

1924 - Goldstein's store - Main and Caldwell Ave.

Abraham Goldstein was born in 1859 in Russia. He and his wife, Rebecca (Berger) settled in Portage in 1889. He was associated in business for 20 years with H. S. Goldstein. In 1924 he erected a two story brick building at the corner of Main and Caldwell Ave. Abraham's son, Russell, became the manager of their furniture store.

This building is currently the Post Office.

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Hyman Goldstein, born March 20, 1866 in Russia, came to the United States at age 19. He settled in Portage in 1889 and was associated in business with his cousin, A. B. Goldstein.

In 1909 he built one of the largest department stores, Goldstein's Department Store, in this part of the country. This store occupied the building where our current Post Office resides.

Hyman was president of city council, borough treasurer, first president of the Chamber of Commerce, and stockholder in the First National Bank of Portage.

His son and business associate, Sampson, was married to Rhoda Bachtell of Portage.

Anne Cruce shared this photo with a note that said "My Mother, Marie Schultz Dimond, had this picture in her collection. According to her, H. S. Goldstein ran for Mayor of Portage. Here he is campaigning on Main Street.

By the way, the Red Goose Shoe Company of St. Louis, Missouri, began selling shoes to pioneer families headed west in 1869.

