

Civil War Veterans buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT

Charles Stone alias Charles Meunier dit Lapierre

by John Richard Fisher - September 2016

On September 4, 2016, I read the Burlington Free Press article on the HISTORY SPACE section about Deborah Hardy and Jim Woodman who were cleaning up the gravestones of Civil War veterans in several cemeteries in Chittenden County.



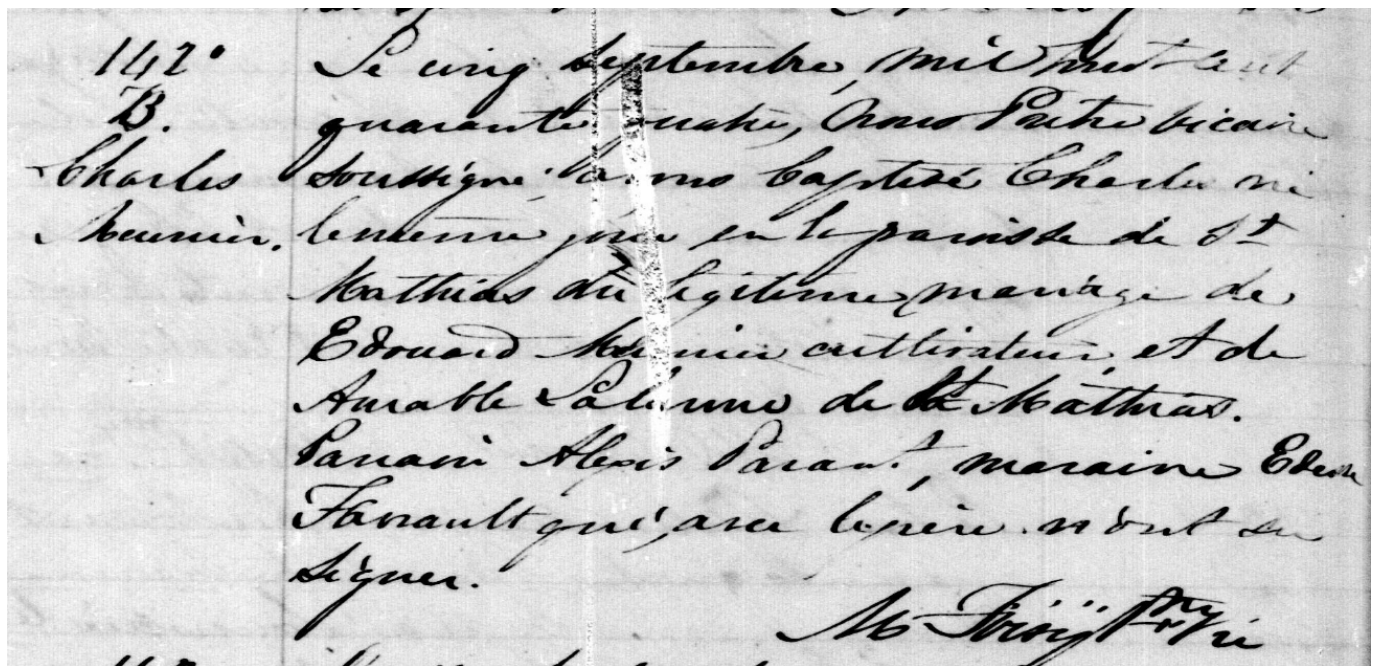
The Charles Stone monument in Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington before and after the cleaning

The following is excerpted from the article:

"Charles Stone's grave is located in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington. We doubt if this stone had been cleaned since the day it was installed in the cemetery. The monument is Barre granite. It required only cleaning. Stone was born in Canada Sept. 5, 1844, and died in Burlington Sept. 3, 1920. Stone enlisted in 1862. He was a member of Co. F, 1st US Sharpshooters. Hiram C. Berdan of New York State began recruiting men from New York City, Albany, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan and Wisconsin for the first sharpshooters regiment in 1861. The volunteers needed to pass a rifle test in order to qualify; the men had to be able to place 10 shots in a 10-inch diameter circle from 200 yards away."

