

Wayside

Wayside Apartments (Hwy W)

In approximately 1894 Michael Natzke built a store at map position 10. He sold a general line of merchandise and was an agent for a farm machinery firm. He also served as Wayside's postmaster in 1897. In 1905 he sold the business to Henry Zellner who enlarged the building to accommodate his growing business.

The store was later operated by a Mr. Bergman until the late 1920's when Peter Wouters ran a tavern in the building. Following Wouters, Harvey Just operated a Gamble Store until it was purchased as a residence by Armin Blauert. Alfred Hafeman bought it in 1948 and Mrs. Hafeman continued to live there until she moved to Green Bay. Eugene Behnke operated a barber shop in part of the building until 1956.

Pro Insulation

The current site of Pro Insulation, at map position 5, first was a wagon shop operated by a Mr. Schassow in the 1870's. William Vergiels ran a furniture store at this location also. The building was sold in 1902 and burned in 1903. The property was purchased by Frosch & Pingel in 1903 and in approximately 1906 George Frosch, Jr. built a store for general merchandising.

The business operated as a general store for many years under different ownerships. Barney Natzke ran the store from 1918 to 1922 when he sold it to Rudolph Worm. John Messer purchased it in 1946 and was followed in business by his son Harold, who then sold the store to Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Greipentrog in 1960. Lloyd Beyer bought the business in 1975 and operated the store until the 1980s when it closed for the sale of general merchandise.

Over the past 25 years, there have been many changes to the building. It has changed hands several times and is now apartments, warehouse space and two offices for Pro Insulation and WMI Supply. The building is owned by Stacey and Rebecca Propson and Peter and Amy Frank.

Wayside Apartments (Wayside Road)

What are now apartments on Wayside Road, was once a series of businesses. Map position 7, next to Kocian's garage (once Monahan's Tavern & Hall) started as the site of a harness shop. It was operated by Albert Natzke about 1890 and sold 5 years later to Joseph Hoffman.

Just west of Mr. Hoffman, Hugo Hill operated a sheet metal shop and hardware store. In 1898 Hill, finding his place was too small, traded buildings with Mr. Hoffman. Hill sold his sheet metal business in 1905 to Tom and Edward De Wane but repurchased it from the De Wanes just 3 years later. Mr. Otto Hill operated a barber shop in part of the building about this time too.

In 1910 Joseph Hoffman tore his building down and built the cement block building for his harness making shop. The advent of the automobile however, made the business unprofitable and he had to close his doors.

Later Herman Kath opened a heating and plumbing shop in this building but closed the business in 1955. When Rudolph Leiterman purchased the Hill tavern (Monahan's Hall), he also bought the Hill shop and opened a grocery store. In 1927 Sylvester Hauser took over, but sold to Louis Stynski in 1929. Stynski added a cold storage locker service and made several other improvements to the building. He owned the building until 1948 when it was purchased by William Herold. After Herold's death, it was sold to Harold Opper and it has evolved from a private residence to the apartments today.

Radder's Cheese Factory

In the 1880's a cheese factory was opened at map position 9 by a Mr. Anderson and later sold to Herman Schroeder. Fred Borchardt purchased the business in 1894 and sold it to his son, Albert in 1895. William Radder became owner in 1908, Ed Schroeder in 1919 and Edward Brockman in 1924.

From approximately 1905-1916 (or later) Theo Weber, a photographer, operated a portrait studio in this building above the cheese factory. Dr. Schley, a dentist, used this space in the early 1920's. In 1948 it was sold to the Pauly & Pauly Cheese Co. who discontinued operations in 1952. This building has since been torn down.