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Vanished Kent

The following photos are of buildings that once were familiar to everyone in Kent. Can you identify any of them? We think that some of you “Old Timers” may be able to. We hope the rest of you will enjoy this peek into our extensive photo collection that stretches back at least 125 years! In fact, one of these photos is of a house that was torn down in 1895. What a shame! This should make us think before we tear down, because once they are gone, they are gone.

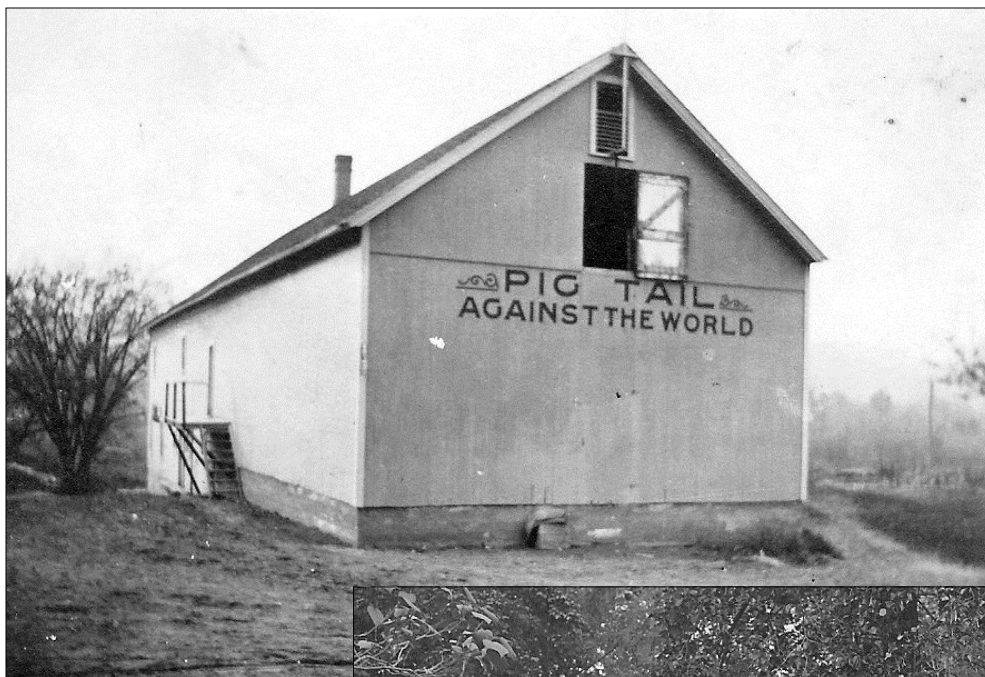
See if you can find them or at least where they were! *Answers on page 5*



#011

Hint: There is only just a piece of this beautiful building standing it was the old state refectory restaurant and it's on the left, north of Kent Falls on Route 7.

Vanished Kent.. (con't)



#318

Hint: The Old Borden Creamery in the village of South Kent is sometimes known as “Pigtail” because of a squabble between two farmers over damage caused by one’s pigs.

#631

Hint: The old Kent Inn. This was a place for tourists to come and relax. One wing of it is now The Kent Art Association.



#135

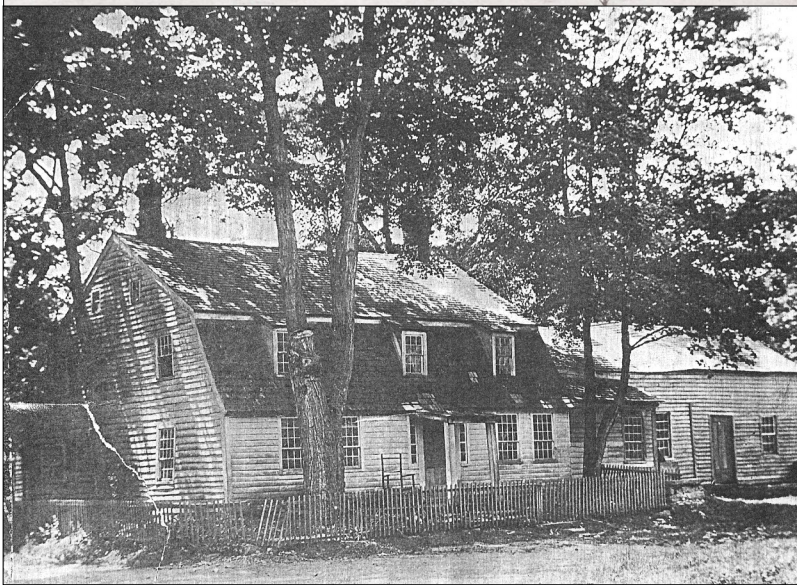
Hint: Hundreds of Kent children took piano lessons here from Miss Anne Chapin.



