

Bank / Masonic Building

21. Bank Building-Masonic
Building, 4968 Main Street



Two-Story Bank
Building-Masonic
Building Appears
in These Early
Photos



Traveling on the sand road of Main Street between Zosel and Brandt Streets during a summer day of yesteryear brought one past a tall building built of brick. On October 12, 1888, the *Manistee Times-Sentinel* revealed in the Onekama news that "a new brick bank and exchange building, which presents a very pleasing and attractive appearance, is very nearly completed for Dailey & Hale...." Brick corbels form a valence that drapes the facade of what has been the Masonic Building since 1921. Several banks, including the Bank of Onekama, and Manistee Bank and Trust (now National City), have operated in this storefront, which provided a large, walk-in vault. L. A. Quale also had his insurance and real estate office in this location, which later became the Movie Time Video of Onekama.



Brickwork on Bank Building-Masonic Building

Erickson Garden

22. Erickson Garden,
5122 Main Street



In 1911, an ornamental cement block commercial building was built east of this stream for the Klug Meat Market. Members of the C. W. Erickson family also operated a market in this building into the 1970's and maintained the area along the stream as a garden to enhance the appearance of the Village. In 1937, J. Echhoff of Manistee helped construct the fieldstone bridge. Grapevines were festooned on poles and cables. Arborvitae provided a background for this beauty spot and also shielded from view the slaughterhouse and smokehouse that were operated on the back of the lot at one time. The market building and slaughterhouse have been renovated into Brookfield Centre.



Ernest Kline in
Front of C. W.
Erickson
Market Built of
Ornamental
Cement Block



Early Interior of C. W. Erickson Market



The Tree-Lined Road Through Town Twisted and Turned as It Came to the Erickson Market (at Right) and the Maccabee Hall (Next from Right)

The building

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to the west of the garden was originally constructed in 1892 as the Maccabee Hall. It was to include a gallery, stage, kitchen, and anterooms at a cost of \$1,000. Adolph Schroeder later showed movies in this building, and the Onekama Post Office was in the west side of the building for some years until the facility at 4861 Main Street was occupied in 1959. The Hall has been renovated into the Towne House Apartments.

Knights of Maccabee Hall

