# John Latta

John Latta came to this village from Greece in the early thirties. He built the house belonging to the late **Morris Rapalee** and afterward built and lived in the house across the street belonging to the late William Connely. He was engaged in a tanning business located on the site of the former Gordon Lumber Yard. Tradition says that opposite this tannery was a grist mill near the north end of Gordon Street which was run by water power from the springs under Spring Street. At the closing of the tannery business, Mr. Latta opened a shoe store at the corner of Main and Water Streets in which business he continued until his death. He was followed by his son, Frank Latta, who likewise continued in the shoe business until his death. When the new M. E. Church was completed John Latta bought the old Methodist Church building on Market Street and remodeled it into a block for business or residence. He also built a frame building for the same purpose. He lived to the age of ninety years. He had one son and two daughters, of whom the oldest, **Mrs. Mary Snider**, is still living at the age of ninety-four years.

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