

THE YMCA, SO. COURT STREET, WOODSVILLE, NH
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The Boston & Maine YMCA Building was situated between the Court House and the Opera Block, sharing the space with Dr. Miller's house and office. The property ran from South Court Street to Pleasant Street.



The house was built by Ira Witcher. Ira owned most of the land on the west side of South Court Street. Ira gave the land for the court house and lived in the next house south that later became the Costello family home.

The YMCA later became the home for Ezra. B. Mann who leased it to the railroad. The barn had an ornate weather vane on the roof and the front porch was added around 1901.

The YMCA was considered their "home away from home" for the many railroad men held over in Woodsville.

Membership in the ymca rapidly grew right from it's opening in 1900. Within a year membership had reached 250 and beds weren full most every night.

Activities expanded as the membership increased. Indoors was a punching bag and a pool table. A baseball team was created.

The railroad offered excursions to the White Mountains, Lakes Winnepesaukee and Memphremagog.



The Cottage Hospital didn't opened until 1903. There was no place to care for injured railroad men so the YMCA started operating an emergency room. The injured men were taken to the hospital after 1903 and the emergency room was converted to other needs.

In 1913 the building was sold to N. H. Nutter. Mr. Nutter planned to convert the building back to a residence. Meanwhile, several of the railroad men formed a club and rented space on the top floor in the Opera Block.

The next owner of the building was Dr. F. S. Spear. Dr. Spear's practice was in Lisbon, prior to his moving to Woodsville.

The building was sold and removed in 1940 and the Post Office was built.



The Post Office opened in 1942 and was expanded to include the Miller property, next door, in 1966.



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