

**Town of Persia
& Sesquicentennial
PROGRAM**





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TOWN OF PERSIA

(CATTARAUGUS COUNTY)

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TOWN JUSTICE

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Gowanda, New York
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Dear Friends:

I will take the opportunity of the Town of Persia's 150th Birthday to greet you. All of the people in this area have been invited to join with us in celebrating this event.

We recognize the great service rendered by our pioneer forefathers in building our country based on the principles set forth in the Constitution. For 150 years Persia residents have followed the freedoms so dear to Americans. We have been able to do so only because previous generations fought hard to preserve those fundamental rights. Today we are challenged to make certain our children receive the same heritage left to us by our predecessors.

With a knowledge of the past and an understanding of the present, we will move forward to a future of growth and development, and continued Persia progress.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Thrasher
Supervisor
Town of Persia

SELECTED TOWN OF PERSIA OFFICIALS 1961 - 1985

1961 - 1962

Supervisor - Andrew J. Musacchio
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - Dan Draudt, George Crouse
 Highway Superintendent - Leland Bowers
 Assessors - Ralph Carpenter, Chester Bushnell
 Councilmen - John Ackley, Joseph Rupp

1963 - 1966

Supervisor - Charles Deneen
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - Dan Draudt, George Crouse
 Councilmen - John Ackley, Joseph Rupp
 Highway Superintendent - Charles Van Etten
 Assessors - Parke Allen, Herbert Harris

1967

Supervisor - Charles Deneen
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - Dan Draudt, George Crouse
 Councilmen - John Ackley, Joseph Rupp
 Highway Superintendent - Charles Van Etten
 Assessors - Parke Allen, David Johnson

1968 - 1969

Supervisor - Charles Deneen
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - Dan Draudt, George Crouse
 Councilmen - John Ackley, Joseph Rupp
 Highway Superintendent - Charles Van Etten

1970 - 1971

Supervisor - Victor Witherell
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - George Crouse, Howard Beaver
 (H. Beaver resigned 10-31-70)
 (K. Strohmeyer appointed 11-5-70)
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli
 Highway Superintendent - John Mirwald

1972 - 1973

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Carolyn Ubel
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli
 Highway Superintendent - John Mirwald
 (Leland Bowers resigned 9-25-72)

1974 - 1975

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli
 Highway Superintendent - John Mirwald

1976 - 1977

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley

1978 - 1979

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli, Melvin LeBar
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley

1980 - 1981

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli, Melvin LeBar,
 Jack Holcomb, Jr.
 (J. Holcomb, Jr. resigned, Donald Vogtli appointed)
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley

1982 - 1983

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 Justices - George Crouse, Kenneth Strohmeyer
 Councilmen - Joseph Rupp, Donald Vogtli, Melvin LeBar,
 Richard Lipinski
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley

1984

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Mae Boller
 (Annette Strohmeyer appointed Deputy Clerk April 1984)
 (Joyce Taft appointed Clerk July 1984)
 Justices - Kenneth Strohmeyer, John Spina, Jr.
 Councilmen - Melvin LeBar, Donald Vogtli, Jack Allen,
 Richard Lipinski
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley

1985

Supervisor - Thomas R. Thrasher
 Clerk - Joyce Taft
 Justices - Kenneth Strohmeyer, John Spina, Jr.
 Councilmen - Donald Vogtli, Melvin LeBar, Richard
 Lipinski, Jack Allen
 Highway Superintendent - Richard Studley
 Carolyn Ubel was Persia Town Clerk from 1948 - 1973
 Election Inspectors who are still serving are -
 Mary Klucik who started in 1954.
 Wesley Allen who started in 1960.



Hi Henry (1845-1920), Gowanda's famous Minstrel man who always gave a concert in the village square when he came home. Nationally known, he brought the first automobile to town and had his own private railroad car.

Sesquicentennial Quilt

Beginning in February, the following ladies have met weekly at the Sewing Basket to work on the quilt.