#217

Hint:

The John Judd House on the 'Golden Falcon' lot. Once owned by a character named Maurice Childs.

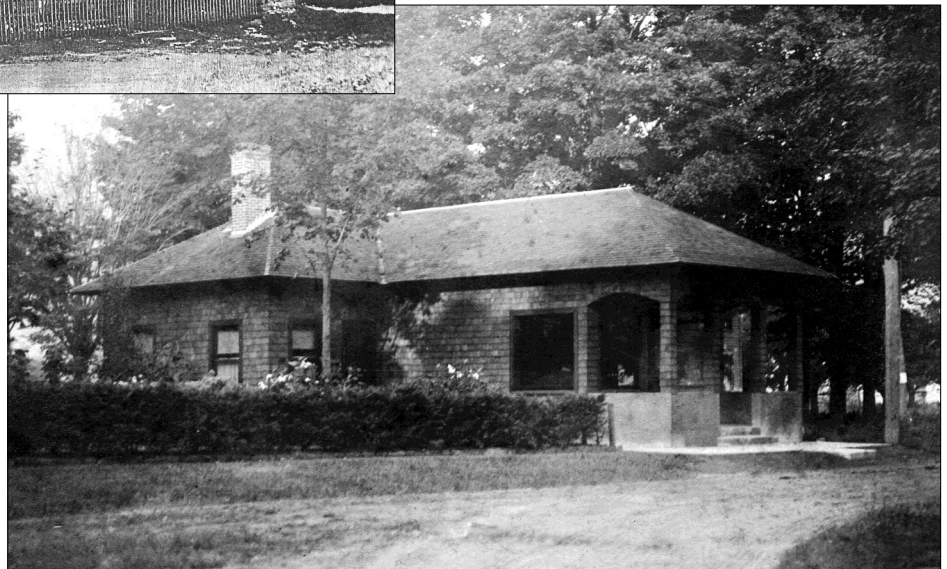


#130

Hint: Torn down in 1895, this was the oldest surviving house in the center of Kent. The wing on the right was a store the sold Schiedam Schnapps for "medicinal" purposes during a time of alcohol prohibition in the 1850's.

#009

Hint: A thriving pharmacy owned by Dr. Walter Barnum, physician at the building of the Panama Canal. This beautiful building fell victim to a flurry of "urban renewal" that hit Kent in the 1950's.



Vanished Kent ...con't



#307

Hint: 4th of July decorations ready to greet the milk train.

#320

Hint: The original Bulls Bridge Inn.



#374

Hint: Kent School decided to move and reuse as faculty housing near the river bank. Good for them!

So grateful to the lovely Ky Anderson

Ky Anderson, who passed away two years ago in March at the age of 93, has left the Kent Historical Society a very generous bequest of \$150,000. which we received this month. It couldn't have come at a better time. Thank you, Ky, for remembering us; we are so very grateful. For us here at the office, we have daily reminders of her presence - her desk along with her glasses, her scissors, and her bejeweled magnifying glass. She is still here with us at some level! We miss you daily, Ky. And we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Welcome Wagon! Welcome to Kent!

Since the pandemic hit, our once part-time neighbors have become full time, and we welcome them! The Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to greet them all with a "Welcome Wagon" gift from the local merchants and nonprofits in town, and we were lucky to get in on the last delivery. So, we hope that many will join the Kent Historical Society to find out about their new home town and its history. That is why this issue features some of our favorite images of old Kent – we hope you ALL will enjoy them! Welcome neighbors!



Where to find the pictured buildings

#011 Rte 7 just north of Kent Falls on the left #318 Next to South Kent Post Office #631 Mobil gas station stands here now #135 80 North Main #217 This house stood on the empty lot between Heron Gallery and Kent Wine #130 I Bridge street #009 5 Bridge Street #307 Creamery Barns on North Kent Road down the hill by 329 Kent Cornwall Rd. #320 northwest corner at the intersection of Route 7 and Bulls Bridge Road #374 31 Skiff Mountain Road

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