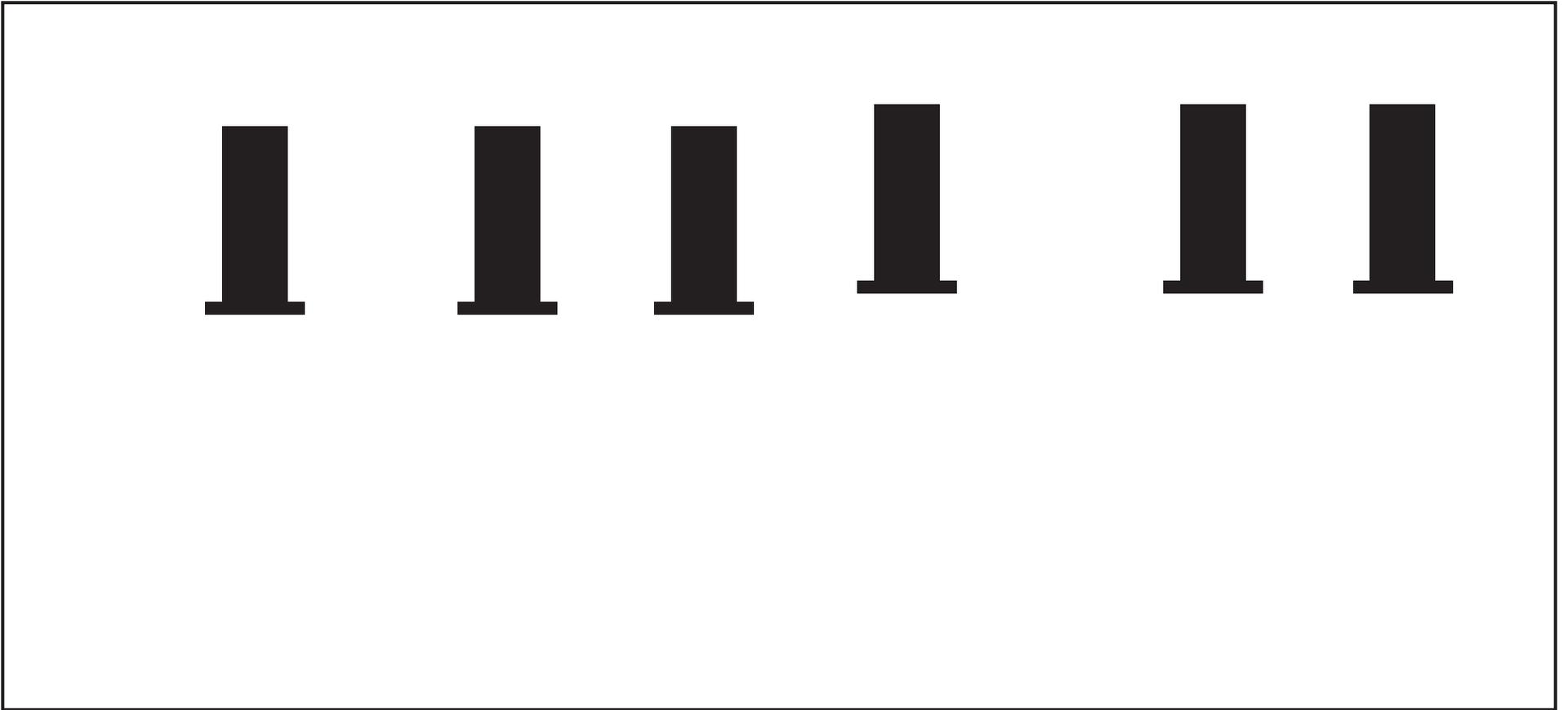


NOBLE COUNTY
Doc's Hardware
122 N Orange Street
Albian, IN

Wall size: ~1,300 square feet
Wall Texture: Concrete skim coat



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*black box indicates window or object that will not be painted

**outlined box indicates either a boarded up window or a door that can be painted

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About MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Make It Your Own highlights Northeast Indiana as a home that has it all! This is a region where creators are wanted, a community with unexpected upgrades, a food culture, lakes, rivers, trails, festivals and more. With incredible amenities, vast career opportunities and a competitive cost of living, Northeast Indiana offers an unparalleled quality of life. This region is in the midst of a major transformation, and now is just the tipping point.

