

North Side - East Main St. (Corner of Pratt St. & Main St.)



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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

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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

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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. Leslie Frey moved here from 540 E. Main St.; Charles Hitchcock; Louis Breece.

2019 - Private Property

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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 patent 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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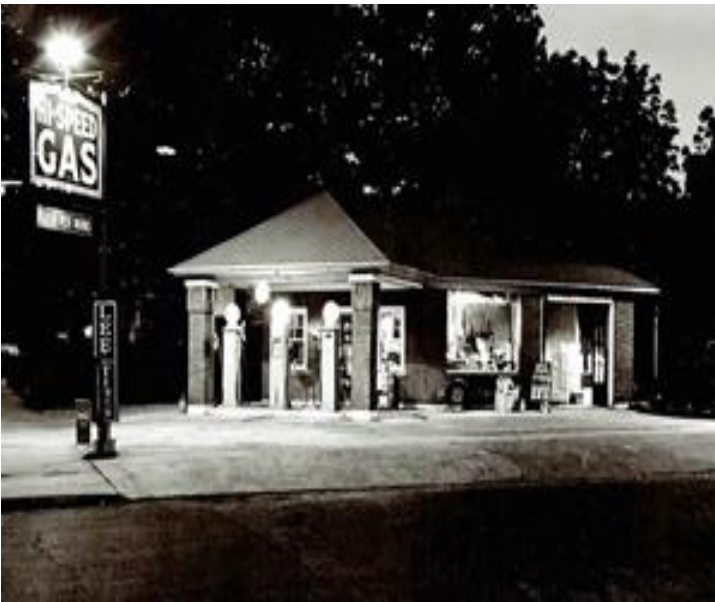


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405 East Main St. - Formerly residence of George D. Kinder, sole owner of Putnam Co. Sentinel 1867-1900. author of most complete history of Putnam county. First National Bank, founded 1903 by D. N. Powell, S. F. DeFord and William Annesser. Located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

2019 - First federal Bank

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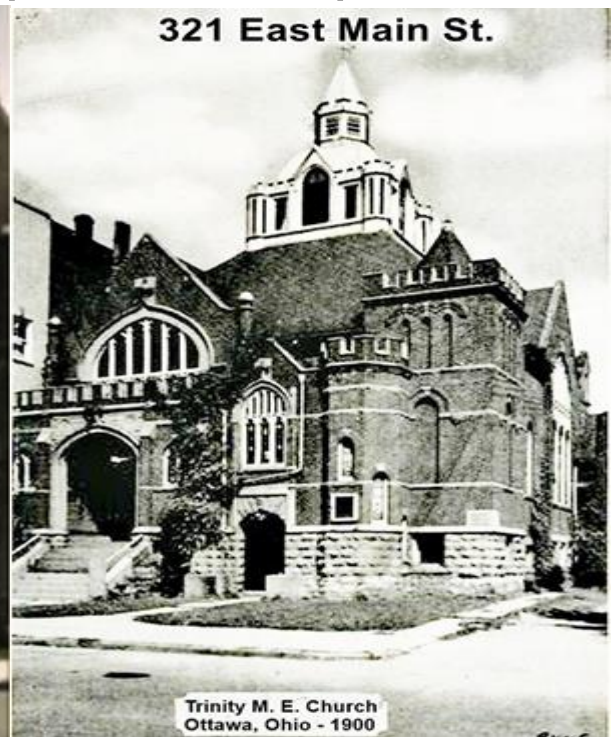
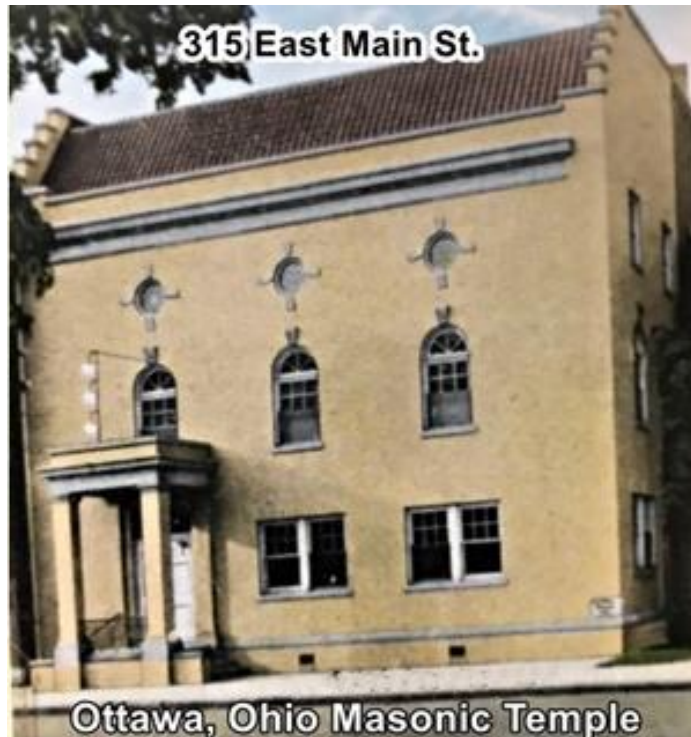
375 East Main St.

