

John Hartman — painless dentist

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During the late 1880s, some prominent residents of Albion who happened to be in Philadelphia patronized Dr. John Hartman there. Upon being overwhelmingly impressed with his work, and through their instrumentality, he was encouraged to move and locate his practice in Albion beginning in 1890. Around 1905, he and his wife had a house built on North Clinton Street.

He was a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, class of 1882, and in his time was one of the most up-to-date and progressive dentists in Western New York. His name was synonymous with the painless extraction of teeth.

He established the Albion Dental Laboratory, which was located on East Bank Street in the Bordwell Block and there he manufactured a fluid which was used for the painless extraction of teeth. This fluid was put on the market for general use.

Today, dentists make every attempt to save teeth in a painless manner, but in Dr.

work. His full time partner was Dr. Marshall James, a graduate of medicine from Trinity College in Toronto, as well as being a graduate in dental surgery from the University of Pennsylvania. Their assistant was Ben B. Beach, a local boy who completed training in Buffalo for crown and bridge work.

In their fully equipped laboratory they made for other dentists all kinds of plate work — crowns, gold and porcelain, and bridges. This work for other dentists was possible because moulds of the article required were sent, and from these models, a finished product was forwarded for use in the mouths of patients. These three men turned out work for dentists throughout the state and abroad.

In 1916 Dr. George Stanley Bakeman took up the office space which was used by Dr. Hartman and continued to practice there until his death in 1963. Formerly known as the Bordwell Block, a few people will recall Dr. Bakeman's office which was located over Newberry's.



DR. HARTMAN.

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Hartman's time if something was wrong with a tooth it more than likely was extracted. His painless fluid must have indeed been a comfort or at least soothed the mind.

His practice became so large that he had the services of two extra men turn out the required