

Marshall Main Street Program

708 Archer Avenue

Telephone (217-826-9023)

BUILDING SURVEY

Structure Address: 524 Archer Ave Date: 3-2012

Reference No.: 08081318304037 Prepared by: JR Kuh
Block 23 E 1/3 of lot 8



Name of Present Business: Turpin Associates + T's Antiques + Collectables

Type of Business: real estate appraisal antiques

Present Business Owner: Steve Turpin Jean Turpin

Estimated Construction Date: 1889

Original Business Use: dry goods

Historic Name: Grabenheimer Clothing Store

Any drawings or pictures of early building available: yes

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Structure Address: 524 Archer Avenue

Date: July, 2007,

Reference No.: _____

Prepared by: Eleanor Macke



Name of Present Business: Turpin & Associates and T's Antiques and Collectables

Type of Business: Real estate appraisal antiques

Present Business Owner: Steve Turpin Jean Turpin

Estimated Construction Date: 1889

Original Business Use: Tinware & Stores -
Dry Goods 1st Floor (Later, by daughter Amelia)
Antiques 2nd Floor Wool Storage 3rd

Historic Name: Grabbeheimers

Any drawings or pictures of early building available: Yes

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Telephone (217) 826-9023

Structure Address: 524 ARCHER

Date: AUGUST 18, 1998

Reference No.: _____

Prepared By: O. L. GOEKLER



Name of Present Business: _____

Type of Business: _____

Present Building Owner: JOANNE FINKBINER

Estimated Construction Date: _____

Original Business or Use: _____

Historic Name: GRABENHEIMER CLOTHING STORE

Any drawings or pictures of early building available: FRONT PHOTOGRAPH, 1913

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Structure Address: 524 ARCHER

Date: _____

Reference No.: _____

Prepared By: _____

Awnings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Second Floor
Material	<input type="checkbox"/> Canvas	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roofing Material
Doors	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear glass in door 30%	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mostly solid wood
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sidelite	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stained, leaded, or beveled
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transom	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stained, leaded, or beveled
Cornice	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decorative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Style _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brackets	<input type="checkbox"/> Panels, Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
Main Entrance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centered	<input type="checkbox"/> Off center to right	<input type="checkbox"/>	Off center to left
	<input type="checkbox"/> Entrance to upper floors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Side entrance (Corner Building)	
Unique Ornamental	<input type="checkbox"/> Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Tower or Turret	<input type="checkbox"/>	Balcony
Trim	<input type="checkbox"/> Arches	<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental Column or Parts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative wooden
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Metal Works	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Stone Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Brick
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Stairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Metal
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Present Colors: Walls: GREY Sidewall GREY
 Windowtrim: CREAM (If corner)
 Doors: _____
 Awning: _____
 Stairs: _____

2nd Floor Use: Unused Storage Apt. Office
 3rd Floor Use: N/A Unused Storage Apt. Office

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Any original or early interior features still in tact (lights, tin ceiling, etc.)

Integrity of original structure:

- Unaltered
- Slight modification on the building
- Slight modification 1st floor only
- Major modification entire building
- Major modification 1st floor only

