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# SIDEWALK SUPERVISORS

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This snap shot taken in the mid-1890's shows two gentlemen having a discussion near the corner of Main and Bank streets in Albion.

The man in the white shirt is James Bailey, owner of a grocery store in the Swan block to the left, now HSBC. Crates and provisions appear here, displayed on the sidewalk.

The man Mr. Bailey is speaking to is identified simply as Don, and the dog, Billie.

Another gentleman is walking towards them while several carriages appear on the unpaved street.

Note the fact that all the store fronts are equipped with awnings to shade the windows from bright sunlight.



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What I find interesting are the buildings in the background on the east side of Main Street. To the right is the former Waterman building built in 1890 by George Waterman for a hardware store. Next to it, at the left, is a two-story building

dating to the late 1830s and replaced with another two-story building which remains today and houses Burgio's Salon.

To the left of this is the old Burrows block, extending northward to the canal. This picture shows it before the Citizens National Bank building was built. Around 1902, a section of the Burrows block was torn out and the bank built in its place.

In 1923, the bank was enlarged when the south end of the old Burrows block was razed. Today we know the old Citizens Bank as the Albion Visitors Center and the site of the Waterman Building as Waterman Park.