

❧ Town of Gilboa ❧

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I was looking thru some of the Gilboa Historical Society Quarterlies when I read about some of the businesses on Main Street in the old village of Gilboa. It was such a beautiful town with so much going on!

Frank H. Lewis was a blacksmith who added the Riverside Garage and sold cars. 1907 George Case built a store for a watch repair business plus a barber shop. E.L. Clark had a meat market. Next is the Gilboa Hose company & they installed double doors in the front for easy access. After the 1890 fire, Addison Hagadorn constructed a 30' x 50' two-story building. The first floor was Hagadorn's clothing store with a grocery room in the back. The second floor was used as a Masonic Lodge room. In 1905, "Neville & Lewis" opened a flour and feed business. Six months later, Lewis bought out Neville's interest in the business. In 1902 W.J. Davis opened a Department Store. The Davis & Palmer General store sold notions, hosiery, shirts, overalls, groceries, hardware, harness, confectionery, cigars, souvenirs, boots and shoes. The Reed Store was established in 1850 and known to be the oldest merchant in town. Colby Reed was Gilboa's first town supervisor in 1848. In 1910 the Bulson Brothers leased it. Paul Stryker, a clerk for two years, assumed the lease in 1913. Mr. Stryker carried dry goods, groceries and had a tailor for fittings. A Photo Studio, Pierce & Peaslee's Telephone company. A hub of activity as George L. Fuller ran the Gilboa Monitor office, print shop and Post Office. Villagers and visitors could hang around and fill in the editor on family activities and other news. The Gilboa Grange provided a meeting space and a recreational center. It housed a large theatre for dramatic productions, dances, lectures, concerts and even banquets with its own kitchen facilities.

These were only a few. There were many many more businesses!