

# 922 Ludington Street

Before



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Michigan Bell Telephone are located at 918-920 in 1929. In 1937 918 houses the Lieungh Music Store and Smart Cousin Dress Shop and 920 the Home Supply Co. electric appliances, as well as lawyers and insurance. In 1941, 918 is occupied by Jergeson Palmer tavern and Lou's Beauty Shop, and 920 still houses Home Supply. In 1948, 918 is occupied by The Tavern and Lou's Beauty Shop, while the tenant in 920 is Charlotte's Beauty Shop and a tailor, all of which continue through 1953, although the Tavern is identified as a beer garden and Thos Wilkinson floor coverings is added. In 1959, Joe's Tavern is present and Charlotte's continues, and Hawe's Paint & Floor Coverings is added. In 1963 King's Tavern and Michigan Claim Service join Charlotte's and Hawe's.

**922. Building (1888-93)**

This is a brick, two-story, two-part commercial block. The street level façade is clad in brick veneer and consists of a slant-sided entry door between two large display windows and a second entry door at the building's southeast corner. Hexagonal prismatic glass forms the storefront transom windows. The second story fenestration consists of three double-hung sash windows resting on masonry sills. Above these windows, a panel is created employing rowlock and header bond brick and masonry corner stones, above which the building terminates in a masonry-coped parapet. The side elevation is brick and displays functional fenestration.

Sanborn maps reveal this building was constructed between 1888 and 1893, when it housed a Hardware Store. By 1899 it was occupied by a Flour and Feed Store, in 1906 and 1913 by a Saloon, and in 1921 a Restaurant. The 1929 and 1929 Update editions identify it only to the level of Store. City directories reveal Knute C. Peterson, "Knute's" was at 922 Ludington in 1907, the same year the state gazetteer included an advertisement for The Empire Choice Wines, Cigars (Polk 1907: 39). The 1924-25 city directory reveals the building was occupied by Tilbert's Café, which continued through 1929, but by 1937 it housed the DeLuxe Café. In 1941 the tenant was Maytag Sales & Service, in 1948 Novack's Jewelry, in 1953 Larry's Clothing Store, in 1959 GW Benson physician, and William Hemes Optometrist, and in 1963 the Delta Furnace Co.

**1000. Morrison Building (1955)**

This is a single story, rectangular plan, enframed window wall commercial building occupying a corner lot. Its nine-bay façade is composed primarily of aluminum-framed display windows resting on narrow masonry bulkheads, with a central bay occupied by an entry door beneath a transom window and flanked by vertical fixed-pane windows. Coursed ashlar limestone forms piers at the building corners. A pent roof wraps around from the façade to the side elevation, whose corner bay is clad in metal panels, and rearward by alternating bays of brick veneer and wood panels. Beneath the west pier coping is embedded a masonry plaque that is partially obscured by the pent roof, which states, "1955 / SAM & GEO PAPAD \_\_\_".

This building post-dates the 1929-50 Updates Sanborn map. City directories reveal the Boston Sweet Shop was here for many years through 1953, but Gartner's women's clothing store was located here beginning in 1959 and continuing through 1963.

**1006. Ben's Theater Building (1899-1906)**

This is a rectangular plan, flat-roofed, four story, brick double two-part commercial block. The street level facade is composed of two identical three-bay-wide storefronts on either side of a now-sealed center entrance (which led to a theater upstairs), each composed of a central recessed entrance flanked by large display windows,