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Oscar D. Eddy 1843-1911

Oscar Eddy was born in the Town of Barre in 1843 to David G. and Suzanne Eddy.

He received his early education in the district school.

When still quite young, the family moved to Albion, where he later attended the Albion Academy.

Mr. Eddy was identified with Albion's interests for close to 50 years. At the time of his death, he was the oldest insurance agent in the Village of Albion.

The advertising and portrait are both taken from the 1905 souvenir booklet of Albion.

Notice that he advertised as being the oldest insurance agency in Albion. He also stated "I am out for business."

As a result, he had one of the largest insurance agencies in the county. His office was located in the Bordwell Block or Masonic Building on East Bank Street.

He was very active in Democratic Party politics. More than once he was elected Village of Albion police justice, justice of the peace for the

Town of Albion and village assessor as well. Consequently, he was a well-informed person on important questions of law. His opinion was often sought in adjusting business disputes.

For over 12 years Mr. Eddy served as superintendent of the Albion Water Works. During this time he was influential in expanding the system for improved service to the public. The water works was located west of Albion on the north side of the Erie Canal. Water came in those days from wells and later Otter Creek. The original system had nothing to do with canal water.

Mr. Eddy was always doing what he could for the advancement of his community. He was highly respected as a public servant and businessman. He was a member of the IOOF Lodge No. 58.

Upon his death, he was survived by his widow, Helen Bedell Eddy, and a step-daughter, Belle Fawcett, with whom he was associated in the insurance business, as well as a brother, DeLos Eddy. The Eddys both outlived two daughters.



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IN ALBION

25 Good Strong Companies

I am out for business.
Please call and see me
before placing your

INSURANCE

OSCAR D. EDDY

Bordwell Block, E. Bank St., Albion