27 Historical Site 14 - South Side 13 North Side

Former D T & I R. R.

Site 1 - 1136 East Main St. South Side

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



Site 2 - 916 East Main St. South Side

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 East Main St. South Side

Home built in 1894.

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

540 East Main S

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

Site 4 - 510 East Main St. South Side

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 East Main St. South Side

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



Site 6 - 404 East Main St. South Side

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 Agriculure, first president of Agriculture Commision Of Ohio 1908-1917. 2019 - U. S Post Office



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End of Site 6 -----

Site 7 - 364 East Main St. South Side

Home built in 1924

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 bult 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.



Site 8 - 336 East Main St. South Side

Original building built in 1924 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 9 - 332, 316 East Main St. South Side

Original building built in 1879

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

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





Site 10 - 302 East Main St. South Side

Original building built in 1894

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 11 - 256, 250, 248, 240, 238, 232 East Main St. South Side

Original building built in 1886

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

Original building built in 1888

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

Building was erected 1886 248 - East Main St.

Erected by C. S. Studer, a butcher noted for an excellant line of meats and butcher stores; C. J. Jones East End Meat Market; Grice Meat store; Finster & Trame Meats; Finster Meat Market; Gulker Paint store; Quinn's Wallpaper & Paint Store. Upstairs: Atty's Ben Griffith, C. W. Fawcett.

2019 Benjamin Moore Paint

Building was erected 1886

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

Building was erected 1886

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

Building was erected 1886 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 11 - 256, 250, 248, 240, 238, 232 East Main St. South Side continued

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 12 - 228, 220 East Main St. South Side

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.

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





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Site 13 - 214, 204, 202 East Main St. South Side

214 - South Side E. Main St. - On original site of this building, were two wooden stuctures, 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 intereior. 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 Funiture

204 E. Main St. North Side - Pardee Watches & Clocks; Lehmkule Boots & Shoes; (1875) Frick & Matthews Dry Goods; O. B. Ramey & Co.; J. W. Brown Excelsior Cash Dept. Store; Wise Clothing & Shoes.

2019 - Heringhaus Furniture

204, 202 E. Main St. North Side - 2nd Floor Agnes Harmon, Mgr. second floor. Theatre & ballrom; Ottawa Business College; Straman & Straman Law Offices; Diesel & Wemmer Cigar factory; Farm Loan Ofices.

202 E. Main St. North Side - Bohm Bros., Dry Goods; A & P Store; Schomaeker Hardware; Thriftway. 2019 - Heringhaus Decorating Center.

HERINGHAUS

Since 1908



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Site 13 - 214, 204, 202 East Main St. South Side continued

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 14 - 112, 108, 106, 102 East Main St. South Side

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 Hardwaee; Bressler and Cole

Hardware; Samuel Rappaport Vaiety 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





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13 Historical Sites - North Side East Main St. Site 1 - East Main St. North Side - (Corner of Pratt St. & Main St.)

Corner of East Main St. and Pratt St.

1892 - East School building completed.

1954 - New school built at 751 East 4th St. and moved into. Elementary grades remained at the old location for some time.

1970 - Exact date unknown, when Trinity United Methodist Church bought the entire East School block and built a new church and complex. It was dedicated June 29, 1971

2019 - Trinity United Methodist Church





Site 2 - 613 East Main St. North Side

613 East Main St. - Home of Charles N. Haskell, lawyer and promoter, Built the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad and the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western Railroads. He later became Governor of Oklahoma. His elaborate home under a later ownership was placed in receivership and purchased by John Deffenbaugh; Lee and Belle Slusser; Building was razed by Marathon Oil Co.; Bing and Rosey's Marathon Service Station, Richard "Bing" Croy and Howard "Rosey " Rosenbarger; Other Marathon lessees unknown; Gastown; Rich Oil.

2019 - No Current Business



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

Site 3 - 543 East Main St. North Side

543 East Main St. - Former home of George Risser, Atty. Later occupied by Clark H. Rice of Matthews and Rice Bank. Other residents, Fred Hubbard, Pres. of the Ohio Sugar Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Lesie Frey moved here from 540 E. Main St.; Charles Hitchcock; Louis Breece. 2019 - Private Property

GEBEE BEBEE BEBEE

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

Site 4 - 445 East Main St. North Side

445 East Main St. - Formerly home of George B. Cass Spacious red brick home. Business: one of the largest and most complete hardware stores in Putnam Co. sold 1882. Pursued farming interests.

