

Arnold and Stern - Architects

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I received an e-mail a few weeks ago from a friend in Rochester, Arlene Vanderlinde. I knew her as Arlene Wright, before she was married. She needed information about the buildings in LeRoy that had been designed by James Arnold and Herbert Stern of Rochester.

They were responsible for St. Augustine's Church in Rochester, St. Patrick's in Victor, the Harper Sibley Building, the Academy building for Sacred Heart Convent. And in LeRoy, the Woodward Memorial Library built in 1929; "Poplar Lane" - the home of Ernest Woodward, built in 1920; Don Woodward's house that we know as Mercygrove, built in 1927; Don and Adalaide Woodward's house, at 129 East Main Street built in 1929 and the homes at 7 and 8 South Street built in 1928. The house at #7 South Street was built for the stable master for Ernest Woodward. The house next door at #9 South Street was built for Woodward's horse trainer.

Herbert Stern was born in Rochester in 1882. (His family was the Michael-Stern Clothiers) He attended the University of Rochester from 1900 to 1902 and then graduated from Harvard in 1905. He designed the clubhouse at the Irondequoit Country Club (which was destroyed by

fire in 1929). Stern and James Arnold became partners in an architectural firm in 1915. James Arnold was born in Rochester in 1881. He studied in the office of Claude Bragdon, the well known Rochester architect, who designed the LeRoy Municipal Building under the direction of Cora Woodward. It was said that many of the Bragdon drawings were done by Jimmy Arnold. Arnold was the architect for the LeRoy Post Office, the renovation of the Baptist Church in 1925 and the design of the house at 141 East Main Street.

On Sunday, January 29, Arlene will be presenting an illustrated program on Stern and Arnold at the Brighton Town Hall at 2:30 for Historic Brighton. Everyone is invited to attend. If you can't attend Arlene has agreed to come to LeRoy for a program later this year.



Photograph from the 1940 book, #7 South Street. The former home of Ernest Woodward's stable master. Built in 1928.



Photograph from 1940 Book. #141 East Main Street, designed by Arnold, built in 1924.



Donald Woodward's home built in 1929, designed by Arnold and Stern in the French country revival style.



Photograph from 1940 LeRoy Book; Ernest Woodward's home on East Main Street built in 1920. Given to the University of Rochester and razed in the late 1950s. Arnold and Stern also designed the stables and Ernest's office building that was moved to Caledonia.

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