Chairman - Betty R. Allen
 Co-ordinator - Grace Farley
 Artist - Nita Szymanski-Seneca
 Kathy Della Posta
 Amelia Kaluza
 Estelle Herdeg
 Mary Dorothy Hubbard

Joyce Taft
 Jane Allen
 Lois Brecht
 Bertha Studley
 Jean Vogtli
 Janice Wells
 Pamela Howard



William H. Press who delivered mail through Zoar Valley. When he married Harriet Pearsons about 1850, they went to house-keeping at Allen's Switch, Town of Persia. Glenn Cook is the bystander.

1909 Press Family Reunion

Dorothy Thompson, noted journalist, is shown second from right in front row, her sister Margaret is on the end. Their father, Rev. Peter Thomason was minister of the Methodist Church 1905-1908. When this picture was taken he had gone on vacation and the girls were staying with the Press Family. (Eber Russell is the fourth adult from the left holding his son, Robert. His wife is in the third row, fifth from left, with Nellie.)



We Thank You

Those who have helped with the Sesquicentennial in any way.

Gowanda Area Historical Society
 Gowanda Chamber of Commerce and the Gowanda Merchants Retail Division
 Gowanda Youth Centre
 Gowanda Area Redevelopment Corporation
 Those who loaned or gave pictures for our exhibit
 Collins Draft Horse, Ox and Pony Club

Please excuse any errors or omissions!

Gowanda Firemen
 Gowanda Kiwanis Club
 Gowanda Model A Club
 The Gowanda Penny Saver
 Ahrens Graphics Inc. (Niagara Frontier Publishing Company)
 Gowanda Lions Club
 The Sewing Basket
 Forbush Lumber Co.
 Gugino's "Living 2,000"
 Phoenix Lodge 262

ELECTED PERSIA OFFICIALS



Seated: Melvin LeBar, Councilman; Richard Lipinski, Councilman; Richard J. Studley Sr., Highway Superintendent; Joyce M. Taft, Town Clerk & Tax Collector; Don Vogtli, Councilman; Jack Allen, Councilman.
Standing: John Spina, Jr., Justice; Thomas R. Thrasher, Supervisor; Kenneth Strohmeier, Justice.

APPOINTED PERSIA OFFICIALS



Seated: Michael LiVecche, Assessment Review Board; Richard Bridges, Building and Fire Inspector; Jean Hillis, Historian; Annette Strohmeier, Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector; Chris Vogel, Court Clerk; Frank Kewley, Dog Control Officer.
Standing: Wesley Allen, Planning and Zoning Board; Ernest Read, Assessment Review Board; Charles Brecht, Constable; David Bobseine, Chairman of Planning and Zoning Board; Edward Kota, Constable; Leo Blatner, Constable; Douglas Ackley, Planning and Zoning Board; Don Burr, Planning and Zoning Board; Louis Palcic, Accounting Consultant; Robert Studley, Planning and Zoning Board.
Absent: Betty Allen, Assessor; Frederick Weyand, Persia Town Attorney



The old Persia Town Hall at ³80 Jamestown Street was built about 1860 by Henry Dawson as a Black Smith Shop. In 1875, the Town of Persia bought the building from Mr. Dawson, razed it, constructed a new foundation and laid a new floor. It housed the offices of the town clerk and courtroom, and voting was done here for many years.



Bank of Gowanda, Gowanda, N. Y.

The Bank of Gowanda was built in 1914.

In 1966 the Marine Midland Bank gave the former - Bank of Gowanda building at 8 W. Main Street on the village square, to the Town of Persia. The Persia Board has given the Gowanda Historical Society the use of the upper floor as a museum since 1972.



First frame house in the Town of Persia. Built by Ahaz Allen about 1815, he deeded it to his brother Dan, in 1820. It burned in 1970 and was then torn down.



A Brief Early History of the Town of Persia

By Jean C. Hillis, Persia Town Historian

The Town of Persia is the second from the west of the towns in the northern tier of Cattaraugus County and was taken from the Town of Perrysburg on February 7, 1835 by an Act of the New York State Legislature. The first meeting was held in March 1835 at the home of Zebedee Macomber.

