

19 Historical Sites

Site 1 - 1136 South Side East Main St.

1136 South Side E. Main St. - Former home of Hon. A. V. Watts, prominent lawyer with Judge J. J. Moore founded one of the first law firms in the state. Royal Crest Nursing Home. 2012 Private Property.



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Site 2 - 916 South Side East Main St.

916 - South Side East Main St. - Pope Funeral Home. F. F. Pope and B. H. Heringhaus dissolved partnership in 1939. Pope established business at this site assisted by sons James and Richard. F. F. Pope died in 1940 and business handled by James Pope until 1950. LaPoint purchased from Wirebaugh in 1952.

2019 - Heitmeyer Funeral Home



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Site 3 - 540 South Side East Main St.

540 - South Side East Main St. - Home of Dr. W. F. Reed. 1894, Dr. Reed, W. H. Harper Jr. and I. H. Kahle established Bank of Ottawa. Later occupants - C. B. VanCleve, Leslie Frey, Robert F. Frey I, Jack C. Beckett, Paul Fortman

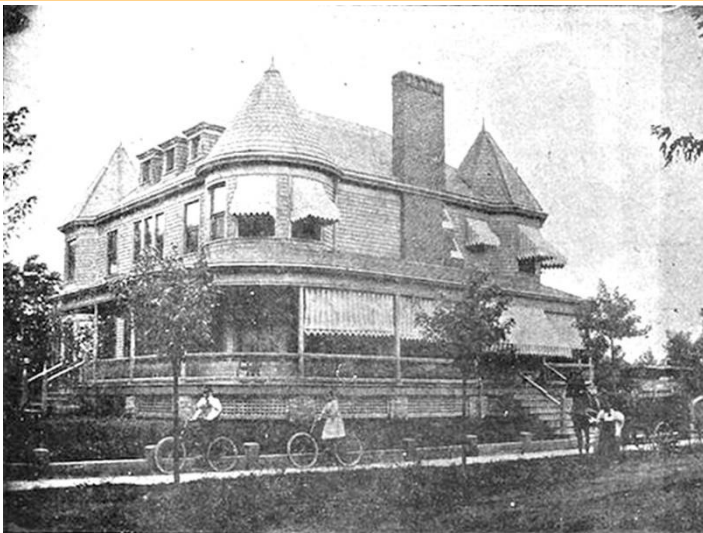
2019 - Private Property



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Site 4 - 510 South Side East Main St.

510 - South Side East Main St. - Built by John F. Cover, banking associate of Andrew Bruon. Elegant home, fine woodwork parquetry floors, numerous fireplaces. Later occupants: N. E. Matthews, Charles B. Cass, Dr. V. H. Miller, Harry Weaver
2019 - Private Property



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Site 5 - 440 South Side East Main St.

**440 - South Side East Main St. - Formerly residence of W. C. G. Krauss, Att., Mrs Krauss, sister of Mrs. W. F. Reed and Mrs. George Kinder; Smith Sisters (Louise and Julia); Reese Maidlow
2019 - Private Property**



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Site 6 - 404 South Side East Main St.

**404 - South Side East Main St. - Formerly home of Dr. Larkworthy, Dentist. Many years home of A. P. Sandles family. Mr. Sandles, former teacher, editor of Sentinel, Sec. of State Board of Agriculture, first president of Agriculture Commission Of Ohio
1908-1917.
2019 - U. S Post Office**

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Site 6 - 364 South Side East Main St.

364 - South Side East Main St. - Home of Mrs. A. M. Brown. Feb,12, 1924, Mrs. E. L. Frey, Mrs. Sigmund Wise, Mrs. Fred Zeller, Mrs. Iva Cummer and Miss Nora Meyers took action that resulted in a room being set aside in the Court House for a library. Charter awarded in 1930. At death Mrs. A.M. Brown bequeathed residence to the library which has continued growth each year. Addition being built this year. 1976

2019 - Advance Muscle Therapy



After being housed in the courthouse for eleven years, the library was moved to a residence at 364 East Main Street in Ottawa on November 13-14, 1934. This property was a bequest from Mrs. Henrietta M. Brown, and it was used for the library for nearly 53 years.



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Site 6 - 336 South Side East Main St.

336 - South Side East Main St. - Co. M. of the National Guard first quartered across from Dumont Hotel (Putnam house). Later, Armory utilized buildings of the Ream Factory, which now houses the County Garage. Present Armory built in 1914, \$25,000.