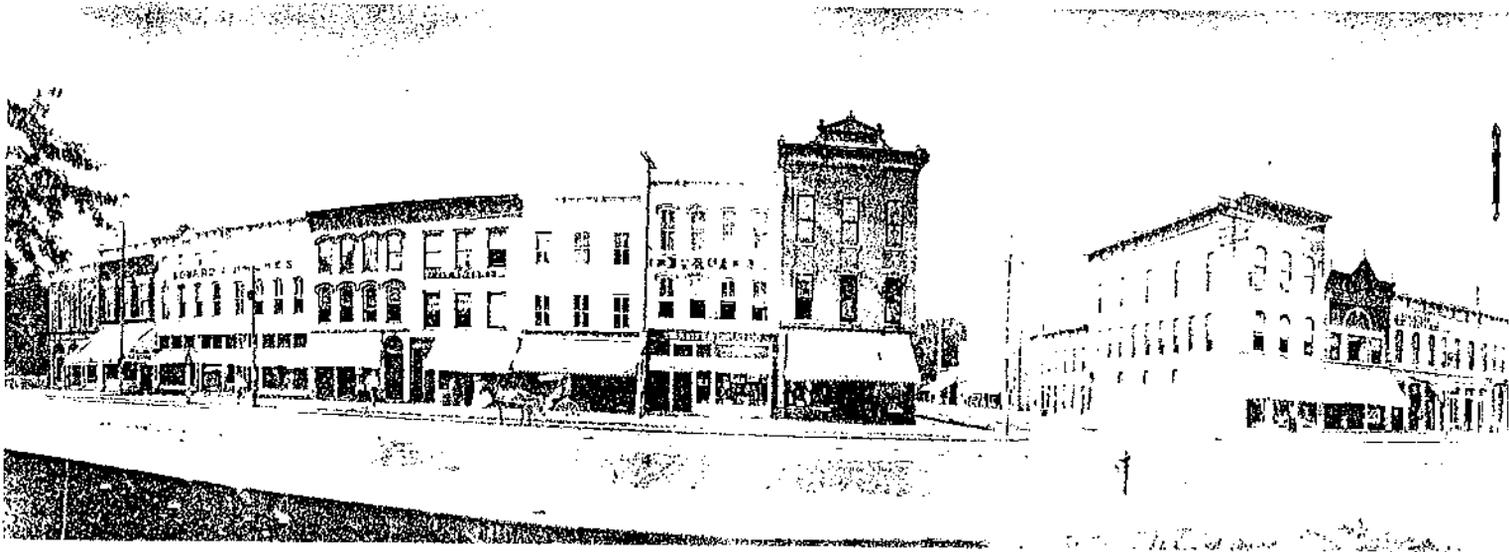
Ease to restore original appearance:

Very easy Restore windows, take down awnings, etc.

Moderate

Difficult

Very Difficult



THE NORTH SIDE OF W. ARCHER AVE. (from left to right):

1. The Gilead Shaw Home
2. Dress Shop
3. Whallon's Shoe Store (The Bargain Store)
4. Edward J. Hughes - Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes
5. City Drug Store (Upstairs, Office of Jay Swern)
6. E.E. Howel's Hardware Store (Rolls of fence wire in front)
7. D.D. Doll's Grocery
8. The Keifer Drug Store
9. M. Grabenheimer's Clothing Store

524 ARCHER

THE EAST SIDE OF SIXTH ST. (from left to right):

1. The Clark County Democrat Printing Office
2. Walker Spotts' Meat Market
3. Doctor's Office (Upstairs, John Merrick's Photographic Studio)
4. Bubeck and Gallagher's Furniture Store and Funeral Parlor
5. Marshall Mutual County Fire Insurance Company

From the pages of history...

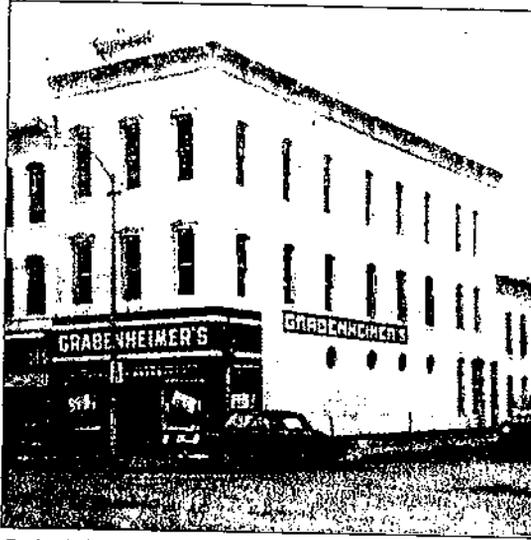
Grabenheimers in business ninety years

From the archives of the Marshall Herald, published in April of 1954.

Few stores in the state of Illinois have been operating for nearly 100 years; which have been founded, owned and operated by the same family, and in the very same location during that period. Marshall has that honor, and this week the Grabenheimer store at Main and Sixth street will be celebrating the founding of that institution by Meyer Grabenheimer, ninety years ago, in 1864.

Like a chapter from a Horatio Alger book, the story of Meyer Grabenheimer reads more like fiction than actual history of Clark County during the Civil War days. Coming to America from Germany by sailboat, the elder Grabenheimer arrived in New York City with a twenty-five cent piece in his pocket, a million dollars worth of personality and ambition.

Hearing that the great midwest was the place to seek his fortune, Meyer Grabenheimer hitch-hiked his way by covered wagon to Cincinnati, and thence to Terre Haute on foot, until he was able to contact some distant relatives and German friends with whom his family in the old country was acquainted. Accompanying him on the boat and on his trip to the midwest was Benjamin Kuppenheimer who was destined to be the founder of the famous Kuppenheimer Clothing firm in Chicago.



