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## BURT A. GRISWOLD 1877-1956

Many local people will remember Burt A. Griswold who was a well-known resident, church organist and florist. His career as a church organist spread over a time span of sixty years beginning in 1895 at the First Presbyterian Church in Albion, which he served for 31 years under six different ministers. During his last twenty-three years as an organist, however, he served the First Baptist Church in Albion and is depicted in the photograph above at their console. For a short while he also played at the Pullman Universalist Church. In the meantime his musical work was not limited to just Orleans County as he also played at a Presbyterian Church in Rochester and the Presbyterian Church in Batavia. Through his musical ability he also served as organist for several fraternal organizations including the Albion Elks Lodge of which he was Secretary for eleven years and the Masonic Lodge of which he was a 50-year member.

Mr. Griswold was a life member of the Monroe Commandery and a member of the Albion Presbyterian Church. For thirty years he was employed as an office manager at the former Beckwith Product Company and later conducted a floral business from his home on West State Street in Albion. His wife was the former Callie Harding and they had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary three days prior to his death.

As Albion Baptists celebrate their sesquicentennial May 17-18 they will recall Burt Griswold and his many years of service through his musical ability to the glory of their church.