



A scene from the past

Although the buildings above were destroyed by fire years ago, similarity to present day buildings will identify them for many present day LaGrange County people.

The smaller building to the right was, at different dates, the Lima National Bank, the State Bank of Lima and the site of the east part of the present bank.

As noted in the picture, the portion of the two story building next to the bank was the George H. Day-

ton dry goods and grocery store. The store to the left was the D. J. Sell store, manufacturing harnesses and bridles, doing carriage trimming, and selling whips, combs, nets, blankets, and perhaps ready-made coffins.

Lima's first bank was established in 1854 by Samuel P. Williams, John B. Howe, Samuel Burnell, James B. Howe, Thomas J. Spaulding, S. Halsey and Philo Nichols, with a reserve of \$70,000. #