



**Orleans D. A. R. Chapter House and Historical Society Building, Albion, N. Y.**

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## **Orleans DAR Chapter House**

Truly one of the outstanding examples of Greek Revival architecture in the region is the Orleans DAR Chapter House on North Main Street in Albion.

Recently, the DAR has had its trim and window blinds repainted. The house looks magnificent, just the way it was intended. Which is why this remains such an outstanding masterpiece with all original parts including windows, window blinds and porch parts.

It's sad to say this has become a rarity nowadays with replacement windows, fake shutters and vinyl siding. Fewer and fewer older homes don't retain much integrity.

The earliest part of this house was built about 1845. In 1848, it was purchased by Orsen Tousley and his wife Electa. They enlarged the home to the way we see it today.

Their daughter, Florence, married

George B. Church in 1866 and thereby the house remained in the Church family until 1929 when it was purchased by Mrs. Frank D. Webster, who gave it to the Orleans Chapter DAR.

The building, then undergoing some interior renovations, was dedicated on Sept. 17, 1929, and remains the DAR chapter headquarters and historical museum.