



Here we are back at our signpost at the end of Bradford Street, which was laid out in 1873.  
This we call "Back Street."

"...In 1873 Bradford Street was completed and opened to public travel, a great public improvement, rendered necessary by the continued...growth of the town, its execution hastened by the opening of the railroad. The town had taken steps toward the survey early in 1869, and expended, before 1873, for land damages and for the construction of the road bed nearly twenty-nine thousand dollars."



The new road to tennie courts, behind The Moors  
The Castle in the background.  
- September 1948 -

**Ninety Years Ago**

**June 30, 1869**

Work on the new street running parallel with Commercial Street is being pushed forward energetically, and in many places, we can see how it will appear when finished. The moving of buildings from localities where they for years have stood changes very much, not only the aspect of their former and present sites, but that of the houses also. Last week

the building which has been used by the Centenary Methodist Society as a Parsonage, now owned by Mr. Jesse Cook, took up its line of march to a new camping ground on Vine Street, on what is known as "Lothrop's Hill," and will be on the new street, when opened. The Center Methodist Parsonage, bought by Mr. Chase, has been moved back and undergone extensive alterations which have almost disguised it. The street will not be as straight as we might desire,

but still is better than none. The time for the widening of Commercial Street is not far distant, we predict. At the present time it is scarcely better than a lane, and is a dangerous place for fast or runaway horses. The expense of doing this will be considerable and is yearly increasing as new buildings are erected, involving the necessity of moving them when the extension of the street's limits occurs.



.. The Moors, and beginning of Bradford Street, facing east. Sept. 1948.