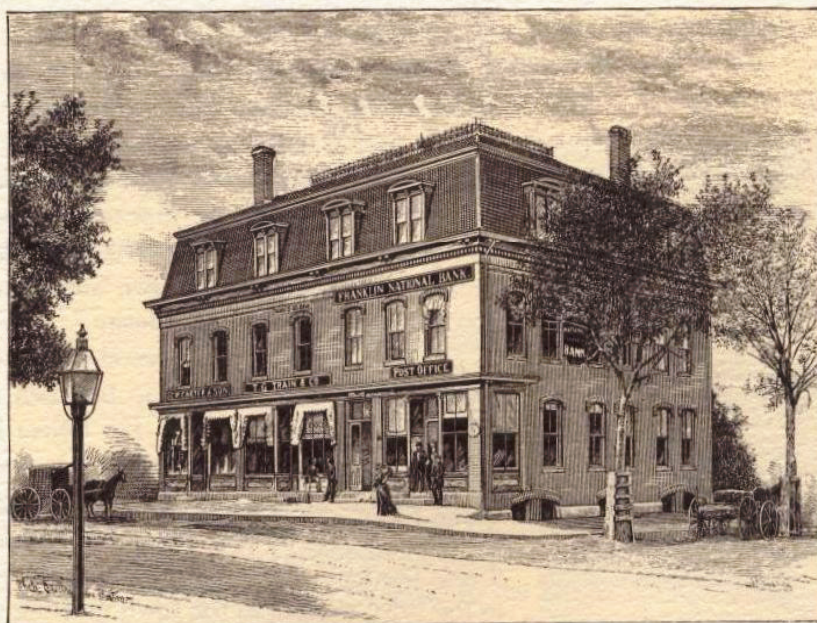


In February of the following year, the Franklin Library Association proposed that the town appoint the F.L.A. manager of the town library, and the March 4, 1873, town meeting, members voted the new role for the group. The report of this meeting also helps us locate the library: "For some years past [the library] has been kept in one of the school rooms on School Street. . ." That report also noted the need for more space for the library. In 1875 the library was moved from the William Makepeace Thayer High School to the "bank building" (the Ray Block). The town report for that year indicated that, as per the agreed to arrangement, the town paid the library expenses, and the association purchased the books.



RAY'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

In 1891 the library was moved again, this time to Dean Avenue to "Joseph G. Ray's new block." The 1883 report of the Franklin Library Association had indicated that the library was running out of space. So the move eight years later is no surprise.