

29 20th Street and 1900-1912 Market Street



These combined properties appear to have been owned jointly for many decades. The 1871, 1884, and 1890 Sanborn Insurance maps show buildings along 20th Street, but only a single, small structure, labeled “Rugs” on the 1884 map and “Fruit” on the 1890 version, along Market.

Deed records indicate that in those early years the properties, along with several other holdings, were owned by Captain Samuel Mason (1803-1883), a retired riverboat captain who lived on the opposite side of 20th Street. His name appears on the 20th Street buildings on the 1871 map. His heirs sold the properties in 1889 to Dr. David H. Taylor (1848-1930).



Taylor was born in Indiana, began a career as a teacher, then studied medicine at Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, OH, graduating in 1875. He practiced medicine in Ohio, married Margaret Muldoon (1857-1942) in 1883, and moved to Wheeling in 1884. The Wheeling City Directory from that year shows his office and residence at the northeast corner of 20th and Market Streets, which would now be labeled 29 20th Street.

It is likely that Dr. Taylor owned the property when the Market Street buildings were added. No listings at these street addresses were found in the 1886 or 1888 Wheeling City Directories. One listing along this row was found in the 1894-1895 directory: W.B. Odbert, jeweler, at 1908 Market. By the time of the 1896 directory, Odbert was joined by Schenerlein and Pratt, paints, at 1910 Market.



The 1901-1902 directory, lists the following tenants:

- 1900 Market – Harry King (confectioner)
- 1902 Market – J. Feldman (ladies tailoring)
- 1902 ½ Market – Star Photo Gallery
- 1904 Market – H. Bernhard (tailor)
- 1906 Market – John Boles (notions)
- 1908 Market – W.B. Odbert (jeweler)
- 1910 Market – Schenerlein and Pratt (paints)

The 1902 Sanborn map clearly shows these properties, with only 1912 Market Street not yet added.

Dr. Taylor was quite active in the community. He was a member of the State Board of Health, served on City Council from 1892 to 1894, and was elected Sheriff in 1904. He was also an active Mason. By 1910, the Taylor family moved to 2233 Chapline Street. They sold the properties in 1915 and moved to Chicago, IL.

Joseph and Emma E. Hasenauer purchased the properties on June 9, 1915; it is their name that now appears on the Market Street row buildings. Wheeling native Joseph Hasenauer (1855-1934) was the son of German immigrants, Peter and Gertrude Stoehr Hasenhauer. He was a shoe merchant by trade, was active in the Scottish Rite, and lived at 909 Main Street. By the time the Hasenaus purchased the properties, William H. Bowers' wholesale produce store was located at 29 20th Street, according to the 1911-1912 City Directory.



The next available Sanborn Insurance Map, dated 1921, shows that the final building in the Market Street row, number 1912, had been added. 1917-1918 directory listings for these addresses show the following tenants:

- 1900 Market – Charles W. Garver (confectioner)
- 1902 Market – Asad Maroon (dry goods)
- 1904 Market – Model Restaurant (Allen Smith)
- 1906-1908 Market – Charles Saad (dry goods)
- 1910 Market – Charles F.W. Ihlenfeld (barber)
- 1910 ½ Market – Frank Stritzel (picture frames)
- 1912 Market – Wheeling Furniture Exchange (H.W. Rice, manager)

Roscoe W. Keesor operated a drug store at 29 20th Street and lived at the same address with his wife Ella.

Following the death of Joseph Hasenauer, his widow, Emma (Schwartz) Hasenauer (1868-1960) retained the property, leaving it in a trust with Security National Bank and Trust to her heirs when she died.

In the fall of 1972, Security National Bank and Trust sold the properties to Watergate, Inc. (John Hoskins), who sold them in 1980 to Mikan, Inc. (Michael and Mary Ann Sobota). Mikan, Inc. sold the properties in 1995 to Carl Nix, who sold them to the current owners, Crest Investments, in February 2015.

Various businesses have come and gone in the intervening years, with the Hall of Fame Café currently located at 29 20th Street and the current owner's Vigilant Book Store at 1900 Market.

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