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## Alfred Dawson

Alfred Dawson was born in Brighthouse, Yorkshire, England on April 18, 1833. He came to America and settled in Medina in 1855.

He had learned the trade of boot and shoemaker in England and first worked at this occupation in Medina. However, he soon embarked in a new career as a produce dealer, merchant and real estate broker.

His success as a produce dealer was outstanding. In 1889 he shipped more than 63,000 barrels of apples, pears and quinces out of Medina.

Mr. Dawson served on the Medina Village Board of Trustees for a total of seven years beginning in 1870.

He was considered to be one of Medina's most "substantial" men 100 years ago who was widely respected by all who knew him.

His first wife was Maria Pfeifer who died in 1892. His second wife was Mary Knapp.

Alfred Dawson died in Jacksonville, Fla. on March 30, 1910. He was survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Edward, and a daughter, Mrs. J.D. Robertson of Buffalo.

Notice: A guided tour of Mt. Albion Cemetery will be given at 2 p.m. Oct. 18.

