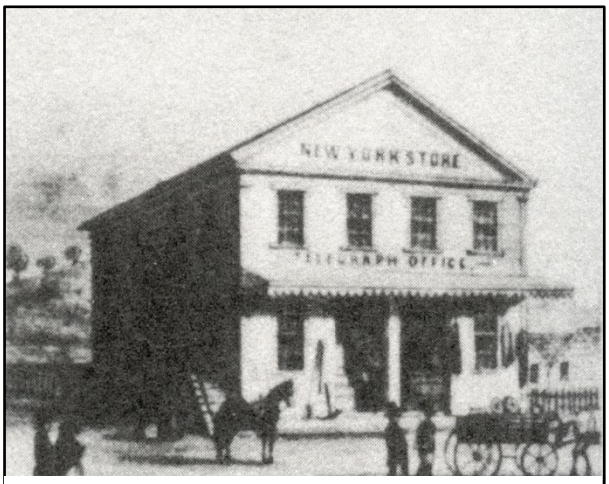
Dr. Jones Apothecary

The 1853 tax assessment stated that the house on this land was owned by J.M Parker and that it had been built for William Milligan and sold by Milligan to Parker in May of 1853. The following year Parker sold the property to A. Smith Haynes and Edward Hickman and they also purchased another parcel from M. McNeil, that ran east from the first parcel twenty-eight foot along Main Street.[1] In 1857 those two parcels were combined and were sold by Hayes and Hickman to Peter Traver, with the description stating the land sold was seventy-four foot, six inches wide and eighty-seven foot from front to back with the property of John C. Hughes behind it.



The New York Store shown in an 1857 Dresel and Kuchel print.

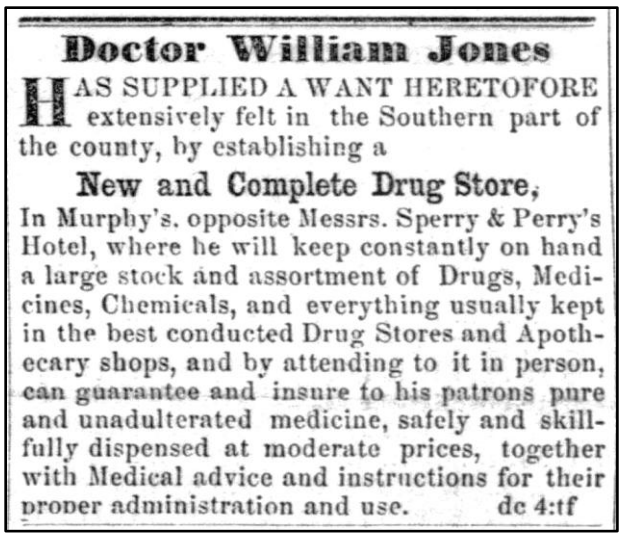
When Peter Traver purchased this property, it did not extend all the way north to Church Street, since Church Street was nearly two hundred foot from Main Street and Traver only purchased land that extended back eighty-seven foot. The building on the lot being sold was called the "*Old New York Store.*"[2]

Traver sold the property to Doctor William Jones in 1858, with the deed again describing it as "*known as the New York Store, Reservoir, aqueduct and an iron fireproof safe.*"[3] Doctor Jones used the building as his drug store but the 1859 fire destroyed it the following year with a loss of his surgical instruments that were kept in an iron safe. Upon opening the safe after the fire it was found that the papers in it were all sound but the instruments were destroyed from the heat and no longer useable, at a cost of five hundred dollars.

The stone building that replaced the old New York Store building was windowless, and had iron shutters on the French doors both in front and back to enable it to withstand future fires. The San Andreas Independent dated March 2, 1860, stated that "Dr. Jones is building an extensive stone building across the street east from Matteson & Bate's livery stable and across the street north from Sperry Hotel for his apothecary shop".



Dr. Jones Apothecary that was later rented to the Stephens Bros. for a store
(Courtesy of the Calaveras Co. Archives)



Doctor William Jones

HAS SUPPLIED A WANT HERETOFORE extensively felt in the Southern part of the county, by establishing a

New and Complete Drug Store,

In Murphy's, opposite Messrs. Sperry & Perry's Hotel, where he will keep constantly on hand a large stock and assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, and everything usually kept in the best conducted Drug Stores and Apothecary shops, and by attending to it in person, can guarantee and insure to his patrons pure and unadulterated medicine, safely and skillfully dispensed at moderate prices, together with Medical advice and instructions for their proper administration and use. dc 4:tf

The stone building that replaced the old New York Store building was windowless, and had iron shutters on the French doors both in front and back to enable it to withstand future fires. The San Andreas Independent dated March 2, 1860, stated that "*Dr. Jones is building an extensive stone building across the street east from Matteson & Bate's livery stable and across the street north from Sperry Hotel for his apothecary shop*". The first record that showed that Jones owned the entire lot from Main Street back to Church Street was the 1862 tax assessment.