2019 - Putnam County Veterans Service Commission



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Site 6 - 332 South Side East Main St.

332 - South Side East main St. - 1879, Ayres and Crowel Undertaking and Furniture Manufacturing; C. M. Barr Grocery; H. L. Crawfis Furniture and Undertaking ("New hearse and outfit" advertised). Later home of Thomas C. Hipkins family.

2019 - 332 - Huntington Bank



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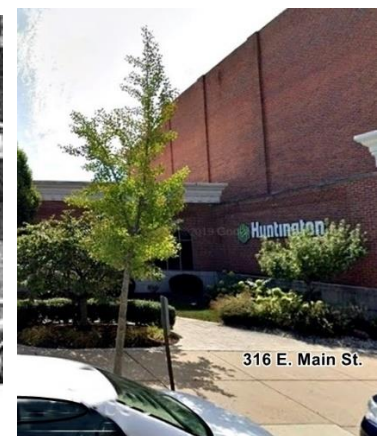
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Site 6 - 316 South Side East Main St.

316 - Raabe Ford; Gulker Chevrolet; Oliver Gulker rebuilt room to house offices and a furniture store which he operated.

Office Occupants: Schroeder and Schroeder Law Offices; Unverferth and Unverferth Law; Unverferth and O'Malley Law; Joseph Schroeder, C. P. A.; Dr. Jos. J. McHugh M.D.; Dr. J. R. Brown M.D.; Dr. Ronald Fessler Dentist; Home Health Care; Religious Education Center; First Lady Beauty Salon.

2019 - 316 - Huntington Bank



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Site 7 - 302 South Side East Main St.

302 - South Side East Main St. - The "Bee Hive" erected in 1894 by W. C. and T. C. Hipkins, sons of T. H. B. Hipkins. Firm name Hipkins and Bros. Dry Goods, Carpets and Groceries. After death of T. C. Hipkins, sons Scott and Corwin carried on business a number of years. Victor Unterbrink Home appliances; Hosler appliance store; Gmeiner Shoes; Sears Catalog Store, Richard and Carole Edelbrock. 2019 - Ottawa PC Repair Center



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Site 8 - 256 South Side East Main St.

256 E. Main St - Erected by Harvey F. Beach in 1886, wagon builder and livery service. Son, Joseph R. Beach continued livery stable; G. F. Conn & Son, Hardware & Paint; Schierloh Shoe repair; Kroger's, Grocery; Weber and Laudick, Grocery; B. C. Krouse Shoe Repair; Schaefer Grocery; Haughn's Plumbing & Heating, Wilmur Haughn.

2019 - 256 - Warren Printing



Site 9 - 250 South Side East Main St.

250 E. Main St - Erected 1888 by W. W. Sutton - Bank of Cover and Bruon; First National Bank; Nellie Cartwright, Millinery; Heckford Printing Co.; Mootz Printing and Supply; Warren's Printing.

Second Floor: Attys. Port Leasure and D. N. Powell

2019 - 250 - Warren Printing



A picture from Lucy Cartwright's album. After graduating from High School in 1906 and then the Ottawa Business College, Lucy became a secretary in the law offices of Bailey & Leisure. This office was on the second floor of the 250 West Main St. building across from the Putnam County Courthouse.

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Site 10 - 248 South Side East Main St.

248 - South Side East Main St. - erected by C. S. Studer, a butcher noted for an excellent line of meats and butcher stores; C. J. Jones, East End Meat Market; Grice Meat Store; Finster & Trame Meats; Finster's Meat Market; Gulker Paint store; Quinn's Wallpaper & Paint Store.

UPSTAIRS: Atty's Ben Griffith, C. W. Fawcett

2019 Benjamin Moore Paint



Site 11 - 240 South Side East Main St.

240 - South Side E. Main St. - Erected by Gerding, John LaBadie Sr. Saloon; William Fry Saloon; Bruhnson Pool Room; Wilson and Ludwig Furniture Store; Wisers; Wise Clothing and Shoe Co. - Joseph Stechsulte. 2019 - Signature Look Clothing



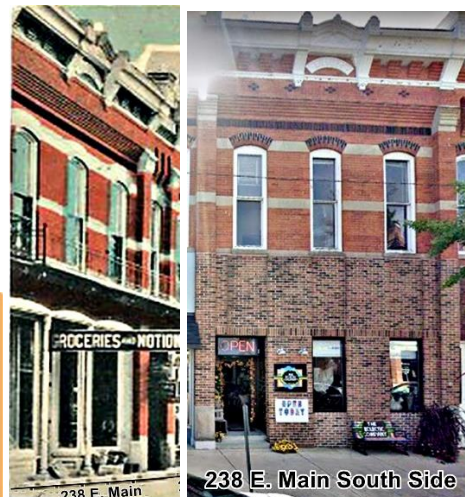
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Site 12 - 238 South Side East Main St.

