transfer tax proceeding upon the estate of Sidney W Wood, who died in Clyde October 8, 1913, was filed. The cash value of the who estate, subject to tax, is \$24,000.86; tax to which sam his liable is \$40.10. Henry I Wood, Ray G Wood, and Ella H Wood each receiving \$5,503.93 and paying a tax of \$5.04; Catherine Wood \$7,408.05 and paying a tax of \$24.98.

Clyde NY Eagle 1844-1847 - 0456.pdf (4/17/1847)

DISSOLUTION: The Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of Dolph, Humphrey, & Co. who have carried on the Iron Foundery [sic] business is hereby dissolved by mutual consent ... The business will be continued and carried on under the firm of DOLPH, HUMPHREY & WOOD at the old stand in Clyde, where they have erected and sited a large and extensive cobble stone building at a very heavy expense, with tools available for a Furnace and Machine Shop. 11/23/1846."

Geneva NY Daily Times 1975 Feb 1975 Grayscale - 0186.pdf (2/10/1975)

Clyde — At its Feb 6 meeting, the Clyde village board ... began planning of— for a new village barn ... Trustees Robert Stowell and Michael Loder were appointed to oversee preparation of bids for construction of a new village barn. The present barn is in deteriorating condition and will be torn down when the new building is ready. Part of the present barn is of cobblestone construction."