

Orleans County Trust Company

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Our picture taken in 1934 shows the Swan Block in Albion which was built in 1882. Now the HSBC bank, it was known back in the 1930s as the Orleans County Trust Company.

Next to the bank we notice the Rexall Drug Store.

The second floor of this building served as rental space for various offices including: Dart Porters' Insurance and the Orleans Realty Office plus other business offices. The third floor served as the Town Club of Albion which had been organized in 1929. These rooms had originally served as the Odd Fellows Lodge.

In our photo we also note the fire call box on the street corner and the traffic light on a pedestal in the middle of the intersection.

The Orleans County Trust Company was formed in 1859 and took over the property of the Bank of Orleans which was founded in 1834. This was located at the southwest corner



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of the same intersection.

In 1882 a new business block, known as the Granite Block, was erected on that corner which served the bank until it moved into the Swan Block in

1924.

In 1936, the directors of the "Trust Co." changed its name to Marine Midland Trust Company of Albion which reflected their association with

the Marine Midland group of banks.