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## Harvey Goodrich 1791 - 1863

Harvey Goodrich, a son of Zenas Goodrich, was born in Herkimer County, N.Y., in 1791. His father was a native of Massachusetts who had moved his family to New York. As a young man, Harvey moved to Auburn, N.Y., where he worked at his trade as a hatter. For a short period of time he engaged in a partnership with his brother-in-law George W. Standart and became a contractor on building the Erie Canal in the central part of the state. In 1824, they both came to Albion where they opened a dry goods business. When Standart died in 1827, Goodrich then returned to his profession of hatter and furrier as well as becoming a produce dealer.

He was very active in Democratic Party politics, serving as postmaster for several years. He was also president of the village of Albion in 1833, 1834 and 1836. He later served on the village board in 1855. As a community spirited man, he subscribed to the Phipps Union Seminary in 1836. In 1824, he had also been one of the founders of Albion First Presbyterian Church, where he was elected a ruling elder, a position he held the rest of his life. He was known for ministering to people who were sick and suffering and gave freely of himself at funeral ceremonies.

He and his wife Lucy lived in what is now the Cornell Cooperative Extension offices on



Main Street in Albion. In 1861, he was stricken with paralysis and died in 1863. This picture of Mr. Goodrich, taken in 1862, shows that his left hand appears to be rather stiff in how he holds it. Mrs. Goodrich died in 1875.