

J. B. Malcolm & Company - Marion Canning Company

*** This is not the cobblestone building — See William E. Henion BSS (Site) ***

HISTORY SHEET General Information

Name of Structure: James B Malcolm Co - Marion Canning Company

Address: 3736 S Main St
Parcel ID: (543200) 65114-12-809512
Atlas: 1853: unlabeled; 1858: "WS", 1874: "W.Sh. W. Eisentrager",
1904: "Packing Ho J.B.Malcolm"

When Built / Mason: Unknown
When Razed: Unknown when original building disappeared & replaced by
J.B. Malcolm Co building
Why: n/a

Original Owner: William Eisentrager (earliest known owner)
Subsequently: James B Malcolm, Fred Wooster, Seneca Foods

Original Use: Malcolm's 3-story evaporator plant replaced the earlier wagon & carriage
shop of William Eisentrager purchased by J.B. Malcolm in January, 1900.
Subsequently: Now a small office building for the business of Seneca Foods

Photographs: 2 early photos; 1 taken ~1955

Description: n/a This is not the cobblestone building
See William E Henion BSS History Sheet

The J.B. Malcolm Co (precursor to the Marion Canning Company) was a large 3-story stone block building located just south of the 1-story cobblestone blacksmith shop of his brother-in-law William E Henion. James B Malcolm died in January 1916¹, and shortly thereafter the business was foreclosed and sold at auction—that's when it became the Marion Canning Company. In 1970 Seneca Foods bought the Marion Canning Company which continues to maintain a small office building there as of this writing. It is unknown if the cobblestone BSS was still there when Seneca Foods acquired it. The present site incorporates both the original J.B. Malcolm Co site plus the Henion BSS site (all one address, although all the earlier buildings are gone).

¹ <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1916-01-06/ed-1/seq-1/> Wayne County Journal; also <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1916-01-08/ed-1/seq-7/> Newark Union Gazette

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After W.E. Henion died in November 1915, his widow Jennie nee Malcolm Henion, sister of J.B.Malcolm, hired blacksmiths to carry on the work in the BSS. It is unknown whether or not the BSS was part of the bankruptcy. Either way, it continued to be referred to as Jennie Henion's BSS through 1919, and then again once in 1927. After this time, it is never referenced again in local newspapers. Jennie Henion died in 1932 at age 80.

JAMES B. MALCOLM

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1916-04-13/ed-1/seq-8/> Wayne County Journal

The J.B. Malcolm canning factory is closed, awaiting the settlement of the estate of the late J.B. Malcolm, president of the company.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1916-05-06/ed-1/seq-7/> Newark Union Gazette

J.B. Malcolm Preserving Co Files Petition—Liabilities of \$99,198

The preserving plant of J.B. Malcolm and Company, one of the largest enterprises in Marion, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$99,198.48 and assets of \$72,947.04. Of the assets \$50,000 was in real estate and \$20,00 in machinery and tools. It is hoped that plans will yet be perfected for the operation of the plant for a long season this year ...

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1916-06-15/ed-1/seq-3/> Wayne County Journal

The J.B. Malcolm factory remains closed.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1917-04-21/ed-1/seq-3/> Newark Union Gazette

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE

Union Trust Company of Rochester, Plaintiff vs J.B. Malcolm & Company, Inc ... In pursuance of a judgement of foreclosure and sale duly granted in the above entitled action on the 31st day of March, 1917 ... will sell at public auction ... 23rd day of May, 1917 ...

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1917-04-28/ed-1/seq-8/> Newark Union Gazette

The J.B. Malcolm plant and adjacent land will be offered at public sale May 23rd. It is hoped that this plant will be put in operation.

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<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1917-07-05/ed-1/seq-3/> Wayne County Journal

The J.B. Malcolm Canning plant was sold at Lyons last Wednesday. It was bid off by Wade Malcolm, son the late J.B. Malcolm for \$6,300. It is reported it will be open for business before the season closes.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1917-08-30/ed-1/seq-8/> Wayne County Journal

The J.B. Malcolm Co Canning plant which has been idle since the death of J.B. Malcolm two years ago, has again changed hands and became the property last week of Fred Wooster of the firm of Wooster & Mott of Union Hill. Mr Wooster is a prominent businessman, owning large farming and fruit interests as well as coal, lumber, and building materials. ... Wade Malcolm, son of the late J.B. Malcolm, will be the local manager.

Similar with a few more details: <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1917-09-01/ed-1/seq-6/> Newark Union Gazette

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1918-05-18/ed-1/seq-7/> Newark Union Gazette

Marion Canning factory, owned by Fred Wooster of Union Hill, will soon be open for the season by canning rhubarb. ... Manager Brown has had the quarters on the factory yard put in shape and painted to receive the expected tenants.

JENNIE HENION'S BSS

William Henion's widow, Jennie, keeps the blacksmith shop going after her late brother's business is auctioned off to new owners.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1918-03-09/ed-1/seq-3/> Newark-Union Gazette

Raymond Ebert and family have moved ... has been employed for some time by Mrs Jennie Henion in her blacksmith shop. She has secured another man who will move here from Rochester...

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074107/1918-08-09/ed-1/seq-3/> Marion Enterprise
"Charles Brusse is doing a lively business at the Henion BSS."

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1919-05-22/ed-1/seq-8/> Wayne County Journal

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Mrs Jennie Henion has secured as blacksmith Mr Thompson of Palmyra. F. J. Bruzee who formerly worked for her, has opened a small shop in his barn.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074501/1919-09-06/ed-1/seq-8/> Newark Union Gazette

"Mrs Jennie Henion has reopened her blacksmithing shop with a competent man in charge."

Even as late as 1927.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1919-11-06/ed-1/seq-8/> Wayne County Journal

Henry Lybert, who recently received his discharge from the Navy, has rented Mrs Jennie Henion's blacksmith shop and will resume his former occupation as a blacksmith.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031445/1927-03-10/ed-1/seq-2/> Wayne County Journal

"Frank Leroy of Williamson has leased the blacksmith shop owned by Mrs William Henion and will open for business next week. Mr Leroy has been recently employed by his brother Jacob Leroy at Williamson and formerly ran a blacksmith shop in Marion."

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074529/1927-03-17/ed-1/seq-5/> Williamson Sun and The Williamson Sentinel

Frank LeRoy of Williamson, formerly of Marion, has reopened the Henion Blacksmith shop in Marion.

Upshot: We don't know when the Henion BSS officially became part of the Marion Canning Company, or when, or why it was torn down. Verlyn Klahn documents it in 1955 Hoffman Scholarship Essay, "Cobblestone Structures of Wayne County" with an accompanying photograph showing an apple processing chute in front of the cobblestone building.