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Shourds Brothers

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Our illustration is taken from the Souvenir Book of the Village of Albion published in 1905. This page of advertising not only shows the business establishment but also the residence of George Shourds, which was located on West Park Street.

After suffering damage during a fire several years ago

it was torn down.

The Shourds Brothers business was situated at the very end of Platt Street backing up to the Erie Canal.

It was established in 1858 by Smith Deliverance Shourds and subsequently run by his sons George and John. They sold coal and wood fuel, the coal being shipped to them on the canal.

The three horse drawn wagons in the picture are loaded with coal enroute to delivery.

A large sign on the building indicates they were dealers not only in coal and wood but also Waterlime, Portland Cement and Wallplaster Lime. A high water tank and a delivery tank are also visible here.

Shourds Brothers at one time has a contract to water the dirt streets in Albion during the summer to keep the dust down before any were paved.

These buildings have now been gone for over seven decades. The area where they

stood is either now part of the Albion Fire Department or the north end of Platt Street.

Over 40 Shourds
Established Nov. 1, 1858 by Smith Deliverance Shourds
JAMES W. SHOURDS

ALL KINDS OF COAL AND FUEL

The oldest established Coal Dealers in Orleans County, the business has grown from the handling of 70 tons in 1858 to now about 4,000 tons. Present facilities, correct weights and accurate quality of Coal, ability to deliver in any quantity at the lowest prices, and prompt attention to the requirements of the customers, are ever kept before the public.

