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Alhambra

Our photo here shows the Alhambra, better known as the Young's hotel. You will note the name Young's in the storefront windows.

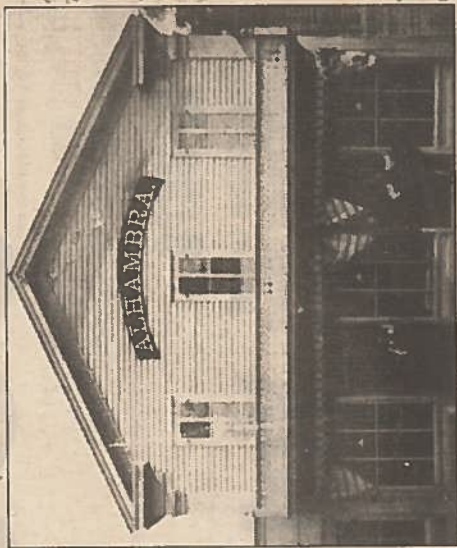
This hotel was located on the north side of East Bank Street in Albion a couple of buildings west of the Village Hall. It was run as a hotel and restaurant by James H. Young.

The picture of this hotel was taken in the early 1880's. Note the decorative balcony off the second floor and how the window blinds (shutters) are closed to keep the sunlight out.

I believe sometime by the mid-1880's, this old wooden structure in the Greek Revival style was torn down.

In its place was erected a new brick building with two storefronts. The brick, however, was used brick taken from the original county clerk's office, which was torn down following the erection of the present clerk's office in 1882-1883.

The first Orleans County clerk's office, a one-story structure built in the 1830's, was located



just west of the Court House facing State Street.

Although the building was changed in the 1880's, the Young's Hotel remains as a listing in the Orleans County Directory through at least 1911 on East Bank Street.