

## PRINT SHOP

The Village Print Shop is called the Towpath Press, because of it's location on the bank of the old Erie Canal.

A small town along the Canal, which grew as business and commerce came, may have been the home of a small print shop. The printer could print advertising for a local business, and may also do printing for clubs or churches in the area. Broadsides posters, handbills, letterhead, bills, statements, forms and gummed mailing labels could be printed in such a shop.

The printer may have worked alone or had help from his wife or children when needed. He may have taken an apprentice to learn the craft in return for his labor.

This shop is set up as a Job Print Shop. It is fitted with 19th and early 20th century equipment. There are two Chandler and Price presses, one is motor driven, the other is foot operated. There is a 19th century Golding Jobber press that is not operating at this time. It was once used at the Rome Sentinel for small jobs. The cast iron paper cutter is hand operated and used to cut large stacks of paper. The Newsstand type case and other furnishings are used to hold 19th century style type. The pilot press is used for small jobs such as cards and labels. All of these artifacts have been donated. They come from print shops where hand set printing was no longer used.