(He owns a patient received in 1919 for a Vaporizer for Carburetors.) Labadie Family; Ben Macke Family; Standard Oil Service Station. 2019 - The Olive Tree Boutique



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Site 5 - 405 East Main St. North Side

405 East Main St. - Formerly residence of George D. Kinder, sole owner of Putnam Co. Sentinel 1867-1900. author of most complete history of Putnam county. First National Bank, founded 1903 by D. N. Powell, S. F. DeFord and William Annesser. Located in present site in 1966. 2019 - First federal Bank



Site 6 - 375 East Main St. North Side

375 East Main St. North Side 1949 - High Speed Gas Station, owned by Dale Agner who died from injuries in a fire and explosion at the location in Oct. 1949. Chuck Agner also died from injuries in the same fire and explosion. 2019 - Schmenk Ins.





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Site 6 - 375 East Main St. North Side continued



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

Site 7 - 321, 315 East Main St. North Side

Original building built in 1858

321 East Main St. 1858 - Ebenezer Pomeroy donated lot for the first M. E. Church erected. 1867 - Candles were used in original church until 1867 when kerosene lamps were installed. 1900 - New church built in same location.

2019 - Leopold Law Office

315 East Main St.

Wooden structure originally housed Millinery stores operated by Grace Ward, Mrs. Pugh, Daisy Gable and others.

1900's - Splendid Masonic Temple erected in early 1900's, abandoned and deteriorated beyond repair. It was financially impossible for the Lodge to maintain the building. It was sold to a local businessman Vic Unterbrink who used for storage. The plan was to eventually tear it down and new office buildings to be constructed.

2019 - Schroeder CPA, Schroeder Law Offices



Site 8 - 301, 305 East Main St. North Side

1884 Sanborn Map shows a wooden frame building located at 301 E. Main St.; Hand Printing Co.

305, 301 - East Main St. DeFord Beardsley Block erected in 1890.

305 - 1st floor: W. S. Foote and Co., Grocery; O. H. O'Dell, Grocery, later operated by O'Dell & Carr; Long & Long Grocery; Bell Auto supply.

305 - Second floor: C. E. & Gordon Beardsley, Physicians.

301 - First floor; G. W. Meffley Dry Goods House, stores in Gilboa & Ottawa, :Terms strictly cash and one price". C. W. Brandon Plumbing; Willioughby Agriculture Ware Rooms; Pete Konst Plumbing & Heating; Garner Plumbing; Charles White Bakery & Ice Cream Parlor; Bell Auto Supply, Alex Bell, sold to Dwight Crow, Leo Spangler & Thomas Walker.

301 - Second floor: J. T. DeFord Law Offices 2019 - Rhonda Wolke Designs



Site 8 - 301, 305 East Main St. North Side - continued



----- End of Site 8 --

Site 9 - 245 East Main St. North Side

Current Court House erected 1909 - 1913

245 East Main St. - COURTHOUSE

Kalida was designated as the first County Seat in 1829. In 1835 the Kalida Courthouse was constructed of logs, later replaced by one of brick. In December, of 1864 the building was destroyed by a disastrous fire in which many valuable records were lost. Great controversy raged over the proposal to move the county seat to Ottawa where railroads were being built. In 1865, the Legislature of State authorized an election. A majority of votes for Ottawa resulted in the removal. The first courthouse in Ottawa was constructed of red brick, completed in 1868 and used until 1912 when the present building with its marble floors and balustrades was erected.



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A rare archaeological find was reported by workers in the Putnam County Courthouse this week without even doing any digging. The foundation of the old courthouse, which was torn down in the early years of this century, showed up in an outline in the grass in front of the present county office building. The extremely dry weather conditions of this summer are bringing out the outline of the long buried foundation lonatime county employees said.



The new courthouse was constructed just behind the old courthouse


Site 10 - 227, 223, 221 East Main St. North Side

227 - North Side East Main St. –
Building and Loan, organized in 1888, Geo. D. Kinder. East Side: Odd Fellows Lodge Bldg.
Businesses: Freeze & Raff Grocery (Adv. "Bring along furs and hides for trade") W. H. Schmidschulte purchased Allen Bros,; Mary Cegand, Millinery; Karl Kugh Restaurant; Post Office; Ottawa Home & Savings.

223 East Main St. - North Side

West Side: Dave McDowell, barber; E. O. Knupp, Jewelry; Building & Loan.

Second Floor: Odd Fellows Lodge Room; Gazette Printing; School graduations; Tawa Movie Theatre, Hollywood Movie Theatre, Theodore Chifos.

Third Floor: Rebeccas Lodge; K. of P.; Mason's Lodge; Eastern Star Lodge Rooms.

221 East Main St. - John O. Cartwright Shoe Store; Charles Uphaus Shoe Store; Sprague Jeweler; T. J. McElroy, tailor; Utendorf and Macke; Louis Macke Insurance; Edward Utendorf, Tax Acct.

2019 - 221, 225, 227 combined – Several businesses: Premier Gold, Silver & coins; The Massage Studio; Red Cross; Modern Woodman Ins. And several others, located on all three floors with a Court St. entrance.

