

Nauvoo

The Way We Were

1225 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Vacant
 1912 Sanborn Map: Barber
 2010: Private Residence

1900 *The Singer Building*
 1901-1907 Temple Saloon
 1907-19 Walther's Barber Shop
 1920s-1930s Walther and Hemmy's Barber Shop
 1944 Purchased by John A. Kraus
 1946-19 Benjamin's Feed and Seed
 196 -196 Diemer's Insurance
 196 -Present Private Residence



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Photo above: John Bernhardt's Temple Saloon (1901-1907) taken after 1903 Tornado came through town.

1235 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Boots and Shoes
 1912 Sanborn Map: Boots and Shoes
 2010: Insurance Office

1891-1923 Boots and Shoes business
 c1912-1923 Wolf's Shoe Store
 Early 1950's Purchased by John A. Kraus
 1950s O'Rourke's Jewelry Shop
 Humphry's Jewelry Shop
 1960s Tomey's Gift Shop
 Present Marting Insurance



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Diemer's Insurance, c. 1960's. Note that the building was "sided" with a material simulating brick. The front of the building was returned to its original facade in 2008.

Diemer Insurance located Temple Saloon Building

Built in 1900, this building was known as the *Singer Building*, after owner Charles Singer. John Bernhardt ran "Temple Saloon" in building, c. 1901-1907. Edward Walther purchased the building in 1907 and operated a barber shop. John A. Kraus bought the building in 1944. For a brief time, Les Benjamin operated a feed and seed store, c 1946. Ed Diemer's Insurance business was located in the building in the 1960's. After Diemer's, it has been used continuously as a residence.

1245 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Unidentified Building
 1912 Sanborn Map: Site Empty
 2010: Newspaper Office

1924 *The Fowler Building*
 Gamble Store
 1930s Fowler Motor Co.
 (behind Gamble's)
 1944 Purchased by John A. Kraus
 1944-1980s Various barber shops
 Present *Nauvoo New Independent*

John A. Kraus (1890-1966)

Nauvoo businessman from 1912 - 1960

One of the thousands of offspring of German immigrants who came to the area in the second half of the 19th Century, John followed in the "dogged-determination" work ethic of his ancestors. Even though he had little formal schooling, he learned the cigar-making trade in Keokuk, Iowa, and started his own cigar business in Nauvoo in 1912. His determination, love of community, sharp business instincts, and the support of his capable wife Minnie enabled him to acquire and restore buildings along Mulholland, planting the seeds of viable businesses that would serve the needs of the community and tourists coming to the area. He was a principal force in merchant efforts to get a highway from Niota to Nauvoo in 1929, and he helped initiate the well known, annual Grape Festival.



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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.