

## THE ALEXANDER CHEESE FACTORY

As early as 1871 meetings were called for the purpose of starting a cheese factory. It was not until February 1875 that an association was organized. It was a stock company. The first officers were: president C.W. VandeBogart, vice president E.G. Moulton and secretary/treasurer J.B. Lewis.

The factory building would be located on Mr. Moulton's land near the Erie depot. The Cheese factory started operations April 29, 1875 with Mr. Gartland running the factory. The first run of cheese was sold to Philip Zwetsch. Mr. James Peck oversaw the running of the factory for several years as did Orris Newton and David Thomas. These overseer and their families lived upstairs in the cheese factory.

The cheese factory produced up to 23 cheeses a day, each weighing about 65lb. The factory closed about 1915.

The North Star Cheese Factory was located on Dodgson Rd. They operated from about 1870 – 1890. Mr. A.G. Puff was the cheese maker for several years They made 60 lb cheeses.

