

MERCHANTS

We think the first merchant in Liberty Township was Jeremiah Fenner. He was located at Smithfield in the general merchandising way at an early date, and after four or five years sold his stock and good will to a Mr. Garrison.

Delaware Co. deed records list Jeremiah Fenner purchased Lot 4 of Block 2 of Smithfield from David and Wineford Stout (24 March 1831).

Delaware Co. deed records list Benjamin Garritson (wife Hannah) purchased Lot 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 1 of Smithfield (1838/9).

Thomas Leonard opened a store here a few years later and remained in the village until his death, then William Lewis engaged in business at the stand. Mr. Lewis afterwards sold goods in the new town of Selma.

1846 DIRECTORY

Thomas Leonard & Co – mercantile in Smithfield

1874 ATLAS

Duncan & Norris (located on the corner of Main and Liberty Street, Lot 4 of Block 4)

Goods, Groceries, Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, shoes, Notions, etc.

Miller, Wm Proprietor Smithfield Grist Mill (formally “Deed’s Mill”)

Dealer in all Kinds Produce

Williams & Cannady, Manufacturers of Wagons & Buggies (along Market St, Lot 2 of Block 2)

Doing General Custom Work

1881 HISTORY OF DELAWARE CO.

J. K. Norris - mercantile store

Daniel Williams – village blacksmith

William Miller – proprietor of the flour mill (originally Stout’s Mill then called the Smithfield Mill)