



Enlarged copy of a postcard dated January 24, 1911 showing the toll gate for the Hudson River bridge at Stillwater, NY. Standing at the right is Ernest C. Tefft, the toll collector. He was also the proprietor of the E.C. Tefft Grocery Store to which the toll gate is attached. His 15 year old daughter, Helen Margaret Teft, is on the left. The men in the background are identified only as "Mike" and "Eddie H.". The dog's name was Billy. The Tefft's, who also had a son Harold, lived upstairs over the store. Mrs. Tefft was the former Susan Minor Gifford. The toll gate was discontinued around 1920. The bridge was demolished in the early 1930's when the current bridge was built to the immediate south of the store property. The store building, modified over the years, and the residence to the left of the photo (also owned by the Tefft's) remain standing in 1996. The Meat Market, where S. I. Smith was the butcher, and Tefft's garage buildings which had been attached to the south side of the store were torn down in the late 40's or early 50's. This photo and information provided by Helen Tefft's son, Donald Tefft Birkmayer - 8 Oxford Rd, Troy, NY 12180 - 518/273-7027. All additions/corrections are welcomed.