

HISTORY OF DRESDEN HOTEL

Built about 1826

George Remer of N.Y. had six sons, all in the American Revolution war, and three daughters. Two of the sons, John and Byron settled in Yates Co.. Bryon's son Joseph Remer was born in 1793 and died 1874. In 1820, he married Mary Embree, daughter of Rowland E.. They lived in Hopeton where he worked with his father making shoes for the "friends and others for \$2-\$5 a pair.

By 1830, Joseph had moved to Dresden and soon established the "Eagle Hotel" later called "The Dresden". In one of "Dresden Den" articles he says that in 1827 there was a tavern operated by Harmon Emmonson the corner of Seneca and Charles St.. It also listed in the 1828 directory. Maybe someday in an old scrapebook, we may find that it burned as so many buildings did at that time and who was the "Dresden Den". Joseph conducted this hotel for 10 yrs., he also had a warehouse and shipping business, opened a general store, was collector of Crooked Lake Canal and port master. By 1840 he owned a tailor shop, with six employees, conducted by Jude Livermore and extensive blacksmith and wagon shops. In 1835 census four males and five females were in his household.

In 1845 when his son Bryon, born April 11, 1824 at Hopeton, bought the property on Main St., later known as the Fred Dean place, Joseph was already living there on this property. The 1865 directory gives H. Hazard as proprietor of the Dresden Hotel and J. Cuddeback of the Hoepton Hotel.

1. Jonathan J. Hazard was captured by the enemy in the Revolution War.
2. Son George died at 67, Married Marion Potter who died 1839 at 50 yrs.
3. Jonathan married Elousetta F. Brown daughter of Russel. He died Oct. 31, 1876 while bathing in the canal. She remarried to C.C. Carr.
4. George R. born June 1841, died Oct. 1898 at 57 married Gertrude Teft who died Feb. 6 1931. His obituary says "Proprietor of Dresden Hotel situated on the site of the first hotel erected in Dresden."

His sister Adaline was mother of Addie Moroney who married E.C. Nutt.

Oct. 23, 1868, a robbery took place in Dresden, Rogers shop was robbed of four pairs of boots and three pairs of shoes; George Hazard's saloon two or three boxes of cigars and \$12 cash, Storm had chickens stolen and a gold watch was taken from William Mittower's room. The thieves were captured in Geneva.

In 1883 George owned the hotel, barn and a meat market. He had them in 1891 and was on the tax roll for \$10.37. In 1895 they were still his. The ball room was over the bar room, dining room and bedroom. The east end was a store and at one time a post office was in the house and an ice house in the back. In the bar room was

a pool table, Herman Teft had a barber chair in this room summers and returned to Rochester in the winter. Franklin Jones, William Clark and Pearl Douglas also barbered here at times.

April 5, 1916, the hotel was vacated and closed by the land lady, Mrs. George Hazard. Ed Kumienck from the apple drying house stored apple skins in the east side and in 1918, Rip Ellis lived there.

Jan 26, 1921, Arthur Barnes bought the hotel and had Joe, Lee Davis, George Enos, and Erwin Welker tear out the center part of the building where the dining room was, making two buildings. After Barnes left Sweigart store, he made a store in the bar room. Later Irwin Reich had the store and the Barnes lived in the east side for several years. He died Nov 11, 1939 at 76 years. In later years the family sold the west end to James Williamson and the east end to Ray and Alma Williamson. This east end where Barnes* lived was sold to Kenneth Chambers in 1976.



DRESDEN N.Y.

THE ROOTS OF "THE DRESDEN"

On the 26th of June 1887, Fred Remer, his brother Gilbert and nephew Bert, were instructed not to build on the S.W. corner of Washington Square which is across the road from the present restaurant. Since F. H. and G. Y. Remer were on the tax roll in October of that year, we assume that at that time they purchased the land on which the restaurant now stands. Their total tax bill was 72¢.

In 1897 F. H. and G. Y. Remer owned a store at that location and according to the 1897 tax roll, the lot was worth \$1200 and the total tax bill had increased to \$4.67.

Sometime before 1926 the business was owned by Allan Thornton who operated "Thornton's Inn." The building was then used as a store and bakery. Later occupants were Douglas Pulver in 1927, Kenneth Martin, who owned the building, Daniel Murphy in 1942, William Finnegan and wife, (now Betty Smalley) in 1943, William Morgan in 1944, and Albert Bazar in 1946. The Abrahams of Geneva purchased the building in 1953, enlarged it, and it became an I.G.A. store. In 1956 it burned with a \$50,000 loss. It was rebuilt, a new addition added, and the "Dresden Hotel" came into existence as a restaurant and bar. The "Hotel" was affixed to the name to conform with

liquor licensing laws at that time. A room was made available for rental purposes so that the license could be obtained. In 1974, Robert and Maxine Denson became the new and present owners, and the business name was changed to "The Dresden". Researched by Betty Smalley, Town of Torrey Historian.



In 1827 Dresden was made a regular appointment in the Crooked Lake Methodist Circuit having services every four weeks.

By 1828, they were held in the school house semi-monthly at 2 P.M. The first class was organized in Torrey in 1831 and the First Methodist Episcopal society eight years later in 1839 but a Sunday school had been organized in May 1833.

People came from as far as twenty miles for a big meeting which commenced on Saturday at 10 A.M. and was to close Sunday evening. The entire congregation voted to continue and over fifty came to the altar for prayers and the meeting didn't close until the next Sunday night. After this meeting 112 joined the M.E. Church and many united with other churches.

400 some dollars were collected in 1840, to buy this church with plank seats, which the Bogarts had built in 1829, for the use of all faiths but was now owned by Aaron Remer. He offered to sell it for \$700. The minister was holding the money and he absconded with it to Iowa. Mr. Remer kindly allowed them to use it while he lived but this had caused the society to greatly weaken almost to extinction. The Baptist society organized about 1843 and bought the present edifice from the Remer estate and the Methodists rented space in the Presbyterian church. In 1849, the Methodist trustees contracted with the Baptist trustees to purchase the building for \$449.80.

In April 1850 a subscription of \$400 was raised to finish off the audience room. It was completed and dedicated in the Spring of 1851. There were 64 members in Dresden, connected with the class^{at} Milo in Raplee school house of 35. In 1853 E. Milo transferred to Milo Center and from then through 1855, Dresden and Bellona were connected.

A parsonage was purchased across from the church in 1852 but in 1857 a motion was carried to sell that and buy a new one from John L. Dox for \$450. A subscription was taken in 1867 for reseating and repairing the church and removing the gallery. It was ready on 20 May 1868 with a deficit of \$2300, which included a debt of \$150 on the parsonage. \$2500.50 was raised in that first sermon on a rainy Sunday morning.

The Grangers were renting the basement, dishes and melodian for \$7.50 to be applied for coal in 1883.

1887-1888 current expense for the year \$166.36. Amount raised for them \$151.60.

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In 1865 the proprietor is listed as G H Hazard who died in 1895. His obituary says - "proprietor of Dresden Hotel situated on the site of first hotel erected in Dresden". In 1891 he owned the Hotel, a barn and a meat market and his taxes from the tax roll were \$10.27. In 1916 Mrs. George Hazard vacated the Hotel.

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The Hotel had a large ball room upstairs with a high arched ceiling under which was the bar room and dining room. In 1921 Arthur Barnes bought the Hotel and hired Joe and Lee Davis, George Enos, and Irwin Welker to tear out the center dining room and made two private homes. In the late 20's the bar room was used as a barbershop and later a pool room.