

**Historical Survey of 11/13 North Broadway  
Shelby, Ohio**

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## **FOREWARD**

This report reviews the historical significance of the structure at the corner of Broadway and Main, also known as 11-13 Broadway Street, in Shelby, Ohio. The Richland County Land Bank is considering demolition of the property, along with several other structures in the area, and approached the Richland County Historical Society as an interested party for input, who in turn, contacted the Shelby Historic Preservation Commission for research help and input. While two other buildings along Broadway and a structure attached to the east side of the building on Main Street are of such age to be considered historic, they are of more recent construction therefore not addressed in this report. The building known as 11-13 Broadway is not on local, state or national historic landmark listings, nor are any other buildings on the block.

## **SUMMARY**

While the date of construction of the building known as 11-13 North Broadway Street in Shelby, Ohio, cannot be positively determined, research of land deeds, tax records and newspaper clippings from the timeframe place the building built approximately 1865 to 1867. Cline and McMillin began operating a grocery store in the southern half of the building in March 1867 and J.L. Pittenger & Co. moved into the northern section of the building in August 1867. The building was, and is two story, front-gabled and originally had brackets along the eaves. The roof originally was wood shingles. The current roof is hand formed standing seam.

The building was originally built two steps up from street level, but in 1923 the first floor was lowered to street elevation to allow for automobiles to be driven into the showroom. During that renovation apartments were added to the second floor and windows were moved to align with apartments.

In 1950, F. L. Gump, who operated an automobile sales showroom in the building, remodeled the exterior to resemble a colonial structure with a brick facing, which remains today. New showroom windows were added and the main entrance was reoriented to Main Street. Awnings were added in a later remodel.



## POTENTIAL BUILDERS

By 1860, Thomas Mickey owned the property on the northeast corner of Broadway and Main, a large lot measuring 110 feet by 120 feet, except a small portion to the east bordering Main Street. Daniel and George W. Billow purchased the property from Mickey for \$1,250, then in January 1865 Eli Wilson purchased the lot from the Billow family for \$1,327. In October 1865, Wilson sold the property to Jehiel and Andrew J. Rogers for \$3,200. Whether there were improvements to the lot could not be determined but the property more than doubled in value in 1865.

The Rogers family held the property for about a year, then in November 1866 sold what is today lots 83 and 84 to Jacob Cline and Dr. Calvin McMillin for \$2,000. This 43 feet by 76 foot parcel became the footprint of 11/13 Broadway.

Cline and McMillin sold the north 23 feet of the lot, extending back 53 feet to Elizabeth Pittenger on April 2, 1867. This 23 by 53 foot portion within the present building is all of lot 84 today.



Rendering of lot divisions 1861-1867 by Alan Wigton

## BUSINESSES

Cline & McMillin were operating a grocery store by March 1867. McMillin, a well known doctor who came to the area in 1849, also established a doctor's office on the second floor.

JUST RECEIVED.—Some choice factory  
cheese, Peach blow Potatoes and Dried  
Peaches at CLINE & McMILLIN'S.

Shelby Chronicle, Shelby, Ohio, March 28, 1867

J.L. Pittenger & Co. was in business in the north part of the building by August 1867.

<b>THE BOOT AND SHOE FIRM</b>	
LATELY KNOWN AS	
<b>J. C. HOLLENBAUGH &amp; Co.,</b>	
Has been changed to that of	
<b>J. L. PITTENGER &amp; CO.</b>	
With the change of firm, the parties have also changed their business location; having removed to their <b>NEW ROOM</b> , one door north of Messrs. Cline & McMillen, Corner Main & Broad- way. Customers for Boots and Shoes will al- ways find a <b>FULL STOCK</b> , and do well by call- ing on them.	[Shelby, O., August 1, 1867.]

Shelby Chronicle, Shelby, Ohio, August 8, 1867.

Jacob Cline sold his portion of lots 83 and 84 to Dr. Calvin McMillin in 1870 and dissolved his partnership. The company became known as Dr. C. McMillin, Son and Co. with the addition of W. F. Sonnanstine.

