

Lake Superior Produce Company 1908



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Rowe, Lake Superior Produce Company ca. 1910

This building was erected in 1908 as a wholesale warehouse and office facility for the Lake Superior Produce Company. It was designed by architect Frank Hessenmeuller, and built by contractor Charles Anderson. The building was conveniently located adjacent to the Copper Range railyard. The company maintained a stable in the rear of the building.

This building was later used for the same purposes by the Peninsula Wholesale Grocery Company, and the Cahodas-Paoli Company. Cahodas-Paoli was a local firm which was at one time the third largest fruit producer in the country. In the early 1960s, the Baroni family purchased the building. They produced Italian foods here until 2008, when the company was purchased by Vollwerths. After production was moved to Hancock, the building was sold to the current owner, and the Old School Baking Company moved in.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Curto Album 9 #004 National Guard Troops arrive in Calumet, July 27, 1913

In 1913, this building was home to the Calumet branch of the Lake Superior Produce Company. William Daly was manager of the Calumet branch at that time. He roomed at the Coppo Block on 6th Street. At the time of the strike, the Copper Range Railroad depot was located just north of here. Michigan National Guard troops sent to discourage violence during the strike disembarked there and passed this way when they first arrived in the Copper Country.