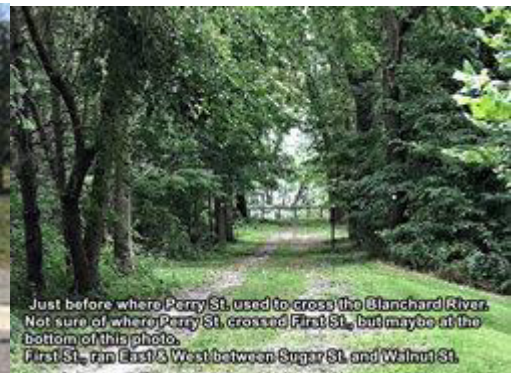


North & South Side of Second St. 13 Historical Sites

Site 1 - Originally Perry St. was called Main St. The change was made in 1911. At one time there was a First St. No date when it no longer existed.



Where Perry Street used to cross the Blanchard River.

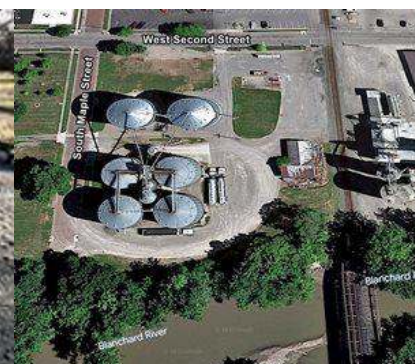


Just before where Perry St. used to cross the Blanchard River. Not sure of where Perry St. crossed First St., but maybe at the bottom of this photo. First St. ran East & West between Sugar St. and Walnut St.

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----- End of Site 1 -----

Site 2 - The first brick was laid in Ottawa streets on May 23, 1898 in Walnut St.



2023 satellite View

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----- End of Site 2 -----

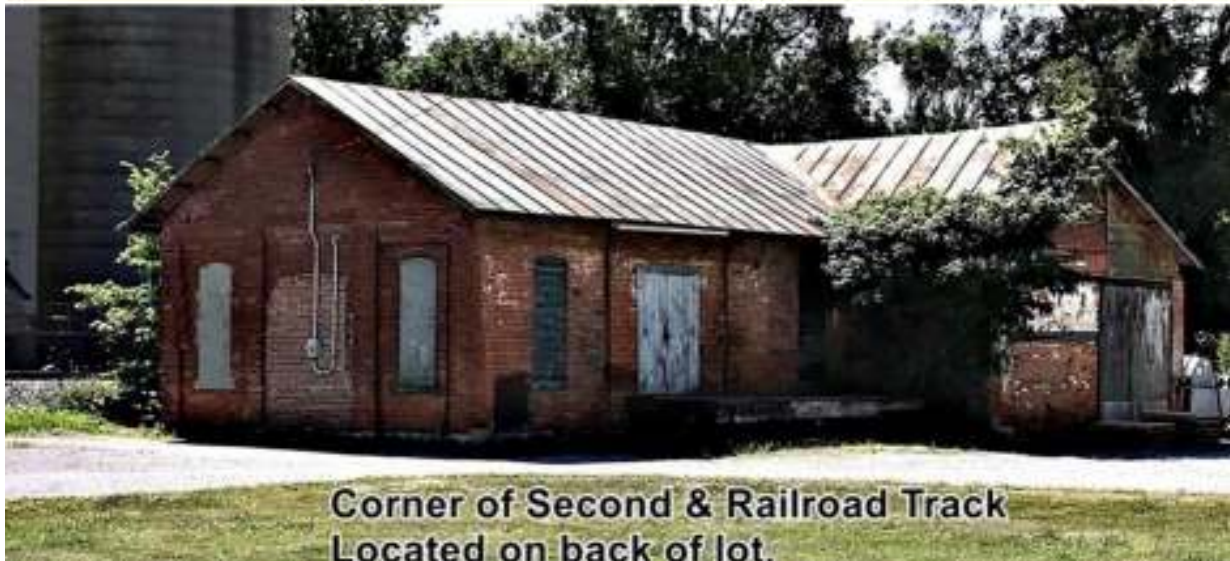
Site 3 - Ottawa Electric Light & Power Company

West Second St. at R. R. Track - South Side

Location of the Ottawa Electric Light & Power Company. The exact number of years the plant was in operation is unknown.

