

# Nauvoo

## The Way We Were

### 1279 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Unidentified Building  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** Printing/Electric Motors  
**2010:** Knights of Columbus

- 1890 – 1922** *Nauvoo Rustler* newspaper office
- 1913** “Business Block” built (three, separate businesses with a common façade) The *Rustler* continued at its same location, but in a new building.
- Mid 1930s** Purchased by Knights of Columbus
- 1930s-Present** **Knights of Columbus** meeting hall



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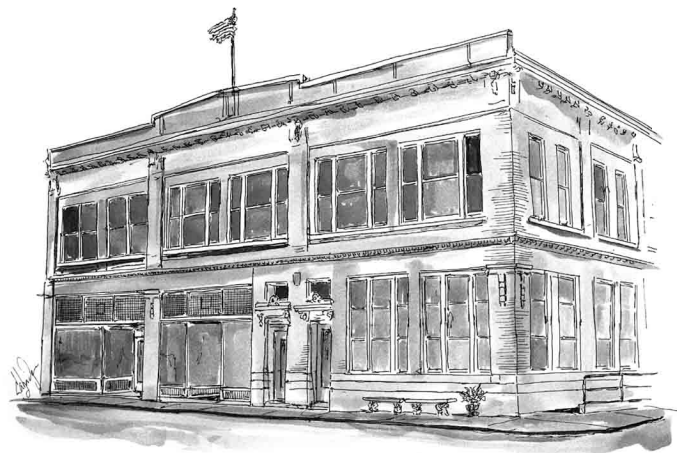
The *Nauvoo Rustler* newspaper building c. 1890's. Note the façade's interesting roofline and the plank sidewalks. (A portion of the former *Nauvoo Expositor* building, razed in 1912, can be seen to the left.)

For 34 years, from 1890-1924, the *Nauvoo Rustler* newspaper was published by S.K. Walther, son Fred Walther, and William Argast. (Framed, original copies of a few editions of the newspaper can be seen adorning the walls of the entrance to Grandpa John's Cafe.)

### 1285 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Site Empty  
**1912 Sanborn:** Site Empty  
**2010:** Furniture Store

- 1913** “Business Block” built (The former empty lot became the middle store at this location.)
- 1913 – 1930s** **Paul's Clothiers**
- Late 1930s** **Charlie Reimbold's Hardware Store**
- Late 1940s – 1958** **Lutz's Hardware Store** (First location)
- 1958 – 1960s** **Buss' Grocery Store** (First location)
- Present** **John A. Kraus Co.** (furniture store)



Drawing by David Alan Bodger

The *Nauvoo Rustler* moved into the store located on the left, or west, side. You can still see the word “Rustler” set into the mosaic entrance of the former newspaper office. Built in 1913, the large, three-building complex housed the *Nauvoo Rustler* newspaper office until 1922. The Knights of Columbus's Alleman Council No. 1843, a Catholic fraternal organization, purchased the property in the mid 1930's for use as their meeting place and for other social church and public events. It continues to be used for similar purposes today.

1. 1891 Plat and 1912 Sanborn Maps were used as baselines for building locations. They are available for viewing at the Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum, 1380 Mulholland.

2. Addresses in quotation marks indicate no existing structure at this location in 2010.

The middle store in the new 1913 building was occupied by "Paul and Meyer Clothiers" (John H. Paul and J.R. Meyer). It provided more stylish clothes than a dry goods store. In 1925, when Paul became the sole proprietor; i.e., "Paul's Clothiers," his advertisements showcased Hart Shaffner and Marx clothes—pretty dapper for what one might expect to find in a small, rural town along the Mississippi River! The store operated from 1913-1930s.



Newspaper Scan

**Straw Hat Time**  
*Is Here!*

All the new styles and desirable colors and shapes

*Prices That Will Surprise You!*

**PAUL & MEYER**  
Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

STEP OUT WITH THE SEASON IN

**New Spring CLOTHES**

HERE'S a store that mentions a style done at its height. For here we gathered some of the best garments from the leading makers of America—in workwear, sportswear, of the finest fabrics, style and workmanship.

And with it you get a satisfaction that words can't express in old business. Think of getting all-wool fabrics and the newest styles and the finest workmanship for so little—\$25.

All the up-to-the-minute styles—high waist coats for the young fellows, sport jackets, sport suits, as well as a generous range of smart, active clothes for the mature man.

Suits From \$25 to \$40

**Paul & Meyer**  
The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes.

**Special Hat Sale**  
**Saturday Only, Feb. 24.**

REGULAR \$5.00  
**HATS-SPECIAL \$3.00**

Also Tickets on Popular Lady Contest

**Paul & Meyer**  
The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes.

Then, Otis ("Otie") Lutz ran a hardware store here from the c. the latter 1940's to 1958. (This was his first location. He then moved across the street to the east.) Switching gears again, the next proprietor, John Buss, converted the building to a grocery store c. 1958 and remained at this location until the early 1960's. The building is owned by the Kraus family and presently serves as an extension of the furniture store two doors west.