

27 Historical Sites

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Railroad Ave.

Site 1 - 101 West Main St. South Side

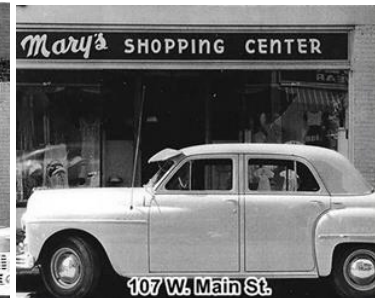
101 - South Side West Main St. - Leopold Hotel, Bernard Leopold and Son (Built with bricks from his own bick yard.); Kohls Hotel, Frank and Charles Kohls; Kaple Laundry; Harvey Spurlock Saloon; Charles Conkle Mecca Pool Hall; Bill Kaple Pool Room; Fortman Dry Cleaners, Fred and Hilda; Fred Fortman Jr., Four Hour Cleaners and Laundry; Paul Fortman.



Site 2 - 107 West Main St. South Side

107 - Kaple's Implement Co.; Stroup's Notion and Variety Store; Circle's Five and Dime; Kerner Sisters; Mary's Shopping Center, Mary Krienbrink.

2019 - 101, 107 - Putnam County Thrift Store



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Site 3 - 111 West Main St. South Side

111 - South Side West Main St. - Birkemeir Restaurant, excellent food; Birkemeir and Gosling Saddle and Harness Shop; Gerding and Brockman Shoes; Misner and Brockman Shoes; Fox and Moore, Men's Clothing; Moore and Moore Men's Clothing. Restaurants: Bill Hindle; Elwood Little; Agner and Frantz; Food Stamp Rationing Board; Dress Shops: Emma Kuhlman; Lucille Klausing; Allyson Shop, Kate Felkey; Main Line Dress Shop, Emma Kuhlman.

Upstairs: Lasance Tailor and Ready Made Cloths.

2019 - Available, No Tenant



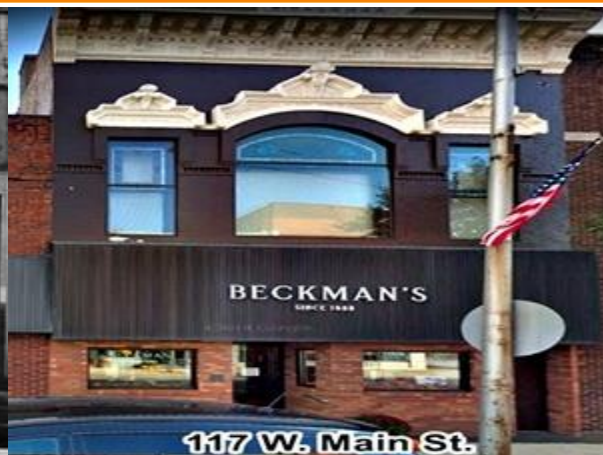
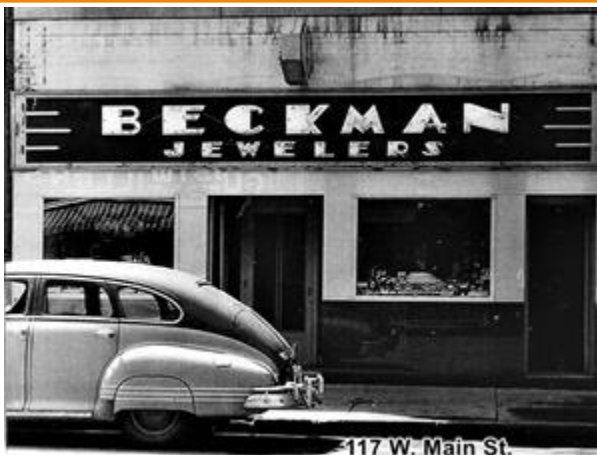
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Site 4 - 117 West Main St. South Side

117 - South Side W. Main St. - Built by Mrs. Catherine Beckman, 1888. Beckman Jewelers, Catherine & Alex Beckman; Beckman Jewelers, Alex & Stanley Beckman; Beckman Jewelers, Stanley & James Beckman; Beckman Jewelers, James Beckman.

Upstairs: Dentists: McCroba; Gaverick; Stewartt.

