



Diagonally across **Cape Avenue**, at the intersection of **Cape & Canal**, is Ellenville's oldest continuing store, now known as *Wilson's Deli*. Katharine T. Terwilliger's lengthy coverage of the enterprise which was started around 1840 by the Bloomer family, operators of the iron foundry just down **Canal Street** includes the statement that "in the beginning, the store sold groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, drugs, medicines. Through the years, some of the incidentals have changed; but groceries always have been sold." The store was a male gathering place, especially in the Bloomer days. Mr. Bloomer would read aloud *The New York Tribune* by candlelight or an oil lamp for the benefit of those who did not usually read a New York City paper.

The store has had a variety of owners and a variety of names in its 165 years. The map shows it as the property of J. M. Low, possibly the same family identified by Miss Terwilliger as Jesse L. Low. It had been called *Wilson's Market* for almost 40 years (Thomas Wilson, his daughter and son-in-law, Irma and Louis Gil, came to Ellenville in 1966). Currently owned and operated by the mother and son team of Irma and Tom Gil, *Wilson's* has expanded its food business into a highly successful and very popular delicatessen (no more boots and shoes).

Working one's way down **Canal Street**, *Ulster Knife Company* property is extensive, on both sides of **Foundry Lane**, plus a separate parcel two lots beyond.

Looking at this quadrant of the map, west of **Main Street**, beginning where **Circle Avenue** begins on **Main**

Street (Rte. 209) and curves through **Centre** (note the spelling) to meet **Canal Street**, one huge parcel is very eye-catching. The land of W. F. Scoresby is extensive, probably the largest residential property on the drawing. William F. Scoresby was a beloved physician and surgeon, as well as a popular and respected citizen of the area, not just the village. He was President of the Village in 1874 and Supervisor of Wawarsing in 1877 and 1878.

He served one term in the New York State Senate (1872+). His home and property became the *Veterans Memorial Hospital* and is now the home of *Congregation Ezrath Israel*. The property has obviously been subdivided through the years, and a current Village map shows a comparatively new street called **Scoresby Lane** between **Center Street** and **Westwood Avenue**.

The 1875 **Mountain Avenue**, south of the Scoresby land, does not match up with today's **Westwood Avenue**, but that's a subject for more study.

There is no **Hickory Street** and no bridge crossing the **Bearkill** at the location of today's **Hickory Street** bridge on this map. **Hickory Street** will also be a subject of more study, but a June 24, 1897, newspaper clipping with the heading "New Bridge" says "The iron bridge over the **Bearkill** on **Hickory Street** back of the tannery is up and ready for use. It is a neat and substantial structure on the best of abutments. It is about two feet higher above the water than the old one, and nearly half as long again in the clear." So now we know there had been an earlier bridge... still more work is necessary. The article