



105 East Main Street

The most important organization in the new town of Waunakee was the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Called Harvey Post, No. 126, the post actually was formed before the village was founded. Harvey was a settlement in the northeast of section 24, Dane township, not far from the present village of Dane; north of Waunakee where Co. Hwy. V and McChesney Road intersect. Here the post was set up in 1868 and permission was granted to move the post to Leicester in 1871, where the railroad might bring in prospective members and strengthen a weak lodge.* The Lodge met above Mr. Cooley's Hardware Store until they were displaced by the Fire of 1879.

1879 The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) built this two-story building. It was one of four buildings built that year of brick and stone.* The letters "IOOF 126" are carved into the masonry at the very top of the façade of the structure. This social organization originally formed by working men in England, used the second floor for its meetings and rented space on the first floor to several different businesses over the years.

1889-1893 The local Post Office was located here within James Clarke's general store. Mr. Clarke served as the postmaster at that time.

1912 Dr. Austin Blake started the first Ford Garage. It was known as Paynter Kenney Co. and was managed by Dr. Blake's son, Sam Blake.

1913 Roy Cameron took over the management and ran the business. He and his father later purchased the agency and operated it as A.W. Cameron and Sons until 1917. At that time, they had to move into larger quarters so they built a new Ford garage at 206 East Main Street. In 1928 the business was sold to R.W. Albrecht who operated it until 1941. E.B. Qualley purchased it and one year later sold it to Robert Scheuerell. In 1958, he sold the business to Tony Meier. In 1969, Tony sold it to his sons, Richard and Vern.

1922 Because of declining membership, the local IOOF Lodge joined Hope Lodge 17 in Madison.

1925 The Village of Waunakee purchased the building from the IOOF.

1933 The Waunakee Public Library moved from the bar room at Brausen's Hotel and Bar (101 E. Main Street) to this building and remained open until 1941. During the war, the first floor was used for the federal government's Office of Price Administration (OPA) where residents picked up their gas stamps and coupons for sugar and flour.

1945 The library reopened under the direction of Eleanor Shillinglaw Carberry (with assistance from Lorraine French and their 4-H Club). The space and books were thoroughly cleaned. A plaque was hung in front of the building, a World War II Honor Roll, which listed men in the Armed Forces from the area. In 1947, Nora Bartels became the librarian and in 1949, Joan Pedersen Ripp took over.

1950s The façade of the building was replaced. A new furnace, ceiling, and fresh paint were added.

1953 Mrs. Ken (Ruth) Shaw was named the librarian.

1965 TomSil Builders (Tom Statz and Sil Maly) purchased the building for a workshop and the library moved to the Community Building at 401 W. Second Street. The Boy Scouts used the second floor for 6-7 years.

1966 TomSil moved out but still owned the building. Various businesses rented the space, including Ray Becker's Repair Shop, American Family Insurance and Surge Dairy Equipment

July 1970 The first floor was remodeled for Salons of Fashion, owned and operated by DuWayne Nelson and Leo P. Kalscheuer.

1971 The second floor was converted into a one-bedroom apartment.

1974 The hair salon business was sold to Dave E. Loeffelholz and he changed its name to Styles by Dave.

1984 Styles by Dave moved to a new facility at 103 S. Madison Street and Nolan Anderson Agency purchased the property from Sil Maly.

1984-1985 John Ewoldt Computers occupied the space.

1985-1992 A Waunakee answering service was operated for approximately ten area businesses, including Quality Erectors, Sil-Con Engineers, Appliance Service Center, Don Anderson, and Williamson Surveying.

1986-1990 Gary Wollack, CPA and Attorney James Quackenbush shared office space with Nolan Anderson.

2017 Nolan Anderson Agency moved its office to Madison and Milestones HR, LLC rented the space.

2020 Milestones HR, LLC moved into temporary space at 109 South Street with Madison Partners.

2021 Evie & Co. Boutique, LLC moved into the first floor of the building .

*Koltes, James Patrick, "The Early History of Waunakee," A Seminar Paper presented to the graduate faculty, Wisconsin State University-Platteville in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Master of Science in Teaching, 1971.