

You will find photos of many of the homes and businesses of Salem as they looked in earlier years.



1920's

Downtown - 4th Street looking east.



1870

Salem Academy, Presently William Lynch Elementary School, 101 N. Main St.



1930's

Downtown - 4th Street looking west.



Louis Dent home located on 501 S. MacArthur.



This project is sponsored by the Salem Area Community Betterment Association, City of Salem and the Dent County Lodging Tax.



Salem Village 1860

W. P. Williams was appointed or elected the first mayor of Salem in 1860, just after the Mo. State Legislature passed the laws relating to village government. He lived here a long time and was a prominent citizen.

The civil war came in 1861, and city governments were suspended. After Williams, records show that O. A. Kenemore, a prominent farmer with a home in Salem became mayor. Next was E. T. Wingo, a lawyer and representative, then C. L. Allen who was also a lawyer, but never practiced law. Allen was followed by Samuel Sachs. No dates are available listing terms of office for these mayors, but it is likely they served from 1870 to 1881.

Salem was incorporated in 1881. A petition signed by 135 taxpaying citizens of the town of Salem has been presented to the Court asking that the "...described territory be incorporated as city of the fourth class. The court being satisfied that more than five hundred and less than five thousand inhabitants residing within the said limits, it was declared a body of politic and incorporate by the name and style of the City of Salem. The court further ordered M. Hagle be appointed mayor. B. Sankey, E. L. Dye, O.S. Rouse aldermen and Jas A. Jadwin, marshal of said city....." M. Hagle served as mayor from 1881 – 1888. Followed by: Charles Middaugh, Adolphus Durham, John S. Ault, A. E. MacGlashan, W. R. Peck, M. W. Dent and S. H. Ware.

A booklet containing a copy of each Historical Marker sign is available for a \$15.00 fee at the ONCRC at 202 S. Main St., Salem.

573-729-0029



Take A Walk Down Memory Lane...



63 Historic Homes and Buildings
www.salemmo.com

