The Alfred Community: Now and Then
Town of Alfred: 1869

- Tip Top
- Goose Pasture
- Tinkertown
- Five Corners
- Village
- Alfred Station/Baker’s Bridge
Today: The Bicycle Man
Shortly ago: the Bicycle Man
Then: Alfred Station schoolhouse
Then: Alfred Station Post Office
Then: Willard’s Mercantile & Gas
Now: “Main Street” Alfred Station
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Then: 1936 Ice Storm
Now: “The Bridge” – original name for Alfred Station was Baker’s Bridge
Then: “The Bridge” – the Baker brothers built a bridge – thus the name
Then: originally a church building, later used as a horse barn
Now: Alfred Station tracks
Now:
The “Big Chicken” at “Tip Top”
Then: “Tip Top’s” switching station
Now: Alfred Station Post Office/Fire Hall
Then: Alfred Station school
Now: Sherman Road in “Tinkertown”
Then: aftermath of the 1935 flood
Now: home of the famous Stearns Chicken BBQ
Just as good then...
Now: the Stearns family home
Then: the Green family home
Now: the Alfred Rural Cemetery
Peaceful and beautiful...
Not so quiet during early Memorial Day observances!
Now: entering the village
Then: entering the village through the Stillman family farm
Passing the Stillman family cemetery
And one of the first car garages in town
With one of the first cars in town
Now: the Rose and Maple Apartments
Then: Saxon Heights a.k.a. “Diaper Hill”
Now: trees, bushes, grass, flowers...
Then: Happy Valley Ski Resort
Now: Alfred State College’s garages
Then: Alfred U.’s agriculture school barn
Unfortunately lost in a 1960 fire
Now: ServU Credit Union
Then: Stillman family home – later, student housing
Then: not so pretty after the 1935 flood
Then: the village in 1905
Then: Delta Sigma Phi fraternity
Before then: the Burdick home, hosting the still-functioning Amandine Club
Now: home of the School of Art & Design
Then: home of the School of Agriculture
Then: Celadon Terra Cotta Tile Company
The company’s office building....
Being moved to make way for McLane Center
Now: on its present site
Now: lot next to the post office
Then: site of the Sabbath Recorder publishing building
Now: Powell Campus Center
Damaged in a 1907 fire
Built in 1884 as the Alfred Grammar Public School
Now: South Hall
Then: Alfred Central School
Now: Park Street, special interest housing
Then: Park Street, family housing
Now: Saxon Drive
Then: coasting down the hill
Even earlier....
.... And earlier still.
Then: classic Main Street buildings
One still survives as the Box of Books Library
Today: food and clothing
Before the fire: food and clothing
Then: food and stamps
Then: the bank
Then: Carnegie Library
Then: east side of Main Street
Lost to a fire in 1887
Today: intersection of Church & Main streets
Same intersection in 1906
Today: another look at Main Street
Then: a business block
Then: a wider view
Today: down Church St. to Main St.
Now: West University home
With its family in 1906
Now: rental house off Reynolds Street
Then: built in the 1830s
Built in 1904 on Reynolds Street
Then: built in 1885, original home of the *Alfred Sun* newspaper
Now: the Octagon House on South Main St.
Then: same thing...
Then: Ladies Hall
Now: The Gothic
Then: The Gothic on its original site (location of Herrick Library)
Then: the Alfred Academy
Now: the Career Development Center
Then: the Allen Steinheim Museum
Now: the carillon
Then: in its original tower
Then: before the front addition
Now: ready for anything
Then: ready for a concert
Now: Susan Howell Hall
Then: its predecessor, the White House
Welcome to Alfred and to Alfred University!

This place has an interesting history and heritage – take time to explore and learn more about your new community!