I was amazed by the work they did and seeing that Stone was born in Canada I wondered if Charles was actually a member of the Lapierre family. Many Lapierre's changed their name to Stone or Rock etc. I immediately searched the Lafrance database for a Lapierre who was born on his birthdate but did not find one. Next I searched the Vermont Vitals on Ancestry for information about him but found no perfect clue. Searching our VT Diocese records also drew a blank. I searched for his obituary and found it in 1920. In the obit it named his brothers and sisters, most of whom lived in Massachusetts; however his brother Joseph lived in Ferrisburgh, VT. Finding Joseph in the VT Vitals I found his marriage and **voila**, the priest was Father Jerome Cloarec who was at St Joseph's in Burlington, VT for 50 years. I searched the St. Joseph marriage book that was created by Veronique Gassette and found his marriage to Elisabeth Sorel on 29 Nov 1871. His parents were the deceased Edward Lapierre and **Amable** Champagne. In the vital records she was always Emily or Emma. You can count on the French parishes to get the French names correctly. Charles married a Eleonore Sorel in Charlotte in 1867, and a Mary Sorel in Ferrisburgh in 1871 and Joseph married an Elisabeth Sorel in Ferrisburgh in 1871 but they were all of different parents.

Searching Lafrance with Amable Champagne gave me his baptism.



On 5 Sept 1844 was baptized Charles Meunier, born the same day in the parish of St Mathias, of Edward Meunier, farmer, and Amable Lalanne of St Mathias. St Mathias is a beautiful area on the east side of the Chambly Basin. I had to do many searches adding Champagne for the mother and other variations before I could get all records for the family below. The Type=m is the marriage of the parents and type=b is the baptisms of the children. A couple things stood out immediately, 1st there were no child deaths, and 2nd there were no marriages for their children; therefore the family must have moved from Quebec within 17 or 18 years of the baptism of their 1st child.

| Num. | date | type | paroisse | rôles | nom de l'homme | prénom de l'homme | nom de la femme | prénom de |
|---------|------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 3686222 | 1833-02-18 | m | Marieville | S-S | meunier | edouard | lalanne champagne | amable |
| 4512829 | 1836-09-30 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 4513598 | 1839-02-22 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier lapierre | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 4291086 | 1842-10-15 | b | Pointe-Olivier (St-Mathias) | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 4515146 | 1844-09-05 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 4515796 | 1847-08-15 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 4291587 | 1849-03-23 | b | Pointe-Olivier (St-Mathias) | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 5366119 | 1851-07-19 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |
| 5366667 | 1855-07-07 | b | Marieville | P-M | meunier | edouard | lalanne | amable |

You can now see that the father was a Meunier dit Lapierre and the mother was a Lalanne dit Champagne! Births of their children were: Guillaume (William), Philomene, Honore (Henry), Charles, Rosalie, Joseph, Marie Arline and Marie. This matches the names of his brothers and sisters on his obituary. On Henry's census record it stated that he immigrated in 1856 which was 1 year after the baby was born. For the benefit of people who do not know the French language, "pierre" in French means "Stone" or "Rock" in English. Many Lapierre and Laroche families changed their surname to Stone or Rock or other variations when they immigrated to the United States.

TWO MORE CHILDREN:

These were baptized by St Joseph, Burlington, VT priests.

