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## FARMSTEAD OF STEPHEN HALLOCK

This fine oil painting by Peter B. West showing the farm residence of Stephen Hallock in 1887 has recently been given to the Swan Library by Mr. Stephen Chapman of Albion. Mr. Chapman is an indirect descendent of Stephen Hallock from whom he is named. The painting which now hangs in the main reading room at Swan Library is signed and dated by the artist in the lower right hand corner. P. B. West was a local and noted artist of the last century who excelled in painting animals as is shown in the horse hitched to the buggy in the foreground of the painting.

Who then was Hallock? Stephen Hallock 1835-1920 was one of Orleans County's wealthiest and best known citizens when he died. It is said that he was the first self-made millionaire in the county. His residence as shown in the painting is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Parsons located on Route 98 about one mile south of Albion.

Stephen Hallock began a long and active business life without a dollar and with his brother Issac, at first operated a threshing machine. He also engaged in farming and raising stock including horses, cattle, sheep and swine and was considered one of the best judges of such. He was a progressive farmer owning several farms in Orleans County along with farms in Kansas, Nevada and other western states. With a keen eye for business he was a dealer in stocks and bonds and held many good mortgages on farms and other real estate. Many times he helped those who were in distress, unable to help themselves. He was a strong supporter of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church and was survived by his widow the former Sarah E. Gibson whom he had married in 1860. Mr. Hallock was laid to rest in Mt. Albion with the family lot being marked by one of the largest monuments in the cemetery.

Watch next week for: P. B. West