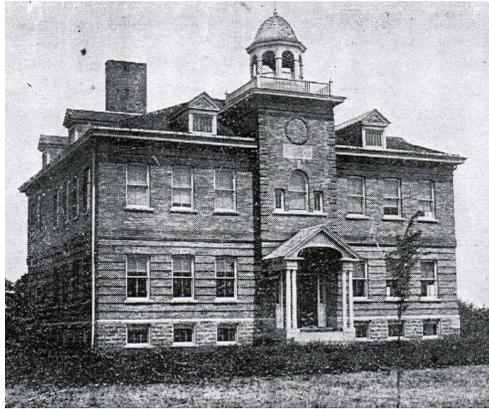


# Glimpses of the Past

Here are a few of the many and valued photographs from the Lewiston Museum archives to be enjoyed for generations to come. If you have old photos of Lewiston, please contact the Museum.



### Original Red Brick School: Built in 1901, Burned in 1904

This is the original Red Brick School. Built in 1901, it had all the modern amenities of the day. In February of 1904, the new school burned, displacing hundreds of school children. Classes were held in the Lewiston Academy (at the corner of Ninth and Center Streets, in what is now Academy Park) until a new building could be built. The Red Brick School building you know today held its first classes in 1906 and served all grades until 1952 when the new Lewiston Porter Junior and Senior High School was built. Since 1971, the building has been home to the village offices, the Lewiston Police Department, and private businesses.



### Frontier House in Days Gone By

This is what the Frontier House looked like in 1949. It is Lewiston's premiere landmark and when it opened in 1824 it was the finest hotel in America, west of Albany. It was also a stage coach terminal and saw many famous people come through its doors. It was once a McDonald's, and today, it stands empty.



### Village Gives Fire Dept. First Hose Cart in 1916

The early days of Lewiston saw the citizens unprotected from fire. Fires were common and Lewistonians had only themselves and helpful neighbors to rely on in case disaster struck. The fire company was formed in 1914 as a bucket brigade. The first group of volunteers consisted of 25 men. Each man was required to keep two canvas buckets in a convenient place, so they could respond as quickly as possible when the Presbyterian Church bell rang alerting them to a fire. The Village Trustees bought a hose cart in 1916 which led to the official incorporation of Lewiston Fire Company No. 1. (You can see a corner of the Frontier House in the background on the right.)

### Helms Grocery Store

It was before the big supermarkets came to town. Helms was a local institution and it kept hundreds of families fed. Milk was only 49¢ and if Bill Helms wasn't there, you'd just put your money on the counter. Apple Granny Restaurant took over the location in 1975. It was built in the mid 1800s as a general store by John Fleming who came from Ireland to settle in Lewiston.



### Do You Remember the Red & White?

If you lived in Lewiston in the 1950s and 60s, you'll remember this grocery store at 411 Center Street. It was built in 1854 and the door in the center of the building on the second floor is commonly referred to as a coffin door. In commercial buildings this door was mostly used to move goods in and out of the building without needing to haul things up or down a flight of stairs.



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You don't want to miss this spectacular event that will commemorate Lewiston's most important day in history.

The British attacked Lewiston on Dec. 19, 1813, during the War of 1812, and turned the Village into a pile of ashes. Residents, many barefoot, ran for their lives through the snow and mud. The local Tuscaroras came to the rescue and helped the survivors escape the onslaught.

It's time to make your dinner reservations for Dec. 17, to witness the event from a cozy table. Center St. will be closed to traffic from 4th to 5th Street, and there will be 10 large fires down the middle of the street.

This year's enhanced production will include British soldiers and natives. Be a part of Lewiston's rich heritage, and imagine, just for an evening, what it must have been like for Lewiston's earliest settlers as they tried to escape the burning torches and tomahawks.

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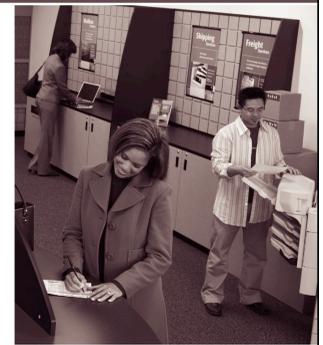
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