

# Nauvoo

## The Way We Were

### 1270 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Lime, etc.  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Unidentified vacant building

**2010:** Library

**1920s – 1930s** Reimbold's Confectionary Shop

**198\_ - 199\_** Resource Room for Nauvoo Historical Society (Upstairs)

**193\_ -Present** Nauvoo Public Library

### 1260 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Central Hotel  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Dwelling  
**2010:** Laundromat

**1890s** Central Hotel/Central House  
Degenkolbe rented rooms in a house that once stood at this location.

**1918 – 1945** Lugner's Shoe Store

**1965** Purchased by John Kraus

**1965-Present** Nauvoo Laundromat



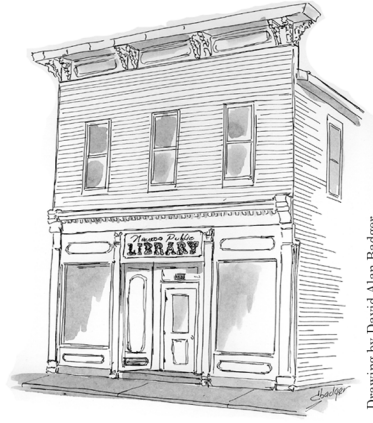
Drawing by David Alan Badger

1. 1891 Plat and 1912 Sanborn Maps were used as baselines for building locations. They are available for viewing at the Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum, 1380 Mulholland.

2. Addresses in quotation marks indicate no existing structure at this location in 2010.



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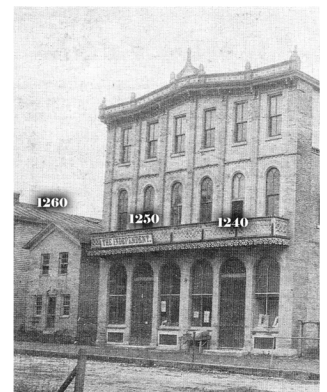
Two artists' views of Nauvoo Public Library: Lane K. Newberry's 1950's painting (L.) and David Alan Badger's 2008 pen and ink drawing (R.).

In the latter 1890's a lime business was at this location. Sometime c.1920's-30's, Adelaide ("Cass") Reimbold Cass, sister to W. C. Reimbold, who ran the Oriental Hotel (now Hotel Nauvoo) on the corner, ran a confectionary shop at this location, selling books and notions in addition to sweets. (It is said that Cass would have been today's version of a "bag lady," living here and there and collecting "interesting treasures" along the way.

In the mid 1930's it became the third location of the Nauvoo Public Library, which was founded in 1913. The library's first location was in the south room of the former Icarian apartment house, located on the corner west of the present State Bank of Nauvoo. Its second location was above the Tourist Center across from Hotel Nauvoo. Hats off to Marie Masberg, who served as librarian for 52 years!

The City Council met on the second floor for a time, and the Nauvoo Historical Society stored collected memorabilia and used it as its headquarters until the completion of the restoration of the Weld House in the early 1990's.

"Central Hotel," aka "Central House" was located at 1260 in the 1890's. Manager Mary Degenkolbe rented rooms and took in boarders. The frame building was replaced with a brick one in 1918.



Newspaper Scan

## 1260 Mulholland

### Turn-of-the-Century Architecture

The library, “Central House,” Lugner’s Shoe Store, and many other Nauvoo buildings of the 1890’s had typical architecture of the time. While there is no strict continuity, the style repeats itself in many of the commercial buildings along Mulholland. The symmetry is reminiscent of the Federalist style with influences of the rural Americana vernacular.

A central, recessed doorway is flanked by two, large window-display areas with three, evenly spaced, smaller windows arranged across the second story façade. While a few newer buildings have been built along Mulholland, some of a more modern design and some mirroring the 1840’s architecture on the “Flats” of the Mormon Era, the majority of the city’s architectural evolution has been in the style of the turn of the century Midwest architecture as pictured below. A special note: the State Bank of Nauvoo building on the corner of Bluff (12th) and Mulholland has had its façade and interior faithfully restored to the 1896 original architectural design.