2019 - Beckman's Jewelers



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Site 5 - 125 West Main St. South Side

125 - South Side W. Main St. – A. V. Rice and Co. Bank
Ebenezer Rice came to Ohio in 1799. Two sons, Americus V. and Samuel. Americus was a distinguished general in The civil War. Both sons were with the A. V. Rice Bank. Samuel's son, Clark H. Rice was associated with the Matthew's and Rice Bank at this location.; First National Bank; Federal Land Bank Assoc.; Production Credit Assoc.
UPSTAIRS: C. E. Beardsley, physician

125 East Side of building 2019 - Gary Peterson State Farm Ins.

125 - South Side W. Main St. 2 - Beckman House Hotel, Catherine Beckman also operated the "Meat Market and Central Bakery" here; Fackler's Bakery and Confectionary; R. A. Shadack, Confectionary and Bakery; John B. Wormsley Shoe Store; McClure's Smoke Shop and Barber Shop; Restaurants; Mom's Place; Dick and Mae White; Bud McGrue Bowling Alley; First National Bank; Schmenk Ins. - Everett & Robert.

125 West Side of building

2019 - Ottawa Hearing Aid Center



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Site 6 - 133 West Main St. South Side

133 - South Side W. Main St. - Building erected in 1864 by Fipp and Parker. John B. Wamsley Grocery; Crouse and Thompson; Couse and Hale Furniture and Undertaking; Palm Restaurant, Henry Wieser; John Beck Brewing Co.; Recker and Ellerbrock; R. A. Shadrack: "The Place".

Site 7 - 139 West Main St. South Side

139 - Bakery Confectionary; Martin and Sammeler Bakery; Confectionary and Farmers Lunch; Wilkins Furniture; Karl and Ray Smith Furniture Store; Ossege Hatchery.

Site 8 - 143 West Main St. South Side

143 - Oberle Bldg. 1885. Ottawa Gazette, started in 1881 by C. L. Hommedie Long. Published first in rooms above Saving and Loan, IOOF Block. Editors, George Bassett, C. P. Godfrey, J. H. Leader, E. B. Walkup, Hoffa and Vale. Stock Co. 1913 (Jean Vale Editor). Geo. Stauffer 1915-1927, Thomas Pickens. Bought by John Shipps - Putnam Co. Gazzete, sold to Ohio Newspaper. Cram and Colter, Hibbett and Hobbs; Wm. Mahony; Army and Navy Store; Garner Plumbing and Heating; Dietrick Used Furniture; Don Yant News Stand; NAPA, Albert Beale.

Site 9 - 149 West Main St. South Side

149 - Lasky, Pratt and Campbell Hardware; Tin Shops - Hornung Roofing; Schierloh and Doepker; Doepker and Westrick; Doepker and Sons; Smith Williams; Olympia Sports Goods, Greg Poeppel.

Site 10 - 155 West Main St. South Side

155 - O. B. Ramey Store- moved here from old stand in Neill Block; Unverferth Cigar Store; Ed Grise Meat Market; Falke Bakery; Grise Bakery; Herman Kleman store; Schmenk-Fawcett Ins.; Unemployment Office. Mar Jo Shop, Marilyn Miehl, Joan Geib.

2019 – 133, 139, 143, 149, 155 - Eagles Lodge



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Site 11- 157 West Main St. South Side

157 - South Side W. Main St. - Roof Raised to join buildings into one block.
Wm. Rampe, (expert shoemaker - learned trade from his father in Glandorf.)
Shoe Retail Business; Real Estate; Victory Theatre (showing "Perils of
Pauline 5 cents); Rigalli Ice Cream Parlor; Balish (Ellis and Helen) Ice Cream;
Liquor Control Board; Williams Shoe Store; Empress Beauty Salon; Oak Dining Room.
2019 - 157 - Penrod & George, CPA

Site 12- 163 West Main St. South Side

163 - Louise Rampe Saloon; Rampe and Recker Saloon; Henry Brinkel Saloon;
The Oak, Bert Klausing; The Oak Ink; The Oak.
2019 - 163 - Raymond James Financial Services



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Walnut St.

Site 13 - 205 West Main St. South

205 - (East Building): Lewis E. Holtz Bldg. Putnam County's first Armory was in the building; Goetschius and Holtz Implement Store; A. J. Hamilton Agriculture Store and Hardware; Crouse and Hale Furniture and Mfg. of coffins; Markley and Lowry Hardware; Ohio Dairy Co.; J. J. Rampe Bargain Store, Furniture; Restaurants: Saloum's Cozy Corner, Martha & George Saloum; Ethel & Coral Dukes; Mary Radabaugh.
UPSTAIRS: P. C. Boyce, Dentistry and Photography (Adv. Latest style in either one)

Site 14 - 207 West Main St. South

207 - (Middle Building): Schimpf Jewelry; R. S. Snow Bakery and Confectionary; S. M. Wilkins Furniture; G. C. Williams and Son; Geo. W. Shoup Drug Store; Mrs. Alice Labadie Dress Shop; Emm Kuhlman Dress Shop; Cain's Second-Hand Store

Site 15 - 213 West Main St. South

213 - (West small Shop): Beauty Parlors: Helene Ball; Louise Kaple; Jane Fenbert; Marcine. Tony's Shoe repair.