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Meunier, Helene | Meunier, Edouard | Champagne, Amable | 4 Mar 1858 | Burlington, VT | 12 Sep 1863 | Foisy, J. Bte. | Foisy, Eleonore |
| Meunier, Victorine | Meunier, Edouard | Lalanne, Amable | 10 May 1853 | Ferrisburg, VT | 18 Jan 1854 | Fournier, Francois | Tetreault, Martine |

| Mariage | | 1833-02-18 |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Marieville | | Acte du Fonds Drouin :  |
| MEUNIER, EDOUARD | Ét. civ. | âge |
| Sujet | célib. | min |
| Résidence : MARIEVILLE | | |
| LALANNE CHAMPAGNE, AMABLE | Ét. civ. | âge |
| Sujet | célib. | min |
| Résidence : INDETERMINE | | |
| MEUNIER, ANTOINE | | |
| Père de l'époux - individu prdh | | |
| Résidence : MARIEVILLE | | |
| BERARD, MARIE MARTHE | | |
| Mère de l'époux - individu prdh | | |
| Résidence : MARIEVILLE | | |
| LALANNE CHAMPAGNE, PIERRE | | |
| Père de l'épouse | | |
| Résidence : MARIEVILLE | | |

Above is the marriage record of Charles parents, found in the LaFrance database.

| Ancestry of Charles Stone alias Charles Meunier dit Lapierre |
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| Bertrand Meunier & Madeleine Guilbour Bertrand was a master stonemason in France!!! |
| Pierre Meunier dit Lapierre & Barbe Richaume Pierre born 1 Jan 1643 at Rennes, Bretagne, Ile et Vilaine, France Occupation: Initially a domestic servant for the Sulpician Priests Wed 12 Oct 1675 Montreal, Quebec |
| Francois Meunier & Marguerite Ledoux Wed 3 Aug 1711 Varennes, Quebec |
| Pierre Meunier & Marguerite Lucier (Lussier) Wed 28 Apr 1749 Vercheres, Quebec |
| Pierre Meunier & Francoise Bienvenu Wed 23 Feb 1778 Varennes, Quebec |
| Antoine Meunier dit Lapierre & Marie Martha Berard Wed 25 Aug 1812 Marieville, Quebec |
| Edouard Meunier & Amable Lalanne dit Champagne Wed 18 Feb 1833 Marieville, Quebec |
| Charles Stone & Mary Sorel - Wed (1) 20 Oct 1867 Ferrisburgh, VT Charles Lapierre & Eleonore Sorel - Wed (2) 31 May 1870 Mt Carmel, Charlotte, VT Charles Stone (age 57) & Lucinda Monette (Munette) - Wed (3) 16 Oct 1901 Burlington/Charlotte, VT Charles was a mason and building contractor |

Note: Charles was wed as a Lapierre at Mt Carmel Catholic church in Charlotte. All names correct!
Note: Wives #1 and #2 were from different parents.

Charles had one daughter, Evelyn M. Stone, born 20 Oct 1872 of Charles and Leonora Sorrell, who married Napoleon Cota. She died in 1926 at age 54.

Charles served in the Civil War

At age 18 in Ferrisburgh, VT; Charles enlisted in the Civil War on 12 Jul 1862 and was mustered in on 20 September as a Private in **Company "F" of the 1st US Sharpshooters**. He was transferred to the **2nd US Sharpshooters into Company "E"** on 23 Dec 1864 and then was transferred to **Company "G" of the 4th VT Infantry** on 25 Feb 1865 and was mustered out on 19 Jun 1865.

The following information is from the website: <http://vermontcivilwar.org/units/ss/>

Company F, 1st US Sharpshooters

Lieutenant Colonel: William Y. W. Ripley

Captains: Edmund Weston, Jr; Charles W. Seaton; E. Witsey Hindes; Charles D. Merriman.

