

Bethinking of Old Orleans

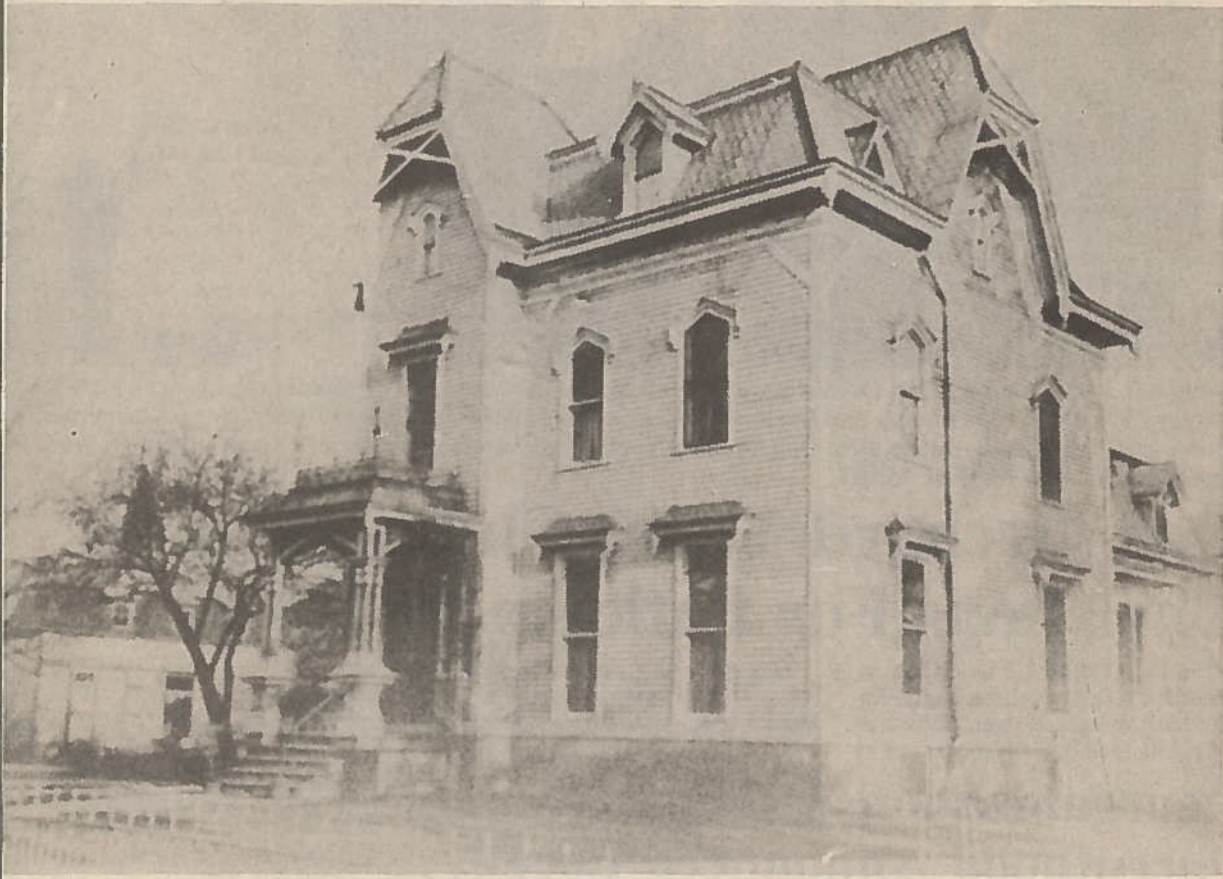
C.W.Lattin County Historian

Vol. XV

12-21-93

No. 46

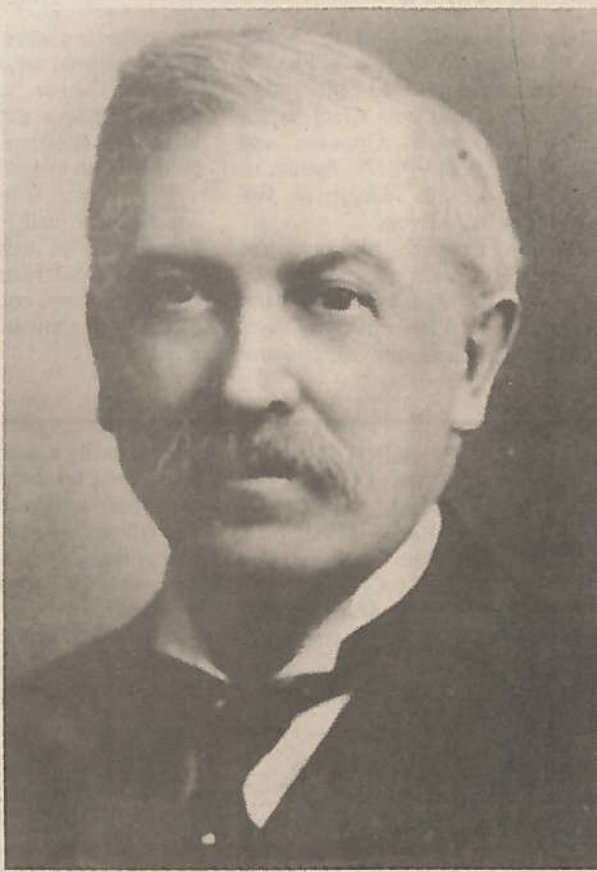
GEORGE H. SHATTUCK, PENMAN



This large and impressive residence in the Stick Style was once the home of George H. Shattuck, teacher of penmanship and the author of books on the subject. Mr. Shattuck came to Orleans County in 1850 and in 1862 married Margaret Bathgate of Medina. They lived in her family home known as Bathgate Place which was located on the southeast corner of West Avenue and Pearl Streets in Medina.

In 1876 their old house was removed and the magnificent dwelling pictured here was erected on the same lot. George H. and Margaret Shattuck moved into their new home with their three sons William, George, and Algernon during October 1877. Eventually the house was inherited by Algernon, or "Al," who sold it to Irving Weet around 1931, who, in turn, sold it to the Moose Lodge. For several years this house served as the club rooms for the Lodge. After the Lodge built their present building in the early 1950s on West Avenue, the old Shattuck residence was torn down. In its place was erected a grocery store which has since become the Nichols-Hepp Supply Co., Inc.

Mr. George H. Shattuck who is also pictured here, was first associated with Colt Pistol Shops in Hartford, Conn. as a machinist. However, he had a special interest in penmanship and through his own self teaching became an expert and eventually taught it in schools. In 1853-54 he was recognized by a prestigious award of merit through an international exhibit of industry. Mr. Shattuck was also employed by Payson, Duntun and Scribners to introduce their system of penmanship through various publications (text books) to public schools. Later he had interests in Spencerian copy books and the American Book Co. During his career 80 million copy books in which he had an interest, were used in schools throughout the world. Indeed, this man from Medina, had a far reach-



ing affect on students of his time. Of course, we are speaking of the day and age when everyone was taught to write with their right hand in beautiful flowing script.