



# 100 West Main Street

The building that currently stands at this site was built in 1907 by the Waunakee State Bank. The bank was established in 1902 and had been located at 300 East Main Street. There had been another building on the property at 100 West Main Street and the bank moved it south, across the alley, where it still stands today. It is often referred to as the Hudson Building, after Charles Hudson who opened the post office and a small store at this corner location in 1871.

**1908** Casper Hilgers owned a bowling alley, along with billiard tables, in the basement of the bank.

The bowling alley was later owned by Mr. Simon and then purchased by the Deans brothers, Bert and Frank. The two also owned and operated a barber shop which was located in the basement.

At the same time, there were other offices on the second floor of the bank building. The entrance to the stairs was on South Street. Dr. Shattuck had his dental office there from 1914 to 1925. Subsequently, it was owned by Dr. Joseph Doll from 1925 to 1944, and Dr. G. W. Gee from 1944 to 1960. A physician, Dr. R.H. Smits had his office on the second floor, also, from 1939 to 1940. A general store was also in this building with the entrance on the northwest end. Joe Koltes and John Michels were the first owners.

**1934** John Michels was sole owner of the general store now. He sold it to Matt Adler (a Republican) who had been the postmaster, but lost his position when the Democrats took control of Congress. Matt changed the name to Adler's Store. He ran the store with his wife and his son Herman. In the meantime, John Michels (a Democrat) got the postmaster job! The post office was in this building from 1934 to 1960, with the entrance on the southeast side facing South Street.

**1939** Herman Adler took over the store business.

**June 1, 1950** Herman closed the store when the bank wanted to expand. Two years later, Herman became postmaster and held that position until 1971.

**1960** The post office moved to a new building at 113 South Street.

**1966** Ernie Fangmeyer moved into the building and operated DeLaval Dairy Equipment.

**1969** Waunakee State Bank sold this building to Michael Simon, Sr. and moved into its new home at 127 West Main Street. Wendt's Jewelry Store, owned by George and Fran Wendt, filled the space. [George had started his business on Main Street next to Miller's Food Store in a little white house with a storefront. He was there just seven months when Miller's Sentry Foods expanded their store. The jewelry store was moved across the street to 127 West Main Street. At that time, Koltes Lumber Yard, formerly Klingelhofer Lumber, was on that site. Koltes allowed George to use the front part of their building for the jewelry shop until the property changed hands again to make way for the new Waunakee State Bank.] The bank had purchased the lumberyard and two houses on this site in 1966 to make way for the new bank building.

When the bank moved in 1969, it sold the building to Michael Simon, Sr. Richard K. Roeber moved his pharmacy into this location.

**1977** Continued growth of his services prompted Roeber to move the business to the Village Mall at 205G South Century Avenue in 1977.

**1979** Cable Video, owned by Dick Jones and Vern Vertrend, occupied the front section of the building. Later the business was purchased and renamed Star Cable Vision. Dick Young owned the building at this time.

**1988-1990** Al and Karen Koch opened and operated Country Coffee and Teas Shop in the space once occupied by the post office.

**1989-1992** Doris Schiltz operated a ceramics shop, Accents of Clay, at this location. She used the entire first floor except for two small offices rented to Gordon Meicher, CPA and Sheldon Statz, an electrician. Both offices faced South Street. Doris purchased the building at 302 East Main Street and moved her shop to that location in 1992.

**1991** Larry and Lucy Reynolds bought the building from Dick Young and began making major renovations.

**1993** Brian's Diner moved to the building from the Village Mall. They later relocated to 107 Baker Street.

The Village of Waunakee currently owns this property.