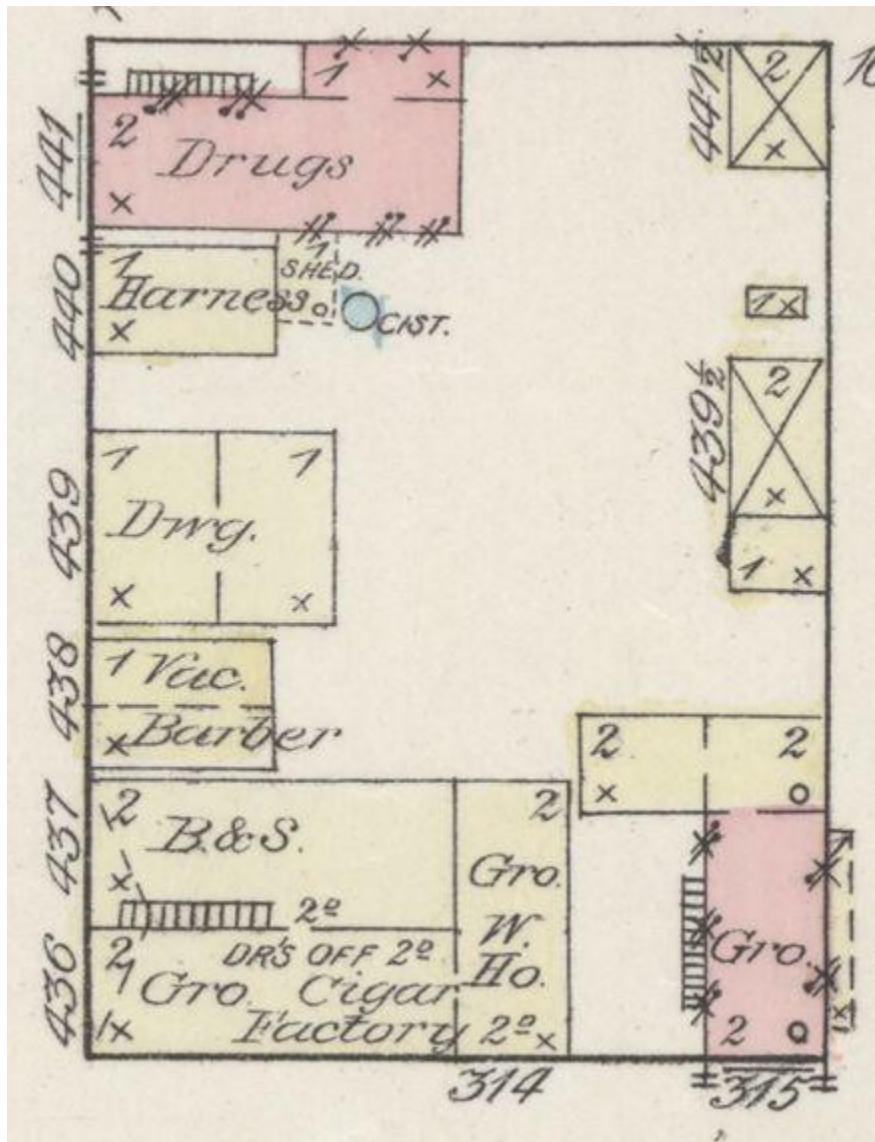
The south side of the building, 11 North Broadway, housed grocery stores for decades. A photo dating before 1882 (when Bowman Hall burned down) shows the grocery and shoe store on the northeast corner of Main and Broadway in the background.



Photo from *The Story of Early Shelby* by Raymond Wilkinson



By 1884, the building housed a grocery store and shoe store on the first floor and Dr. McMillin's office and a cigar factory operated by his son Henry E. McMillin and a Mr. Smith on the second floor.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1884, retrieved from loc.gov

In 1885, Dr. McMillin left for Cleveland and resumed his practice there. He died in 1913 and his children sold the southern portion of the building to Harry Sutter.



From *Shelby, Ohio Sesquicentennial 1984*, Dorothy Hawk editor Photo circa 1917



13 North Broadway was originally a shoe store, but there were many other businesses through the years, including a confectionery and furnace store. W. H. Rice converted the store to a gasoline and tire service station and bicycle shop about 1920. J.C. Urich operated the service station for a short time and then Willard Clark ( W. C.) Gump began operating it in 1922.

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**W. H. RICE**

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**Gasoline and Tire Service Station.**

The largest gasoline filling station in the city, is located at 13 North Broadway, and is owned and operated by W. H. Rice. Mr. Rice is the exclusive agent in this city for Canfield, "the power gas" and in his large storage tanks, has a capacity of 1,000 gallons, which assures a constant supply of gasoline, the tanks are never dry.

Rice's service station is recognized by all motorists as the old reliable tire store and by the boys as the bicycle shop, for, having been for 15 years Shelby dealer in bicycles, motorcycles and tires for everything on wheels, the quality and reliability of anything from the Rice service station is undisputable. A full line of Portage and Racine tires as well as a complete stock of Blemished tires is always on hand.

For bicycles, accessories or tires, gasoline, oil or auto tires, get the best at Rice service station, 13 North Broadway.

**Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, September 25, 1920**

In 1923, Gump bought the service station from Rice. Gump quickly made changes, including lowering the floor to street level to drive cars into the new showroom.

