August Maertz Mills

August Maertz’s first mill was a sawmill on the south side of Manitowoc Street in the six hundred block. Later he had a grist and flour mill on Sixth Street. This building is now owned by Reinemann. The grist mill was in operation in the early 1900’s. A tragedy occurred there when a Jonas boy was fatally injured in a fall.

Maertz Store

William Lemke had a harness shop in early years. Albert Jonas bought the property and began the hardware business. In 1912, William W. Maertz purchased the building. He too sold hardware until 1932.

At that time, Maertz began the grocery store. It was affiliated with Clover Farm. In 1941, his son, William C. Maertz went into the grocery business doing so until the 60’s. W. W. Maertz made this building his home for 62 years.

Harold Kabat purchased the property turning it into a shoe shop and shoe repair. The building is unoccupied in 1976.

W. W. Maertz Hardware Store 1912.

Novak Tavern

At 640 Manitowoc Street there originally stood a tavern and dance hall. John Novak, Sr. bought the building from Wencil Shimon (father of Ed Shimon, funeral home director) in 1910.

There was also an ice house on the premises. Ice was brought from Long Lake and stored for summer use by the business places. There were a few ice boxes in the homes.

Anton Novak, son of John Novak managed the business. He married Barbara Jerabek. They moved to Grimms and Mr. Novak tore down the dancehall. In 1922, they moved back to Reedsville. This building has been remodeled into a residence.