

# The Steers Family



In 1847 William Steers Jr. came to Wayne with his family and built a general store on Monroe Street, seen at left in the picture above. He operated the business until the late 1860's.



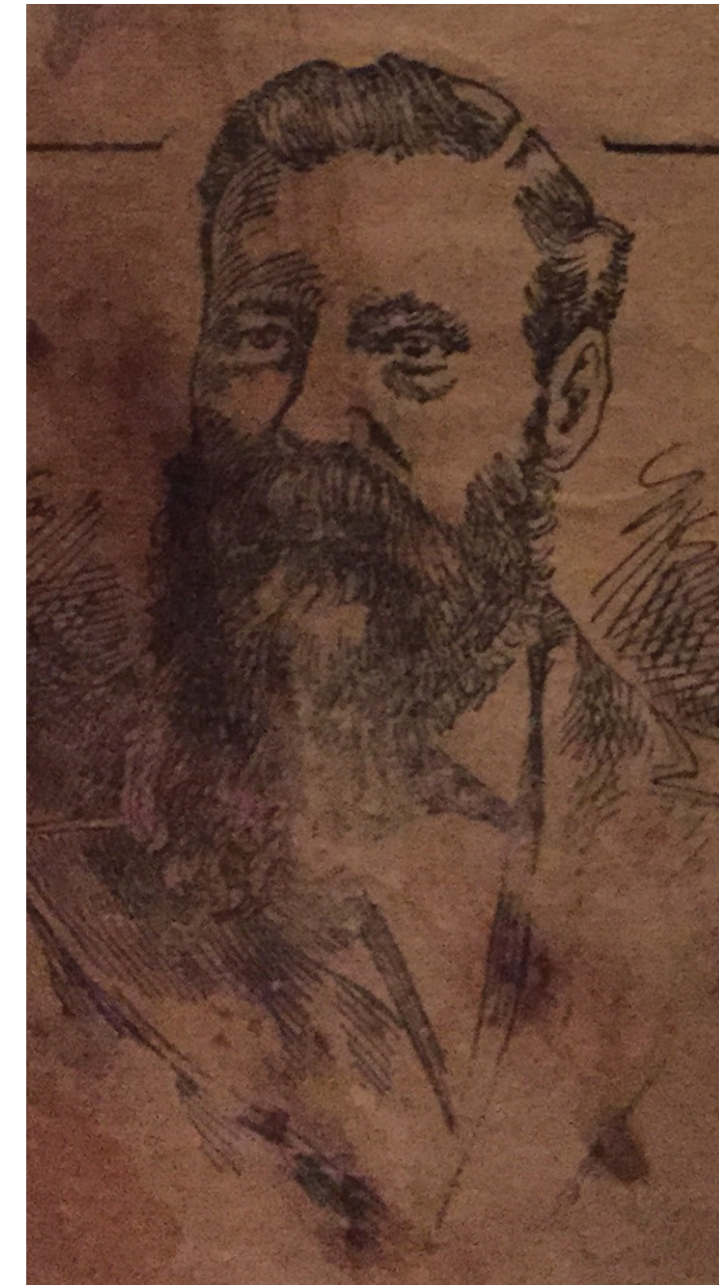
Son William Christian Steers and his wife Sarah then took over the General store business.



In the 1860s they built this large structure at Monroe Street and the Railroad tracks to house their general store, an apartment, and a meeting hall for the Masons. It was torn down when the underpass was built in 1916.



Another son, James, was a shoemaker and owned a Pool Hall in Wayne. It is thought that he built the large Italianate house on Newberry Street in the 1870s before his death in 1873.



Francis Steers, seen here, was a coffin and furniture maker in Wayne. It is thought that he and his brother Alfred, who was a Civil War Veteran, built the horsehair couch on display here. The final brother, John H. began Waynes first newspaper in 1875.