

Elm and James

In the last issue in my story about my new book "Perfect Triumph", I included the statement "On May 10, 1913, Constantine received information from the officers of the Chamber of Commerce that it was possible to obtain manufacturing space in the building known as the industrial building located on James Street near the freight depot of the New York Central and the Hudson River Railroad Company."

Readers may have questioned this comment because the Post Office address for the Triumph Trap Company was always on Elm Street. If you look at a map of Oneida today, you will find that James Street is within a couple of blocks of Elm Street, but does not cross it.

I am always true to my primary source documents such as court cases or magazine articles, because what may not be true today, may have been true when the information was printed. This is exactly the case this time.

The person who recorded that information in the early 1900s knew the street that crossed Elm to the east of where the Triumph Trap Factory stands as James and recorded it as such. Sometime since then, the street name was changed to Main Street. The statement above was true in the early 1900s. Sometimes keeping history accurate means putting what is not true today.

I included an image from 1899 showing that Elm and

James did cross. I also found a document from February 28, 1964 showing Main Street with James Street in parenthesis behind it. I could not find the specific date when the name of the street was changed though.

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