2019 - 205, 207, 213 - Our Lord's Park, donated by Theodore Chifos.



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Site 16 - 217 West Main St. South

217 - 1862 - Neill or Simon Block - First brick business block.

John Neill, owned a gunsmith and cabinet shop at the intersection of Rts.15 and 108. He completed the Ottawa building in 1862. His son Seth a soldier in the Union Army, became ill. John went to Tennessee to bring his son home. They contracted typhus. All members of his family and a sister-in-law died. 1868 the estate sold to J. P. Simon, eventually owned by a great-grandson.

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1869 - John, Simon; Ramey's Dept. Store; Garson's Gents Furnishings; Clint Carr Grocery; Franz Brockman, Grocery; Ottawa had many barbers in this building. Occupied at one time or another by most of them. Barbers: Burkholder; Van Conn; Wilbur and Charles White; Rex Campbell; Roman Wannemacher; Arnold Krause; Estel Cutlip; Frank Botkins always barbered with Dave McDowell; Smitty.

2019 - Parking Lot

Site 17 - 221 West Main St. South

221 - Hauck Bldg.

(East) Pope and Crawfis Furniture and Undertaking; John Shipps and Steele Smith, Dodge; Harrington Garage and Sales; Gulker Garage, Felix and Oliver; Henry Missler Grocery; Harry Rucklos Grocery; Schmenk Insurance; Tony's.

Site 18 - 225 West Main St. South

225 - Hauck Bldg.

(West) Long's Livery Stable; Garner Plumbing; Fundum (Sparky) and Saloum (Geo.) Garage; Alt's Plumbing and Heating; Tony's Shoe repair.

2019 - Parking Lot



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Site 19 - 227 West Main St. South

227 - South Side W. Main St. - Small two-story frame bldg., formerly east corner. Early 1800, B. H. Heringhaus Cabinet Shop; J. B. Hull chair factory. Used later as a two-family dwelling.

Site 20 - 237 West Main St. South

237 - Midway in block, one family dwelling. Frame, one story bldg. - high front. Ayers and Freed Agriculture Store; Banner 5 and 10 cent Store; Kingsley's Candy Store; Ackerman Cream Station; Grice Meat Market; Bill Westrick Plumbing and Heating.

Site 21 - 248 West Main St. South

248 - Pure Oil Station, Mary and Alfred "Pip" Niese; Jim and Mel's Service station, Jim Gerding and Mel Lammers.

Dwelling south of this site (248) facing Rt. 65 was moved from Main St. to its present location. It formerly housed the Ohio Electric Railway depot and Warehouse Building. Railway opened to Lima in 1905, and Toledo in 1908.
With branches East and west. (No Pictures)



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Elm Street (St. Rt. 65)

Site 22 - 305 West Main St. South

305 - South Side W. Main St.- Southeast corner of Main and Elm St. (St. Rt. 65) - Ottawa. Marble Works - advertised as at Main and Elm. Could have been on this corner. Residence of James Porter Leasure, Atty.; Frank Ellis, owner of Ellis Lumber Co.; E. F. Wieser, Atty.; Sohio Station - Howard Rosenbarger.

2019 - Rite Aid Pharmacy

Site 23 - 315 West Main St. South

315 - Residence of D. A. Frick family, built in the late 1800's; Sohio Station.
2019 - Rite Aid Pharmacy

Site 24 - 325 West Main St. South

325 - Brinkman Bros. Carriage Factory, Andrew and Frank Brinkman. Records indicate Dr. C. E. Beardsley built a new carriage factory on his site. One would assume the Brinkman factory occupied this same building. Brinkman and Rawlins Undertaking. One room in the Brinkman factory was the undertaking establishment (Adv. A new system which preserves a body three to thirty days); Ellis Lumber Co., Frank Ellis; Robert Hixon Lumber Co. Michael Quinn, Mgr. Lumber company utilized area from west of Frick residence to Perry St., and half block to the south. Two story bldg. housed office and finishing supplies - nails, screws, glass, paint, etc. Frame storage bldg. on alley held tar, creosote, roofing, etc. Poles for fencing 6 feet high surrounding this building. Large frame warehouse at back, filled with cut lumber. One of Ottawa's largest fires when all but the brick structure burned in 1923. Brick building on alley - East Section: Whitney Creamery; Deter's Auto Shop; Fortman Cleaners; Middle section - Laundro Mat; Mary's Coin-op Laundry; West section: Macke Cannery; Macke Bowling Alley;