Grabenheimer's, circa 1954

After doing odd jobs of every kind and nature available, the young German immigrant boy, without even a knowledge of the English language or American customs, saved his pennies and dimes until he was able to accumulate enough capital to purchase a bag full of wares. He would take out his

country, and in 1862 he decided to open a small store in Kansas, Illinois in Edgar County. However, the expectations of that village growing into a metropolis suddenly proved to be a myth, and he moved his stock of goods in a rented wagon to Marshall, where he opened shop in a small one story wooden structure, at the corner of

ous retail dry goods, clothing, and shoe business. Abraham Lincoln was said to have made several speeches on this very corner from a wooden platform erected in front of the Grabenheimer store, and was one of its frequent customers on his trips to Clark County.

As the business prospered after the Civil War and Marshall continued to grow with the building of the Vandalla railroad through Marshall, Mr. Grabenheimer, by observing the strictest frugality and sacrificing most of the comforts of an easy life, managed to save enough money to build the first section of the present three-story brick store building. The north section was built first, two stories high, on what is now known as North Sixth Street. Then after many years of tireless effort and long hours of labor, Mr. Grabenheimer in 1889 erected the three-story brick building in Marshall. Much of the material and especially the hand-hewed timbers were acquired by trading merchandise for the lumber, brick and plaster.

About 1890, Mr. Grabenheimer turned over the active management of the business to his two sons, Joseph and Benjamin Grabenheimer, who developed the business to its present size and which

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of nearly 100 miles Joseph Grabenheimer passed away in 1937, after a brief illness, and is survived by his brother Ben Grabenheimer.

Seven years ago, the Grabenheimer store was completely modernized with the installation of a modern new store front, and the entire interior modernized making it one of the finest small-town clothing and shoe stores in this section of down state Illinois. The store has always prided itself in carrying a large stock to give its customers almost unlimited selection of good merchandise and has specialized in handling only advertised brands of nationally recognized reputation for top quality and service.



Grabenheimer's building today. Photo by Gary Strohm.

from farmhouse to farmhouse, for a Terre Haute wholesale jobbing concern. His daily trips were made on foot, over roads of sticky clay mud through all sorts of weather. Many a cold winter night, when the roads were snow bound he was invited to remain overnight with his customers.

Possessed of a genial personality and boundless courage and ambition, Mr. Grabenheimer made numerous friends all over the

Main and Sixth streets.

That site proved to be the beginning of a very prosper-

now serves hundreds of customers over a trading radius

See History on page 4

Marshall Advocate

ADDRESS 6th E Archer

NAME OF BUSINESS GRABENHE, MEAS OLD Bldg

TYPE OF BUSINESS Empty

NUMBER OF STORIES 1

TYPE OF USE IF ANY 2ND FLOOR STORAGE

3RD FLOOR STORAGE

APPROXIMATE WIDTH OF BUILDING 20 FT.

ON CORNER LOT? YES NO

NUMBER OF PARKING PLACES IN FRONT 1

NUMBER OF PARKING PLACES ON SIDE _____

UNIQUE FEATURES OF BUILDING:

CORNICE & WINDOW CAPS - GOOD
STATE OF REPAIR

COMPLETED BY: J. Stewart

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Obituary.

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M. Grabenheimer, Pioneer Business Man, Passes Away.

Meyer Grabenheimer died at his home on north Sixth street Sunday evening, of general debility, at the age of nearly 87. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the residence, conducted by Rabbi Kaplan, of Terre Haute, and the body was taken to Terre Haute for interment in Highland Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Grabenheimer's life story was that of many poor immigrants who have risen to affluence and position in this country by their own efforts. He was born in Germany, and when a lad of 19 emigrated to America. He made the passage in a sailing vessel, the voyage occupying a month's time. He landed in New York City with only \$1.50 in his possession, and unable to speak English. He was not deterred by these handicaps, but with characteristic energy began work as a railroad section hand and continued that until he earned enough money to take him to Cincinnati, where he had relatives. Accompanied by the late Jacob Sholem, he came to Terre Haute, and they, each with a peddler's pack, began business among the farmers of Edgar and Clark counties. Untiring industry and economy brought him prosperity, and something over 50 years ago he embarked in the mercantile business in Marshall, occupying a rickety "shack" on the corner of Sixth and Main streets, where he afterward erected the three-story building that stands as a monument to his enterprise. Here he steadily prospered, and built up a business that is widely known. For some years his failing strength prevented his active participation in business, but every day that he was able he was at the store, which is conducted by his sons, Joseph and Benjamin.