238 - South Side E. Main St. - Erected by C. G. Krauss. Laibe Bros. Grocery; Moore's Grocery; Ohio Power Company; Atty's Unverferth and O'Malley
2nds Floor: Krauss, Atty. and Real Estate; Mutual Telephone Co.; Eastman and Eastman Law Offices.

2019 - The Eelectic Company - Vintage Art Deco & Jewelry



Site 13 - 232 South Side East Main St.

**232 - South Side E. Main St.
Sentinel Publishing Co. Geo. Kinder 1867-1878,
Editors A. P. Sandals; E. F. Wieser; John Cowan; E. J. Beckman;
Edwin Sommers; R. E. Laudick Sr., R. E. Laudick Jr.**

**Second floor: Sutton and Thomas Atty's; E. F. Wieser, Law;
first offices of Building and Loan Assoc.**

2019 - Always Blessed Gifts

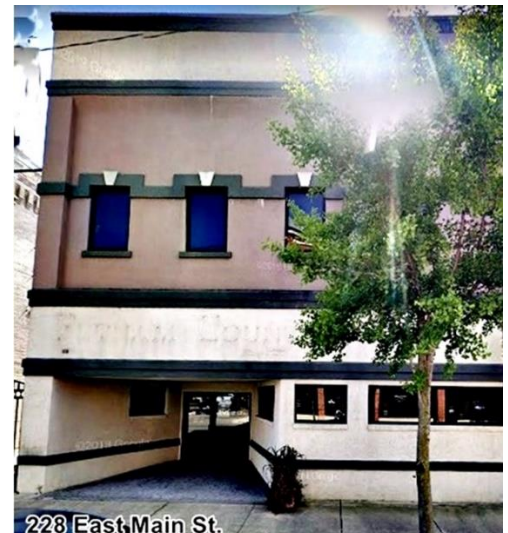


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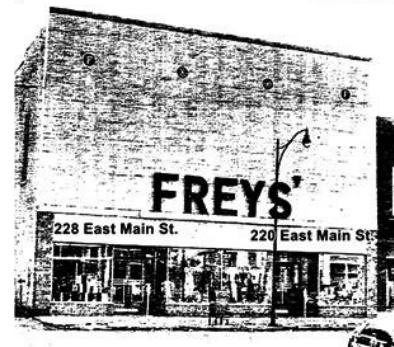
Site 14 - 228 South Side East Main St.

**228 - South Side E. Main St. - Once two establishments. East Side
owned by E. L. Frey Hardware. E. L. Frey had once been associated
with Emerick Hardware, location unknown. Could have been this
building. Frey's Hardware expanded in 1930 and occupied entire
building. Robert Frey I managed business. Second Floor Variety
Store, managed for Frey by Victor Kehres; Frey and Sons;
2019 - RMS is a family of Human Service Organizations.**



Site 15 - 220 South Side East Main St.

220 - West Side of building occupied by Cartwright and Crawfis Furniture and Undertaking. Cartwright sold his interest to B. H. Heringhaus; Heringhaus and Crawfis operated here until moving to present site of Heringhaus Furniture 2019 - Unoccupied



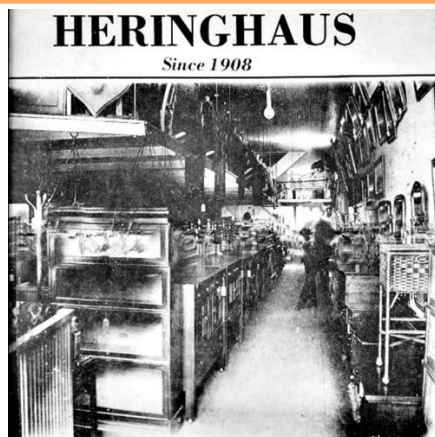
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Site 16 - 214 South Side East Main St.