Its shape is irregular, the length nearly double the width. The area is 13,296 acres of hilly upland, whose general elevation is about 400 feet above Lake Erie with summits in the east and west several hundred feet higher. It is well drained by Point Peter Brook and Thatcher Brook, rising in the south and flowing into Cattaraugus Creek.

A question frequently asked is, "How did the Town of Persia get its name?" Unfortunately the old newspapers and history books do not give even a small clue to the origin of the oriental name.

According to historical data, Turner Aldrich was the first white man to settle in what we know today as Gowanda. In 1810 he took up 707 acres of land on both sides of Cattaraugus Creek, giving his son tracts of land on lots 27 and 28 on the south side of the Creek.

Ahaz Allen came in 1812 with his wife and small son, Norman H. after having purchased 300 acres of land above the Aldriches in 1810. He engaged in many projects, becoming a leader of the community. He dammed the Creek, built a saw mill, a mill race and 1st bridge, and the Forty Road, then known as Little's Mills Road, in 1830. He planted the first orchards.

In 1813, Caroline Allen, daughter of Ahaz and Sybil Hibbard Allen was born, the first white child in the Town of Persia.

Other settlers came. Achilles Akin established a blacksmith shop, and Dan Allen came from Cayuga Co. in 1816 to form a partnership with his brother, Ahaz.

In 1814, Thomas and Edwin Farnsworth settled between Aldrich Mills and Allen's Mills on lot 26 on the south side of the creek. Ira Ackley also came that year and worked for Ahaz Allen, helping him construct the first dam and mill race.

The first frame house in the Town was built about

1815 by Ahaz and deeded to his brother, Dan, with 100 acres of land when they settled a partnership in 1820. It stood for many years at the top of Selah Snyder's Hill on Beech Street. In 1970, it burned and was then torn down.

Ichabod Harding and Asahel Camp settled in Hidi in 1819, establishing the first wool carding and cloth dressing business. In 1817, Nathaniel Whitcomb came from Vermont and that same year, Jacob Balcom moved onto what was later known as Darby Flats, now Valentine Flats.

In 1826, Ahaz went to Mt. Clemens, Michigan and brought back his brother-in-law, Styles Torrance and his family.

The wool carding business was taken over by Robert and Styles A. Torrance, prominent pioneers who settled in 1825.

Polly Redfield and Enoch Frye are credited with being the first school teachers. The first religious services were held in homes by itinerant preachers. Elnathakn Finch, a Freewill Baptist preacher held meetings as early as 1815. The Seventh Day Baptists settled at Skinner's Hollow from 1832 - 1854 when the moved west.

Other denominations came to Lodi and both the Methodists and Presbyterians erected churches in the 1830's.

In the fall of 1823, there was a meeting to name the growing community. Ahaz Allen suggested Lodi, for the city in northern Italy where Napoleon defeated the Austrians in 1796. Later Ahaz told Noah Cook who ran the saw mill for him, "Upon my suggestion they named the village, Lodi". Whereupon, Mr. Cook said, "If that is Lodi, then this must be Hidi!" And so we know it today.

In the western part of the town, John Thatcher and John Waterpaugh opened farms about 1816. Thatcher Brook was named for the former. The south part of the town was settled later than the other parts. George Snyder, Esek B. Nash, Benjamin Milks and Samuel Averill settled about 1820 and made the first substantial improvements. Peter Ackley, John Rainhart, Stephen Popple and Harry

Howard were early settlers in this section. In 1825 John C. Babcock came from Schoharie County and Oliver Babcock from Madison County in 1830.

Pioneers in the northern part of town were Asahel Camp, Herman Waterman, William Blasdell and Samuel Redfield. Porter Welch came to Lodi in 1831 forming a partnership with George W. White. Joseph and Ralph Plumb were early merchants with large land holdings.

