

Nauvoo

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 McCarty's. 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.



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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.

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(Note: The lot just east of Dottie's Red Front has always been vacant, according the 1891 Plat and 1912 Sanborn map.)

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**

Walther and Welter's Barber Shop



Newspaper Scan

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.)

1345 Mulholland

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

c. 1890s **Sommerhalder's Shoe Shop**
 Shoemaking and repair business
Present **Private Residence**

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.

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