

## Brick Yards

### Milford Times

March 25, 1871- Hantz Mills of Byron to open a brick yard [6 acres of land on farm of J.H. Davis 2 miles north of Milford, in Highland Township. E of Milford Road, S of Pettibone Lake]

Dec. 30, 1871- Mills moved brick yard to Mowry farm just south of village [across from Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford]

Mar. 27, 1875- Mills has purchased a machine for making pressed brick.

Oct. 9, 1875- H.B. Mowry has found a good clay deposit on his farm—25 ft. thick and over several acres.

June 9, 1877- Thomas Oliff, proprietor of the brick yard a mile west of the village [Sherwood farm] has acquired a tile machine.

Mar. 23, 1878- Indications of a busy building season—Oliff and Mills doing brisk brick business.

April 5, 1878- Mr. Thomas Oliff furnishes the brick for the new block to be erected by Messrs. Northrup & Teeple [NE corner of Main & Center, now the Mini Mall].

April 13, 1878- Error last week—Mills furnishes brick for Teeple and a portion of Northrup's.

April 12, 1879- Thomas, one mile west of village [Sherwood farm], manufacturing Drain Tile.

Dec. 27, 1879- Tile & Brick for sale cheap at Milford Steam brick Yard.  
H. Mills

July 31, 1880- Mr. Thomas Oliff has purchased 40 acres of the Mowry farm opposite the Cemetery, including the brick yard lately occupied by H. Mills. He will continue the manufacture of brick and expects to burn a kiln at his yard this fall.

Mr. H. Mills has bought of Mr. Joseph Nute several lots of land a short distance south of the Depot [now Iverson's lumber yard] and will soon have another brick yard in running order.

July 16, 1881- About one million of brick will be made this season at the yard of Thomas Oliff, near the Cemetery.

Aug. 13, 1881- Brick for Lovejoy's finally delivered—scarcity of bricklayers.

Jan. 7, 1882- Hants Mills died—at residence in South Milford.