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Olde Store

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O'Fe... in 1836, along with Brownell's distillery and mill. He hired help for the other operations, but managed the store himself. He increased the stock until it was worth about \$6,000 and he reportedly had a very large trade at times.

Nichols died in 1848 and the property was passed on to Robert Dykes. Other owners, whose names are not recorded, ran the store until 1886 when Elisah Keefer moved his store from another Mongo site into that building.

Keefer was already a well-known businessman in the township. His son, Alpharus, took over his father's store and it remained in the family until 1951. The Keefer family apparently preserved the store and its fixtures as it was when the family took it over. During the 65 years the family owned the business, the building remained practically unchanged.

In 1952, the store was purchased by Berle and Thelma Sturgis. They, in turn, sold the establishment to the VanBuskirks in 1963.