



Z. T. PARKER STORE, BARN, AND HOUSE in 1890.

The above picture must have been taken around the early 1890's, and gives the reader a fine view of the Parker store buildings as they appeared at that time. When Zaccheus T. Parker built the present building in 1893, the old store as

pictured was moved back from its original site where it remains today.

Zaccheus Parker senior, conducted a general store in these old buildings for years. When he retired his son Lewis took over the business and ran it for years. He in turn sold out to his brother Zaccheus T. The latter had worked in R.H. White's in Boston and Sherman's in Fitchburg. When he took over the old Plympton Green store he brought with him the newer methods and practices of an up to date store. It wasn't long before he had pushed the old store back and built a new and modern one in its place. The new store had a soda fountain, a dry goods counter, wall paper racks, and a drug cabinet. It also contained the first and only telephone of the period. Plympton folks were proud of their new store. They also liked Mr. Parker, and well they might for he was a good and generous man.

The lady at the extreme right was Mary Randall, and the small girl was her daughter Nettie. The man holding the horse was William Peck. Seated on the express wagon was Frank Sanborn, and at the right corner of the store was Z.T. Parker himself. Who the two little children in the door way were will very likely remain a mystery forever.