In 1848 Lodi was incorporated, becoming Gowanda. The Railroad came to Gowanda in 1874 and the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad had a station at Allen's Switch on Persia Road which was of great benefit to all.

Allen L. Mowry, Sr. whose family has lived on the same farm on Skinner Hollow Road for four generations, has interesting and delightful memories about the Town. He recalls the many trains that went through each day. After pupils attended one of the five District Schools, they often commuted by train to High School to complete their education.

He remembers the wonderful Persia Town picnics that were held in the wooded grove on the hill back of Wesley Allen's farm. There would always be a speaker, a band and two baseball teams who all came in on the train and hard-fought games were played. Everybody came from miles around and enjoyed home made ice cream and plenty of delicious food.

The Gowanda Union Free School was built in 1844 and burned in 1874. Many people today recall the Gowanda Academy which replaced it in 1876, a large brick building which stood on the site of today's Gowanda Elementary School.

The Seven Day School House, District No. 4 was built in 1844 and the first "School Marm" was Arvilla Johnson who received six shillings a week. Oliver K. White who taught a winter term at 'Old Seven Day' received \$9 a month and 'boarded' himself as he lived in the District. Another teacher was "Herm" Blasdell.

Mrs. Inez Crozier remembers her pupils and the days when she taught in the Town of Persia. Her first position was at Snyder's Corners in 1914 when she received \$7 a week for 36 weeks. She also taught at the Point Peter and Broadway Schools.

The first fire department was organized in 1884.

Moench Tanning Company, an outgrowth of several early tanneries was established in 1899 and Richard Wilhelm founded the Eastern Tanners Glue Factory in 1904.

In the Town of Persia 1980 Census there were 1864 people in the Village of Gowanda, 578 outside of the village, making 2,442 residents.

Houses and fashions may change, but the warmth and friendship of good neighbors in the Town of Persia has remained steadfast down through the years.

Old Homes Marked by the Committee

Current Occupant or Owner

Paul Taft - Nash Hill Road
Robert Krenzer - 114 W. Main Street
Mrs. Harry Inskip - 35 South Chapel Street
Drs. Hu and Chang - 113 W. Main Street
Richard Schutt - 92 W. Main Street
Richard Utley - 57 North Chapel Street
Martin Palcic - 50 North Chapel Street
David Schwedt - 79 North Chapel Street
Frank Cooney - 74 North Chapel Street
James King - 75 North Chapel Street
Glenda Pelton - 101 Jamestown Street
Bruce Musacchio - 215 West Main Street
Charles Lind - 42 North Chapel Street
Michael Cole - Broadway Road
Forbush Lumber Co. - 74 Jamestown St.
Janice Hume - 210 W. Main Street

Thomas Thrasher - 143 Jamestown Street
Diane Wilber - 129 Chestnut Street
Mae Chapman - 54 North Water Street
Sidney Zucker - 84 West Main Street
Joseph Baker - 8 Walnut Street
Wesley Allen - Persia Road
Wesley Allen - Persia Road/Nash Home
Alfred Falk - Persia Road
Harry Ackley - Persia Road
Anita Loehr - Broadway Road
William Hojnacki - Skinner Hollow Road
James Tingue - Broadway Road
John Gertsch - 103 South Water Street
Albert Ott - Forty Road
David Wilder - Wilder Road
N. Gaca - Point Peter Road at Forty (old school house)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1985

APRIL

Persia Sesquicentennial Art Competition in coordination with the annual Spring Art Show sponsored by the Collins Art Club, at the Marine Midland Bank, April 25, 26, 29, 30 and May 1, 2, 3. Judges - Mrs. Diane Dye and Mrs. Frances Morrison of the Gowanda Central School Faculty. Prize awarded for best of show.

MAY

Window displays of the Gowanda Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce during the annual Pioneer Days on May 16, 17, and 18.

Exhibit at Persia Town Hall on Saturday, May 18 from 12-3 P.M.

