



Albion market basket

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Our photo shown here was probably taken in the early 1940's in downtown Albion.

It's my guess the picture might have been taken on Veterans Day because of the flags mounted along the curb.

The main building is the old Waterman block, which burned over 20 years ago and was later torn down.

This now vacant site is known as Waterman Park. George Waterman build the building in 1890 for a hardware

business. Here we see it being used as a supermarket called Market Basket.

To the far left is the old Citizens Bank, which was occupied by Dales Supermarket at the time.

The building between Dales and the Market Basket has two storefronts. One is a barber-shop and the one with the awning was Daniel Dugan's Shoe Store.

The second floors of these buildings were used for offices. At one time the

Orleans County Farm and Home Bureau had offices in the second floor of the Waterman Building.

The block to the far right in our photo, also built in 1890, is still known as the Briggs Building.

It now serves as office space for attorney Conrad Cropsey. Its original storefront use however was a saloon.

Notice the diagonal parking space stripes are painted over Medina sandstone paving blocks in the street.