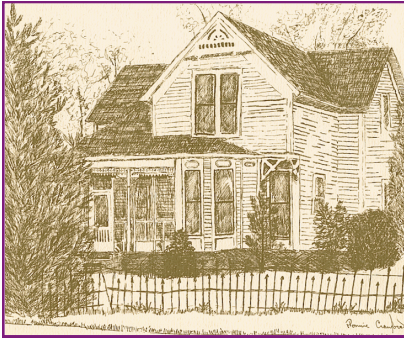


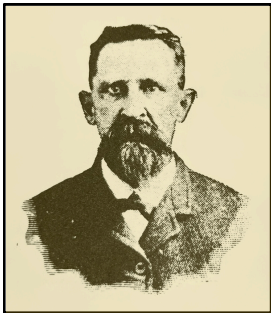
J. H. Dunmire House, 1890-92 - 303 St. Francis St.



This Queen Anne style house was built by J.H. Dunmire about 1890. He was a pharmacist who came to Kennett in 1878 as a traveling salesman for Schuh Drug Co. of Cairo, Ill. The house has cypress foundations and originally 8 rooms with 10 foot ceilings. The large magnolia in the front yard was planted the day his daughter Clara was born in 1897.

Mr. Dunmire was the son of George T. Dunmire who had a mercantile business, was postmaster and assisted son J. H. in his drugstore.

J. H. Dunmire and T.E. McPherson started the Kennett bottling company in January 1912 for carbonated beverages. In 1905 he and Dr. J. R. Black started the Black Medicine Co., which advertised across many states by 1909, with the principal product being Dr. Black's Eye Water. He was the father of Dr. George Dunmire who cared for many of Kennett's residents.



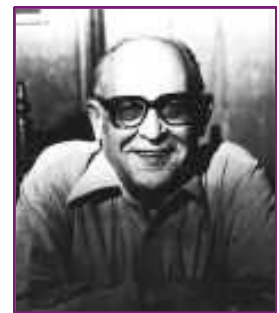
George T. Dunmire
b. 1837 -d. 1928



J.H. Dunmire
b.1894 -d.1969



Dr. Black's Eye Water
sold for 60 cents per 4
oz. bottle in the early
1900s - the
equivalent of \$21.45
today.



Dr. George Q. Dunmire
b. 1915 - d. 1981

Sources: *History of Southeast Missouri*, Robert Sidney Douglass, 1912; *History of Dunklin County, Mo.*, Mary Smythe-Davis, 1895; *Dunklin County Historical Society*; *Dunklin Daily Democrat*, *Twice-A-Week Democrat*. Sketches by KHS Art Club, 1982. Scan the QR code for more information on Kennett's history.

