

FIRST

BUSINESS

1. GEN. MERCHANDISE
Artemus Manwaring

2. Hardware - 12/25/1882
C.E. DOANE
L.S. CLAYTON

3. Post Office 1-1-1883
John Johnston

4. Boots & Shoes 1883 spring
Samuel Garrison

5. Store 1883
Site picked on 10/8/1882
Mr. M. Forst

(present site of
Mentone Drug Store)

6. Flour Mill 1884
A.C. Manwaring
Samuel Mentzer
1888 - Pop. 1000

Among the industries, offices and business places located in Mentone were the following:

Three drygoods stores, groceries, a hardware store, three drug stores, two jewelry stores, a shoe store, two millinery stores, a furniture store, a harness shop, a meat market, a bakery, a restaurant, two hotels, a saloon, a livery barn, two grain elevators, two barbershops, a creamery, a poultry dressing plant, a sewing machine office, two blacksmiths, teamsters, draymen, three physicians, an undertaker, a photographer, thirteen lawyers, three well drivers, two masons, a piano and organ instructor, a bank, a building and loan association, a planing mill, a wheelbarrow factory, a novelty works, wagon makers, manufacturer of tinware, two sawmills, a flour mill, a brass and iron foundry, etc.

Feb. 20, 1886, John Bond, T. J. Colbert and John Brubaker, the parties owning the invention known as the Bond fanning mill, made arrangements with the Mentone Machine and Novelty Co. to manufacture and sell their new and improved fanning mill. It is expected to employ between two and three hundred workmen.

1886

April 27, 1887, a stock company was formed in Mentone with capital of \$1500 for the purpose of boring in the vicinity of Mentone with the hope of discovering gas or oil. Most of the nearby towns were boring for oil and there was a great deal of excitement about the possibility of striking it.

1887

The first business building in Mentone was erected by Mr. Artemus Manwaring. As soon as completed it was stocked with a large stock of general merchandise. Messrs. C. E. Doane and L. S. Clayton erected the second business building and opened a hardware store on December 25, 1882.

January 1, 1883, the postoffice was removed from Oak Ridge to Mentone, with John Johnston as postmaster.

Samuel Garrison, the fourth man to engage in business in Mentone, opened with a large stock of boots and shoes in the spring of 1883. As soon as the town of Mentone was platted, Mr. M. Forst of Sevastopol picked out a lot. On October 8, 1882, work was started on a store building located on the present site of the Mentone Drug Store, and on January 1, 1883, Mr. Forst moved his general store from Sevastopol to Mentone.

In 1884, a flour mill was opened for business by A. C. Manwaring and Samuel Mentzer.