2019 - Rite Aid Pharmacy



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Site 24 - 325 West Main St. South continued

325 West Main St. - continued

Albert Kahle garage, Hobart Fundum, mechanic; Harrington Motor Sales; Kaverman's Chevrolet; Moening & Wortkotter, Farm machinery; Bowling: Andrew Macke; Charles & Danny Meyer, business destroyed by flood; Bldg. remodeled. Inn-Between, Andy Macke.

2019 Rite Aid pharmacy



Perry St.

Site 25 - 527 West Main St. South Side

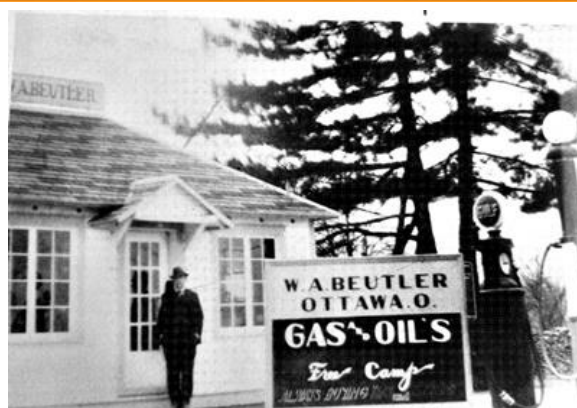
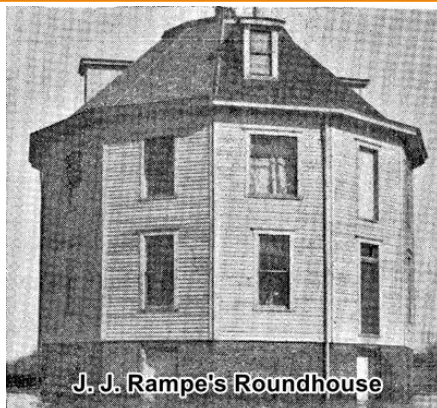
527 South Side W. Main St. - Home of Christian Huber, first teacher. Log cabin school located north east of Water Works, East Third St. 2019 - Vacant lot

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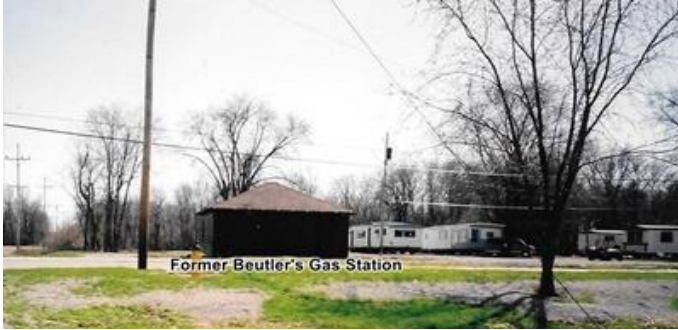
Site 26 - 615 West Main St. South Side

615 - South Side W. Main St. - Site of J. J. Rampe's Round house. This novel two story residence was built in a circle around a central chimney. All rooms were shaped much like a piece of pie. A wide porch encircled the dwelling. Rampe also maintained a pavilion along the river where dances and parties were held. When the circus came to town it occupied either this or "Buetler's Bottom" across the road. Goofy Golf and an Outdoor Skating Rink was here from 1920 to 1930; Buetler's Traylor Park.

2019 - Arrowhead Park - Croy's Landing - Public River Access



Site 26 - 615 West Main St. South Side continued



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West Main St. South Side, edge of Blanchard river



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Site 27 - 867 West Main St. South Side

867 West Main St. - Saint Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery
Saint Peter and Paul Parish pastor, Rev. Frederick Schalk, C.P.P.C. (1873-1876 informed the people a provision should be made for a parish cemetery. A deed was signed for the purchase of land, known as Lot 1 on February 1st, 1876, costing \$397.50. It was recorded on the 14th day of February 1876. Today it totals 15.31 acres
2119 - Sts Peter and Paul Cemetery



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End of South Side West Main Street