219 East Main St. - Drug Stores: S. S. Bacon; Justice and Bacon; A. R. Robenalt; Stewart Robenalt; Rexall Store, Pete Straman; Langdon's Drug Store; Kersh - Schwartz; Kersh Insurance, Edward and Iris Kersh; Real Estate, Berty Schwartz. Upstairs: Roof's Beauty Parlor. 2019 - Kersh Ins.



------ End of Site 10 -------- Site 11 - 215, 211, 207 East Main St. North Side

215 East Main St. - Brinkel Café; Guy E. Kersh Insurance (Theo Kersh); Production Credit Loan Bank; Ward's TV 2019 - Wannemacher Jewelers

211 East Main - St. Joseph Brinkel Saloon; Bill Gulker Paint Store; Furniture Store; Cycle Shop; Fortney and Miller; Rex Fortney Atty. 2019 - The Dance Boutique

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Site 11 - 215, 211, 207 East Main St. North Side continued

Echelbarger Physician.

207 East Main St. - Medaris and Warren Fancy Dry Goods; Brinkman Bros. grocery; John Westrick, New Columbia Restaurant (new beds upstairs); Joseph Waggoner Farmers and Mechanics Store; Rudy Alt Grocery; Post Office; Gerdeman and Carre Grocery, sold to Moorehead and Kantz Boots and Shoes; Henry Gerding's East End Market; Bud and Ann's Restaurant; West Ohio Gas; City Loan and Savings Co., Robert Maher, Mgr. Upstairs: Columbia Hotel; Oscar Schierloh Offices; Dr.

2019 - The Dance Boutique



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Site 12 - 201 North Side East Main St.

201 East Main St. - Slauson, Ewing, Godfrey Exchange Bank (Adv. Order ice at bank for delivery); Bank of Ottawa Founded in 1894 by Dr. W. F. Reed; Ignatius H. Kahle, W. H. Harper Jr. operated until 1932; Gustwiller Haberdashery; Dry Cleaning Pick-up; Lingerie Shop; Beauty Parlor; Equity Dairy and Restaurant (Emma Duling); Hoppy's Corner #2; Hildegardes.

Upstairs: Risser and Smith; Watts and Moore; C. W. Fawcett; David L. Brown, C. M. Krauss; J. J. Zeller Insurance; Kersh Insurance; S. A. Keltner, Dentist

2019 - Town & Country Flowers



End of Site 12 -----

Site 13 - Parking Lot - North Side - East Main St.



113 - North Side E. Main St. - City Parking Lot The North part across from present City Building is where Ottawa's first Town Hall, Fire Dept. & Jail was located in 1882.





Site 13 - Parking Lot - North Side - East Main St. continued



Visible in the 1915 photo is part of the rear of the Eberle Hardware Store, The City Building and Fire Department and part of the Railroad water tower. All were in today's city parking lot across from the City Building. The 1884 Sanborn Map (shown below) shows a Passenger Depot west of the R. R. tracks





Harry Kahle, a 1934 graduate of SPPS, sent me this picture of the Ottawa Fire Dept., circa 1916. He identified his father, Harry, Sr. and his uncles, Albert Kahle, George Kahle, Frank Laibe and George Laibe. Harry. Sr. and Frank Laibe both died in the 1918 influenza pandemic. Harry Kahle, Jr. left this area in the late 1930s but always loved Ottawa and his alma mater. Note from photo owner

Site 13 - Parking Lot - North Side - East Main St. continued

Right to Left in the photo - 113 - 107 - 103 113 East Main St. – (Two story bldg.) Hardware Stores: Lasky And Bros.; Cass; Cover and Gill (Will Gill had worked for Cass) Eberle; W. O. Wilson; Earl and Booth; Schomaeker.

107 East Main St. (Middle building): Mrs. Cover's Millinery and Hoop Skirt Factory (Adv. Hoop skirts made in my factory warranted and kept in repair one year free of charge.); Msa. C. F. Bevan, Millinery and Dressmaking; Mrs. Fritz, Millinery; nellie Wiemer hats.

103 East Main St. (West Building): Brockman and Misner Boots and Shoes; Brockman Shoes; W. L. Brice Watchmaker and Jeweler; Geol. Schimpf, Jeweler; Saloom fresh Fruits and Candy 2019 - 113,107, 103 - City Parking Lot



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Site 13 - Parking Lot - North Side - East Main St. continued

Saloum's Fresh Fruit stand located in the City Parking lot at 103 E. Main St. next to the RR tracks. This early business advertised fresh fruit and homemade candy. Saloum's son, George Saloum and his cousin, Ellis Balish went on to open a confectionary store next to Schwarz Bakery. Later, George Saloum opened the Cozy Corner Restaurant while Ellis Balish continued the confectionary as the new sole owner .



103 107 113 E. Main St. ----- End of Site 13 ------CSX R. R. (former B & O) END OF EAST MAIN ST. North SIDE