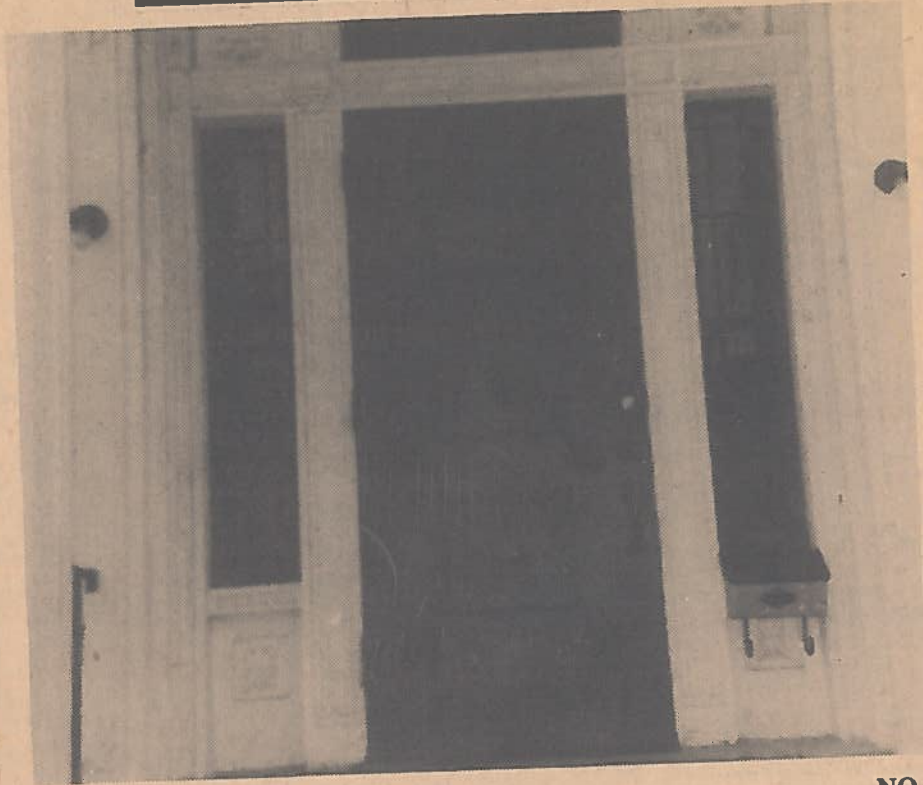


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## HISTORIC DOORWAY

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Have you ever, or how many times have you entered this doorway? Suspense aside -- it is the entrance to the Albion American Legion Sheret Post #35. The American Legion building now a part of the National Historic Registry was built in the 1880's and used as a Central School until the early 1930's when Sheret Post acquired it for a community building. The doorway however, was designed and handcarved in Holley a century earlier. And here is the interesting story behind it all.

It was March 1934 when Albion Legionnaires in remodeling the old school learned of the Greek Revival doorway. At that time it was the entrance to the Hiram Frisbie mansion located in downtown Holley on the abandoned loop of the Erie Canal. The mansion was then being razed for a park with the knoll it sat on to be leveled and the old canal bed to be filled in. Presently the Holley IGA occupies that general site. With the aid of Charles M. Vincent, in charge of razing, the doorway was extracted, crated and moved to Sheret Post.

A carpenter by the name of Stedman actually fashioned it in 1832 out of whitewood, carving all the details by hand. The same carpenter also created six 20-foot high pillars of whitewood for the same dwelling which he turned out on the schoolhouse lawn.

Hiram Frisbie, prominent pioneer for whom the house was built, became supervisor of the Town of Murray and also later postmaster of Holley. That was all back in the days when Holley was still known as Salt Port before being named in honor of Myron Holley of Rochester, a civil engineer on the construction of the Erie Canal.