

SHEASLEY BUILDING

317-319
Thirteenth Street



An elaborate ornamented frieze and cornice crown this commercial Italianate structure. The block was erected in 1886 by John L. Mitchell, President of the Exchange Bank. In 1918 Jacob Sheasley purchased the building from the Mitchell estate and placed his name on the capstone.

HANNA-DUFFIELD BLOCK & LAMBERTON BLOCK

301-315 Thirteenth Street



In 1866 John L. Hanna built the first three-story building in Venango County. Over the years it housed the Odd Fellows' Hall, Wilt Brothers photography studio, Venango Spectator (newspaper), an opera hall and the band room for the Silver Cornet Band.

In 1886 a devastating fire consumed a good portion of this building along with priceless historical photographs, news archives and band equipment. The walls along Elk Street were undamaged and that section was rebuilt to its original three stories. The right hand portion of this Italianate block was reduced to two stories. During the last phase of construction R.G. Lamberton, a lawyer and banker, purchased the building and added the capstone bearing his name. Enhancing this façade are the alternating wings flanking the arched, oval and bay windows

THE MCCLURE HOTEL / ANDERSON'S FURNITURE

225 Thirteenth Street



Illustration of the McClure Hotel – ca. 1902
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The Hotel Seanor was located on this corner in the latter 1800s. In 1897 B.D. McClure purchased the building spending the immense sum of \$25,000 in renovations. The two-year remodeling project included a 34-foot bar of solid mahogany. In March 1900 the McClure Hotel opened boasting, “Not the biggest but the best”.

Around 1915 the building was purchased by Robert Anderson to house his furniture store. Extensive renovation in 1999 preserved much of the 3rd floor hotel layout, resulting in awards from the Oil Heritage Region and the Franklin Historic Preservation Association. This well-preserved structure has handsome Italianate and Classical detailing.

SALVATION ARMY BUILDING

302 Thirteenth Street



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This is one of the very few Art-Deco buildings in Franklin. The Salvation Army building has been in use by this organization since the mid 1940s. Interesting details include a recessed entrance with a stylized fan design and shield over the door. In early years the building was occupied by a grocery store.

WOODBURN. CONE & COMPANY / FOURSQUARE CHURCH
318 Thirteenth Street

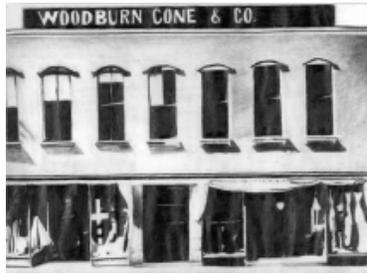


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This building was erected after a destructive fire in 1866 swept through Thirteenth Street. It is one of the oldest commercial sites in the business district. The first tenants were J. & R.H. Woodburn. Their store carried dry goods, notions, carpets and millinery. Over the years numerous establishments have occupied this well-built structure including a grocery and furniture store.

OLD BUTLER WICK BUILDING

322 - 324
Thirteenth Street



Adjoining the FourSquare Church building is the property recently known as the Old Butler Wick Building. Erected in 1873 this commercial structure was damaged by fire in March of 1985. Earlier tenants of this building were an American Express office, C. Harris Boot and Shoe Store, Jordan Jewelry and H. Cohen Sons Clothing.

OLD LAMBERTON BANK SITE

Corner of Liberty and Thirteenth Street



In 1866 a fire destroyed early structures located at this location. In 1871 Rallya & Griffin opened a large stationer and bookstore on this corner. In the not too distant memory of area citizens is the stately Lambertton Bank building, pictured here. The Lambertton Bank was replaced with the present day structure in the early 1970s.