Co. F, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters was organized at West Randolph, Sept. 13, 1861. **Charles Stone began on 20 Sep 1862.** At Gettysburg the sharpshooters were actively engaged at various points on the line, serving with the 3d corps. Co. F led the advance of the 3d corps at Kelly's ford Nov. 7, 1863, when 406 of the enemy were surprised and captured. It was again heavily engaged at Locust Grove, during the Mine Run campaign. In the spring of 1864, the sharpshooters were attached to the 2nd brigade, 3d division, 2nd corps, and had an active part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and those around Petersburg. After the battle of Cold Harbor Co. F had only 15 men left of the 43 who crossed the Rapidan on May 4. Its term expired Sept. 12, 1864, when it had but 25 men of the original members. Nineteen of these were honorably discharged and 6 reenlisted. **On Dec. 23, 1864, the small remnant of veterans and recruits was transferred to Co. E, 2nd U. S. sharpshooters.** Co. F participated in 37 important battles and skirmishes, besides numerous minor engagements.

Its total enrolment was 190, of whom 30 were killed or died of wounds, 13 died of disease 2 died in prison, 7 were captured, 6 deserted and 50 were wounded.

Company E, Second US Sharpshooters

Colonel: Homer R. Stoughton

Captains: Homer R. Stoughton, Francis D. Sweetser, Seymour F. Norton

The 2nd company of Vermont sharpshooters, designated as Co. E, 2nd U. S. sharpshooters, was recruited by Homer R. Stoughton, of West Randolph, Vt. The conditions for enlistment required that each recruit must, in a public trial, shooting from the shoulder without telescopic sights, put 10 successive bullets into a 10-inch ring, 300 yards distant. The uniform of the sharpshooters was distinctive, being of green cloth to match the green of nature, with leather leggings and knapsacks tanned with the hair on. Co. E was mustered into the U. S. service Nov. 9, 1861, with 91 officers and men, and left the state on Nov. 21 for Washington, where it joined the 2nd U. S. sharpshooters. **On Dec. 23, 1864, it was joined by 32 men from Co. F, (including Charles Stone)** and on Feb. 25, 1865, the 2nd regiment of sharpshooters was so badly reduced in numbers, the original members, except veterans and recruits, having been mustered out of service on Nov. 9, 1864, it was transferred to the 4th Vt. infantry as Co. G.

The total enrolment of the company, including 116 recruits, was 207, of whom 22 were killed in action or mortally wounded, 14 died by disease and accident, 3 died in prison, 7 deserted, 8 were captured and 57 were wounded.

Charles was then transferred to the VT 4th Infantry which took part in 2 major battles at Petersburg, Virginia in 1865 after which he was honorably discharged after serving his Country and State for 2 years, 8 months and 30 days. He was never wounded or taken prisoner during his long period of service.

**Saturday, 4 September 1920 obituary for Charles Stone in the Burlington Free Press.
He died on the 3rd.**

Charles Stone

Charles Stone, one of Burlington's oldest residents, quietly passed away at his home, 412 North avenue, early Friday morning following an illness with a stomach trouble. Mr. Stone was born at St. Maryville, Canada, September 5, 1844, but when a young man came to North Ferrisburg. He was a Civil War veteran, serving three years in Company G, 4th Regiment of Vermont Infantry of the sharp shooters, and has been a faithful member of Stannard Post, No. 2.

Mr. Stone was a contractor by trade and some of the largest buildings in Vermont were built under his direction. So well was his work done that the government secured him to build the barracks at Fort Ethan Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda Munnet Stone; by one daughter, Mrs. Napoleon Cota, and five grandchildren, Charles, Vivian, Evelyn, Gladys and Gertrude Cota; three brothers, Jerome Stone of Plymouth, Mass., Henry Stone of Taunton and Joseph of North Ferrisburg, and by three sisters, Mrs. Edward Lord and Miss Ellen Stone of North Adams, Mass., and Mrs. Peter Tatro of Washington, Mass.

The funeral will be held at his late home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock under the auspices of the G. A. R., with interment in Lake View cemetery.

