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**A.T. Vick, florist**

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Our photo is taken from the 1905 Souvenir Book of the village of Albion. Here we see the business of Arthur T. Vick, florist, that was located on Clinton Street at West Avenue in Albion.

Mr. Vick established his business in 1890 and subsequently built two large greenhouses and the little attached store and office. Only one greenhouse is shown here. The other, identical in size, was next to it. The family residence, also situated on this lot, faced West Avenue. It is ironic that the present Flower Station is located on the vacant lot this side of the greenhouse.

Also from the 1905 book, Vick advertises

"Choice Cut Flowers; Floral Designs and Decorating." Along with his greenhouses, Vick grew fields of asters commercially. These were cultivated on Route 31, about where the state Department of Transportation headquarters is now located. In season, boxes of these flowers were shipped by rail to New York City. Aster Day in September years ago was a big occasion, where people decorated the graves of their loved ones with these flowers.

Arthur was a nephew of James Vick, the Rochester florist who was nationally known through his catalogs, which were published in the 19th century. Vick died in 1915 at age 56.