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33 East Genesee St.  
Baldwinsville  
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Location: 33 East Genesee Street  
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Significance: One of a number of tobacco packing houses built in Baldwinsville in the 1880's, the Fuller & Bliss warehouse is representative of a unique building typology constructed during a period of prominence in the tobacco industry in Onondaga County.

Description: The warehouse faces East Genesee Street, formerly Canal Street, which ran adjacent to the Baldwinsville Canal. This canal, now filled in, was a navigable spur of the Seneca River, part of the Erie Canal system. Measuring forty by eighty feet, the warehouse is built into a shallow slope, allowing for a walk-in basement. Above the stone basement walls, a two-story, post-and-beam framed, bevel-sided structure is surmounted by an attic floor with a shallow gabled roof. Originally sheathed with tin, the roof was later replaced with asphalt shingles. The first floor originally featured sixteen-over sixteen light, double-hung sash windows, while the second floor and attic utilized twelve-over twelve windows. All of these windows have been replaced with single light, plexiglass sash.

History: According to several articles in the "*Baldwinsville Gazette & Farmer's Journal*", the warehouse was constructed during July and August of 1881. It was built by Fuller Bliss & Company, owners of a sash and blind factory across Canal Street for Kerbs and Speiss of New York City. Following the closing of that firm in 1903, the warehouse was acquired several years later by Morris Machine Works, later Morris Pumps and, ultimately, Gould Pumps. It remained the property of this firm until its documentation and demolition in 1994 to make way for a new library for the Village of Baldwinsville.

Sources: "*Baldwinsville Gazette & Farmer's Journal*", July & September 1881.  
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