

## **Opera House Block – Samuel E. Qua**

The Opera House Block can justly be termed a busy corner. Here is located Geo. F. Quay's clothing store, Gaylord State Savings Bank and S.E. Qua & Son's grocery, with the entrance on E Street. On the second floor is the opera house and on the third floor spacious Masonic lodge rooms.

W.W. Qua is manager of the opera house, which is a neat little theatre, furnished with folding seats and other accessories, The scenery is modern and attractive.

The building was erected in 1892 by S.E. Qua and is one of the most substantial in town.

### **S. E. Qua, Grocer and Prominent Citizen**

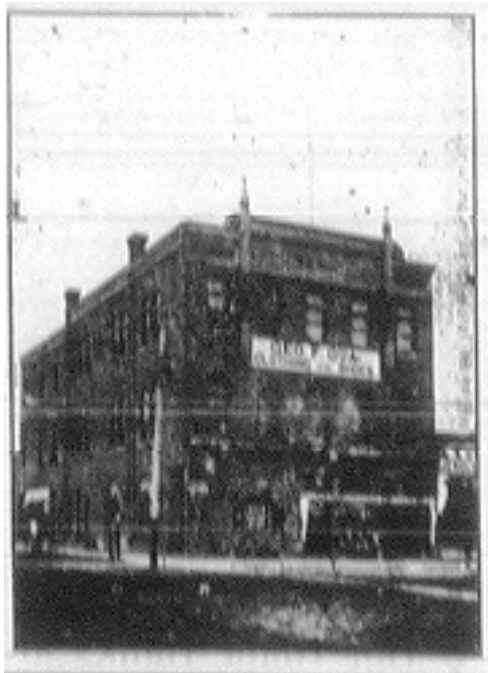
Samuel E. Qua has been a resident of Gaylord for upwards of 23 years, coming here from Van Buren county in 1882. For the first seven years he conducted in partnership with his brother, Henry J., a grocery and provision store. In 1891 he bought out his brother's interest, afterward admitting his son, William W., to partnership, forming the firm of S.E. Qua & Son, one of the most progressive business houses in our town.

Mr. Qua has always been prominently identified with the town and county. He has been village street commissioner, town clerk, village assessor, town treasurer, superintendent of the poor, member of the Otsego County poor board, and county treasurer, all of which positions he has filled with great credit. He is at present treasurer of the school board.

Mr. Qua is a veteran of the Civil War and served with distinction in Co. L. 26<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Cavalry. He is a member of Doore Post G. A. R.

Fraternally he is a member of Gaylord Lodge, F. & A. M.; Gaylord Chapter, R. A. M.; Interlake Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Maccabees.

Mr. Qua is the owner of the opera house block, a fine business property; has an elegant home on Center Street and is one of our solid representative citizens.



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