THE “HUB” OF OHIO:

A COLLECTION OF LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY GRANVILLE ADVERTISEMENTS

Ohio is the “Hub” of the Union!

And Granville is the “hub” of Ohio,

FOR A FACT!

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The Best Coal in the ‘Hub”

Can be promptly delivered all over the “hub” to any place in the “hub” from the coal yards of

M. P. ASHBROOK

Who deals in all kinds of Coal.

Office and scales at Wilson’s Lumber Yard. Orders can be left at

J. ACKLEY’S DRUG STORE.
The "HUB" of Ohio

"Ohio is the 'Hub' of the Union and Granville is the 'hub' of Ohio" proclaimed the M.P. Ashbrook Company in a late XIX advertisement. M.P. Ashbrook Company were purveyors of coal for the village and its inhabitants, businesses and educational institutions. The aggrandizement in that commercial was not lost on a village which liked, and still likes, to think of itself as a special place.

Every community is a sum of its past. That addition can sum to zero or less, and some communities lose their identity to disappear for good. Granville, we like to say, is unique, and therefore remains even as we recognize that change in many forms is upon us. We are not different in that regard from our predecessors.

People, organizations, political groups, educational establishments and businesses come and go in a community. They were and are part of our common life and contribute to our collective success, or decline, or failure. It is the rare group or individual who makes the difference. However, we can point to some who undoubtedly provided legacies we recognize:

• The members of the Licking Land Company who founded the Village in 1805.
• Orrin Granger's 1812 Inn, known since 1865 as the Buxton.
• The religious laymen who founded educational institutions in Granville in the 1830's.
• Charles Webster Bryant, druggist, public citizen, historian, who tragically died from typhoid in 1886, just as the community water system he had worked so hard for was coming on line.
• William Kussmaul, whose early XX century Granville Times tradition has been given a new lease in the late XX century Granville Sentinel.
• William T. Utter, whose 1956 history of Granville is now in its third printing.

In this issue we celebrate the businesses and enterprises which have served and supported our Village. In his book, Granville, the Story of an Ohio Village, Bill Utter nominates Timothy Rose as Granville's first businessman. In 1809 the Rose Tavern was the largest building in the village and provided not only whiskey, but overnight lodging and meals and was the place for weddings and dances and for the ordination of the Reverend Timothy Harris. Granville had several stills. It was one way of converting corn into a product which could be transported and sold for cash. Timothy Rose was by any measure a leading citizen of Granville; a generation later a deacon could not have sold liquor.

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N. B. New Goods
from Baltimore are shortly expected.
Granville, Jan. 23, 1823.
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TO OUR PATRONS.

The first volume of THE Wax-VERER is nearly expired, and many of our subscribers, notwithstanding the reasonableness of our terms, are yet in arrears. We will still receive, as full payment for the first volume,

Three Bushels of Wheat,
Eight Bushels of Corn,
Ten Bushels of Oats,
Twenty lbs. Butter,
Twenty lbs. Sugar,
Twenty-four lbs. Honey,
Two cords green Wood,
Five hundred lbs. good Hay,
Four lbs. good Fool,
Six lbs. Bees Wax,
Twenty-four lbs. Hog's Lard,
Two gallons Linseed Oil,
Z2 doz. lien's Eggs,
Twenty lbs. good Bar Iron,
8 gallons Whiskey,
5 yds. good Tow Cloth,
50 good Oak or Chesnut Rails,
2-I. lbs. good Cheese,
16 lbs. good Flax,
Two dollars worth of Castings,
Four days chopping Wood, or
One Dollar and Fifty Cents in Cash.

LP' ' All who are delinquent on the 11th of March, will have Fifty Cents' added to the price of their' papers, agreeably to the terms of subscription.
Granville, Feb. 20, 1823.

The equivalent of $1.50 in cash in 1823
March 7. Freshmen tied in.

J. M. MARTIN,
Restaurant and Bakery.
Bread, Buns,
Plain and Fancy Cakes,
ON HAND OR MADE TO ORDER,
CONFECTIONERY.
Boarding by the Meal, Day or Week.
Splendid Ice Cream.
Broadway, GRANVILLE, O.

J. W. Ackley
Pharmacist

We beg to call your attention to
our complete stock of Drugs,
Perfumery, Toilet Articles and
Cigars & Delicious Soda Water.
Goods Right
Prices Right

FUTERER,
Granville Baker

Bread, Cakes, Pies, Candies.

A Fresh Stock
Always on Hand.

The University Green House.
GRANVILLE, OHIO.
General Assortment of Greenhouse Plants.
Cut Flowers always on Hand.
PHONE 526

Parts from a distance may have flowers delivered to order. Lots in Granville Cem- etery planted and cared for.
E. J. Barnes, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon.

Office and residence \\ west Broadway.

J. D. Thompson, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon.

Watson L. King, M. D.
Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, Scotland.

L. E. Davis,
DENTIST.

Office, Thresher Building, opposite Post Office
11. LA FERRE
The Leader in Fashions in
Merchant Tailoring
Large Line of Piece Goods
to select from.
GRANVILLE, - - - OHIO.

GO TO....

The Book Store
FOR....
Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Picture Frames, Photographic Supplies.
You should read the Times and Denisonian.

J. M. Jones
Undertaker, Embalmer.
...E. Elm St. Phone 504.
Racket Store, E. Elm St.
...Granville, Ohio
Staple Goods at Lowest cash prices.
Yours to please.

