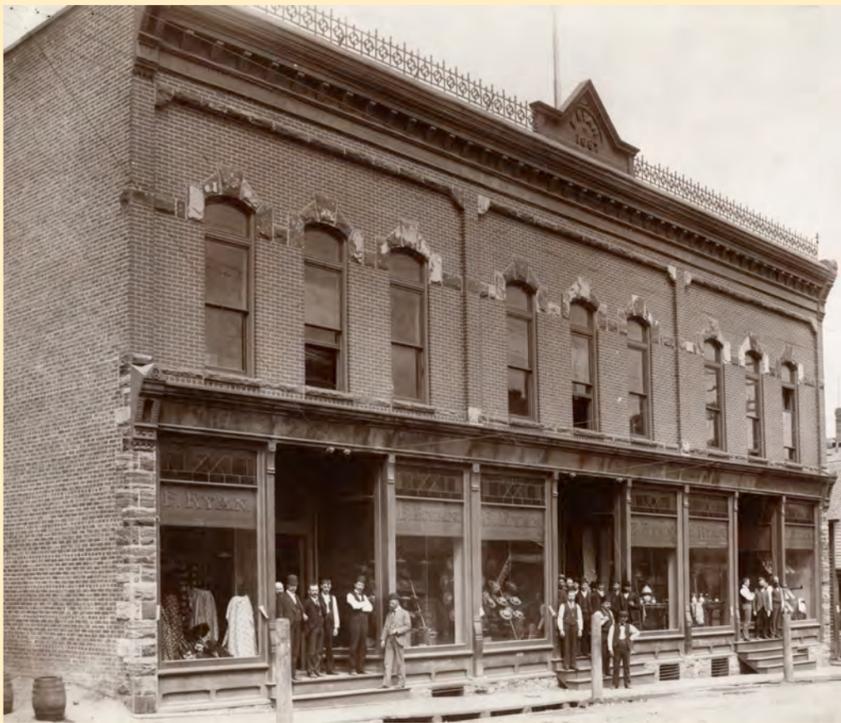


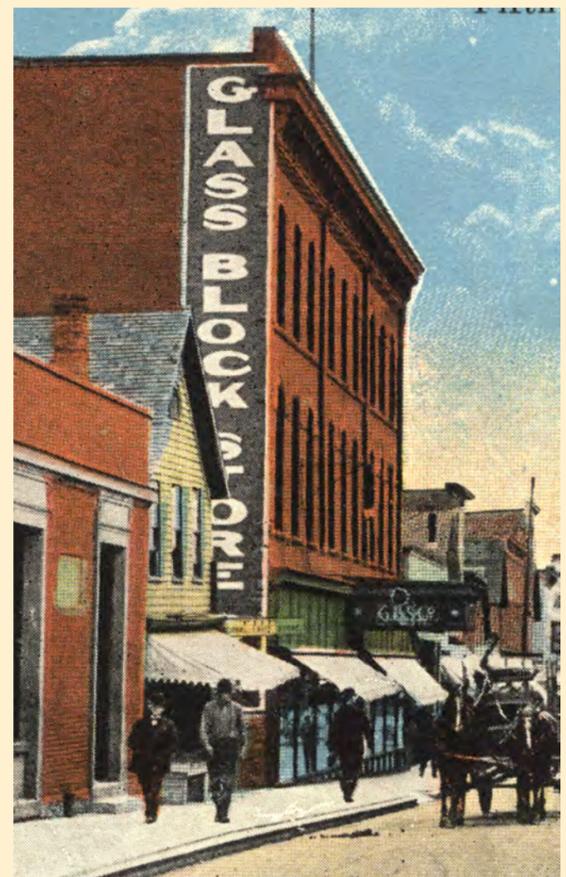
# Michigan American Water Co. ca.1960



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Marzene, Ryan Department Store, ca. 1890

Irish immigrant Edward Ryan got his start in business working for Ransom Sheldon in Houghton in 1857. In 1864, he opened his own store in Hancock. Shortly thereafter, Ryan established a branch store here, in Red Jacket. Ryan, who lived in Hancock, soon became one of the wealthiest people in the Copper Country. His nephew, John D. Ryan, was head of the Anaconda Copper Company in Butte, Montana, and was one of the wealthiest people in the United States in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The original wood-frame store building here was destroyed in the great fire of 1870, but Ryan soon rebuilt. In 1887, he erected a large brick store building here on the same site. Edward Ryan died in 1900, but while the store was managed by his estate, a third story was added to the building, sometime around 1905. In 1917, the store was completely destroyed in another catastrophic fire. It was never rebuilt. These lots sat vacant for many years, until the Michigan American Water Company was established in 1959, and the existing office building was erected here.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Coppertown, Box 32, 5<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1910

In 1913, the Glass Block Company department store was located here. After the Edward Ryan estate was settled in 1909, Ryan's brother-in-law and manager of his estate John D. Cuddihy incorporated the Glass Block Company to run the former Ryan department store, which he had managed prior to Ryan's death. Cuddihy was also the manager of the Calumet Theatre, and followed in Ryan's footsteps as the president of the First National Bank of Calumet.

RED JACKET 1913 - WINDOWS INTO THE PAST