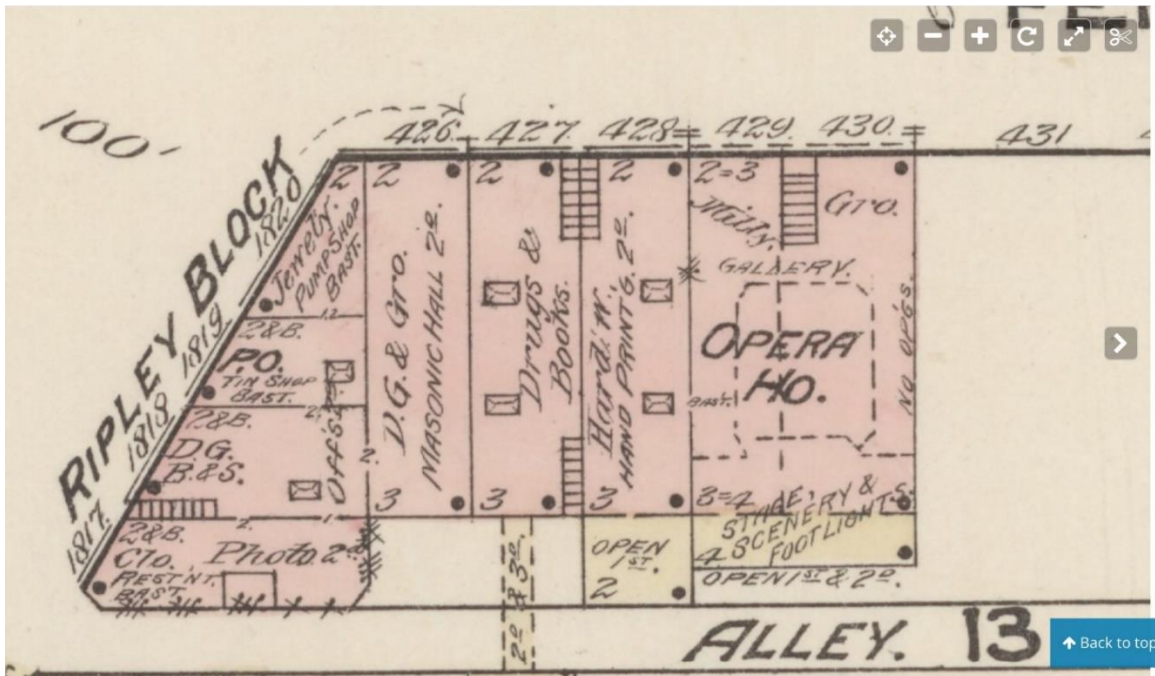


Lipka's Old Fashion Soda Fountain (Lipka Drugstore)



1883 Ripley Block

TIMELINE for LIPKA'S DRUGSTORE

1874: Lafayette Ripley purchased the drugstore from A. Hood.

1875: Ripley bought Dr. John A. Malcom's drugstore. "Ripley's stock consisted of drugs, stationery and periodicals, and is quite extensive."

1878: Soda fountain in operation.

1883: Map of the Ripley Block showed 3 levels of businesses operating including the Opera House, the Post Office, the Masonic Lodge, the drugstore, and other misc. businesses including a pump shop, a tin shop, and a restaurant all in the basement.

1884: Fire burned out 28 businesses along Ferry and Bridge/Dowling Streets including the Opera House, Ripley's Drugs and Books, the Post Office, the Township Library, and the Masonic Lodge.

1892: Map shows Ripley's Books and Drugs again operating along Ferry Street.

1902: Map again shows Ripley's Books and Drugs on Ferry Street.

1910: Map shows Ripley now operating a Drugstore on corner lot which was used as a soda water and ice cream department. The next business also was listed as Drugs.

Lafayette Ripley and his son Howard owned the drugstore for 77 years.

1952: Glen Lipka bought and began operating the pharmacy and fountain which he did until 2002 prior to his passing in 2006.

2007: Daughter Patty (Lipka) Ream took total ownership, operating the soda fountain.

2009: Lunch menu of sandwiches and soups were added.

Lipka Drugstore claims the title of "the oldest continuously operating soda fountain in Michigan".

The Lipka family operated the soda fountain in the years between 2002-2007 until Patty took over following her dream. In 2009 she added a lunch menu consisting of what she calls "fun sandwiches" which include "the turkey, lemon curd, Swiss cheese, and cucumber" and her most recent addition: "the cheeseburger quesadilla". When asked what her favorite soups are Patty responded, "French Onion and Cream of Mushroom". All of Patty's food items are made from scratch, and she tries to change the menu selections daily.

Customers often ask if the antique items on display are for sale, but the answer is, "No, because each item on display has a memory attached to it." Visitors are encouraged to look at the many items displayed, to ask questions, and share their memories of this nearly 150 year old piece of Montague's history.