The funeral of Charles Stone was held at his late home on North avenue Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The services were largely attended by relatives and friends, by veterans, Sons of Veterans, and the Garfield Circle. The Rev. I. C. Smart officiated at the services at the house and the veterans at the grave. The honorary bearers were C. E. Beach, J. S. Brooks, A. C. Stoughton, G. D. Sherman, C. D. Williams and J. M. Safford. The active bearers were Sons of Veterans and were H. S. Howard, R. C. Smith, C. G. McGaffey, E. P. Norton, E. A. Bushey and F. C. Prentiss. A quartet composed of Messrs Little, Killary, Bell and Gallup sang "Abide With Me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". The interment was made in the family lot in Lake View cemetery.

Land Records for Charles Stone, his wife Lucinda and his daughter Evelyn Stone Cota.

From 1905 to 1918, Charles had Warrantee deeds for the following places.

- 2 Convent Square, 178 S. Union St., 54 Pitkin St, 133 N. Champlain St, Pitkin & No. Bend Sts, 3 Lots on the east side of N. Ave and Pitkin St.

At his death in 1920, he left the following properties to his wife Lucinda or his daughter Evelyn.

1. 17-19 Murray St - a brick duplex
2. 105 and 107 Intervale Ave, a brick duplex
3. 135 and 141 No. Bend (Now Manhattan Dr.) 2 cement & brick houses
4. 408, 412 (Charles House), 416 and lots at 422 and 432 North Ave. Mostly brick houses.

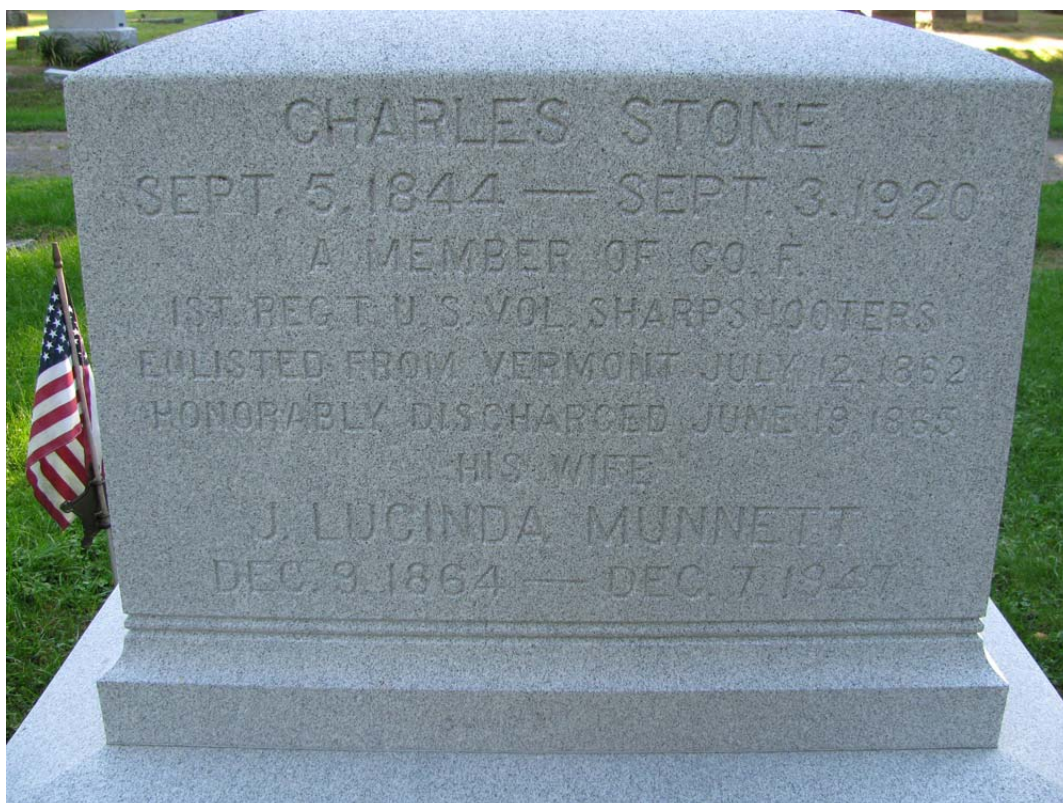
Up to 1956 when Lucinda died, she lived at 422 North Ave. Did she have that brick house built for her? She was GRANTOR for 3 of these houses to the Pashby, Kimball and Scott families. Also LIFE USE of the 412, 422, 432 properties to the Munnettes.