Gowanda Area Historical Society Museum open upstairs, Lorraine Marvin, Curator

Country-Western music

Wagon rides by Collins Draft Horse Club.

OPEN HOUSE downstairs at Persia Town Hall on Sunday, May 19, 2-4 P.M.

Public invited to attend all events.

Greeting Committee: Thomas R. Thrasher and all Persia Town Officials and spouses, and Sesquicentennial Committee.

Mayor and Mrs. David Schaack

Mary Schaack

Jacqueline and Richard Knowles

Estelle Herdeg

Bula Palcic

Ruth Bury

Mary Dorothy Hubbard

Guest Book: Janice Wells and Mary Thrasher

PROGRAM 2:30 P.M.

Invocation - Rev. Gideon von Galambos

Welcome - Thomas Thrasher

Solo - "How Great Thou Art" by Douglas Allen

Introduction of Persia Officials

Introduction of Guests

Community Singing - "God Bless America"

Remarks - Jean Hillis, Persia Town Historian

Prizes awarded to the youngest and oldest Persia residents present - Phillip Tschopp

Benediction - Father Milby

Music during the afternoon:

The Wesley Allen Family - Sacred and Patriotic Vocal Selections

Louis Klancer - Accordion Soloist

Joan Dean - Vocal Selections

A group of Gowanda Central School Students directed by David Hobson.

Country-Western - Daniel Allen

Museum Open Upstairs.

DEDICATION OF TWO HISTORICAL MARKERS Both on Sunday, May 26, 1985

2:00 P.M. Pioneer Methodist Cemetery - Public invited to attend. Separate programs will be given out at the Cemetery

Chairman: Howard Beaver, Committee: Melvin LeBar, John Spina, Sr. and family.

Rev. Kenneth Snyder of the Gowanda United Methodist Church will participate

Mrs. Robert Torrance - assisting.

3:00 Broadway Cemetery, Ahaz Allen Historical Marker

Separate programs will be given out at Cemetery

Co-Chairmen: Peggy and Vincent Luine.

Committee: Jean and Donald Vogtli, Richard Schutt

This Marker is given by the Gowanda Area Redevelopment Corporation.

History of Ahaz Allen given by a member of the Willis Allen family, direct descendants of Ahaz Allen.



John A. Spina, Sr. volunteered to reset and clean the gravestones in the old Methodist Cemetery on Maltbie Road (also known as the Sisson Cemetery).



The grave of Ahaz Allen in Broadway Cemetery will be marked. Cemetery restoration work was done by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Luine, volunteers.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a parade with the Persia Sesquicentennial as its theme. The Sesquicentennial Committee will have a float and Richard Schutt, assisted by Phillip Tschopp is in charge of a group of floats which will be drawn by the Collins Draft Horse Club.

The parade traditionally proceeds to Hillis Field in the late afternoon.

As part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration, a Kazoo Kaper will be held with Janice Wells as Chairman. Everyone is asked to come in old-time dress up clothes to march around the Field. The Kazoos will be on hand and both children and adults will join in the fun.

The Chamber of Commerce will provide other entertainment and the Gowanda Firemen will have a display of fire works.

IN THE FALL

The beautiful Sesquicentennial Quilt will be on display during the summer and raffled off at a Town of Persia Board meeting in the Fall.

Fourth Grade classes at Gowanda Elementary School will hear stories read by Mary Dorothy Hubbard, taken from the scrap-books of her Mother, the late Mrs. Walter Welch. The delightful anecdotes tell of school-days at the old Gowanda Academy and life in Gowanda at the turn of the century.

During the year, a slide show about old homes, updated by Richard Schutt will be available to organizations.

PERSIA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

General Chairman - Jean C. Hillis
Refreshment and Hostess Committee for Open House at Persia Town Hall on May 19, 1985.
Chairman - Marlene Weyand

Joyce Taft	Carol Lipinski
Jean Vogtli	Betty Allen
Annette Strohmeier	Betty LeBar
Alice Cabic	Peggy Luine

Commemorative Quilt Chairman - Betty R. Allen.

