

History of the Walworth Post Office By Gordon J. Youngman

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Prior to April 1829 what is known as the township of Walworth was part of the Town of Ontario, New York. Luther Tucker was appointed the postmaster for this new town in December 23, 1830, and served until 1837. From 1830 until 1970 there were 24 different postmasters. Two of them served more than one time. Theron G. Yeomans was appointed from 1844 to 1846 and also from 1877 to 1878. John W. Baker was appointed three different times: from 1861 to 1865, 1867 to 1877, and 1896 to 1899.



The location of the post office is somewhat in question from the years of 1830 until 1861. At one time prior to 1902 there was a small building on the south side of John W. Baker's general store. Baker's store was located on the east side of Main Street in the north building of what is now 3700 Main Street. This location later became Gordon and Katie Youngman's Variety Store and, later in 1976, the Walworth Hardware.

The small building was on the site of the K.O.T.M. (Knights of the Maccabee) Hall. This building at times was used as the post office until the K.O.T.M. was built in 1902. At the time John Baker was postmaster the post office was located in his store. When the business was sold to Charles Clark in 1915, the post office remained in that building as Charles Clark became postmaster in 1922. In 1925 he sold the business to T. M. Salyerds who was then appointed postmaster until 1941.

Left: Building on right is post office

In 1941 Charles M. Buckley was operating a hardware and general store in the K.O.T.M. building and was appointed postmaster until 1944. In 1947 the post office was moved to the Grange building located on the west side of Main Street. At that time Gwen Naber was postmaster.

In 1968 the post office was moved across the street to the southeast corner of Main Street and the Marion-Walworth Road. In 1987 it was moved a little further east to Joe Englert's mini-mall which is now owned by Mark's Pizzeria.



1965: small building attached to Youngman's store



Sept. 1987: Post Office moving day



The Walworth Post Office today.

Note: See the next issue in November for a complete listing of all of the postmasters of Walworth.