

I doubt if any of you can think back further than she. But if any of what I say here is incorrect, please tell me, so we can amend for posterity. I want my grandchildren and their grandchildren to know about life in this city as it was. Being ^{of that people} ~~of that~~, with some knowledge of the past, the bombs of today do not frighten me. I don't like them but I believe that life will always go on.

In the observance of this 40th anniversary, let's stop for a moment and consider what Miss Sophie told me.

The first family that she recalls was not even a family as we think of it. Three brothers named Isaacson settled here and had a clothing store where the T & T is located now. None of the brothers ever brought a family here and Miss Sophie hardly remembers much about them except that after a few years they moved to Lewiston. They were here probably in the late '80's and early 90's.

In the early 90's a Mr. Goldstein came to work for the Isaacsons and later as often happened, opened a business for himself, another clothing store where Redlon is today. A Goldstein married a Lewis who had moved here and they were in the junk business.

Miss Sophie's father married in Boston in '78, a girl who had come here from Riga very young and in 1886 he took his bride to Rockland where Miss Sophie and her two older brothers were born. They left Rockland a short time after for Philadelphia to enter business with a relative which did not pan out. They returned to this area and had to stop in Bath to get the train on the ferry. At that time, Miss Sophie had a terrible attack of croup. The Bath station agent, Mr. Greenleaf went to Hallet's drug store, from the original Mr. Hallet got some ipecac and suggested to the parents they remain in Bath at least until the child was better. They took a room at the Harbavue which had a different name later, and which was situated down on the landing near the ferry sight. Later it was moved to where Drake's office is now and not too long ago was demolished. From its ashes rose what is now that small building with the lovely view of the ~~river~~ ^{river}.