Pierson Bros.,
Meat Market
Broadway, Granville, O.

O. S. Jones.
LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLE,
First Class Buggies and Fine Horses.
Proprietor of Newark and Granville
BUS LINE
Orders for Omnibus left at Bryant's Drug Store.
Prospect St., GRANVILLE, O.
GEO. C. PARSONS,
DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps Trunks, &c.
FINE STOCK OF CARPETS JUST RECEIVED.
GRANVILLE, O.

D. E. Edwards,
TONSORIAL ARTIST.
Parlors in Basement, two doors east of Hotel. Come one come all, and get a good clean shave.

East Broadway, Granville, O.

Mrs. Mitchell
The Leading Caterer

FOR....
Banquets, Weddings and Receptions & First class board at reasonable rates & Mitchell's Ice Cream Parlor is delightfully cool and pleasant, and just the place to refresh yourself with the most delicious creams and ices in town.

PICNIC LUNCHES
......A SPECIALTY.
W. M. Black
Dealer in
Hard and...
... Soft Coal
Teaming of all kinds.
Piano Moving a specialty.
Carriages furnished at Reasonable rates, both day and night.
Grain and Seeds.
GRANVILLE, O.
Telephone 522.

J. B. Jones
Dealer in... THE BEST GRADES of HARD AND SOFT COAL, BALED HAY and STRAW. Blue Rock Coal a Specialty.
GRANVILLE, O.

E. J. Case
Livery

GEO. Piper
MEAT MARKET
Fresh and Salt Meats.
Hotel Granville Building.

H. C. Clemons & Son,
LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES,
PROSPECT STREET,
GRANVILLE, O.
Brick Ice Cream
a Specialy.

ease Bros.,

Granville Meat Market
George Miller.
Dealer in choice Fresh and Salt Meats
of all kinds
For an up-to-date hair cut
An easy shave
A refreshing bath
and a first-class shine

....CALL AT

Ransom's
Consorlal ParlorS
First door east of M. E. Church.

***tat Students' favorite.

W. H. PORTS,
Pharmacist.

The Popular Dealer in
PURE DRUGS
AND MEDICINES
FANCY TOILET ARTICLES AND FINE CIGARS
Prices Low.
Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

Granville Steam Laundry.

GENERAL WASHING DONE.
Clothes called for and delivered to suit convenience. All orders left at Book store will receive prompt attention.

Granville, Ohio.

O. P. SMITH'S
PALACE DRUG STORE,
Ransower's Block, CALL AND SEE HIM. GRANVILLE, 0.
By Hand

Is the best way of doing laundry work. It saves the linen, and improves the appearance...

J. BOLEN, Proprietor.

Bolen’s Hand Laundry

Special rate of 50 cents dozen to students.

HOOLEY & JONES, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries.

BROADWAY

GRANVILLE, O.

Central House.

First class house for boarding and lodging at reasonable rates.

Restaurant and Ladies’ and Gents’ Ice Cream Parlors

Everything in season. Best place in town for lunch or quick meal. We can supply the demands of the most particular. We endeavor to please our customers by being prompt and courteous.

RODEBACK & SON, GRANVILLE, OHIO.

Hotel Granville,
CLARENCE TROVILLO, Prop.

RATES, $1.50 to $2.00 per day.

GRANVILLE, OHIO.

SHOES.

Sold and Repaired

H. Thomas & Son.

L. W. Perry,

Best place in town to buy your

Staple and Fancy Groceries,
QUEENSWARE, BACON,
PORK AND BEANS.

GRANVILLE.
An up-to-date Clothing House.

Gents’ Furnishing Goods,
Hats, Caps and Underwear

At the Lowest Living Prices.

DENISON

F. H. Buxton
The Jeweler
GRANVILLE, O.

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THIRD ISSUE OF OUR
TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
FOR THE
HISTORICAL TIMES.

We hope that the members
of the Society
have enjoyed our special
expanded format.

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Send comments, suggestions or queries to:
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questions. Reservation are required and a fee will be charged. We hope that many members of Granville Historical Society will participate in these important discussions about the future of our community.

Fall Program Series

The first program this Fall will be a presentation and discussion of religious history in early Ohio. Society member Tony Lisska will speak on "What Bill Utter Forgot to Tell Us: The Story of Catholicism in Early Ohio."

The first permanent Roman Catholic Church in Ohio was St. Joseph's located south-east of the Perry County village of Somerset. Founded in 1818 by Edward D. Fenwick, a Dominican Friar who also established the American branch of the Dominicans, Somerset became the center of activity for many years. Professor Utter's History of Ohio, Volume II [1803-1825], dismisses the Somerset location as a place from which nothing significant emerged. This claim will be contested.

The meeting is at 7:30 PM, September 23, at the Old Academy Building. Various slides from old historical photographs will be shown during the presentation.

The Evolution of a Granville Corner: Broadway and Prospect

Society member Robert Cahill is undertaking a fascinating research project into the historical and sociological development of the four corners of the East Broadway and Prospect intersection. Bob is seeking photographs, descriptions, or recollections of any or all these four corners.

If members of the Society or others have such information, please contact Bob at 587-3799. His project will serve as the basis for a future Historical Society presentation and will be part of the materials collected for the forthcoming Society 2005 publication project.
From the Archives:  The Granville Business Scene, about 1870.

The Historical times is a benefit of membership in the Granville, Ohio, Historical Society

Is your membership up to date?