

CRIPPEN FAMILY

Milford Times

April 22, 1871--The Railroad Co. have settled with W. Crippin for a right of way 100 feet wide, taking the house and about four village lots, at \$1700. [Lots on the north side of E. Washington, just east of 119 E. Washington.]

July 1, 1871--Mr. Wm. Crippen is preparing to build a block of stores on the lot lately bought of Mrs. Marshall. [NW corner of S. Main and Water St.]

July 29, 1872--Workmen are progressing rapidly in the erection of the building of Mr. Wm. Crippen, opposite the foundry.

Aug. 3, 1872--The fine stores of Mr. Wm. Crippen and Wm. Potts, South Milford, are nearly completed and are neat and tasty in appearance and will add largely to the value of adjacent property.

Oct. 12, 1872--Mr. Wm. Crippen has just completed his new store near the bridge, the painters having put the finishing touches upon it, in the way of graining, etc. It is one of the finest stores in the village, and will be occupied by the firm of Manypenny & Crippen as a Harness and Saddlery store.

Oct. 19, 1872--Mr. Wm. Crippen has sold his interest in the firm of Manypenny & Crippen to Mr. Robert Potts.

Mar. 28, 1874--Mention of Crippen's Hall.....

Sept. 19, 1874--Wm. Crippen "near the bridge"--Greacen & Francis Potts in co-partnership--meat market--rented Crippen's.

April 8, 1882--Wm Crippen of Kalkaskia has purchased the residence of Mr. John Jewitt, South Milford, formerly known as the Mowry Place.

April 6, 1883--Margaret Crippen has died at the home of her son William at Kalkaskia, on April 4.

May 19, 1883--Wm. Crippen, an old time resident of Milford, has returned from Kalkaska and will take up his residence in the Dr. Mowry house which he purchased last year.

Dec. 13, 1884--W.W. Crippen will rent the lower story of his building for the Fire Department. [NW corner of S. Main and Water St.]

Oct. 24, 1885--Wm. W. Crippen has bought of George and Wm. Peters lots 15, 16, 17, 18 & 22, Eaton's plat, consideration \$250, and two acres of land from Wm. Greig for \$200.

April 11, 1981--Wm. W. Crippen, D, was elected Township Supervisor.

Sept. 12, 1891--W.W. Crippen bought a Steinway piano from J.C. Kinsman --English oak.

Oct. 1, 1892--W.W. Crippen has an ad in the paper for sale of heating stoves.

April 6, 1895--Wm. W. Crippen was elected both Village President and Township Supervisor.

April 7, 1900--William W. Crippen was elected township supervisor (he had also been elected village president, as reported in Mar. 17 paper.).

April 6, 1901--W.W. Crippen was defeated for township supervisor (he had been reelected village president a few weeks earlier.

His political history: elected village president in 1887, 1888, 1889, 1895, 1900 and 1901. Elected township supervisor in 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1901.

NOTES

1. There must have been two William Crippens. A William Crippen was paying taxes on 113 E. Washington St. from 1859 (and probably earlier). Margaret Crippen paid taxes on the same property in 1865.
2. The first William Crippen was probably husband to Margaret and father to the second William Crippen.
3. The first William Crippen must have died in 1864. His apparent wife paid taxes on his property in 1865 and the property was sold in 1865. Also, the 1870 federal Census lists Margaret Crippen (age 65) as head of household and a William Crippen (age 26) as the only other member of the household.

4. Even though William Crippen was paying taxes on property in Milford from before 1859 to 1865, the 1860 Federal Census does not list any Crippens in Milford.

5. The second William Crippen, born about 1844, would have been too young to own property in 1859.