

Horse and buggy days

Our photo and advertising underneath are taken from the 1905 Souvenir Booklet of Albion. The other advertisement is likewise reproduced from the 1903 Orleans County Directory. There were a total of 21 Drive Barns or livery stables listed for the county in 1903. The 1911 directory lists 11 and the 1921 directory lists only 4 in the county. Hard evi-

dence the horseless carriage won out. But before the ever-present automobile, drive barns were quite common, especially in villages. It is a fact that their enterprises depended upon the use of horses. Reading these ads, you can sort of figure out what was going on.

For example, when farmers came to town in a carriage or

needed some sort of conveyance to get around different places. The livery and its hack (taxi) service were important to travelers.

Frank H. Brown (1870-1960) is probably the man standing alone to the far right in the picture. Whether the others were employees, I'm not sure but there must have been some connection with these men and the business. The

photo was taken just north of the canal bridge in Albion looking west. Today this is the location of Burgio's garage.

The stone building to the extreme left which is still there is actually located on the south side of the canal. Local people will remember Frank Brown's daughter, Frances Casement Hernandez.



Farmers' Sheds and Drive Barns,

Boarding and Sale Stables.

Everything New and Up-to-date. Prices to Suit the Times.
Special attention to Hack Orders, Weddings, Funerals, Etc.

Team Work, Carting, Baggage, Etc.

For People taking Trains, Horse called for and delivered at Depot.

F. H. BROWN, PROP.

NORTH OF SWING BRIDGE,

Bell Phone 2374.

ALBION, N. Y.

1903

Brown's Drive Barn, Livery, Boarding and Sales Stable

Sheds free on Sunday till 2 p. m. and on funeral occasions.

Electric horse clipper. Fine hacks. Teams for moving, carting, etc.

Waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen.

Bicycles checked free of charge

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