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Mrs. A. Leonard

ALBION, N. Y. **MILLINERY**

THE "LITTLE RED
BRICK STORE"
North of Library Building.

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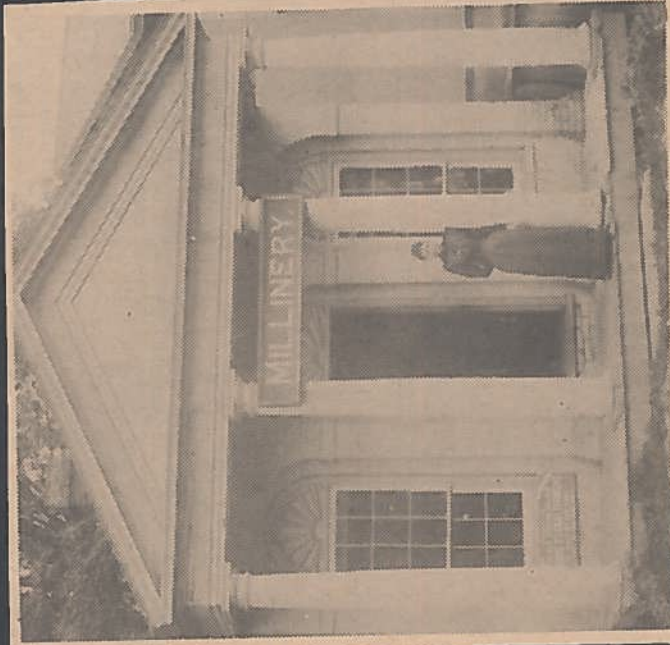
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The Little Red Brick Store

This photograph and corresponding advertisement indicate a Millinery business in 1902 which was located in downtown Albion. Mrs. A. Leonard, milliner, is seen standing on the front stoop with the house at far right now being Albion Agencies. However, the little brick building in the Federal Style of architecture was built perhaps as early as 1826 by Gideon Hard for a law office when he began his practice in Albion. In 1827 he became County Treasurer, in 1832 a Representative in Congress and in 1841 was elected Senator in the State Senate becoming chairman of the committee on railroads. He was also appointed a canal appraiser for two years in 1848 and was elected County Judge in 1856. On April 10, 1885 he was laid to rest in Mt. Albion Cemetery. His little red brick building was razed in 1924.

In the 19th Century every village and hamlet across Orleans County has similar little architectural jewels which served for businesses and offices of all sorts. This little brick building was a particularly fine one with carved sunbursts above the windows and door in a columned facade.

One of the last such buildings of this type in Orleans County was moved from Medina in 1977 to the Cobblestone Museum at Childs and serves as a 19th Century Print Shop.