

105-107 5th Street ca.1875



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Curto Album 11R #021, 5th Street ca. 1930

The oldest part of the building that now houses Calumet Mercantile was built sometime before 1884. In 1888, it was occupied by a hardware store with a tin shop and stable behind it. Over the years, this busy lot on the 100 block of 5th street has been home to many other businesses, such as: a barber, a fruit store, a broker's office, a cigar and stationery shop, a camera shop, and a sporting goods store.

Changes were made to the building over time, including removing its gable roof and second story. In the 1980s the building was occupied by an antique store. In 1993, it was purchased by Mike and Donna Bausano, renovated, and turned into Calumet Mercantile, which opened in 1994.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Marzene Collection, Marzene store ca. 1940

In 1913, the center storefront of this building was home to John Ellis' jewelry store. The adjoining one-story storefront to the south was probably occupied by Rhoda M. Baker's beauty parlor. The narrow, one-story storefront on the north side was probably occupied by Ernest Stanton's barber shop. Ellis lived at 711 Portland Street, Baker lived in rooms behind her shop, and Stanton lived at 102 6th Street.

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