

## **The Town of Shelbina, MO, as I knew it in 1907 and 1908**

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We moved to Shelbina in the Fall of 1905. The first house we lived in was located just two blocks north of the flouring Mill. As I remember the town a little better in 1907 and 1908 will start from that date. The flour mill was in full operation. It made both hard and soft wheat flour and of course, handled grains of all kind and a building by it handled hard and soft coal. The mill was a four or five story building and was beside the CB & Q Railroad tracks. Taking the north side of the tracks first - across the street on the north side as you go west, a feed store was on the corner. It consisted of an office, grainery and a large barn full of baled hay. They handled coal also. It was run by Tom O'Donnell and Jim Graymon. Next in line was Daniell's second hand store, Cottage Hotel, space of ground and then the Adams Hotel, a large frame building. The Cottage hotel was run by Lon Blackburn and was considered a very rough place as drinkers and gamblers assembled there often.

The Adams Hotel had a good business as they picked up several drummers or salesmen and passengers stopping off. At that time, every passenger train stopped and there were 10 or 12 of them. On the corner across from the Adams Hotel (west) was Bryan Grocery Store, followed by R L Brown Grocery (later Adams Grocery), Gregory Meat Market, Chinese laundry, Lemay Feed Store (also sold coal) John O'Daniel Junk Yard and Roebuck bakery. A blacksmith shop a block west on left side of street and two blocks further west on same side of street, the Canning factory, a block north from the Adams hotel was the Cotton Lumber Company and of course the Shelbina Fair grounds at the north edge of the town. The Dobyys Lumber Company was across the street south of Adams Hotel and then the RR tracks. On the south side the two parks and band stand, the Old Depot on the right as you go south. Going south from the tracks on the left side was Miles and Bates Clothing store, one side for mens the other for women followed by a millinery, newspaper office, "The Torchlight", a cleaning and pressing shop, shoe store and bakery then an alley, The Commercial Bank, Payne's Hardware store, \_\_\_\_\_, Hanly Dry Goods store, R C Dickerson Dry Goods, Sears and Bailey Dry Goods and Gose & Yost Drug Store. Across the street on west side going south from Miles and Bates the Corner building \_\_\_\_\_, Howe's Barber Shop, Restaurant, Alley, C H Lasley & Sons Clothing Store, Jewelry Store run by Tilden Doyle, Old Bank Trust Company, J H Allen Drug Store, Smith & Bowling Dry Goods, S G Parsons Grocery then across the street south, Reid Furniture Store, Old Opera House above, Grout & Henniger Hardware, Miller Furniture Store, Si Patterson Grocery alley, old frame building and Christian Church and then along block south, Shelbina Public Schools and High School. From the School house west two blocks the