Kazoo Kaper - Janice Wells

Pioneer Methodist Cemetery Historical Marker - Chairman - Howard Beaver. Committee Melvin LeBar, John Spina, Sr.

Ahaz Allen Historical Marker - Co-Chairmen - Peggy and Vincent Luine. Committee Jean and Donald Vogtli.

Exhibit at Persia Town Hall - Co-chairmen, Joyce Taft, Annette Strohmeier and Dorothy Allen.

Persia Town Hall Arrangements - Chairman - Thomas Thrasher

Gowanda Elementary School Fourth Grade Project - Carole Lipinski

Representative of the Gowanda Area Historical Society - Bula Palcic

Souvenirs - Co-Chairmen - Jean and Donald Vogtli, Richard Schutt

House Marking Committee - Co-Chairmen - Franklin Herdeg and Richard Schutt
Also Ernest Kionke, Paul Taft
Publicity - Howard Hillis, Richard Schutt, Chris Vogel

Financial Advisor - Louis Palcic

The Fourth Grades at Gowanda Elementary School are illustrating letters written by Hannah Thorngate Stillman who lived on Skinner Hollow Road from 1827-1845.

This is in keeping with the new local history curriculum. Fourth Grade teachers are Carol Lipinski, Marian Fuller, Frances Sutter, Deborah Fortune and Cathy Rosati. Carolyn Moscato, elementary Art Teacher is assisting with this project.



Mrs. Ethel Ackley, then 91 is shown at the Cattaraugus County Fair in 1968 with her son, the late John Ackley who was a Persia Councilman. John's sons Douglas and Harry are on Persia Committees in 1985.

TOWN OF PERSIA SUPERVISORS



Silas Vinton



Joseph H. Schaack



Byron L. Kimble

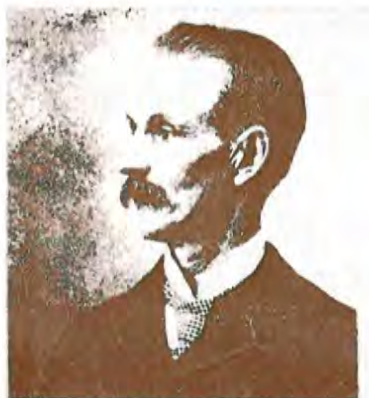
- 1835-1836 Esek B. Nash
- 1837-1838 John Thatcher
- 1839 Esek B. Nash
- 1840-1841 John Thatcher
- 1842 George W. White
- 1843 Seth Field
- 1844 Esek B. Nash
- 1845 John Thatcher
- 1846-1848 Esek B. Nash
- 1849 Amasa L. Chaffee
- 1850 Leander N. Gardner
- 1851-1852 Hiram Palmer
- 1853 Amasa L. Chaffee
- 1854 Levi W. Strope
- 1855-1856 David N. Brown
- 1857-1868 Lemuel S. Jenks
- 1869-1870 Wm. W. Henry
- 1871-1872 A.S. Bennett
- 1873-1874 Charles W. Blackney
- 1875-1877 Silas Vinton
- 1878 Reuben Ross
- 1879-1880 Silas Vinton
- 1881-1882 Ward Hooker
- 1883-1884 Byron L. Kimble
- 1885-1887 Frank C. Vinton
- 1888 Joseph H. Schaack
- 1889-1891 Frank C. Vinton
- 1891-1893 Frank L. Mattocks
- 1894 H. Ward Hooker
- 1895-1897 George B. Taylor
- 1898-1917 Irving R. Leonard
- 1918-1933 Robert E. Congdon
- 1934-1937 Stanley Nielson
- 1938-1955 George Lambert
- 1956-1963 Andrew J. Musacchio
- 1964-1969 Charles Deneen
- 1970-1971 Victor Witherell
- 1972-1985 Thomas R. Thrasher



