

PARKS CLOTHING STORE

ALSO KNOWN AS TOWN LOT # 87

The following information was provided to the City by local historian Chris Worick as a result of personal research:

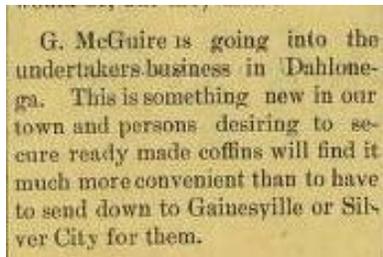
Reverend Goodman Hughes purchased Town Lot 87 in 1875. He and his wife occupied the upstairs living quarters and maintained a store in the ground floor portion.

Reverend Hughes ran the store until about 1877. His nephew on his wife's side, J.W. Sitton, then ran the business until his death in December, 1894. After the inventory was sold off the shop was rented by Moore and McGuire in 1896 for a short time. By August 1896, the partnership had dissolved and G. McGuire retained the store for his mercantile and general merchandise.

In 1898, McGuire attended a course in Atlanta for undertakers and returned to Dahlonega where he added to his inventory by offering ready made coffins and caskets for sale. This was a first for Dahlonega according to the newspaper. Before this, local residents wishing to purchase coffins for their deceased family members had to travel to Gainesville for any burial or funeral items.

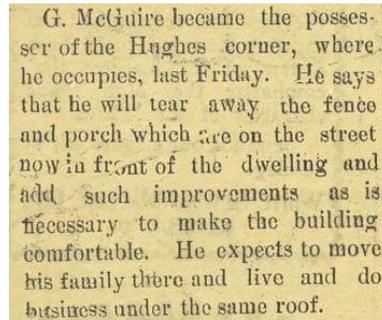
In 1899, Reverend Hughes died and his estate went up for auction. G. McGuire purchased the lot and retained ownership for several years.

Displayed are some pertinent clippings which describe changes or modifications to the Parks Clothing Store that took place between 1898 and 1901. All of this information is from the Mountain Signal and Dahlonega Nugget newspapers available online for research.



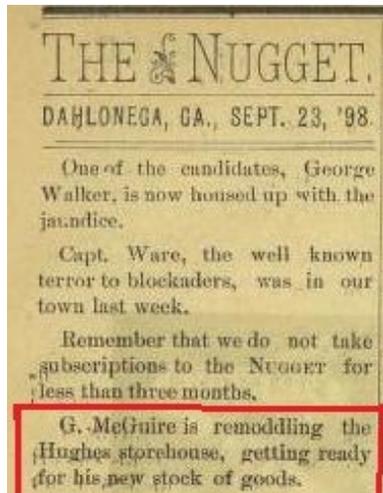
G. McGuire is going into the undertakers business in Dahlonega. This is something new in our town and persons desiring to secure ready made coffins will find it much more convenient than to have to send down to Gainesville or Silver City for them.

September 2, 1898



G. McGuire became the possessor of the Hughes corner, where he occupies, last Friday. He says that he will tear away the fence and porch which are on the street now in front of the dwelling and add such improvements as is necessary to make the building comfortable. He expects to move his family there and live and do business under the same roof.

August 25, 1899



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DAHLONEGA, GA., SEPT. 23, '98.

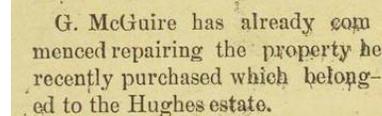
One of the candidates, George Walker, is now housed up with the jaundice.

Capt. Ware, the well known terror to blockaders, was in our town last week.

Remember that we do not take subscriptions to the Nugget for less than three months.

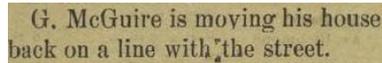
G. McGuire is remodeling the Hughes storehouse, getting ready for his new stock of goods.

September 23, 1898



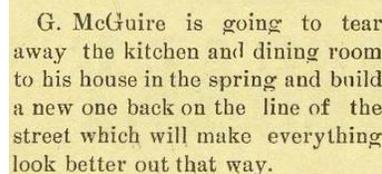
G. McGuire has already commenced repairing the property he recently purchased which belonged to the Hughes estate.

September 1, 1899



G. McGuire is moving his house back on a line with the street.

September 8, 1899



G. McGuire is going to tear away the kitchen and dining room to his house in the spring and build a new one back on the line of the street which will make everything look better out that way.

December 8, 1899