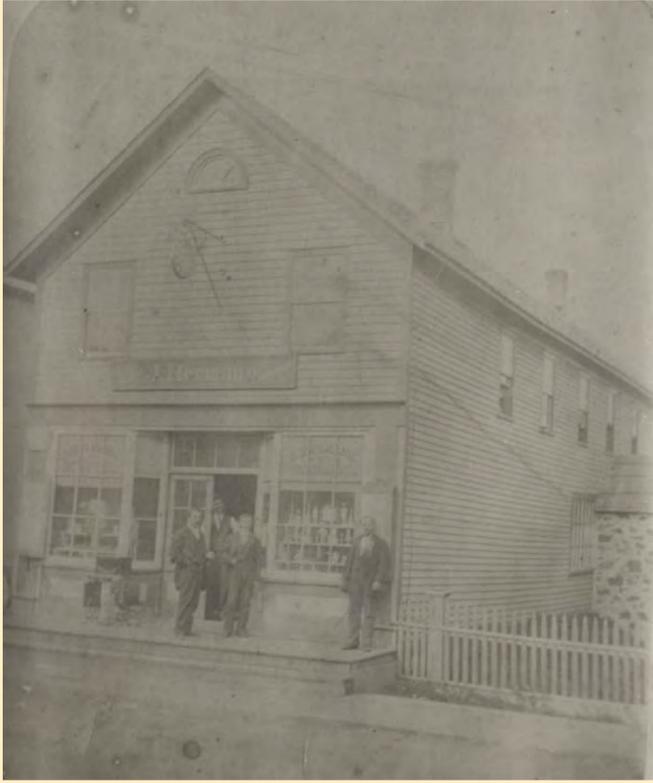


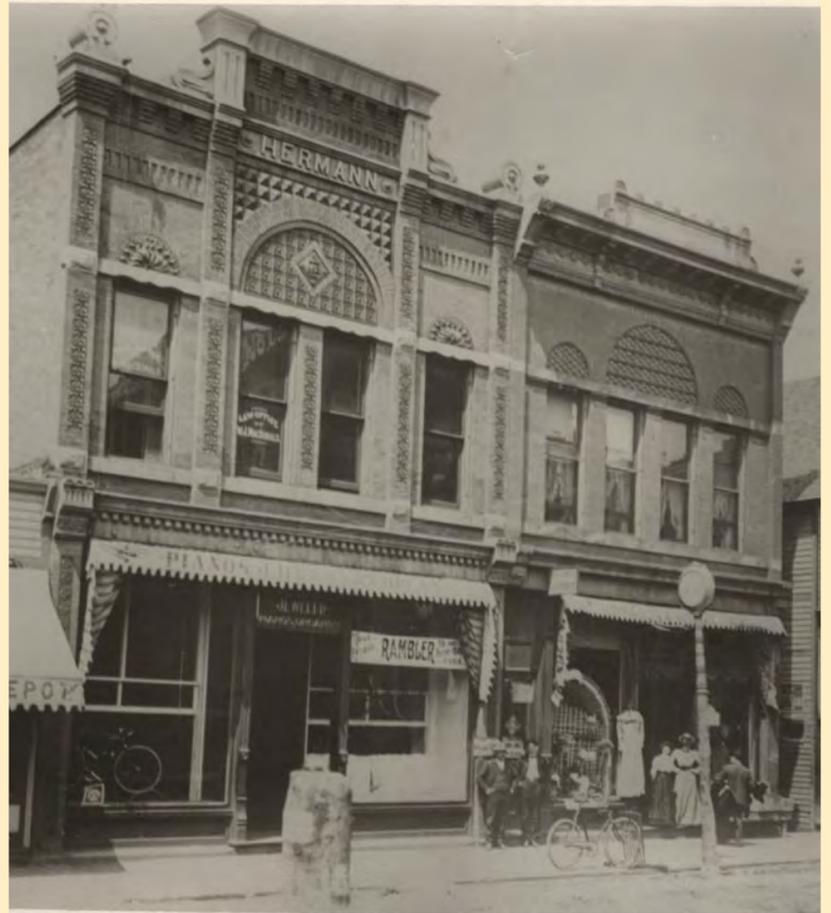
# Hermann Block ca.1890



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Hermann, Jewelry Store ca. 1880

Joseph Hermann learned the jeweler's and watchmaker's trade in Germany before he immigrated to Eagle River in 1863. He established his own business there in 1865, and moved it to Calumet Location (just east of here) in 1868. In 1870, he moved the business to this location, in a two-story wood-frame building, with a stone vault attached to the north side. Around 1890, it was replaced with a two-story brick building, which forms the oldest part of the building existing today. In about 1894, the second storefront with a second story was added to the building on the north side; a third story was added around 1905.

From about 1894 until about 1910, the north storefront was occupied by Louis Sibilsky's dry goods store, also an old Eagle River business. By 1916, Joseph Hermann had died, and the business was run by the Hermann Brothers Company, consisting of John and Lucas Hermann, and Paul Tritschler. In 1942, the jewelry business still occupied the south storefront, and The Calumet Hardware Company occupied the north. By 1957, the jewelry business had moved to 316 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and the hardware store had taken over both storefronts here.



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Hermann, Hermann Block ca. 1900

In 1913, this building was occupied by Joseph Hermann, jeweler, and the Grand Union Tea Company. Joseph Herman was also vice-president of the First National Bank around that time, and president of the Hermania Mining Company, who had offices upstairs here. Other offices upstairs were occupied by professionals such as the dentist, Richard D. Jones. Some rooms upstairs were also used as residential apartments.

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