In 1856 he was married to Rachel Rapp, whose death occurred some years ago. To them were born ten children, of whom four survive—Mrs. William Sholem, of Paris; Benjamin, Joseph and Miss Amelia Grabenheimer, of this city. Mr. Grabenheimer, in addition to being the oldest merchant, was one of the oldest citizens of Marshall, always an excellent citizen, and highly respected by a large circle of friends. As an evidence of the respect in which he was held, all the business houses were closed yesterday during the hour of the funeral.

Evangelical Association.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach at our church at Marshall and will give an opportunity to such

President Wilson Issues Proclamation Designating Time.

President Wilson last Wednesday issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, as follows:

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close, since we last observed our day of national thanksgiving, has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of change which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"It has been vouchsafed to us to remain at peace, with honor, and on some part to succor the suffering and supply the needs of those who are in want. We have been privileged by our own peace and self control in some degree to steady the counsels and shape the hopes and purposes of a day of fear and distress. Our people have looked upon their own life as a nation with a deeper comprehension, a fuller realization of their responsibilities as well as of their blessings and a keener sense of the moral and practical significance of what their part among the nations of the world may come to be.

"The hurtful effects of foreign war in their own industrial and commercial affairs have made them feel the more fully and see the more clearly their mutual interdependence: upon one another and has stirred them to a helpful co-operation such as they have seldom practiced before. They have been quickened by a great moral stimulation. Their unmistakable ardor for peace, their earnest pity and disinterested sympathy for those who are suffering, their readiness to help and to think of the needs of others has revealed them to themselves as well as to the world.

"Our crops will feed all who need foods; the self possession of our people amidst the most serious anxieties and difficulties and the steadiness and resourcefulness of our business men will serve other nations as well as our own.

"The business of the country has been supplied with new instrumentalities and the commerce of the world with new channels of trade and intercourse. The Panama canal has been opened to the commerce of the nations. The two continents of America have been bound in closer ties of friendship. New instrumentalities of international trade have been created which will be also new instrumentalities of acquaintance, intercourse and mutual service. Never before have the people of the United States been

The business men announce the entertainment course for 1914-1915. After all the 1913-1914 bills were paid about \$30 remained in the treasury, which, by agreement of men backing the course, was used to better the 1914-1915 attractions, and they now offer you six high-class numbers instead of five. The season ticket sells the same as last year, two dollars. The single admission for three of the numbers will equal the price of one season ticket. In other words, a season ticket admits you to half the course free.

- Entertainments will appear in the Pythian Theatre in the order given:
1. Weatherwax Brothers Quartette,
2. Prof. Montraville Wood, Entertainer.
3. Edward Amherst Ott, Lecturer,
4. John B. Ratto, Impersonator.
5. Military Girls, Three-act Musical,
6. Hungarian Orchestra.

Each entertainment has been witnessed by several Marshall citizens, who assure the committee that the entire course is excellent, and that Marshall is fortunate to secure talent of such high order. The extra number and higher cost of the several numbers make this course cost at least \$100 more than last year. So, induce your friends to give their support by buying season tickets. And remember that any surplus at the end of the year will be used to secure better talent for next season.

Season tickets subscribed for last February will be delivered during the week. Others can get them of Emanuel Claypool, H. M. Dewey, W. F. Hutchinson, Everett Connelly, C. H. Smith, and other members of the committee.

The first entertainment will be given Tuesday night, Nov. 17th. See description of the course.

Mrs. Doherty Sues for Insurance.

Terre Haute Tribune: Mrs. Mary L. Doherty, widow of James M. Doherty, the insurance man, who was found dead at his home on South Fourth street, on May 1, last, as the result of a pistol shot wound in the head, supposed at the time to have been the result of an accident, has sued two Indiana commercial travelers' accident insurance companies for a total of \$10,000 which she claims is due on policies held by her husband and which the companies have refused to pay.

The Indiana Travelers' Accident association, of which deceased had been a member since 1911, and the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Accident association, of which he had been a member since 1909, were the two companies sued, both having headquarters in Indianapolis. It is

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