Frank C. Vinton



George B. Taylor



Frank L. Mattocks



Irving R. Leonard

INDUSTRIES IN PERSIA 1860

Name	Age	Industry
Amasa L. Chaffee	62	Merchant
Wm. E. Caufield	48	Grocery Store
Charles Rollinson	40	Mechanic
George Howard	20	Mechanic
Hubbard Darby	42	Mechanic
Nathaniel W. Stetson	28	Mechanic
Frederick Giering	32	Mechanic
George Hessling	36	Mechanic
Charles W. Barr	51	Mechanic
George W. Hanford	25	Druggist
Jerome Albro	39	Mechanic
Orlando Allen	33	Mechanic (1850 Census - Harness Maker)
Nathan Blackney	52	Grocer
Frank H. Newell	32	Attorney at Law
George H. Hall	55	Mechanic
Charles Henry	40	Mechanic
Marvin G. Crandall	31	Mechanic (Gunsmith)
Harlow Crandall	55	Mechanic
Hiram Palmer	58	Mechanic
Porter Welch	55	Merchant
Franklin Taylor	32	Mechanic
Azel Kelley	69	Mechanic
Harmon Kelley	39	Marble Manufacturer
Leander Badger	50	Mechanic
Joseph Straub	27	Mechanic
John P. Roller	40	Butcher
Wm. W. Henry	23	Printer
Ashbel R. Sellew	41	Merchant
Alexander W. Popple	28	Merchant
John B. Knoll	53	Carpenter & Joiner
Wm. Woodbury	40	Attorney at Law
Wm. H. Spencer	39	Merchant
Wm. F. Vosburg	35	Grocery
Levi W. Strobe	47	Machinist
Walter R. Webster	39	Tanner
Wm. Rich	32	Tanner & Currier
Marshall B.S. Pierce	41	Coverlet Weaver
Albert Gaenslen	31	Master Tanner & Currier
Frote Mullar	32	Glue Manufacturer -b. Germany
Henry Newman	26	Blacksmith
Godfrey Branenstool	40	Miller
Edwin Averill	43	Sawyer
Joel Peck	41	Carpenter & Joiner
Loren Averill	38	Carpenter & Joiner
Michael H. Barker	58	Hotel Keeper
Joseph Savage	26	Jeweler
Minard Davis	25	Blacksmith
Job Davis	69	Blacksmith
Benjamin Davis	41	Blacksmith
Elias Hall	79	Mechanic
Wm. Dauber	30	Blacksmith
Sylvanus Hussey	38	Carpenter & Joiner
Edmund Van Dake	65	Mechanic
Wm. M. Padgett	40	Mechanic
Jeremiah Jolls	55	Cooper
Perry H. Wilcox	30	Carpenter & Joiner
Alanson Barlow	45	Mechanic
Bela E. Dexter	24	Mechanic
Millen T. Hill	42	Manufacturer Cheese Boxes
Andrew G. Henrich	30	Shoe Maker
Daniel A. Dye	28	Carpenter & Joiner
Wm. T. Raffey	39	Master Mason
Warren Terwilliger	36	Wagon Maker
Ebed M. Burke	54	Shoe Maker
Anson Stewart	50	House Painter
Nathan C. Cass	42	Carpet Weaver
Ulysses S. Webb	46	Carpenter & Joiner
Albert B. Merrill	31	Carpet Weaver
Benjamin G. Wilkinson	48	Machinist
Wm. Campbell	36	Carpenter & Joiner
Thomas J. Parker	46	Merchant Tailor



Eastern Tanner's Glue Factory established by Richard Wilhelm 1904.



The Village Square 1910



The Crawford Hotel 1912 (Corner Water and Jamestown Streets). Early merchant Porter Welch has a store on this site. Later the Main Dinner was on this corner.



Clerks at Himelein's Department Store 1930. Left to Right - Levant H. Himelein, Harry Whiting, Zelma Hussey, Liza Bishop, Minnie Stelley, Mary Schoos, Leslie Hawkins, Ethel Benton, Arthur Jolls.