

S.E. CHURCH HOME

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Located at the corner of East State and Ingersoll Streets in Albion is the former residence of Sanford E. Church. This venerable old structure since the mid-1950s has been the Merrill-Grinnell Funeral home.

An historic marker in front of it states:

Home of
Sanford E. Church
1815-1880

Lieutenant Governor 1850-1852

Comptroller of State 1957
Chief Judge Court of Appeals 1867-1880

State Education Department 1935

The historic marker does not mention that S.E. Church was district attorney of Orleans County from 1846-49. Nor does it include the fact that he was presented as New York's favorite son in the National Democratic

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Bethinking of Olde Orleans

Convention for president in 1868.

It was during the 1930s that the state education department erected historic markers for outstanding people and places throughout the state. Surely Sanford E. Church was recognized as one of Orleans County's icons of the past for his involvement in significant state history.

The state education department's program of marking historic sites in this manner fell by the wayside years ago. The illustration of the Church residence is taken from the 1857 map of Albion.



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