## URICH SERVICE STATION

### At 13 North Broadway Has Been Bought by Will Gump.

Will Gump has purchased the J. C. Urich filling and service station located at 13 North Broadway. Mr. Gump took possession of the business this morning and will give the public first class service in this line. Mr. Gump is not new to this business as he has been engaged in it for years. He was first engaged in the business on South Gamble street for several years where he built up the 101 Service Station. He gave prompt and efficient service and later sold the station to the Brunk Brothers and engaged in the real estate business.

He is now returning to the line of

business he has followed for years and plans to make a first class service station at 13 North Broadway. He will carry a line of tires and batteries and Mr. Gump assures us that he will carry the best grade of tires and the best batteries on the market. He will also prepare to do acetylene welding and will be fixed for this work as soon as possible. Mr. Gump expects to be on the job at the station and will give the business his personal attention which is assurance to the public that they will get prompt and efficient service.

The sale of the Urich station was made through C. J. Laser.

Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, September 18, 1922

W. C. Gump has purchased the building on North Broadway in which his service station is located, from W. H. Rice. He will have the structure remodeled and an up-to-date show room for automobiles installed.

Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, October 15, 1923

W. C. Gump who conducts a filling and service station on North Broadway, has had the floor of the room lowered to a level with the street and the front doors remodeled so that automobiles may be run into the room and placed on display. The room is now suited to the needs of the business and the change is a very decided improvement.

Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, December 14, 1923

W. C. Gump bought the corner building from Harry Sutter in 1924 for his budding automobile sales business, selling Hudson and Essex models. Gump transformed the longtime grocery store into a display room. The second floor was converted into apartments and the exterior was covered with stucco. Second floor windows were relocated to align with apartments. Of interest, Gump operated a grocery in that location in 1907 as Boyce and Gump when Dr. McMillin still owned the property.

## BUSINESS BLOCK

### At Corner of East Main and Broadway Purchased by W. C. Gump & Co.

The business block at the corner of East Main street and North Broadway, which has been owned by Harry Sutter, changed hands today, having been purchased by W. C. Gump & Co.

This is one of the oldest business blocks in Shelby and has been occupied as a grocery for so many years that the inhabitants cannot remember when there was not a grocery store there.

Emmett Patrie is the present occupant of the building and now that the block has been sold is preparing to move. He has a lease on the ground floor which has three years to run but this was also purchased by the Gump company. Mr. Patrie

is planning to build a store room at the corner of Whitney and Second street where he resides and will move his grocery store to this new location as soon as the building is completed.

Mr. Gump who is the agent for the Hudson and Essex, is planning to remodel the corner building. This gives him an 80 foot frontage on East Main street and 40 feet on North Broadway. The 40x40 space on the corner is to be transformed into a sales and display room. The back part of the building will be used for used cars. The second floor will be remodeled into apartments and the frame structure will be covered with stucco making a very pretty and substantial building.

Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, October 22, 1924

In 1950, Francis Leroy Gump, W. C.'s son and owner-operator, remodeled the exterior to resemble a colonial structure with a brick facing, which remains today. A standing seam metal roof was added. New showroom windows were added and the main entrance was reoriented from Broadway to Main Street. Awnings were added in a later remodel.

## WILL REMODEL GUMP SALES

Plans have been drawn for remodeling the corner building of the Gump Sales at East Main and Broadway. A per mit for the construction was issued recently at the city hall.

F L. Gump, owner-operator, said today the exterior of the building will be remodeled completely into a colonial type structure, faced with brick. New show windows will be installed in the showroom and the entrance will be from Main street

The interior has been remodeled during the last few years and, with the completion of the new project, the building that has been pretty much of a landmark during the last half century will be completely done over

Stacy Haun has the contract and work will begin this month

A permit also has been issued to Friebel & Harman, contractors, for a 50x60-foot addition to the warehouse on walnut street. It will be one story, of cement block construction.

Daily Globe, Shelby, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1950

Fred Barker purchased the building from the Gump family in 1958 and operated an auto sales business there until 1963 when he built a larger showroom on SR. 39. Hicks & Martin sold auto parts at the corner building from 1965 to 1993 when Broadway Auto Parts began operating. The business contents were sold at auction in 2006 and the commercial part of the building has remained vacant since then. Apartments were still rented until the current owner took possession.



## CURRENT PHOTOS



The joists on the south half were either band-sawn or muley saw, and the ones on the north half were circular sawed, possibly indicating differences in time periods of construction. One beam seen on the south part of the basement was hewn (not shown).



**There are supporting foundation walls in the basement running east to west between the two businesses as well as north to south foundation walls, possibly indicating stages of additions. This helps explain the straightness of the building overall. It was well supported.**





**Wall between 13 and 15 North Broadway. Original lap siding on 13 Broadway, right, is still visible.**



**Stucco is still exposed on the rear wall of the building from a renovation in 1924.**