220 5th St. ca. 1880

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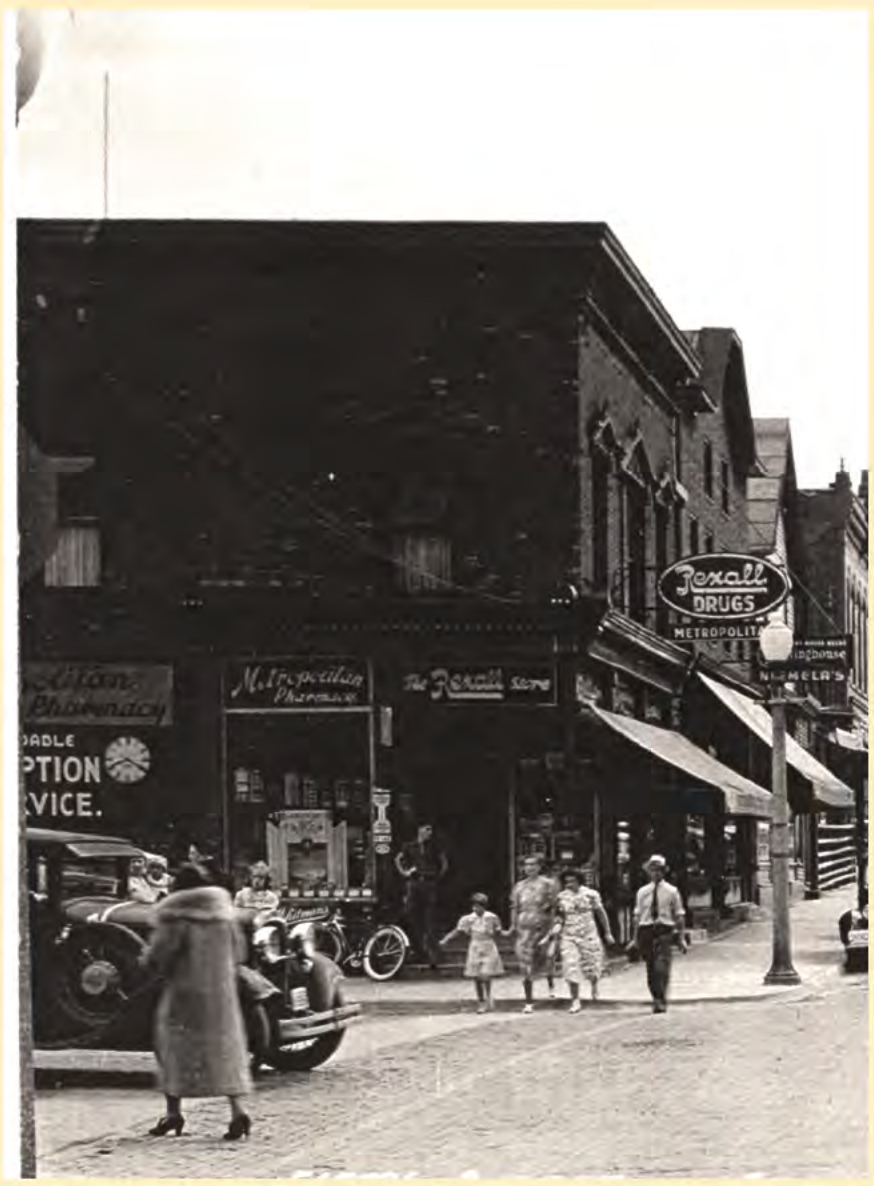
220 5th Street was built sometime before 1884. It has been occupied by four different types of businesses over the years. Early on, it was home to a dry goods and clothing store, from at least 1884 until sometime between 1893 and 1897. By 1897, it was occupied by a saloon, owned by the Blum family. Henry and Benjamin Blum also owned or operated saloons at 464 5th Street and 417 Pine Street.

By 1912, the Blums had closed their saloon here, and this storefront was occupied by a drugstore for many years thereafter. In 1930, it was known as the Metropolitan Pharmacy, a Rexall store. At that time, offices upstairs were occupied by conservation officer Joseph J. Werschay, chiropractor Thomas M. Uksila, the Calumet Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and veterinary surgeon James O'Neil. 220 5th Street is now occupied by Herman Jewelers, one of the oldest businesses in Calumet.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Coppertown Box 32, 5th Street ca. 1935

In 1913, this building was occupied by the Vastbinder and Read drug store, which carried drugs, stationery, confectionery, cigars, and tobacco. Pharmacists R. Harry Read and Frank R. Vastbinder resided in Laurium; Read at 222 Calumet Street, and Vastbinder at 162 Woodland Avenue.