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# Father son publishers of the Orleans American newspaper



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John H. Denio was born at Greenfield, Mass., June 24, 1817. In 1842, the family moved to Albion, where John and his father became publishers of the Orleans American newspaper.

In the early years of the Republican Party, Mr. Denio was an ardent member and political force within party ranks. He was appointed postmaster in the Village of Albion and was also twice

elected country treasurer on the Republican ticket.

During the Civil War, he was appointed provost marshal of Orleans County and was the only person in the county who sent a representative in his name to take up arms.

John Denio was an extremely successful businessman in Orleans County. His interests included banking, insurance, milling and stone quarrying.

The Medina sandstone business block now Gurney's Olde Coach Inn was built by Denio as a steam flower mill around 1875.

He was a widely known Odd Fellow, having joined the local lodge in 1852. He wrote and published a

history of the lodge which had a considerable circulation within the fraternity.

He died in April 1911 and was survived by daughter Miss Elizabeth H. Denio of Rochester, Mrs. Henry B. Fisher of Batavia and

Lorenzo B. Denio of Albion. The family farm west of the village off what used to be called Denio Road is now the site of the Albion Correctional Facility.

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