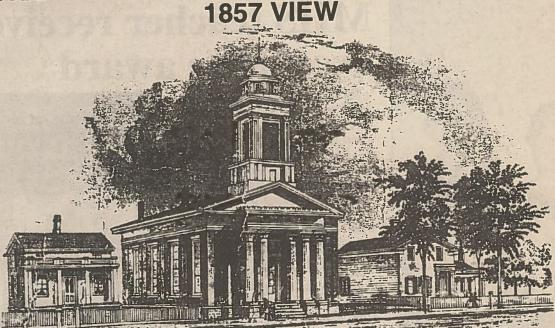
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Presbyterian Church

Residence of O. F. Burns

Village of Albion map dated 1857. The featured State Street when seated in your family pew. The building in this view is the Presbyterian Church as pulpit would have been centered and backed up to it was at the time. Located directly across the the partition separating the front lobby from the street from the Court House it faces East State sanctuary. Three sections of seats and two major Street. This handsome Greek Revival Church was aisles were the custom in those days. The clear erected in 1845 serving as such until 1874 when glass windows were outfitted with inside folding stands as part of the Albion Presbyterian Complex once graced the sanctuary. and serves in part for the Nutra Fair Program.

However, the appearance of it has been some- to this structure, the exterior still remains as a what altered since this lithograph was made. I good example of the Greek Revival Style. believe the alterations to its appearance were the little house to the left of the church we done in order to downplay the building's promibelieve was moved off its lot in 1874 and is now nence after the other church was built. As you can located at 113 Platt Street. This was done so as to see, it had a very classical looking bell tower. A make way for the present Gothic Revival Presbyand entrance.

ain center doors at the conclusion of worship. In Church in 1845.

Our illustration for this article is taken from the a church like this you would have been facing the present mammoth Medina Sandstone Church shutters. A beautiful plaster medallion still remains was built directly adjacent to it. This building still in the ceiling of the auditorium which would have

Although significant renovations have occurred

porch projected forward with two sets of double terian Church. The house to the right was columns supporting a flat roof. Two inner columns removed in 1893 when a Presbyterian Manse was still exist as part of the remaining recessed porch built on the site at the corner of East State and Platt streets.

After 1874 this old church was utilized for Sun- The Greek Revival Church shown here was day School rooms, dining room, kitchen and a sec- actually the second house of worship Presbyteri-The Greek Revival Church shown here was ond floor auditorium. What had originally been a ans built for themselves in Albion. Their first meetlarge open sanctuary was divided up into the ing house was erected on the west side of Main smaller spaces just mentioned. The recess of the Street in 1830 and now serves as Christ Episcopal porch contains a door to the east and one to the Church. By 1844 the Presbyterians had outgrown west. Back in the 1840's I believe women would this meeting house and swapped a vacant lot and have entered the east door while men would have building materials on East State Street owned by entered the west door and sat separately for wor- the Episcopalians for their existing church building. hip. However, they would have all come out the Hence, the Presbyterians built this Greek Revival