

**Saw Mill Bay at Sackets Harbor by Lemual L. Lowell.** Dated 1869.

Mrs. Edward N. Smith presented this painting to the library in 1956. The painting originally hung in Governor Flower's mansion . Mrs. Smith received the painting from Emma Flower Taylor when the mansion was dismantled.

Several naval vessels were built at Sackets Harbor for the US government by Henry Eckford in 1813-14. Late in January, 1815, he contracted with the government to build and launch there within sixty days, two frigates to carry 120 guns each. Work upon one of these, the "New Orleans", had progressed three weeks and her hull was nearly completed, when orders came from Washington to stop work upon her, news having arrived that peace between the United States and England had been signed at Ghent Belgium on December 24th.

The painting is of the Old Ship House which was a barnlike building at the end of Navy Point, Sackets Harbor which was erected to house and preserve the War of 1812 battleship "New Orleans". The ship house fell by decay in 1880, leaving the great old ship exposed.

An almost exact unsigned copy is owned by a person in Sackets Harbor and was restored by Westlake Conservators.

Lemual Lowell was born in Herkimer County, NY and maintained a studio in the Paddock Arcade from 1865-1914 when he died.