

has a sawmill and grist mill. There is a hay cap factory, carriage shop, also furniture shop and blacksmith's shop, two or three stores, hotel, with Lockart Willard as landlord and proprietor. It has also a number of other industries which I have not mentioned, and when they are all in operation they make business lively.

At Cookshire they have a large steam sawmill, sash and door factory, machine shop, flouring mill, some eight or ten stores and shops, also electric lights, and are now putting in water works for fire protection, etc. They have three churches, Catholic, Episcopal and one that was built as a union church, but now controlled by the Methodists. There are custom grist mills in town, one at Sawyerville, one known as Lake's Mill, on Eaton River, between Eaton Corner and Cookshire, and one at Ascot Corner.

In conclusion I wish to say that my whole aim in writing this history was, 1st, that the rising generation might be able to look back and see what their forefathers had to endure, the hardships and difficulties they had to master in clearing up the forests, removing the stumps,

levelling and preparing the soil, for the mower, reaper, horse rake, tedder and all modern improvements, which a good share of them never lived to see, all of which we now enjoy, and should appreciate by doing our best in preparing the way for the finer machines which will surely supercede those of to-day, just as soon as the surface of the ground is prepared; so let the next generation, or I might have said let our children have as much reason to be thankful for what we have done as we have to be thankful to your forefathers, and in so doing make this town as it were the garden (not Eden) of the whole Eastern Townships.

My second reason is love of country. It was my native town where I was raised up to manhood so I became endeared to it in my youthful days, and desire to have it kept in remembrance from its birth up. Now I hope someone will take it before it gets old again, better qualified to do the work, and I would ask a favor of every citizen in town for the benefit of my successor.—Keep a family record of all passing events.

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