

John W. Myers Marble Works (Site)

HISTORY SHEET

General Information

This was probably NOT a cobblestone

Name of Structure: John W Myers Marble Works¹

Address: 11 Mill St - best guess

Parcel ID: (544201) 69117-06-253931 (Yr built 1853;1953)

Atlas:
1853: unlabeled buildings; 1858 "B.S.";
1874: "#8 J.W.Myers W&Bs.Sh&Res" ;
1904: "33 J.W. Myers Marble Works"

When Built / Mason: Unknown

When Razed: Unknown

Why: Unknown

Original Owner: No information found

Subsequently: Various, see below

Original Use: Blacksmith shop

Subsequently: Various, see below

Pictures: No known photographs or renderings

Description: Unknown—local newspapers are our only source of information about this "blacksmith shop" later used as "J W Myers Marble Shop". It is referred to both as cobblestone and as stone. Sodus village, however, had 3 cobblestone buildings within a block of this one, thus giving some credence to the claim that it may have been of cobblestone.

Stone or Cobblestone?

1904 Sodus Village atlas color-codes J.W.Myers Marble Works building (#33 Mill) in light pink (as is the nearby Edgar Kelly cobblestone store on the corner of Main and Mill Sts). The legend on Sodus maps denotes light pink as "stone" (there is no code for "cobblestone"). Five confirmed cobblestone buildings were constructed in Sodus Village and similarly color-coded. The town correspondent in 1919 referred to this as a cobblestone building. There are

¹ This History Sheet has been written because there is ambiguity as to whether this was a cobblestone building or not. Its purpose is to document what has been found for use by other researchers.

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no photographs. There are no newspaper records corroborating this as a cobblestone, or even a stone building. Likewise, nothing has been found on Jim Stuver (or variations on the name).

We don't know the answer to this question.

References

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?k=cobble%20stone&t=27981&i=t&d=01011876-12311976&m=between&ord=k1&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19190117_english_5&df=11&dt=20 Sodus Record, 1/17/1919

"Do You Remember: When 'Jim' Stuver conducted a blacksmith shop on Mill street in the cobble stone building, which afterwards was J. W. Myer's marble shop?"

Sodus Rural Cemetery - John Myers

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177776084/john-w_-myers (1825-1902)

Father of Charles H., William, Mary, John F. and George A. Myers.

Son of William Myers.

Married to Frances.

Per *findagrave*: John Myers took over the Marble works from Enos Fuller in Sodus.

John W. Meyers. of Sodus, N. Y., is dead at the age of 76 years. He began life as a contractor and was one of the builders of the Erie Canal. For many years he conducted the leading marble works in Sodus.

<Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1902 - 0266.pdf> (1/17/1902)

SODUS RESIDENT GONE - John W Myers was born in the town of Lyons, His parents were William Myers of Sussex NJ and Mary Ostrander Myers, of Newark. The deceased began life as a contractor and holds a place in history as one of the builders of the Erie canal. He moved to Sodus Center when 34 years old and purchased a large farm. Fifteen years later he located at Sodus village and opened a marble shop. His monuments have been shipped far and near. Survived by widow, four sons, and a daughter.

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011825-12311903&e=john%20w%20myers&m=between&ord=e1&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19020117_english_5&df=1&dt=10

Similar but adds: "His life was extremely active, and upon to a few weeks ago he was giving personal attention to business."

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His son, John F Myers, managed the John W Myers estate after the latter's passing. There were several properties. Newspaper accounts were not specific about property transfers beyond "Sodus property". It appears that the elder Myers' home was on Mill St, perhaps behind the marble works shop. The Myers' home was subsequently rented out.

Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1906 - 1068.pdf (3/27/1906)

LYONS, March 26 — judicial settle of account of executor and probate of will... decree was granted judicially settling the accounts of Attorney Myric M Kelly and **John F Myers** of Sodus, executors of the estate of John W Myers, of Sodus. The account showed the sum of \$15,128.57 received and disbursements to the amount of \$8,738.12 having a balance of \$6,390.45 to be distributed among those entitled to it.

Rochester NY Times Union 1942 b - 1725.pdf (12/26/1942)

Dr J.F. Myers, 79, Dies; Sodus Hospital Founder

Sodus—Dr John F Myers, widely known physician and surgeon, died in his home here yesterday morning, Dec 25. Born in Sodus, Mar 20, 1863, a son of John W and Frances Hallet Myers, Dr Myers graduated from Sodus Academy in 1882. ... In 1900 he opened the Myers Hospital, which is still the only hospital in northern Wayne County. ... Dr Myers retired from active practice in 1934 ... Burial will be in Sodus Rural Cemetery."

Sodus NY Wayne County Alliance 1885-1887 - 1167.pdf (9/14/1887)

Dr J.F. Meyers is refitting up rooms in the Myers building on Mill St, and will occupy them as a doctor's office.

Sodus NY Record 1904-1907 - 0979.PDF (3/29/1907)

"FOR RENT. House with 7 rooms on Mill St. Sodus. Dr. J.F. Myers"

Sodus NY Wayne County Alliance 1887-1893 - 0199.pdf (Wed, 4/3/1889)

"J Frank Myers, Physician and Surgeon, office in Myers building on Mill St. I have a special apparatus complete for the treatment of ? and ? diseases. This is the only apparatus in Wayne County. Office hours ..."

KC Note: illegible print copy

Building Demolition Stirs Many Memories

<http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?>

[i=f&d=01011900-12312022&e=building%20demolition%20stirs%20many%20memories&m=between&ord=e1&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19780824_english_3&df=1&dt=1](http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011900-12312022&e=building%20demolition%20stirs%20many%20memories&m=between&ord=e1&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19780824_english_3&df=1&dt=1)

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Sodus Record, Thursday 8/24/1978, p 3

"... The structure at 9 Mill, until recently, housed the laundromat owned by Sigmund (Ernie) and Mary Piekunka which has been relocated at 11 Mill behind Piekunka's dry cleaning business. ... At one time or another during the building's history it has been occupied by a garage and auto agency ..., a marble shop where tombstones were sold, and the medical offices of Dr J.F. Myers in the early years of his practice. ... The building, one of the oldest in the Sodus Business District, was demolished Thursday, August 17, to make room for a parking lot.

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011903-12312018&e=burns%20feed,mill%20st&m=between&ord=e1,e2&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19391130_english_5&df=1&dt=5 Sodus Record 11/30/1939

3 Apartments for Rent — Two in Myers homestead, Mill St; one above Burns feed store. Inquire Myers hospital.

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011903-12312018&e=western%20auto,mill%20st&m=between&ord=e1,e2&fn=wayne_county_mail_usa_new_york_ontario_19910214_english_8&df=1&dt=10 Wayne County Mail 2/14/1991

"Fifty Years Ago — W.H. Skinner of Penn Yan has opened the Western Auto Associate Store in Mill St, the former location of Austin's Market."

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011903-12312018&e=austins%20market,mill%20st&m=between&ord=e1,e2&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19411211_english_4&df=1&dt=3 Sodus Record 12/11/1941

Advertisement: AUSTINS MARKET 8 Mill St.

http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011903-12312018&e=austins%20market,mill%20st&m=between&ord=e1,e2&fn=record_usa_new_york_sodus_19400229_english_4&df=1&dt=3 Sodus Record 2/29/1940

Advertisement: AUSTINS MARKET Next to Fire Hall, Mill St I.G.A. Store ...