

County Ramblings — Dansville

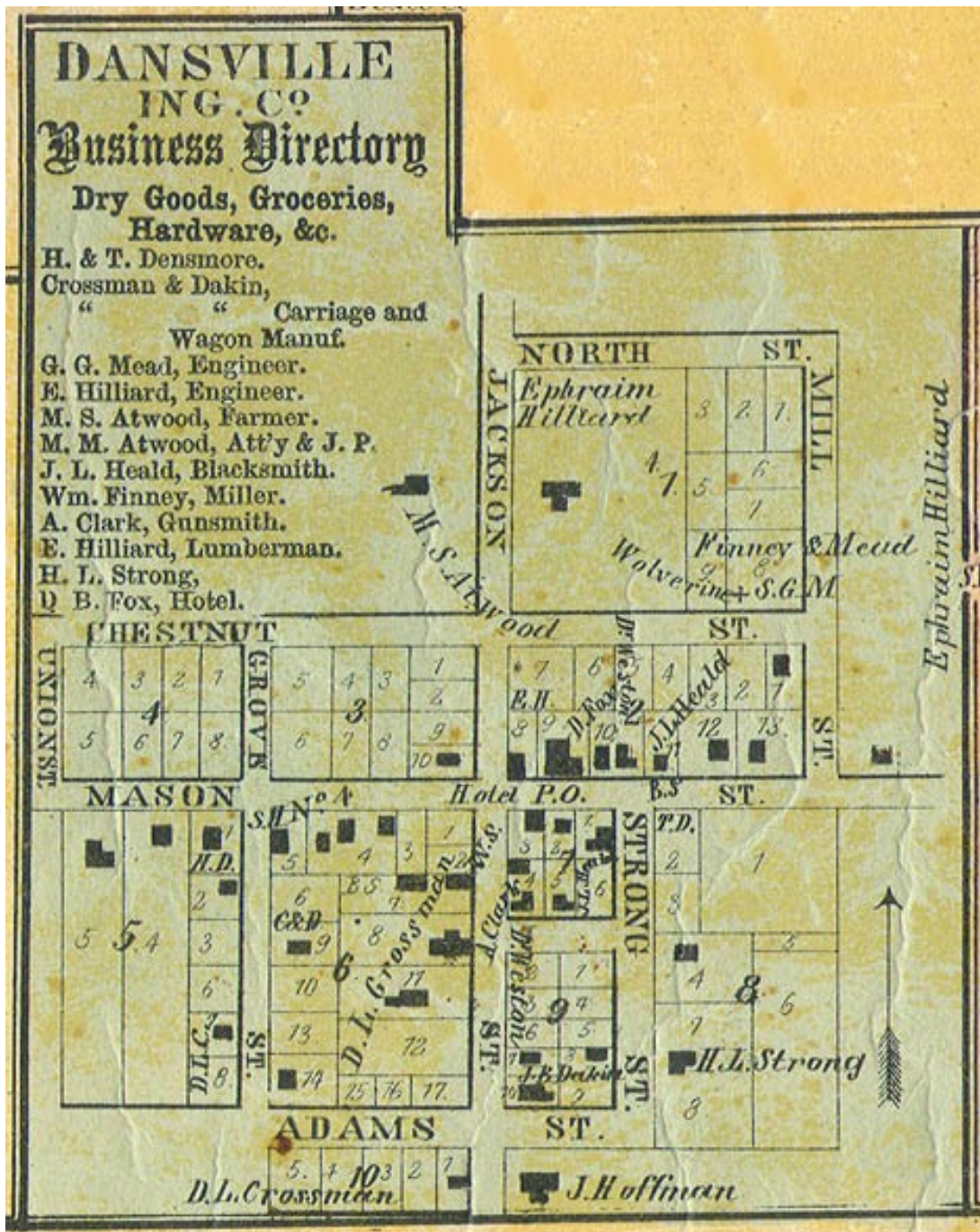
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We had the pleasure of visiting the pleasant little village of Dansville last week, one of the nicest little places in this part of the county. We had an opportunity during the ride to see something of the country between here and that place. We noticed that the farms are all cleared up and the face of the land made smooth, for the purpose of using mowers and reapers, which is a decided improvement in the appearance of the farms. Many of the farmers have reapers, mowers and other agricultural machinery by which they are enabled to do up their work in half the time that it used to take, and at less than half the cost. There are a great many large, new farm houses along the road which serves to give the country the appearance of an old place, and the barns attract particular attention. It is a sure sign of enterprise and thrift to see nice large barns on farms. We do not know of a place that can make a better showing in this line that between Mason and Dansville. H.A. Hawley, Esq. undoubtedly has the largest and most convenient one in Ingham County, if not in the state. Mr. Diamond has also just completed a very nice one.

The wheat is not so good as it is in this section, yet it is a good crop, but there is any quantity of hay. To all appearances there will be a large crop of fruit, including quite a yield of peaches.

At Dansville we met our old friend Mr. L. Woodhouse, who is associated with D.I. Crossman in the mercantile trade. They have a large store, filled with the choicest goods that the markets affords, and seemed to be doing nearly all the trade of that place. Mr. Crossman is an old resident of that place, and has sold goods to the people there to their satisfaction so long that it is useless for competition to try to out do him in the way of selling goods cheap. Dan is yet the Postmaster, but has no notion of keeping it a great while. Mr. J.B. Dakin has a very nice Store and seems to be doing a very good trade. There are one or two others, but as their proprietors were non-come-atible we could not

form much of an opinion of them. There is one German institution that makes a good appearance. They go to Detroit to get their printing and to all appearance will have to go there or somewhere else to sell their goods. Mr. Jessup has a very nice flowering Mill, which does excellent work, and is kept running all the time to do the amount of work that is demanded.



The Baptist denomination have a beautiful Church building, standing on a slightly location. The Methodist are about completing a new meeting house that will be an ornament to the place and a credit to the denomination. The building is of wood, finished throughout in good style—the windows are enameled glass and the walls are to be frescold. The expense of the building will be not far from \$4,500. The pastor Rev. D.T. Owen is much interested in the work of the building.

There are a number of other new buildings being erected, but the citizens there need a good brickyard to ever make anything of their village. Dr. D.T. Weston & Bro. have a neat little Drug Store, and the Dr. seems to have his full share of business. The Odd Fellows there are about to institute a Lodge of the Order in that place, there being a great many there. We spent a few moments with Hon. M.M. Atwood, who is now the only lawyer in that place. He is a fine fellow and much respected by his fellow citizens.

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