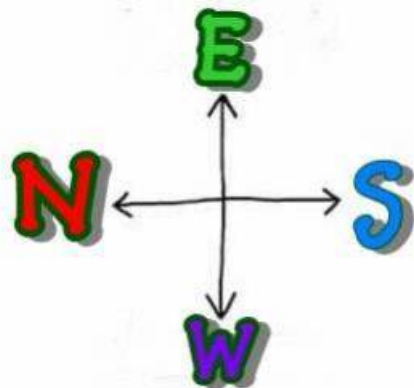
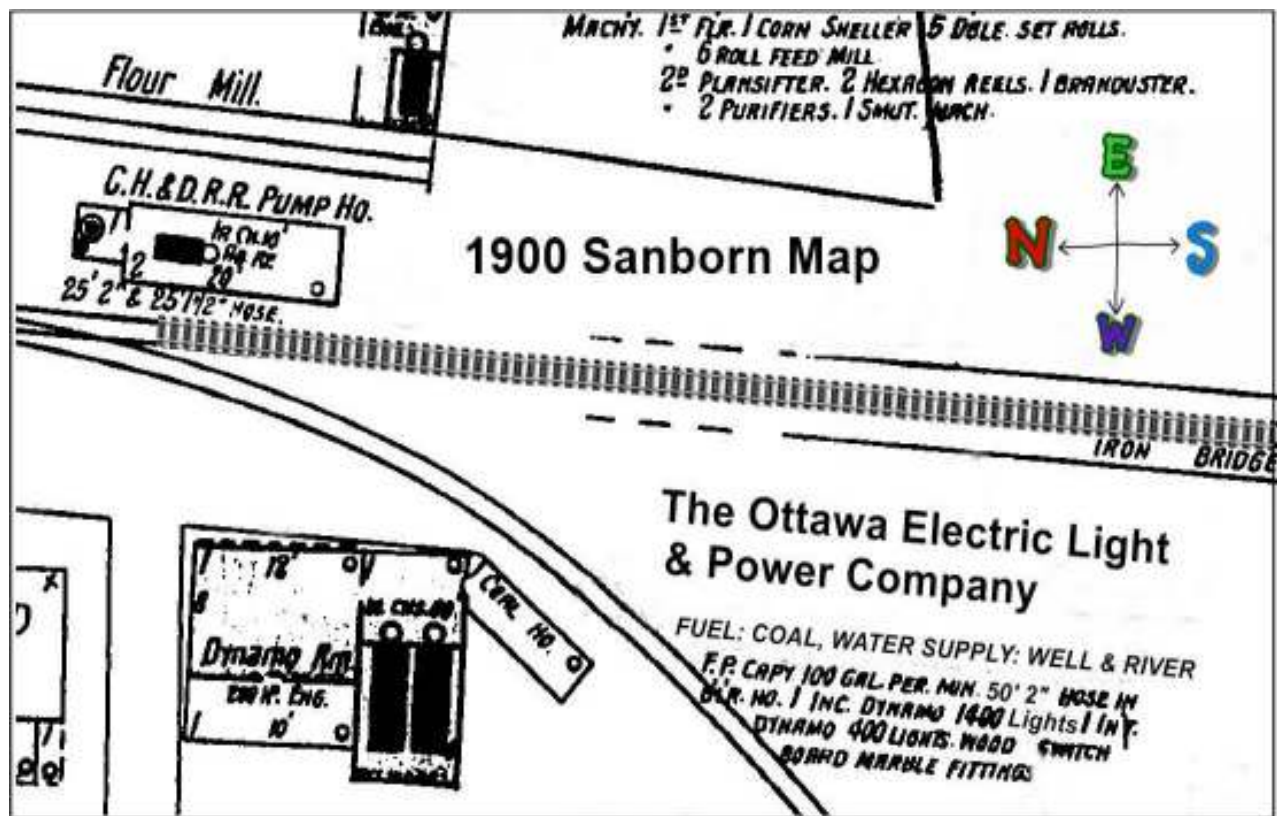
Electric lights were turned on Sept. 30, 1891. The plant was built by an engineer named Goetschius, first name unknown. John Hornung served as an engineer for a number of years before serving as an engineer for the newly constructed Ottawa Water Works Plant built in 1904. Possibly the plant closed sometime before 1904. After the plant closed, the Crystal Ice & Coal Company took over the property. (years of operation unknown) (ice could be bought at the location as late as the early 1950's)

