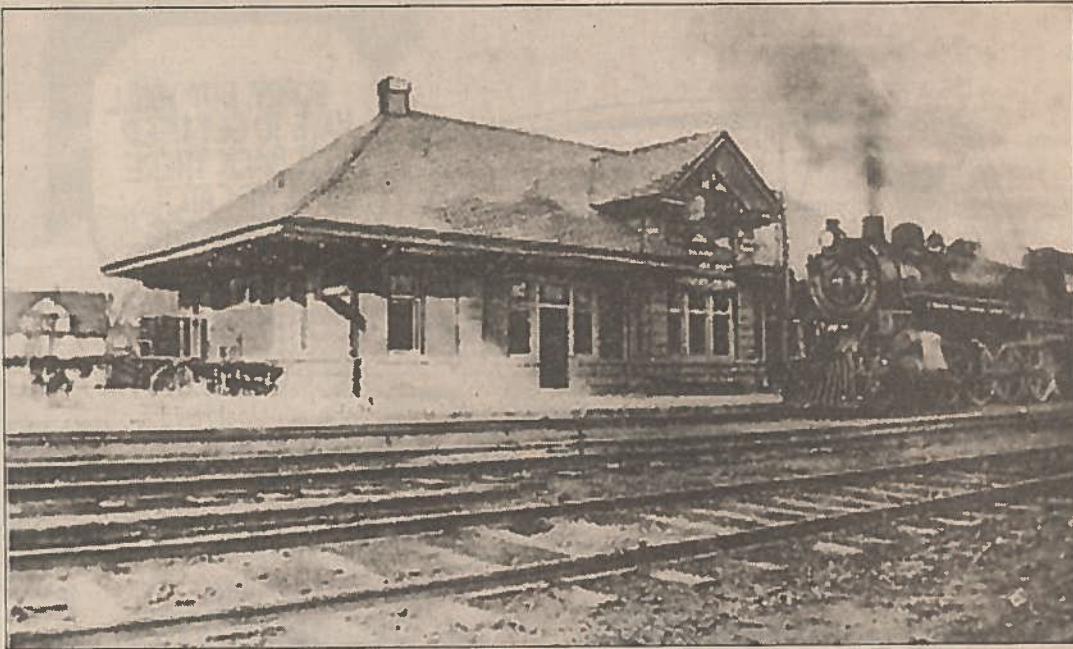


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Corrections to Medina book

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During the early part of December 2005 Arcadia Publishing released a book on Medina consisting of 128 pages with over 200 wonderful old photographs. The book is well worth acquiring for these images. However, there are some mistakes in text relating to a number of pictures. Once something gets into print it becomes accepted as a fact which is not necessarily accurate. To the best of my knowledge no local historian was asked to proof the book for these errors.

First, my apologies to readers of this column who have not seen the book or have no interest in acquiring it. Secondly, at the risk of seeming to be an authority, which I am not, I'd like to attempt to correct some obvious points of misinformation. Therefore, those who possess the book on Medina might like to clip this article and place it in the book for posterity so that these errors do not become accepted as fact in the future.

Here is a list of some of the most obvious errors to me:

Page 11 — The illustration is from the 1860 Niagara-Orleans map. Ridge Road does not lead from Batavia to Lewiston but rather Rochester to Lewiston in our region.

Page 12 — This stagecoach stop was not built in 1817 but rather around 1840.

Page 13 — Early farmers did not build distilleries. A few enterprising men did such as John Lee at Oak Orchard on the Ridge.

Page 22 — Universalist Church picture is not 1900 but rather mid-1970s.

Page 27 — "Medina Pea Pickers," they are not picking peas but rather cocking up hay in a hay field.

Page 38 — Canal work, not

1900. Photo was taken between 1911 and 1913.

Page 56 — Photo was not taken in Medina in 1906. It was taken in Albion in 1869.

Page 61 — Lower picture is not a painting from 1900 but rather a lithograph from 1879.

Page 80 — Lower photo is not the Walsh House. I dare say the brick building pictured was never located in Orleans County.

Page 83 — Ellicott's Bakery, also known as the Home Bakery, was located at 402 Main St. not East Center Street.

Page 89 — Sandstone Schoolhouse. This was never a schoolhouse, never has been one on Pleasant Street.

Page 90 — Upper photo, this

house is at the corner of Park Avenue and Catherine Street not on West Center Street.

Page 91 — Both photos should indicate former Masonic Temple.

Page 112 — Lower photo is not under the culvert but the aqueduct.

Page 115 — The Lyndonville Canning Co. did not sit on the corner of Routes 104 and 63. The large applesauce can which did sit there was not a restaurant.

Page 118 — The upper photo of Masons was not taken in 1926 but more likely in 1954.

Our photo with this article shows the Medina railroad depot during the early 20th century.