



# 117 East Main Street

**1871** Mathias Schleck built a hotel and saloon which was regularly used by railroad employees on this site. It was destroyed during the infamous 1879 fire.

**1887** Henry Kessenich built the *Deutsches Gasthaus*. This hotel had nine rooms on the second floor, with a bar on the first floor. It was patronized regularly by railroad employees.

**1887-1937** The hotel and bar was operated at different intervals by Henry Spahn, Andrew Mell, Dan Delaney, Orlo Chambers, and Pat Walsh.

**1937** Warner Ripp purchased the business and property. The name became Ripp's Bar.

**1941** Warner's son, Hardy Ripp, purchased and operated the bar and restaurant for nine years. He also operated a cream station in a small building which was formerly located next door, at 119 East Main Street.

**1950** Ripp's Bar was operated by Al Ripp, another son of Warner's, for five years.

**1955** A cousin, Joseph J. Kessenich, ran the business for five years.

**1960** Robert J. Ripp, Hardy's son, took over the business.

**1970** Kenneth Miller became a partner with Bob Ripp.

**1980** Ripp's Bar was leased to Jim Anderson and Connie Statz.

**1986** Rodd A. Ripp, son of Robert J., purchased Ripp's Bar and the property from his dad and Ken Miller. Rodd is the fourth generation Ripp to operate the business at this location and is the current owner.