

## GHOST TOWN - ALLEYTON

THE TOWN OF ALLEYTON WAS LAID OUT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHITE RIVER ABOUT ONE MILE BELOW THE WILCOX & MORGAN MILL. THE C.&W.M.R.R. SPLIT THE CENTER OF THE TOWN WITH THE ALLEY MILL AND DAM ON SOUTH SIDE AND BUSINESS SECTION ON THE NORTH.

THE J. ALLEY & CO. COMPOSED OF JAMES, GEORGE AND CHAS. ALLEY AND GEORGE M. SMITH CAME HERE FROM PRINCEVILLE, N.Y. IN 1873 AND ENTERED THE LUMBER BUSINESS. THEY CONSTRUCTED A DAM ON THE RIVER AND BUILT A LARGE SAW MILL. THE NEXT YEAR PROCTOR & CO. WAS CHOSEN TO OPERATE THE MILL AND JOHN W. OHRENBERGER WAS HIRED AS FOREMAN. LATER PRODUCTION OF SHINGLES WAS INCREASED. AN EARLY CONTRACT TO CUT 2,200,000 feet of square timbers for the B.&O.R.R. HELPED THE BUSINESS. IN 1879 THE ALLEY "LOWER CAMP" STARTED CUTTING LOGS.

IN JANUARY 1881, J. ALLEY & CO. DISSOLVED AND THE PROPERTY AROUND ALLEYTON WAS TAKEN OVER BY J. ALLRY, PROCTOR AND DAVENPORT. JAMES AND CHARLES TOOK OVER ALL THE WHITE HALL PROPERTY EXCEPT THE PINE AROUND ALLEYTON. THAT AUGUST THE COMPANY RECEIVED A SERIOUS BLOW; FIRE DESTROYED THE ENTIRE BUSINESS SECTION CONSISTING OF 47 BUILDINGS. BY FALL 7 NEW BUILDINGS WERE STARTED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF GEORGE ALLEY WHO TRIED SO HARD TO REBUILD THE VILLAGE. HE DIED THE NEXT YEAR.

DURING THIS PERIOD ALL THE LOGS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ALLEY LANDS AND THE MILL OPERATIONS WERE CLOSED DOWN.