At the ice house, ice blocks were stored and sold. Originally ice was cut in large chunks from the Blanchard River at the Main St. bridge, called the Glandorf Bridge (Rt 224). The chunks were covered with sawdust and moved to the ice house on Second St., where they were stored and sold. Ice was delivered to homes with a horse drawn wagon.



The 1924 Sanborn Map shows the Ottawa Electric Light & Power Co. property as vacant. The Crystal Ice and Coal Company is first found on the 1924-1931 Sanborn Map the search continues for accurate information for the start and finish of both businesses

Site 3 continued - Ottawa Electric Light & Power Company



----- End of Site 3 -----

Site 4 - 201 East Second St. (South Side)

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Former Plastic Products owned by Vic and Larry Unterbrink. They developed bowling lane equipment and bowling lane finishes. In peak years they distributed over a million yards of "Red Edge" dusting cloth. They soon became the third largest builder of bowling lanes in the midwest. These new lanes would utilize Brunswick or AMF automatic pinsetters. Plastic Products would supply the entire balance of the equipment, balls, pins, bowling shoes, seating and bowling ball returns. Vic and Larry built 30 some installations in 13 Ohio counties, one each in Indiana, Pocatello, Idaho, Provo, Utah. Over 5000 bowling balls were supplied to these installations.



----- End of Site 4 -----

Site 5 - 322 East Second St. (South Side)

Indian Burial Site - Log cabin located on the natural high bank above burial grounds of Tawas Indians. Fill where County Garage is located covers much of the site which extended west along the riverbank. Many skeletons found in this area. Beads and ornaments indicate trade with the French.



----- End of Site 5 -----

Site 6 - 605 East Second St. (North Side)

605 East Second St. North Side - (corner of Grant St. & Second St.)
Former home of Mrs. Zoe Ogle, widow of Lieut. Alexander Ogle (Civil War), daughter of Dr. C. M. Godfrey. In 1837 David Cox of Ottawa, returned to Pennsylvania on business. His brother-in-law C. M. Godfrey, age 21, accompanied him back to Ottawa. C. M. Godfrey studied medicine with Dr. C. T. Pomeroy. Dr. Pomeroy was first Postmaster of "Buckeye" (Ottawa), he also started the first drug store in Ottawa. One son, Gen. E. S. Godfrey, West Point graduate, had an enviable reputation as an Indian Fighter.



----- End of Site 6 -----

Site 7 - 617 East Second St. (North Side)

Site 7 - 617.E.Second.St.North.Side

Former home of J. J. Moore. Judge Moore settled in Putnam County in 1866. He served in State Legislature, Common Pleas Judge, and when the office of Circuit Court Judge was created, he served from 1884 to 1895. Residence of the family of Mrs. Laura Wilkins for many years.



----- End of Site 7 -----

Site 8 - 638 East Second St. (South Side)

Site 8 - 638 East Second St. South Side

The house was constructed of lumber from the old Courthouse (1867-1911) Several doors were also out of Courthouse.



----- End of Site 8 -----

Site 9 - 717 East Second St. (North Side)

Site 9 - 717 East Second St. North Side

In 1920, the John Cowan family moved to this site. His family lived there for many years. He was active in local and state politics many years. Mr. Cowan was noted for his poetry which he often made work for him by pointing up the ludicrous.



