

Diddell, Charles Mrs., milliner and dress maker, 58 W. Water.
 DILLAYE, STEPHEN D., lawyer, 61 S. Salina, room 9.
 Dillon, Daniel, grocer, 154 Burnet.
 Dimmock, Samuel R. Rev., pastor Plymouth Church, house 152 Warren.
 Dingman, Francis, men's clothing and furnishing goods, 82 S. Salina.
 Dinish, Mrs., seamstress, 10 Alford road.
 Dinneen, Thomas, (O'Reilly & Dinneen.)
 Dippold, Christian, meat market, William, corner Burnet.
 Dippold, Lawrence, meat market, 92 Burnet.
 Dissel, Theodore, (A. C. Yates & Co.)
 Dixheimer, Lewis, lot 226, baker and farmer 1. Burnet.
 Dodge, Edward C., storage and forwarding, 67 W. Water.
 Doheny, George, (Hiscock, Gifford & Doheny.)
 Dolphin, John, salt manufacturer, block 5, 2d district, Basin.
 DOLPHIN, MATTHEW J., lawyer, 128 E. Jefferson.
 Dolterer, John, tin shop, 161 N. Salina.
 Dominice, Mary Sister, principal St. Mary's school.
 Dove, Margaret, dress maker, 60 Seymour.
 Downer, Benjamin H., (F. N. Marvin & Co.)
 DOWNER, EZRA, (E. & W. P. Downer.)
 DOWNER, E. & W. P., (Ezra and William P., of New York city,) liquor dealers, 3 Downer Block, W. Fayette.
 *DOWNES, NICHOLAS & CO., (M. D. McCanna and O. S. Neary,) dealers in stoves and house furnishing goods, 35 Warren.
 Dox, Magdalin Mrs., midwife, 49 Alford, 2d Ward.
 Doyle, John, salt manufacturer, block 150.
 Doyle, John, salt manufacturer, blocks 122, 123 and 124, district 2, Park, on Marsh.
 Drake, Edward, (Drake & Wells.)
 DRAKE, THOMAS H., (John Crouse & Co.)
 Drake & Wells, (Edward Drake and John E. Wells,) stoves &c., 18 W. Water.
 DRAPER & COLE, (George Draper and Lewis K. Cole,) fancy iron workers and bridge builders, corner James and Pearl.
 DRAPER, GEORGE, (Draper & Cole.)
 Drew, John, saloon, basement Yates Block, corner Montgomery and E. Genesee.
 Drew, Melvin R., lawyer, 5 Clinton Block.
 Driscoll, Dennis, salt manufacturer.
 Droessler, George, house, sign and fresco painting, 158 N. Salina, up stairs.
 Drum, Nicholas, salt manufacturer, block 40, 1st district.
 Drumm, Peter, saloon proprietor, 27 Division.
 Drumma, Andrew, groceries and provisions, 203 Geddes, corner Seymour.
 Drumma, Andrew, (Drumma Bros.)
 Drumma, Bros., (Andrew and Robert,) coopers, near Wolf and Center.
 Drumma, Robert, (Drumma Brothers.)
 Duffy, George, groceries, 69 Mulberry.
 Duffy, Hugh A., (Francis and Duffy.)
 DUFFY, JAMES A. REV., pastor Church of St. John the Baptist.
 Duguid, Brown & Co., (Henry L. Duguid, Jacob Brown, Harmon Van Buren and Jacob S. Smith,) saddlery and coach hardware, 33. W. Water.
 Duguid, Henry L., (Duguid, Brown & Co.)
 Dumah, Josephine Mrs., tailoress and dressmaker, 197 E. Washington.
 Dunbar, Bravo C., (Dunbar, Foster and Schooley.)
 Dunbar, Foster & Schooley, (Bravo C. Dunbar, Theodore Foster and Wm. J. Schooley,) manufacturers of carriages &c., proprietors livery stable, 136 Warren and 162 S. Salina, corner Adams.
 Duncan, Henry, salt manufacturer, Genesee, corner of Quincy.
 LUNCAN, SAMUEL & CO., (William,) manufacturers and wholesale dealers in gold pens, &c., 16 Wieting Block.
 DUNCAN, WILLIAM, (Samuel Duncan & Co.)
 Duncan, Wm. A., general superintendent Syracuse Hosiery Co., Gifford, near W. Onondaga.
 Dungee, George, lot 242, farmer leases 20, James.
 Dunlap, Joseph P., allopathic physician and surgeon, 15 Yates Block, E. Washington.
 Dunn, John G., treasurer Morris Run Coal Co.
 Dunn, Wm., salt manuf. Greenpoint road, house 100 Bear.
 Dunton, Freeman, saloon and boarding house, 236 E. Water.
 Duplessis, Odilon, joiner and builder, 60 Green.
 Durand, Louis V., M. D., allopathic physician, 48 Center.
 *DUREN, CHARLES, boot and shoe maker, 128 S. Salina.
 *DURSTON, HENRY, AGT., locksmith, bell hanger, and gold and silver plater, 5 Kimber Block, James, up stairs.
 DURSTON, THOMAS W., dealer in tobacco, cigars, books, newspapers, 7 E. Water.
 Dusing, Peter, cooper, block 5, Basin.
 Dwyer, Chas. Jeremiah, grocer, Hemlock, near Iron Works.
 Dyre, Daniel, salt manuf. house 391 Spring.

