
LeBlanc's Cleaners

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Letters Between Lewiston Steam Dye House and Charlotte Michaud

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Lewiston Steam Dye House

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My name, ~~ending this letter~~ ^{signature} may recall to you that I did news writing in Lew. for many years.

I am now engaged in research on older Lew-Aub residents ^{French descent} & especially business firms. I am therefore interested in the history of the Lew. Steam Dye House which has been owned by the Leblanc family since 1885 & has always been conducted by members of that family - as far as I know.

The book "Franco-Americans of Maine" gives many details on Jos. Leblanc, the founder & his son Alfred J. who succeeded him. Alfred 1st served as Treas. of the firm & Philippe J. Leblanc as sec. Could you give me names of other Leblanc descendants who have served the family ^{firm} since then.

Alphonse Auger, a grocer, preceded Jos. Leblanc as Lew businessman, but he went on to real estate dealing while your firm has remained active in the same line, in the same area (as I believe) and always within the same family - quite a record.

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1915 48
1867
to Buddy 1867
147 - 56
11 page 98

Lew 1868
worked Henry the dye house
if you there sold
to Carr. Gould & with him
to Manchester had 2 yrs dye
house John Archers @
21 John H.B. 2 yrs for Norman Gould
& 2 yrs dye works of the Lew Mill
& 6 mos @ Bates Mill then
established dye house of his own
in Lew 3 yrs - bought out from E. Smith
april 27-1875

page 118 - Alfred J. Leblanc
his son - there states ~~Leblanc~~ ^{Leblanc} ~~in 1870~~
bought by Jos in 1885 - Alfred J. Treas.
Philippe J. sec.

(over)

press of copy

april 27-1875 - 1909 as Lew. Steam Dye House

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for those in the rear.

Do not send the photo to me - just the names & hold the
photo until you get a 'phone call from the editor of the
New Journal mag. (Rose O'Brien) She would tell you when she
needs it & photo would be safely returned to you afterward.
~~this will prove~~ As you'll note from my address, I am now
living in Mass, hence the need for such info. Will appreciate
as prompt reply as you can give me.

Cordially

Nov.7,1979

To the Owner,
Lewiston Steam Dye House
Lewiston Maine.

10 Lafayette St.

4 company records

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