

Bethinking of Olde Orleans



5-29-13 Hart Hose Fire House

The photo shown here was taken by the late Fred Holt in March 1928. It shows the old headquarters of the Hart Hose Company, known as Albion No. 3. This building with a prominent numeral 3 painted on the base of the belfry, was located on Washington Street in Albion on the south side of the block between Clinton and West Academy.

The Harts were located in this building for about forty years. Prior to consolidation of their equipment in the neighborhood of the Village Hall on East Bank and Platt Streets, an old hose truck which attended many fires, was housed in this building.

The Hart Hose Company was the last in the Village of Albion to also become central-ized with all other

The photo, when it was taken, shows the Harts moving out of the circa 1890 structure. Note the truck in the picture which also must have belonged to the Albion Fire Department as it has a number 2 painted on the side of it. We notice on it, wooden spokes in the wheels with hard rubber tires. (You would have felt every bump but at least you didn't get flats).

I also think of particular interest are the three boys who just happened to get in the photo. Notice how they are dressed. All three have on short pants (knickers), heavy socks, high top shoes, jackets or sweaters and hats.

In the left portion of the picture, we also notice on this cold March day the neighbor's wash hung out to dry.

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