

William “Boss” Hutchings



William Hutchings was born in Devonshire, England to John and Elizabeth Hutchings November 4th 1816. He died in Chagrin Falls Ohio September 9th 1894

In his early years in England William Hutchings learn the trade of a stonemason. He later came to the Americas, living in places such as Quebec, Buffalo and Cleveland, before coming to Chagrin Falls.

Once in Chagrin Falls he began digging wells and cellars for construction throughout the village.

Later on he began building bridges. After many contracts from County commissioners and many years William Hutchings built hundreds of bridges. His most notable that is still operational today is the main street bridge in Chagrin Falls, which was constructed in 1858.



Hutchings was one of the most active citizens in bringing the railroad to Chagrin Falls. He was also one of its directors.



William "Boss" Hutchings, seated in the middle

For years he was a member of the firm Stoneman and Hutchings. This firm would advertise farm bells, tin wear, pocket and table cutlery. They were located where the Chagrin Valley Hardware is today.



He was an extensive owner of real estate in Chagrin Falls and Vicinity. He also built many buildings in Chagrin Falls. Like the Main Street Bridge many of these buildings still stand. They include what is now The Federated Church on Bell Street and 3 – 11 North Franklin Street (Park Block)



Federated Church



Park Block

He was known to have contributed greatly to the causes of education, religion, and charity.

William Hutchings first married Mary Down when she was 22. In 1893 Mary died at 54 years. William then married once more to Mrs. Mary Iredale. She was also a native of Devonshire, England.

Hutchings was known to be frank and cordial. He had innumerable friends, and was well honored and respected. Around town he was known as "Boss".

Overall William Hutching was one of the most important and active citizens in Chagrin Falls.