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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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

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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 and Carr; Long and Long, Grocery; Bell Auto Supply

305, 2nd floor - C. E. and Gordon Beardsley, Physicians;

301, 1st floor – G. W. Meffley Dry Goods House, Stores in Gilboa and Ottawa, terms strictly cash And one price.; C. W. Brandon Plumbing; Willoughby Agriculture Ware Rooms; Pete Kontz Plumbing & Heating; Garner Plumbing; Charles White Ice cream Parlor; Bell Auto supply, Alex Bell; sold to Dwight Crow, Leo spangler, Thomas Walker

301, 2nd floor - J. T. DeFord Law Offices

2019 - 305, 301, Rhonda Wolke Designs

Interesting Note: The first brick was laid in Ottawa paved streets May 23, 1898. East Third St. is one of the few paved sections left.

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Reprinted from Putnam County Sentinel article.

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, longtime county employees said.

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The new courthouse was constructed just behind the old courthouse



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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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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. Schmidshulte purchased Allen Bros,; Mary Cegand, Millinery; Karl Kugh Restaurant; Post Office; Ottawa Home & Savings.

225 East Main St. -

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.

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**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**

**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.
Echelbarger Physician.**

2019 - The Dance Boutique

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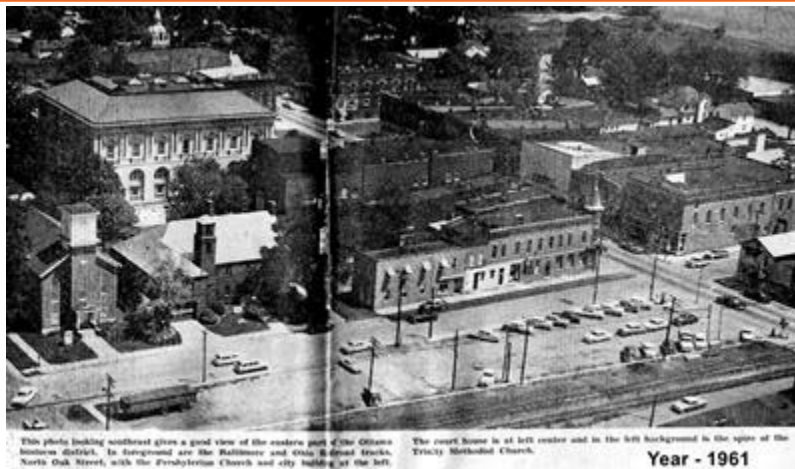
201 East Main St. - Slauson, Ewing, Godfrey Exchange Bank (Adv. Order ice at bank for delivery); Bank of Ottawa Founded in 1894 by Dr. W. F. Reed; Ignatius H. Kahle, W. H. Harper Jr. operated until 1932; Gustwiller Haberdashery; Dry Cleaning Pick-up; Lingerie Shop; Beauty Parlor; Equity Dairy and Restaurant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

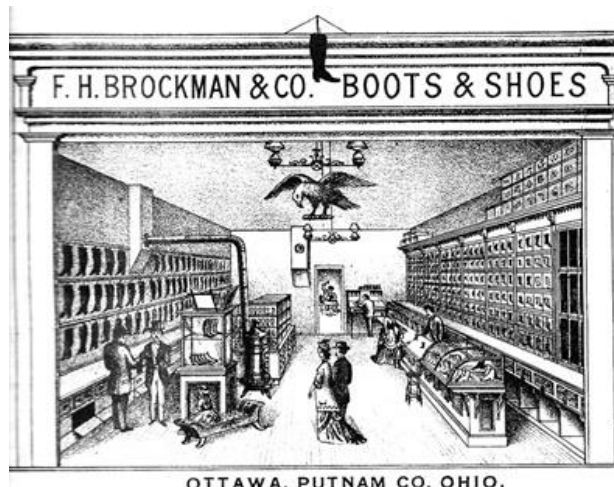
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**113 North Side E. Main St. - City Parking Lot
North part across from present City Building -
Ottawa's first Town Hall,
Jail & Fire Dept. 1882**



103 E. Main St.



**Franz Henry Brockman
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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**

End of North Side - East Main St.

Railroad  Track

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