FROM AN OLD
CITY
DIRECTOR

OLD STOVE-DEALER

Nicholas Downes in Business Fifty-two Years.

HAS WATCHED SYRACUSE GROW
FROM A VILLAGE TO A
LARGE CITY.

Interesting Career of a Respected
Citizen Who For More Than Half
a Century Has Been Identified
With Syracuse's Interests—Early
Experiences in Chicago.

Sept. 24—1899

"When I first sold stoves in Syracuse fifty-two years ago," said Nicholas Downes, the oldest dealer in stoves and hardware in this city, "wood stoves were sold altogether." The first coal stoves were introduced in Syracuse in 1851. The first base-burner parlor coal stoves were sent to this city that year from Lowell, Mass., by a famous dealer and manufacturer named Littlefield, who was the inventor of base-burners and the railway base-burner heaters. The stoves sent by Mr. Littlefield were all shipped back to him as imperfect stoves, by the Syracuse dealers who sent a letter to the manufacturer in

which they informed him that there was evidently a mistake in their construction, as none of the stoves had any doors. The Syracuse dealers did not understand how stoves could be fed from the top while combustion took place at the bottom of the stoves.

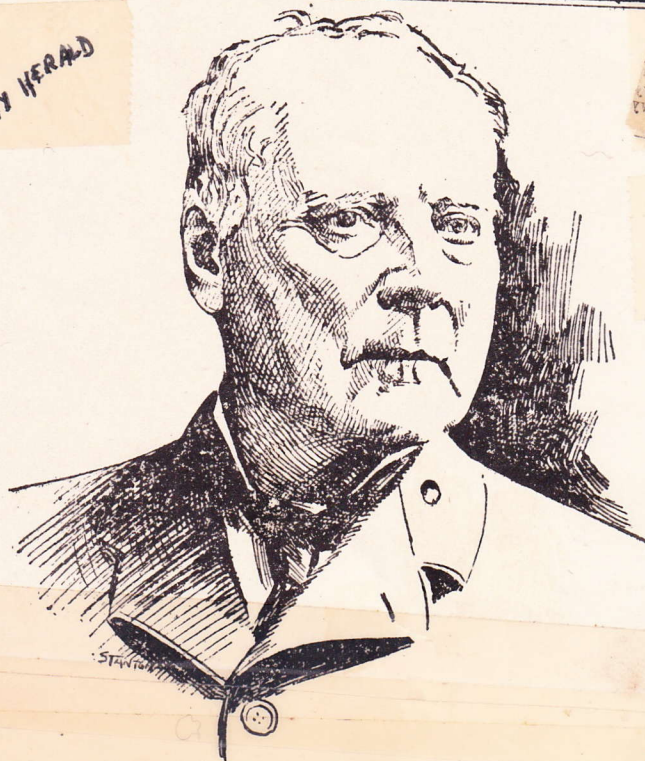
Mr. Littlefield laughed heartily when recalling this story at the time and in after years at the expense of the Syracuse dealers.

When Mr. Downes first engaged in the stove business parlor stoves were made mostly of sheet iron, and cook stoves were cast iron. The rooms in the old Syracuse House and in the other hotels in Syracuse were furnished with small box stoves, as steam heating was then unknown and not even dreamed of. Charles Dickens, the great novelist, related a laughable experience with a smoky little wood stove in his room in the old Syracuse House when he came to this city to read from his novels in the late sixties. The stove would smoke despite all efforts to prevent it from doing so, and Mr. Dickens in moralizing over that fact anathematized the hotels of all America. The prices of stove castings in 1856, singular to say, were about the same as they are to-day.

Born in Ireland.

Nicholas Downes is one of the types of the old-school citizens of Syracuse, and his geniality, affability and intelligence have made him a marked man in the community for more than half the century. He was born December 31st, 1821, at Smithstown, Ireland, in the county of Meath, seventeen miles from Dublin. This county runs clear up to Dublin, the streets of which are partly in it. Mr. Downes's father was

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NICHOLAS DOWNES.