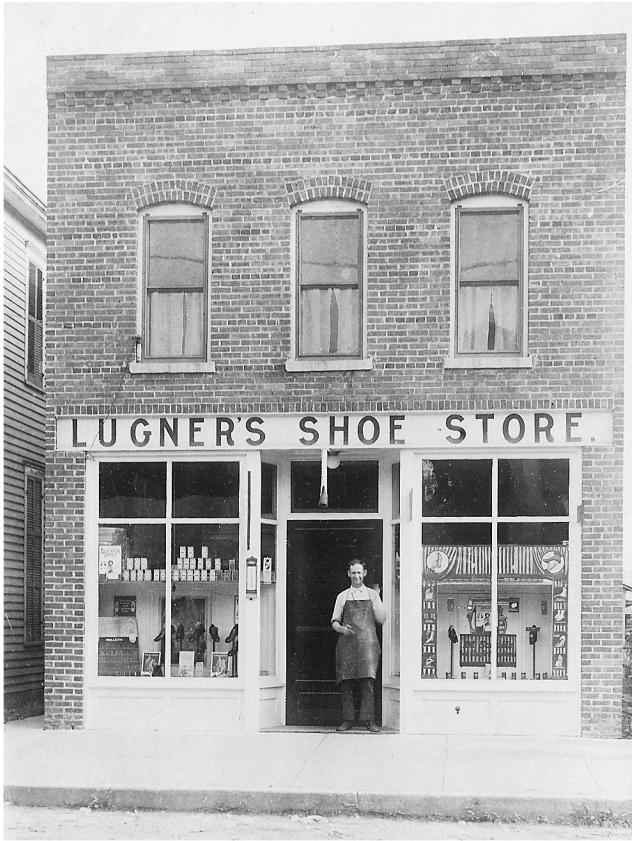


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c. 1919 Lugner’s Shoe Store. Charlie Lugner could often be seen standing in the doorway of the brick building he built in 1918. It replaced the frame boarding house.

**STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER**

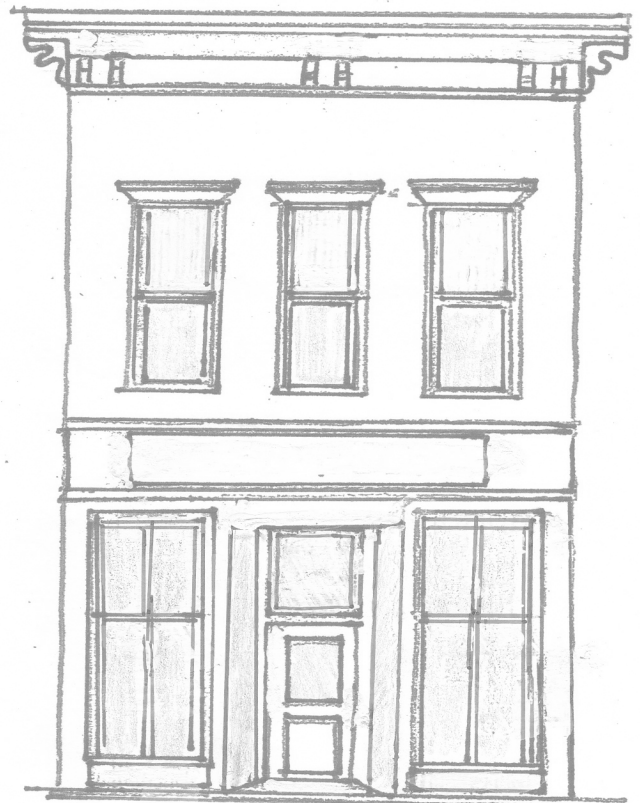
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**LUGNER'S SHOE STORE**

Lugner’s Ads from 1928 *Moonbeam*, Nauvoo High School’s yearbook

In 1918, “Lugner’s Shoe Store” replaced the boarding house. Charlie Lugner sold Star Brand shoes and repaired the worn out variety. Lugner was at this location until 1945. Elmer Kraus bought the building in 1965 and converted it to the “Nauvoo Laundromat,” a well-used facility for both citizens and tourists, alike.



An example, of turn-of-the century architecture, reminiscent of the Federalist style.