



Andrew Wall and Gothic Hall

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The following account may be found in Landmarks of Orleans County by Signor 1894.

"Andrew Wall was born in London, England, Nov. 22, 1811. In March, 1833, he left his native country and came to America, landing in New York City April 23, and arriving in Albion May 1. He went to work in David Swan's bakery, whose business he purchased two months later and eventually established a large trade.

"At a point east of the bridge on the tow-path of the canal he built an oven and ice house, and about 1850 a candle factory, all of which he was obliged to abandon when the canal was enlarged, and from there he moved "up town" and established a similar business.

"For about 40 years he was vestryman or warden of Christ

His "uptown" business was located on North Main Street about where Waterman Park is presently situated and was a wooden building in the Carpenter Gothic Style. In December of 1851 the Orleans American carried this notice:

Candles-Candles

"Andrew Wall, Gothic Hall has now on hand a beautiful lot of different kinds of candles, which he will sell cheap at wholesale or retail, consisting of: 50 boxes pure mold candles, 10 dozen adamantine, four

dozen sperm and a small lot of variegated sperm candles, which he will be happy to sell at reasonable prices."

Andrew Wall
Nov. 5, 1851.

The manufacturing of candles at that point in time was indeed a necessity as the first gas for illumination in Albion was not distributed until Nov. 25, 1858 with the first incandescent lights to follow in 1890.

Notice: Tour of Mt. Albion Cemetery is at 2 p.m. Sunday.