

Nathaniel Pike, Stanley Pike

Nathaniel Pike moved to Greenfield from the east in 1840. He built a brick building at 197 Jefferson Street and started a hat business. He rented out space to David Bonner who opened a book and stationery store.

Eventually Bonner gave up the stationery business and Pike bought his supplies to continue the business. Through the years business in Greenfield gradually moved up hill to the 200 and 300 block of Jefferson so Pike moved to 305 Jefferson. Pike was selling hats at the beginning of the Civil war and advertised that he would make all kinds of hats in a very short time.

He later gave up the hat business and concentrated on the stationery business. On his retirement, his son, Stanley O. Pike, took over the business. Stanley was very active in the Greenfield community being connected with the Home Telephone Co. and was a long-time member of the Board of Public affairs.

In 1916 Stanley Pike sold the store to Harley Gossett. The Gossett continued the business until the late 1990s.