Doctor Jones used the stone building as his drugstore, with his office adjoining it on the east in a small wooden building. According to his 1866 tax assessment the office location was described as "*Also the small wood building to the rear of the northeast corner of said brick building*."



SATURDAY, Feb. 4, 1905

Dont fail to See Stephens Bro's.

Big Stock at Murphys

Is Bigger, Brighter and Better than Ever Before

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

For Girls and Boys, and Something Nice for Older ones Too. We have BOOKS and DRUMS, Pianos and Guns, Tops and Wooly Dogs, Albums, Dolls Trumpets, Balloons, Balls, Mechanical Mice, Bugs and Men, Doll Buggies, Express Wagons, Carts and Wheelbarrows, Rocking Horses and other things too numerous to mention here. We have Clocks, Watches, Palms and Jardiniers, Fancy Crockery, beautiful Glassware, Lemonade Sets, Salad Sets, Cake Stands, Water Sets, Calognes, Puff Boxes and Toilet Soaps.

OUR LINE OF CHOICE CANDIES, and the prettiest holiday candy Cartoons, are admired by everyone and the sweets all taste like MORE.

Our Regular LINE of NOTIONS is the most complete in the mountains.

Our stock of Dry Goods has been materially improved. We carry everything from and Indian Basket to one, two, four and six horse wagons, all for sale.

We handle Stove Wood, Posts and Hay, Stoves, Grain and Millstuffs, all standard brands of Flour.

We have Mattings, Fancy and Staple Stationery, Guns and Ammunition. Groceries complete in every detail.

Hardware to Please You All

Investigate Perhaps you do not know that you have so large a stock of well selected goods so near at home.

CALL AND SEE US. It will cost you nothing to look around. If our prices do not suit then send out for your goods, otherwise patronize your HOME STORE.

Thanking Everybody for their many past favors, and wishing them every blessing, together with a Merry, Merry, Christmas, a Happy New Year, we are your obedient servants.

STEPHENS BRO'S.

Main St, MURPHYS, Calif.

In September of 1875, Doctor William Jones deeded the property to the Big Trees Lodge #68, IOOF with the lot being described as seventy-two foot wide on Church Street and eighty foot wide on the Main Street side, "*together with the brick building thereon known as Dr. Jones brick store*"[4]. The IOOF Lodge kept it until 1879 and then sold it to John Hauselt, William Hitchings and Dave Baratini.[5] John Hauselt was the only owner by 1885 and he received a deed for his wife Walburga Hauselt's interest in 1889.[6]

The building was rented to the Stephens Brothers as a store in the 1890s. There is still a visible sign painted on the west side of the building, "*Stephens Brothers Cheap Cash Store*."

At the 1st Murphys Homecoming in 1948 the vacant store building was used as a museum for the event with displays of old time items. [7]

In the 1980s, the business in this building was named *"Murphys Cheap Cash Store"* and was a gift, antique and collectibles store. The lot has been split into four parcels now, with the stone building that was the drugstore of Doctor Jones still standing on the west front corner, along

with two parcels behind it going up to Church Street, both with homes on them. There is one other portion on Main Street on the east side of Lot 6 that has a new commercial building.

CENTENNIAL MUSEUM IN MURPHYS PLANNED

Ruby Parlor, N. D. G. W. have taken charge of the museum that will display relics of California's early days during the Centennial celebration to be held in Murphys, July 24 and 25.

Arrangements have been completed to use the historic old stone structure across from the Murphys Hotel known as the "Stephens Bros. Cheap Cash Store," which was built in the late '50s.

The large two-compartment structure, its sides lined with shelves which once held everything from a "corset stay to a Mexican cinch for a jack's belly," is being cleared out to house relics owned by Murphys residents. It is planned to use one room to duplicate an early day scene and the other in which to display relics.



End Notes-Block 8, Lot 6

1. Calaveras County Deed Book B, page 599. McNeil to A. Smith Haynes
2. Calaveras County Deed Book B, page 882. Hayes & Hickman to Travers
3. Calaveras County Deed Book D, page 112. Travers to Doctor Jones
4. Calaveras County Deed Book Y, page 458. Jones to Big Trees IOOF
5. Calaveras County Deed Book 2, page 302. Big Trees IOOF to Hauselt, Hitchings and Baratini.
6. Calaveras County Deed Book 16, page 608. Hauselt to Hauselt
7. Prospect 3/13/1948 Museum