

# 12 West Main Street, Lockport, NY

## 19th Century

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**1825**

On October 26, the Erie Canal officially opens turning Lockport into a boomtown.

**1854**

After a major fire in the city of Lockport, a new law was enacted stating that all new buildings must have a brick front and stone sides.

**1860**

First known recording of the building at 12 West Main in the Sanborn Map of 1860. Usage of the building is unknown.

**1861-1862**

J.M. Lindsley Boots & Shoes.

**1862**

First enlargement of the Erie Canal is completed to 70-foot width and 7-foot depth.

**1868-1869**

McMaster Merchant Tailors –  
Men's & Boys Clothing.

**1874**

Hoffmaster & Beccue – no mention of what they did or sold.

**1875-1890**

Perry G. Wadhams Groceries. He also lived above the store until 1887, and then moved to 26 Chapel Street in 1888.

**1880-1881**

Perry G. Wadhams also served as a Section Superintendent for the Erie Canal.

**1888**

Mrs. Mary Archer, dressmaker, lived on the second floor with daughter Martha, also a dressmaker.

**1891-1893**

Philip Heary Saloon. He now lived on the second floor.

**1893-1930**

West Main Street was changed to West Avenue.

**1893**

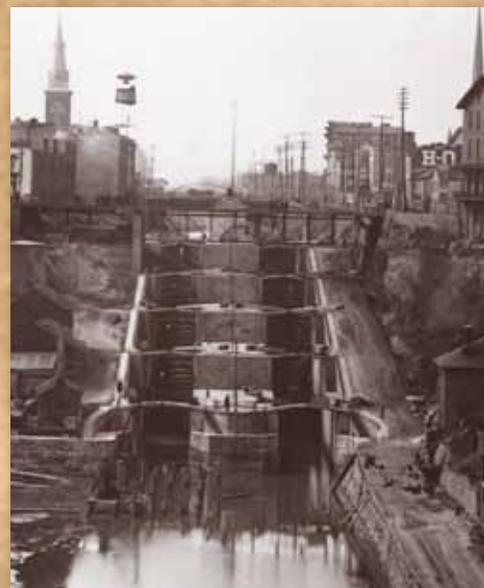
Philip Heary moved to 110 Webb Street. The upstairs was vacant.

**1894**

Burr Addison ran the saloon. Burr and John Addison lived upstairs. Bernard O'Hearn was a barber on the second floor.

**1895**

Second enlargement of the canal is approved, deepening it to 9 feet.



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### 1897-1930

Philip Heary moved back on the second floor and took over the saloon once again. It also became a grocery store during prohibition, which lasted from midnight January 16, 1920 until 12:01 a.m. on April 7, 1933.

### 1903

New York State Legislature approves third enlargement of the Erie Canal, which resulted in the new name of Erie Barge Canal.

### 1909

First record of a building at 14 West Avenue – a barbershop. Lot to East of building remained vacant.

### 1910

Upton Building (now owned by Attorney Henry Schmidt) was moved 40 feet West to butt against 12 West Avenue. This was necessary because of the widening of the canal and the new Big Bridge. Four-story back porch was added to the building, adding an additional eight feet to the building – although the land is still owned by the New York State Canal Authority. Other buildings along West Avenue followed suit.

### 1910

Sometime around 1910, a fifth floor was added to 12 West Avenue to raise it to the level of the Upton Building.

### 1918

Third and final enlargement of the canal is complete.

### 1930

From the Big Bridge to Transit Road (Rt. 78) the name changed back to West Main Street.

### 1934

Philip Heary dies.



### 1934-1938

Philip Heary's widow, Margaret, ran saloon and grocery.

### 1938-1941

George C. Walling took over the grocery store. It was no longer a saloon. Margaret, M. Frances, M. Edmond (Deputy Sheriff) Heary all lived upstairs. The Heary's still owned the building.

### 1939

M. Edmond Heary becomes Superintendent of the Niagara County Court House. He and M. Francis Heary still live above the store. Margaret Heary dies.

### 1942-1954

John Barone Shoe Service.

### 1947-1951

M. Edmond is now the Deputy Niagara County Sheriff. He and Henry Heary live above the shoe store.

### 1952-1953

M. Edmond is now the Building Superintendent for Niagara County. He and M. Frances live above the shoe store and own the building.

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**1955-1961**

Justin J. Burns Realty. M. Edmond Heary, now Building Superintendent for the Niagara County Court House, still owns the building and lives upstairs.

**1957-1959**

M. Edmond Heary is now a maintenance man at the Niagara County Court House and Deputy Niagara County Sheriff. He still owns and lives at 12 West Main Street.

**1960**

Building is valued at \$6,440.

**1961**

M. Edmond Heary is now the Court Officer at the Niagara County Offices.

**1962-1968**

Building is vacant.

**1965**

Anna Kohl buys the building in October.

**1969-1973**

Walter A. Kohl establishes Kohl's Motorcycle Sales and Service.

**1974**

Walter Kohl moved his motorcycle shop to Richmond Avenue.

**1974-1986**

Walter Kohl used the building for storage.

**1987**

West Lane, Inc. bought building on November 30 and began remodeling.

**1988-1989**

Frame & Save framing company.

**1990-1997**

The Gallery Twelve, an art gallery.

**1998**

Attorney Henry Schmidt buys building on October 1.

**1999**

West Lane Gallery, an art gallery.



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## 21st Century

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2000-2002

The Art Loft, an art gallery and framing shop.

2003

Carmel Cerullo-Beiter and Jack Martin buy building on January 17 and begin remodeling.

2003

J. Fitzgerald Group moves its offices into the building on June 1.

2005

J. Fitzgerald Group purchases its adjoining properties, 14 and 16 West Main Street and remodels and connects the joint second floor to the second floor of the main building at 12 West Main. The renovation more than doubles JFG's office space.

