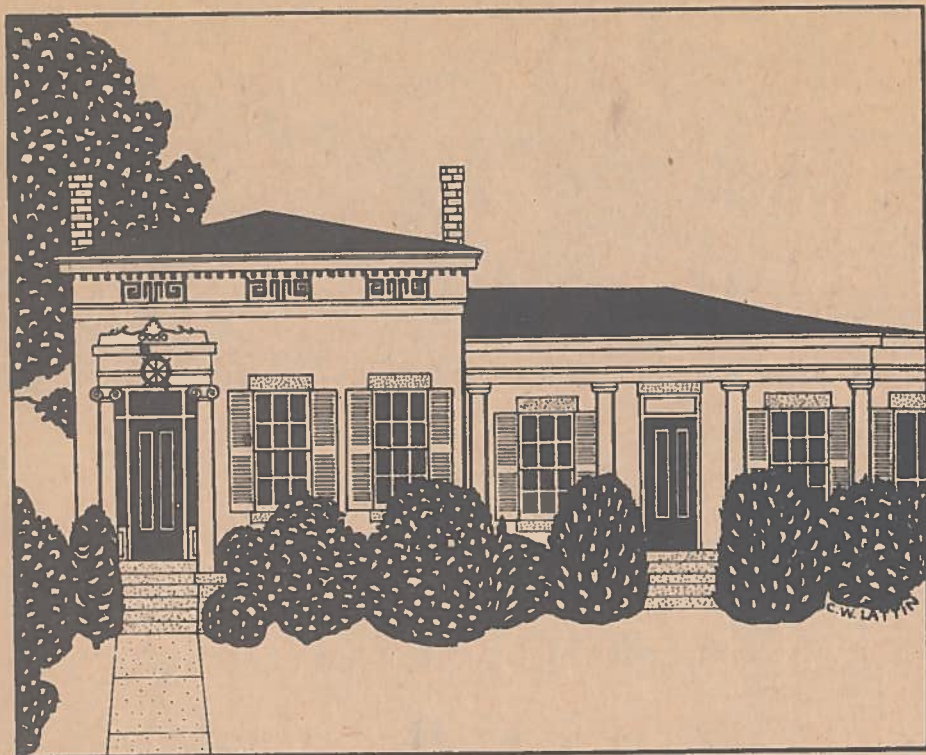


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Congratulations to the Orleans Chapter DAR for fifty years of residency in their chapter house located on North Main Street in Albion. It was Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1929, known to the American people as Constitution Day that the dedication exercises and presentation of deed to the property took place. The house, formerly the George B. Church residence was built by the Tousley family in 1845. It represents one of the finest examples of Greek Revival Architecture in Orleans County and was given through the charity and generosity of Mrs. Emma Reed Nelson Webster (1861-1931). Mrs. Webster, a descendant of pioneer residents of Carlton, purchased the house in 1928 and had it renovated, making it into a suitable home for the DAR, SAR and a museum. By removing some partitions an auditorium was created for patriotic and social events which will accommodate two hundred people.

The program of presentation and acceptance which took place fifty years ago is as follows:

Mrs. Sanford T. Church, Honorary Regent, presiding. Invocation, Rev. George M. Galarneau, Holley, N.Y.; Presentation of deed to property, Mrs. Frank D. Webster, Barneveld, N.Y.; Acceptance for Orleans Chapter DAR, Mrs. Avery V. Andrews, Regent; Acceptance for Lemuel Cook Chapter SAR, Bernard Ryan, president; Acceptance for Orleans County, Judge Bertram E. Harcourt, Medina, N.Y.; "America", led by Mrs. William J. Luttenton; Presentation of Flag, Mrs. Robert B. Densmore; Acceptance for Orleans Chapter, Mrs. Gifford D. Fowler, chairman Flag Committee; Salute to the Flag; solo with violin obligato, "Open the Gates of the Temple", Josephine Knapp, Mrs. William J. Luttenton, William J. Luttenton, violinist; Historical Sketch, Judge Sanford T. Church; Remarks, Hon. Frank H. Lattin; The American Creed; Star Spangled Banner, led by