Noble County INSPIRATION



OUR HISTORY

Noble County was once inhabited by Miami and Pottawatomie Indians. The county, organized in 1836 and named for two-term U.S. Senator James Noble, covers 420 square miles. The population is about 47,000 who live across the acres with more dense populations found in historic settlements, villages, and five incorporated communities -the largest is Kendallville.

Wolf Lake became Noble County's first settlement in 1832. By the 1900's, Wolf Lake was surrounded by onion fields and called itself "the Onion Capital of the World". The first Onion Days Festival was held there in 1906 and is held annually today.

The earliest Noble County residents were drawn here by rich soil, ideal for farming. Many families have lived in Noble County for generations and farming remains an important part of

the area's heritage and economy. In 2019, Noble County ranked top in the region for the number of 1,000-acre farms still in operation.

Noble County prides itself in being a family-friendly place. If you ask any Noble County native, they will tell you their family heritage that is tied to each community in the county. When out walking on our trails, enjoying our attractions, or dining at a local restaurant, you will see multi-generational families enjoying quality time together.

OUR MAKERS

Noble County is home to a variety of industries that helped form our history. The McCray Factory, located in Kendallville, produced ice hutch refrigerators that were sold and shipped around the world. The McCray's helped prompt Noble County's entrepreneurial spirit. Today, small businesses make up the majority of Noble County's industry.

Other notable manufacturers have included Flint & Walling, originally producers of windmills and Kendallville's oldest continuously operating manufacturer.

Agriculture also plays a large roll in Noble County's industry. Ligonier was known for their strawberry fields, Wolf Lake was an icon in onion production, and wood harvesting has been a staple in our industry. Not only strawberry fields, Ligonier had two large marshmallow factories that were the largest producers of marshmallows in the country.

Noble County also has a long history in automotive, medical device, recreational vehicle and food production industries, as well as logistics and transportation. More recently, advanced manufacturing has grown. About 70% of establishments employ fewer than 10 people, but they include world-class CNC, 3D printing, custom designed tools and machine makers, engineering services, and more.

OUR DESIGN

Noble County is well represented in the National Register of Historic Places, including downtowns in Albion, Kendallville and Ligonier. Notable structures include the Ahavas Shalom Reform (Jewish) Temple in Ligonier, Noble County Courthouse, Kneipp Springs in Rome City, Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, the former Noble County Jail and Sheriff's residence (Old Jail Museum) in Albion, Gene Stratton-Porter log cabin and wildflower woods on Sylvan Lake, Stone's Trace tavern and trading post south of Ligonier, and more. Noble County's oldest restaurant and former hotel, St. James, is still a destination in Avilla.

Significant architectural styles include: Richardsonian Romanesque, Italianate, Queen Anne, Nineteenth Century Functional, Neo-classical, Craftsman, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, and Art Deco.

Ligonier's historic Jewish mansions are noteworthy, including the Temple and the Jacob Straus House, a wooden clapboard structure that combines element of the neo-classical style and neo-colonial mode.

OUR NATURE

Noble County is a place where you can come and be rejuvenated by nature. With a state park, Acres Land trusts sites, and miles of trails, Noble County is a great place to come hike, bike, fish, and enjoy our over 117 lakes.

Get outside and visit one of our Farm to Fork experiences. Visit an apple orchard, cherry farm, lavender farm, maple farm, or a vineyard. Wherever you are in Noble County, you will find yourself immersed in nature.

OUR PULSE

Noble County is deeply rooted in "family", yet well-rounded due to the diverse appeal of assets that satisfy diverse interests. Communities gather around festivals that highlight rich history and industrial roots. Residents, when surveyed, cite an appreciation for our quiet open spaces, with close proximity to larger cities and their resources. They describe their community as "caring" and note an exception library system, churches, and endless options for outdoor activities. Cost of living and high-quality, but small schools are also among the "quality of life" amenities that citizens appreciate. Many also note how well people work together (collaborate) to better their communities in Noble County.