



Union Hall

The building located at the corner of Main and Liberty Streets was known as Union Hall.

The three story building was one of the oldest on Main Street. It was designed with retail space on the ground level, living space on the second floor, and a third floor for meetings and other entertainment. Manning F. Stillwell published the first newspaper in Hackettstown, *The Family Visitor* from this building in 1839. The *Hackettstown Gazette* was also published from this location until 1873.

Union Hall has the designation of being Hackettstown's first amusement hall. Many town meetings and traveling shows took place in this building. The building was purchased in 1946 by Clayton Kostenbader, who removed the third floor while modernizing the facility.

Pictured are Thomas Nolan (left) and Lewis Van Syckle (right), two of Hackettstown's many Main Street merchants.