This is where Charles Stone lived on 412 North Ave. I assume that he built this brick house and the other 2 or 3 nearby houses that are exactly the same construction. When searching the Free Press I remember him getting licenses to build on North Avenue. It is opposite the Lakeview Cemetery.

Other brick houses near his at 412 North Ave.





Below are a few article about projects done by Charles.

Charles Stone and a gang of men are at work building a vault in the rear of the Masonic Temple, under the driveway. The vault will be burglar and fire proof and will be used by the Masonic bodies for the storing of papers, etc. The dimensions are 8 by 14 feet. The walls are of brick and are 12 inches in thickness and the roof is of cement, 16 inches in thickness and with 12 railroad iron bars crossing it. The entrance is from the basement of the temple and is protected by two heavy iron doors.

4 Dec 1909 Burlington Free Press

OF INCREASED CAPACITY.

Addition to Armory Will Provide for 1,200 More People.

Work on the addition to the armory is progressing rapidly and it is expected that it will be completed by October first. As the building now stands it is 60 by 90 feet in size and the addition, which will make it 35 feet longer, will be built in such a way that the available space in the lower hall will be increased about 40 per cent., while the upper hall will have an increase of 70 per cent. On the south end of the lower hall a gallery is to be built which will accommodate 150 people. It is expected that the seating capacity will be about 1,200 people in the lower hall and 700 in the upper one. **Charles Stone** is doing the masonry work and Edward Walker the carpenter work. The addition will be fitted with steel girders and trusses which are furnished by the Vermont Construction company and the steam fitting will be in the hands of the G. S. Blodgett company.

When this addition is completed it is expected that Burlington will have a public hall which will meet the demands of a city of this size.

27 Jul 1907 Burlington Free Press

Old Armory at Main & Pine Streets



Detail and 1904 stone



Charles Stone's occupation began in Ferrisburgh where he was employed as a mason in smaller construction projects and afterwards in Burlington where he was a very successful businessman. He was a contractor who specialized in building houses and major structures in Vermont of brick and stone.

Ironically, after I traced his family back to France, I noted that his ancestor Bertrand was a Master Mason!

Charles Stone was very involved with the Stannard Post and he volunteered to do the Memorial Day flagging at Lakeview cemetery every year; even in 1920, the year that he died when he was only 2 days short of his 76th birthday.

"Stannard Post No. 2 was organized on July 20, 1868, shortly after the G.A.R. Department of Vermont was created. General W. W. Henry was elected post commander. The post was named after General George J. Stannard, a resident of Burlington, Vermont."

More of his projects follow:

18 Oct 1904 Burlington Free Press

17 Oct 1904 Burlington Free Press

CONTRACT CLOSED.

Work on Electric Light Plant Building Will Begin To-morrow.

The aldermanic committee which has in charge the municipal electric plant met last night at the city clerk's office and closed the details of the contract with **Charles Stone** for the construction of the building which is to contain the machinery. Mr. Stone will begin to-day to purchase the material and on Wednesday morning will break ground at the site near the water power station, where the structure is to be erected.

The committee will meet again Wednesday night to consider the matter of poles and wires. It is probable that poles now on the streets will be used so far as possible but this will be decided later. Work on the machinery is progressing according to advices from Bellman & Sanford, the New York concern, which has that contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Charles Stone Will Build House for Electric Light Plant.