214 - South Side E. Main St. - On original site of this building, were two wooden structures, blacksmith shop in rear. EAST building, Henry Wieser, barber; Frank Kern hairdresser; McElroy, tailor; Pearl Allen, barber. WEST building, Mrs. Pugh Millinery bought by Nora Meyer sold to Grace ward. Buildings razed to build Kersting Bros.' Garage. Fire destroyed much of the interior. F. F. Pope bought out interest of Herman Crawfis. Firm of Heringhaus and Pope operated Business 1908-1939. Heringhaus and Son; Robert Heringhaus & Sons.

Upstairs: Law Offices Recker and Leopold; Dental Offices Dr. Sonnanstein, P. P. Sherwood, J. H. Winkler

2019 - Heringhaus Furniture



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Site 17 - 204 South Side East Main St.

204 - South Side E. Main St. -

2nd FLOOR: Agnes Harmon, Mgr. second floor. Theatre and Ballroom;
Ottawa Business College; Straman and Straman Law Offices;
Diesel and Wemmer Cigar Factory; Farm Loan Offices.

GROUND FLOOR: Pardee Watches and Clocks; Lehmkuhle Boots
and Shoes; Frick and Matthews Dry Goods 1875; O. B. Ramey
and Co.; J. W. Brown Excelsior Cash dept. Store; Wise Clothing
and Shoes; Bohm Bros., Dry Goods

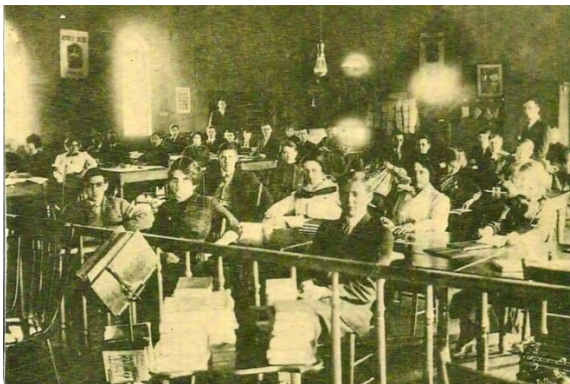
2019 - Heringhaus Furniture



Site 18 - 202 South Side East Main St.

202 - South Side E. Main St. - A & P Store; Schomaeker
Hardware; Thrift Way

2019 - Heringhaus Furniture



Adding to the talk about Ottawa businesses leaving
The Ottawa Cigar Factory has left town also. The
photo is of the factory crew taken at the rear of the
business. My mother worked there for a time before
she married. Two good friends of mom and dad also
worked there, Chuck and Flosie Punt. I think they
were single at that time also. The business was
located downtown on the second floor of the west
corner of the current Heringhaus building
(Schomaekers Hardware in my time)

Comments from Photo owner.



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Site 19 - 112, 108, 106, 102 - South Side East Main St.

112 - South Side W. Main St. - Two story bldg. corner Oak and Main, one story bldg. directly West; vacant lot; large warehouse by R. R. tracks.

112 - TWO STORY: Jacob Bressler Hardware; Bressler and Cole Hardware; Samuel Rappaport Variety Store; Ben Franklin 5 and 10 Cent Store; Paul Cornelius Variety Store.

108 - ONE STORY: Flatz and Godfrey Marble Works; Martin's Saddle Shop; Winkler's Cigar Store; Klausing Saddles, Harness and Leather Goods; Charles Ferrall, Star Restaurant; Agner and Frantz Restaurant; Croy's Restaurant, Louise and Rita Jane Croy; Croy's Restaurant, Kathryn and Paul Croy.

106 - VACANT LOT: Kersh Insurance; Ward's TV

102 - Leopold warehouse must have housed a R. R. depot, frequently referred to. Referances place it in this block. Warehouse torn down and Rex Theatre built by John Spurlock about 1910, operated by Ronald Wannemaker; Pauls Town and Country Store.

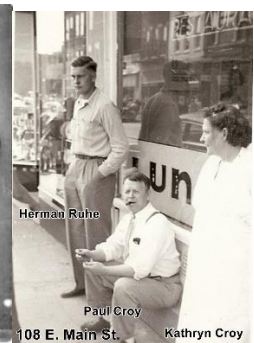
2019 - 112, 108, 106, 102 - Rex center



112 E. Main St - Rappaports



OTTAWA, O. 108 East Main - South Side



Herman Ruhe

Paul Croy

Kathryn Croy



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**Railroad  Track
END OF SOUTH SIDE - EAST MAIN ST.**