The Fromholz Estate Building ca.1905

KNHP, Marzene, Ryan Block & Fromholz building ca. 1890

Charles Fromholz was born in 1844. He immigrated to the United States in 1871, and settled in Red Jacket where he worked as a barber. He also invested in real estate, including this property. This building was probably built after his death in 1901, by his estate. In 1884, this site was occupied by a wood-frame building with two storefronts. It was occupied by a variety of businesses, including a barber, a printshop, a dry goods and clothing store, a grocery store, a fruit store, a saloon, and a jewelry store.

The existing building was built sometime between 1900 and 1908. In 1917, J C Penny opened a store here, before they moved to the Ruppe Department Store building in 1923. Then the McLogan & Pearce Music Company was here until it was purchased by the Weidelmann family in 1930, and moved to the Murphy Block. In the '30s and '40s, Harter Brothers Pool Room was located here. It is said that the mob boss of the Copper Country ran operations from a booth here, during the hey-day of the mafia in this area. By 1948 the bar here was known as The 315 Club. It became the UP Pub in 1978.

Courtesy of Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Collections, Strike parade 1913, 5th Street, Calumet

In 1913, this building was occupied by Nathan Lurie's saloon and wholesale liquor business. Here from at least 1908 until 1917, Lurie may have been the original occupant of this building. He also owned a saloon at 505 Pine Street. A photograph of a parade taken during the 1913-14 strike shows this building with a sign advertising "Old Kevinaw Rye," one of the libations available here, demonstrating that the local pronunciation of "Keweenaw" was already common in 1913.