



THE ALBION HOUSE

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The photo seen here of the Albion House was taken around 1905. This hotel constructed in the mid 1850's was located on South Clinton Street directly across from the railroad depot.

The 1869 Orleans County Directory lists it as "Albion House at the depot, Bayne & Eggleston, props."

It was obviously a large three story wooden structure using board and batten siding in the Gothic Revival style.

It's location was no doubt chosen to attract people traveling as passengers on the railroad. A number of bed chambers were available as well

as fine meals from the hotel dining room.

Many local people went there for Sunday dinner even in the early 20th century.

A sign attached to a tree notes also: "Livery". This was operated from a barn behind the hotel. This was also a service catering to travelers who might come to town on the train and then need a horse and buggy to travel locally.

As the 20th century

got into full swing, old fashioned hotels like this became obsolete.

In the mid 1930's this structure was demolished and replaced with a small brick building now used by the Albion Firemen's Exempt organization.

Around fifty years ago the Clinton Street railroad crossing was closed off when the village allowed the T.J. Lipton plant to construct a rehouse in the right of way.

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