

The Way We Were

1305 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Dry Goods

1912 Sanborn Map: Dry Goods/Grocery

2010: Restaurant

1891 - 192_ The Columbia*

Datin Brothers and Co./

Datin & Leppert

*The store's first name. In 1896, a store named "The Columbia" was owned by a different proprietor and located in the block to the west. A dry goods store, featuring

fine cigars

1920 Harsch's

A dry goods store and dry

cleaning establishment

1930s McCarty's Cash Grocery/

McCarty's Produce Store

1935 A store fire necessitates

remodeling. McCarty brothers convert the former grocery

store into a tavern.

Late 1930 Red Front Tavern

A series of owner/operators follow the McCartys. The business continued as a

tavern-restaurant.

Present Dottie's Red Front

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Columbia Store c. 1900's Note the Brown Shoe Company sign and coal chutes on sidewalk under windows.

In 1891 Myron Datin bought the building where he and his brother ran "The Columbia," later called "Datin Brothers and Co.", a dry goods store. Merchandise included interesting brand names for cigars: "Standard," "Daisy," and "Columbia" as well as "Nauvoo Temple," "Standard Five," and "Illinois Belle" cigars. From the early 1900's to the 1920s, L.V. Datin and R. H. Leppert partnered and called their dry goods store "Datin and Leppert." The store included everything from straw hats and fine linens to shirts and ties.



Prank photo:
"Red Front" c.
late 1920's Every
town has its
pranksters.
Behind the
chicken coup,
pipe, and buggy
was the
Datin & Leppert
Department
Store.



Dry Goods Store to Tavern

George C. Harsch became owner in the mid 1920's. "Harsch's" also featured dry goods; dry cleaning services were added in the latter 1920's.

The McCarty's, Bryan and John, bought the store in the early 1930's and it became "Bryan McCarty's Produce Store" and, sometimes, "McCarty's Cash Grocery." A fire in 1935 caused the McCarty brothers to change course; they remodeled, painted the front red and became the first proprietors of the "Red Front Tavern."

The "Red Front" name was retained by subsequent owners: Red Deeg, Albert Steiner, Fred Barclay, Dave Koechle and Jim Schafer, Merle and Dottie Herbert. To old timers, it'll always be "The Red Front," although, more recently, it goes by "Dottie's" and caters more to the lunch and dinner crowd.

1335 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Barber Shop

1912 Sanborn Map: Barber Shop

2010: Private Residence

1920s Welter's Barber Shop

1930s Walther and Welter's Barber Shop

(early '30s)

1930s Bicker's Insurance and Real

Estate

Present Private Residence

1345 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Shoe Shop 1912 Sanborn Map: Cobbler 2010: Private Residence

c. 1890s Sommerhalder's Shoe Shop

Shoemaking and repair business

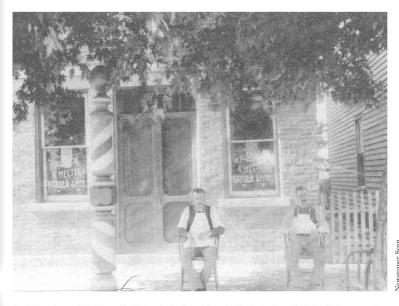
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Walther and Welter's Barber Shop



Outside view of Walther & Welter's Barber Shop in the 1930's. (This building can also be seen as the brick building to the right, or east, in the picture of the Halloween prank on front side.)

You'll love this. C. 1920's-early 1930's Joe W. Welter had a barber shop here, carrying on the tradition. Then, it became Walther (Ed) and Welter's barber shop (there was also a "Walter" last name in town at the time!) Then, W.H. (Bill) Bicker ran an insurance and real estate office here. It became a private residence in the ____ and remains so today.



For a Good Shave or an up-Shave to-date Cut

Maple Tree Barber Shop J. W. Welter, Prop.

Ladies' Shampooing done privately.

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