



HICKORY STREET BETWEEN PENNSYLVANIA & THIRD AVENUES

In 1900, left to right: Old City Hall, Parmlee and Henry Buildings, IOOF Hall, and Citizens National Bank. Francis Henry made his fortune in the late 1800s through real estate, timberland, lumber mills, oil and gas, and banking. Francis Henry and George Parmlee built this block of buildings on Hickory Street in 1860, starting with a grocery known as “Parmlee & Henry.” Over the next 20 years, the store grew to occupy three stories and offered a wealth of goods.



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On the far left is the Carver House, built in 1849 and destroyed by fire in 1956. Two doors down was George Ball’s clothing store, built in 1849. The entirety of the Tanner Block was completed in 1850. In 1860, when this photo was taken, Pennsylvania Avenue was known as Water Street.



Walkable Warren

Walkable Warren is a local initiative intended to promote healthy lifestyles by encouraging foot traffic and bicycling as alternative modes of travel in and around the City of Warren. Warren has a wealth of scenic landscapes, historic architecture, public parks, and trails, all worthy of being showcased and that are best experienced on foot or by bicycle. Recommended routes of travel between the Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike trail, core downtown, and a few of our public parks are marked by Walkable Warren signage along our public streets. We encourage you to step out of the automobile as a source of travel and, instead, experience Walkable Warren on foot or bicycle. Pedestrians please use the sidewalks. Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws.



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This picture, taken in 1908, features the Western Union Telegraph & Cable Company operated in the former Archibald Tanner building, built in 1816, on site of the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Warren. The Suspension Bridge is visible in the background of the structure.



SE CORNER OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE & HICKORY STREET, WARREN

The horse and carriage are headed east on Water Street, today known as Pennsylvania Avenue West. In the background to the left is the entry to the Suspension Bridge. Roscoe Hall, the three-story brick located toward the center of the block, gave audience to Susan B. Anthony, Cady Elizabeth Stanton, and Frederick Douglass in the early 1870s.



SOUTH SIDE OF SUSPENSION BRIDGE, WARREN

From 1855 to 1871, the only way to cross the Allegheny River in downtown Warren was by ferry. The covered bridge that opened in 1841 slowly deteriorated until it became unusable. In 1870, Andrew Hertzell and others organized the Pleasant Bridge Company to explore possibilities for a new bridge. Consulting with the Roebling family that designed and built the Brooklyn Bridge, the company completed the Suspension Bridge in less than one year at a cost of \$26,000. It was replaced in 1918 and again in 2005, currently named Veterans Memorial Bridge. This photo was taken in 1892 with A. P. Sonne in the foreground.

