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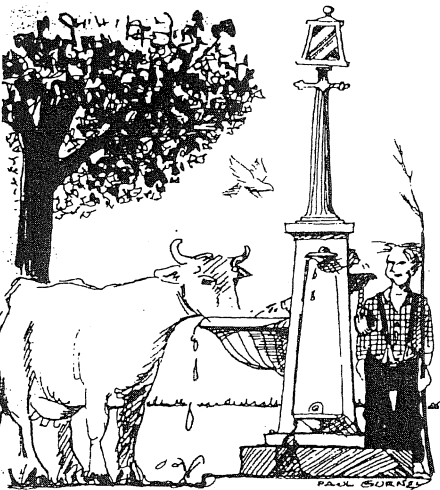
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## Randolph McNutt

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Randolph McNutt was born in Warrensburgh on May 31, 1851. His parents were Hiram and Rebecca McNutt whose home was on Main



Street, the former dwelling of Miss Helen Somerville.

Both Randolph and his older brother, Hiram E., attended the Warrensburgh Academy and graduated from Dartmouth College. Hiram became a doctor and practiced medicine in South Dakota while Randolph studied law at Albany Law School and had a legal practice in Warrensburgh for a time. He was School Commissioner of Warren County during the period from 1877 to 1880. He left Warrensburgh in 1880, married Evelyn Merrithew of Hudson Falls, settled in Buffalo, NY in 1884 to establish a school furniture company. Here he bought the

Hotel Markeen, conducted it for many years, making it a home for his wife and later for his widowed mother. Through the years he revisited Warrensburgh frequently, sometimes joined by his brother to renew old friendships here. He kept track of doings back home through the columns of the Warrensburgh News and showed his affection for his old home town by bestowing many useful gifts for public use. Some of these gifts were: in the 1890's, pulpit furniture to the Presbyterian church; in 1900, a new flag to commemorate the opening of the new stone schoolhouse on the site of the old Academy; in 1914, a map of Europe to the Richards Library; in

1915, \$100 to the Library to augment a fund for purchasing books to replace those lost in the fire of 1914.

But the best remembered of all his gifts was the cast iron fountain for man and beast which stood in the town square from the late 1880's to the early 1930's when it was displaced to allow paving over the



Picture from postcard, courtesy of Caron Akeley Collection

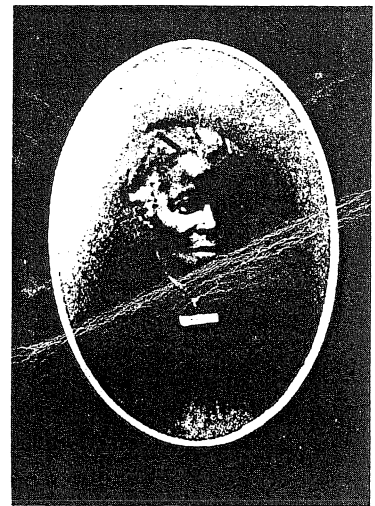
little triangular park in front of the old Stone Block.

Fortunately it was not immediately junked but was stored in the old barn on the recreation field, so that when Miss Kathleen Goodman heard rumors of plans to scrap the fountain she arranged to have it moved from the barn to her back lawn on Hudson Street where it is to this day!

Randolph McNutt died in 1927 in Buffalo where he and his wife are buried. Our townspeople were saddened by the loss of such a good friend to the community.

## Diary of Grace Noyes

(18 January 1825 - 5 January 1881)



*Transcribed by Sarah Farrar exactly as Grace wrote it, spelling, punctuation, etc. The notes in parenthesis are Sarah's notes, explaining who and what*

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