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## PIONEERS OF ORLEANS COUNTY.

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**Pioneers**

The Orleans County Pioneer Association was formed on Saturday, June 25, 1859 at the Court House in Albion. Hon. Almanzor Hutchinson of Gaines called the meeting to order. Harley N. Bushnell of Murray was called to the chair, and Asa Sanford of Barre was appointed secretary.

The following officers were elected: president, Robert Anderson of Gaines; vice presidents, Lancing Bailey of Barre, Alexander Coon of Shelby, Jeremiah Brown of Ridgeway, Gardner Gould of Carlton, Samuel Tappen of Yates, Shubel Lewis of Clarendon, Robert Clark of Kendall, Walter Fairfield of Gaines and Aretus Pierce of Murray; secretary, Asa Sanford of Barre, treasurer, Orson Nichoson of Barre.

On motion of Almanor Hutchinson all were to be considered who came into this county previous to and during 1825. The first annual meeting of the Association was to be held at the Court House on

Sept. 10 at 10 a.m.

At that September meeting a constitution was adopted. There were 90 persons who gave their names as members of the association. After the first annual meeting the Association always met on the third Saturday in June.

This organization amounted to what we would probably call a historical society today. One of their major events each year was the Pioneer Picnic usually held at Lakeside. As the years went on, descendents of early pioneer families became members but by the late 1930s the organization dissolved due to the lack of interest.

The accompanying photograph, taken June 19, 1869, shows the Pioneer Association assembled on Main Street in Albion. The building to the far right with the Nichoson sign, is now the office of Peter Snell Realty. The other store fronts were razed in 1890 and more recently the J.H. Hallenbake Hardware site is now Waterman Park. Note the two boys sitting in the upper story open window.