

# JOSEPH KNAPP HOTEL AND STORE

CLOVER TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA

The Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store was built ca. 1870 to support Jefferson County's burgeoning lumber industry by providing accommodations and supplies to lumbermen rafting their products downstream to market on nearby Redbank Creek. The building's ground floor, which was banked into the hillside, featured two storerooms and spring-fed cold storage for perishables. Eight rooms were divided between the first and second floors, and kitchen facilities were provided in a rear wing on the first floor. The building housed Knapp's family in addition to boarders, and it was once part of Knapp's 40-acre farm.

Photo-simulation of early appearance of Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store, showing exterior, interior stair hall, and first floor plan.



1878 sketch of Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store from Caldwell's Illustrated Historical Combination Atlas of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.



January 2016 appearance of the Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store.

1930 view of the widening of State Route 28 through Dowlingville. It is likely that the balcony serving the main entrance of the Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store was removed at this time to make way for the road.



Ca. 1930 view of Dowlingville. The Joseph Knapp Hotel and Store is the fourth building from the left.

