



Jacob O. Joyce
1823 – 1905

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Jacob O. Joyce was a Dayton inventor and businessman who held nearly as many patents as Thomas Edison. One of his most useful inventions was the hydraulic lifting jack. In 1873, he started the Joyce-Cridland Company to design, patent and manufacture all types of jacks. These devices were initially focused on the mining and railroad industry, where they made possible the easy movement of heavy equipment. Today, the company founded by Joyce, moves nearly every kind of heavy equipment imaginable. Joyce also made his mark upon the local landscape when he purchased the rooming house at Number 6 Josie Street now known as the Steamboat House. He “Victorianized” it by adding rooms, stairways, dormers, bays, and one of the best wrap around porches visible from Keowee Street. Joyce also modified this home with a higher roof which was raised using the hydraulic jack he invented.

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