----- End of Site 9 -----

Site 10 - 720 East Second St. (South Side)

720 East Second St. South Side

Former home of S. F. DeFord, Supt. of Ottawa Union Schools. Credited with raising standards of education and qualifications of teachers in the county; associated with Samuel Slauson banker in 1886.



----- End of Site 10 -----

Site 11 - 812 East Second St. (South Side)

812 East Second St. South Side

Former home of Lawyer J. P. Bailey. Firm of Bailey and Bailey, famous trial lawyers. J.P. Bailey admitted to the bar in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and some Federal Courts.

Site 11 - 812 East Second St. (South Side) continued



----- End of Site 11 -----

Site 12 - 941 East Second St. (North Side)

Site 12 - 941 East Second St. - North Side
Formerly home of Judge D. N. Powell, President
of the First National Bank

Site 12 - 941 East Second St. (North Side) continued



----- End of Site 12 -----

Site 13 - 1136 East Second St. (South Side)

1136 E. Second St. - Former home of G. A. Stauffer Family. Mr. Stauffer U. S. Marshal under President Harding and Secretary of Agriculture under Gov. Frank B. Willis.



----- End of Site 13 -----

Site 14 - 1205 & 1206 E. Second St. (South Side)

Louisiana Pacific - Weatherseal Division

**2019 - Putnam county soil & Water Conservation Office,
Putnam County Agricultural Extension Office**



----- End of Site 14 -----

Site 15 - East Second St. Fairgrounds (South Side)

Putnam County Fair Grounds - Ottawa, Ohio

The first fair was held in 1854.

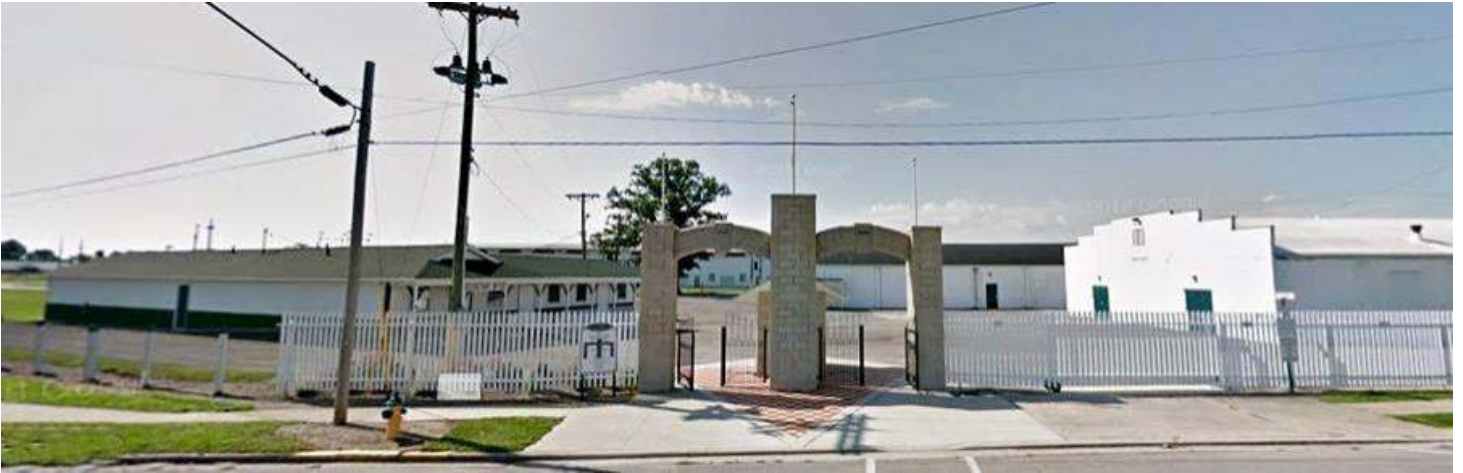
**Unconfirmed Rumor - An Indian Princess is buried beneath the
grandstand.**

2019 - Putnam County Fairgrounds



Entrance to Fair Grounds, Ottawa, Ohio

Site 15 continued - East Second St. Fairgrounds (South Side)



----- End of Site 15 -----

End of North & South Side of Second St.

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