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## THE CRADLE OF THE TELEGRAPH

On Speedwell Avenue, in Morristown, where the Whippany River is crossed by Route 202, is an unimposing building in which one hundred years ago, was born an industry that was to transform the commerce of the world. Once a part of the Speedwell Iron Works, the long, two-and-a-half story frame structure now stands on the grounds of a private residence. The basement is half concealed in the banked lawn. Clapboard siding and a new shingle roof hide the age of the building. This was the cradle of telegraphy.



The Vail Barn, Cradle of the Telegraph