The contract for the construction of the building for the municipal electric light plant was awarded Saturday night to **Charles Stone** of this city, whose bid was \$7,750. The figures for the contract were submitted in such form that Prof. Freedman had to tabulate them in order to arrive at the bid, hence the contract was not awarded until Saturday night, although the bids were submitted Friday evening.

The other bidders for the contract were J. W. Dornsife of this city, whose figure was \$8,975, and the third bidder was the firm of Bellman & Sanford of New York at \$12,525.

Work on the building will be begun at once and it is hoped to have it ready for the machinery by the middle of December. Mayor Burke thinks that lights will be in operation in February.

BUILDING NEARLY DONE.

Municipal Light Plant Will Be in Operation about March 1.

The building for the new municipal electric lighting plant is practically completed. It is a story and a half structure of brick and the contract for its erection was taken by **Charles Stone**, who commenced work the latter part of October. The building will cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

The contract for the installation of the machinery and necessary equipment for the plant was awarded to Bellman & Sanford, 149 Broadway, New York. This part of the work is now going forward under the direction of Superintendent J. H. Reeve. The boilers have already been installed. These boilers are of the Atlas water tube type, are each 150-horse power and are said to be the quickest steaming boilers on the market. They are from the Atlas Engine works of Indianapolis, Ind. It is expected that they will be fired to-morrow for the first time. The economizer is being built by the Sturtevant Blower Co. of Boston. It will probably be completed in about 10 days.

There are to be two Watertown engines of 200-horse power each and they are directly connected to two three-phase alternating machines, built by the Crocker-Wheeler company of Ampere, N. J. These engines were tested last week and are being prepared for shipment. There are to be two generators each equal to the delivery of 125 kilowatts at 2,300 volts. These machines were made by the Crocker-Wheeler company, have been tested at the factory and are about ready to be shipped. They are of the latest and

27 Jan 1905 Burlington Free Press

I could not find a cornerstone with a date but I believe this is the building.



20 Jun 1899 - Charles Stone bids to build stables at Fort Ethan Allen

| BIDS FOR NEW BUILDINGS. | |
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| Burlington Contractors Likely to Get Some Work at Fort Ethan Allen. | |
| Bids for a number of new buildings at Fort Ethan Allen were opened at noon yesterday, the lowest in each case being as follows:— | |
| For the construction of the double barracks the lowest bid was a tie between | |
| Mason & Co., Burlington..... | \$34,900 |
| Deniston & Dyer, Albany..... | 34,900 |
| Steam heating, W. H. Buckley & Co. | |
| Burlington | 3,597 |
| Plumbing, G. S. Blodgett Co., Burlington | 3,008 |
| Gas piping, Barr & Creelman, Rochester | 125 |
| | <hr/> \$41,630 |
| Officers' quarters, construction, | |
| Deniston & Dyer, Albany..... | \$31,900 |
| Steam heating, Denniston & Dyer, Albany | 1,500 |
| Plumbing, Barr & Creelman, Rochester | 1,566 |
| Gas piping the same..... | 80 |
| | <hr/> \$25,046 |
| Cavalry stable construction, Charles Stone, Burlington | \$23,750 |
| Plumbing, H. F. Edgerton, Syracuse | 864 |
| | <hr/> \$24,614 |

13 Jul 1899 BFP

| NEW WORK AT FORT ETHAN ALLEN |
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| Denison & Dyer of Albany, N. Y., have a contract to put up a double set of barracks at Fort Ethan Allen 120 by 153 feet, contract price about \$35,000. The work of excavation was commenced Monday. Besides this contract they have two double sets of officers' quarters, a store house for the quartermaster and moving and placing a coal shed. |
| Charles Stone of Burlington contracts to build two cavalry stables. They will be, when completed, 34 feet 4 inches by 224 feet. The contract price is about \$12,000 each. He also has the sub-contract for the mason work on the addition to the hospital. |
| T. B. Robinson erects the addition to the hospital. He is also building the new quarters for Sergeant Murphy. |