

The Main Street section of Town by the 1900's had four doctors practicing here, Green, Palmenter, Charles and Frank Snell. A dentist, Dr. Monkman. A Veterinarian Dr. Geo. Davis. C.E. Hammond & Son ran a book and shoe store, furniture and undertaking business. Chas. Hall a Pool Room & Bowling Alley, Mr. Helms a harness shop, Two Grocery stores, Citizens Bank, Jewlery & watch repair, Dress Maker, Barber Shop and of course the Saloon. A meat market, Lambs Hardware & Implement Co., three Drug stores, Shoe Repair, Bakery, and buggies, wagons, sleighs and cutters were handled by the implement dealers. A going place was Vermontville by the early 1900's.



The arrival of the Grand River Valley Railroad in 1868 brought some businessess down to the Depot area about two block south of the Main Street Section. A grain Elevator and Stebbin's Feed & Flour Mill, A furniture Factory and warehouse. The Elevator & feed & Flour mill were both destroyed by fire, The Furniture Factory's Boiler Blew up killing one employee. And the Warehouse became used as a hay barn to collect hay till it was shipped on the railroad by Cal Gyhman. Also used as an apple packing station where the apples were packed in barrels for shipment. Being near the Thornapple river, Mr. Fuller's Sawmill- lumber yard furnished lumber for the Cooper shop to make the Barrels. Mr. Barna Kelly's home & Dray Barn was just east across Main Street from the Elevator & warehouse, from which he hauled freight and mail from the depot to the post office and business on Main Street. West of the depot was the stock yards, William Hickey and the Powers Brothers buying enough stock each week to fill three or four R.R. cars.