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The Albion House

Here we see a photo of the Albion House circa 1905. It was located on the east side of South Clinton Street at the railroad crossing. Following the completion of the New York Central tracks through the county in 1853, there was need for a fine hotel located near the Albion depot. This large wooden structure in the Gothic Style with board and batten siding was erected during the mid 19th century. Here guests were boarded and fine meals served to even a large local clientele. It was here that Louis C. Tiffany stayed over night when inspecting the installation of windows at the Pullman Church in 1894. No doubt, many people of note climbed the grand staircase to the lobby of the once elegant hotel.

Room rates on the American Plan back when this photo was taken, were \$2.00 per day. Here are the rules and regulations of the Albion House:

1. The management will not be responsible for

jewelry, or other valuables unless left at the office.

2. Guests should, before retiring, lock their door and on going out, leave the key at the office.

3. Guests will confer a favor by reporting any incivility on the part of any employee.

4. Lights must be extinguished upon retiring, or leaving the room otherwise an extra charge will be made.

5. Guest without baggage will be required to pay in advance.

6. The management will not be responsible for coats or satchels left in hall or parlors.

7. Guests are requested to notify the office upon vacating their rooms otherwise the same will be charged.

8. No dogs are allowed in any part of the hotel.

9. An extra charge is made for service when meals are sent to rooms.

By the 1920s the need for a hotel of this type and style at the railroad was largely a thing of the past. It was demolished around 1923. The I'll Be Inn and its parking lot are now located on this site.