

# Nauvoo

## The Way We Were

### “1355” Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** General Store  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Variety Store  
**2010:** Site empty (green space)

**Latter 1800s** **Bidamon’s Variety Store**  
**Early 1900s** Charles Bidamon was the stepson of Joseph Smith’s widow Emma. Store carried toys, books, candies, fruits, and cigars among others.  
**Present** Site empty (side yard)



Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Kraus

1912 photo, looking west, shows the north side of Mulholland’s 1300 Block (addresses superimposed on photo). Note plank sidewalks and dirt streets.

### 1365 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Grocery Store  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Dwelling  
**2010:** Antique Store

**1912** **Kraus and Prasse Cigar Store**  
 (Located on second floor)  
 One of John A. Kraus’s first, of several, locations in Nauvoo where he sold his handmade cigars.  
**Present** **Country Cottage Antiques**



Photo Courtesy of Ann Haas

A 1922 photo of 1300 Block of North Mulholland

### “1375 A” Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Hardware/Blacksmith  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Plumber/Saloon  
**2010:** Grocery store parking lot

**Latter 1890s–1905** **N.J. Reimbold’s Tin Shop**  
 Shop was moved from Temple Block to this location. Son Charlie joined N.J. in the business in 1898. Heating and cook stoves were a specialty.  
**190\_ - 191\_** **Nash’s Bowling Alley**  
**1920s (early)** **Hertel Brothers**  
 Sold cream, poultry and eggs  
**1920s–1930s** **Rahn’s Plumbing and Heating**  
**Present** Grocery store parking lot

In the 1890’s and early 1900’s, the green space west of the present antique store had a one-story, frame building with a façade imitating a partial second floor. It was one of several variety/general stores that dotted Mulholland at one time or another. Charles Bidamon, stepson of Joseph Smith’s widow Emma, ran a variety store at this location in the latter 1800’s or early 1900’s. Merchandise included toys, books, candies, fruits, nuts, jewelry, cigars, and albums, among other things.

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.

## 1365 and “1375 A” Mulholland



A 1922 photo of 1300 Block of North Mulholland

### 1365 Mulholland

One of only three brick buildings on the 1300 block, 1365's history is unremarkable. In 1912, John A. Kraus and Gilbert Prasse from Keokuk rented the second floor and opened a cigar factory at this location for only a few months, May through August, before moving to another location down the street. They made their own cigars and also sold the "K & P" brand.

This was Kraus's first venture as an entrepreneur. He went on to purchase many businesses in Mulholland over the years.

August Lee ran a monument shop in this vicinity (location uncertain) in the 1920's.

### "1375 A" Mulholland

Nicholas J. Reimbold started in the "hard ware" business in Nauvoo in 1860 on Temple Block. By the 1890's, N.J. had moved his shop to this location. In 1898, his son Charlie joined him in the business, adding heating and cook stoves to the hardware offerings. They remained at this location until 1905 when Reimbold sold the building and adjoining lot. This location then became home to H.L. Nash's bowling alley (moved from the Ochsner Building, across the street and down the block to the west). Later, c. 1912-c. early 1920's, it housed A. C. Rahn's Plumbing, Heating, and Lighting business. In the 1920's, "Hertel Brothers" sold cream, poultry, and eggs here.



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