

86 14th Street

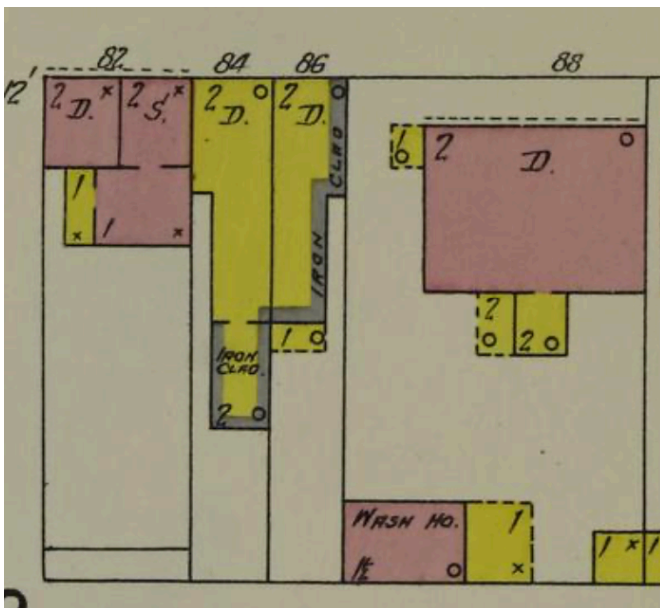


Although the 1999 National Register nomination for the East Wheeling Historic District estimates a construction date of around 1890 for this house, the 1902 Sanborn Insurance map shows a vacant lot at this location.

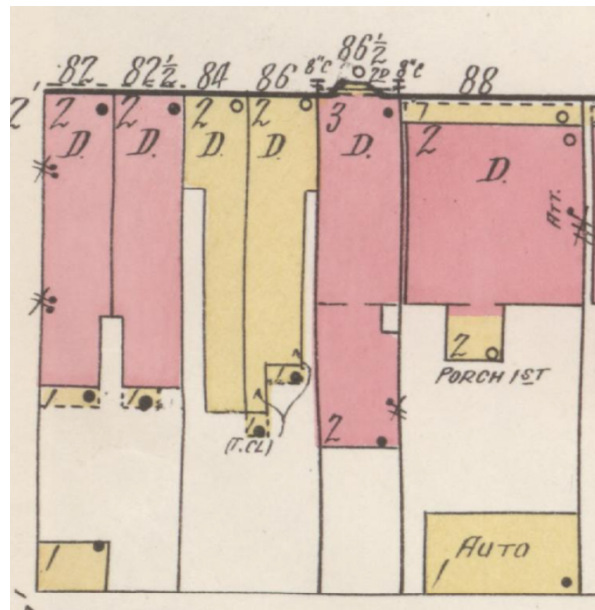
The current three-story structure was certainly in place by the time of the next available Sanborn map – 1921 – although its street address was shown as 86 ½ 14th Street.

Deed records show that Archibald “Archie” Todd Hupp, Sr., inherited the property in the spring of 1897 from his grandparents, Dr. John C. Hupp and Caroline Louise Todd. Caroline was a daughter of Dr. Archibald Todd, who lived in the adjacent 88 14th Street home. Wheeling native Hupp (1855-1943) was the retired vice president of Speidel Grocery Company at the time of his death.

It appears that Hupp never lived in 86 ½ 14th Street. The earliest found Wheeling City Directory showing a tenant at 86 ½ was the one dated 1907-1909, suggesting that the building was constructed between 1902, the date the Sanborn map was prepared, and 1907-1909. At the time of the 1907-1909 directory, Mrs. Mary Bodley, widow of John Bodley, was listed as living there, while Hupp lived next door, at 88 14th Street, the former home of his grandparents. John Bodley, wagon manufacturer with his brother James as Bodley Brothers, died on March 24, 1907. His obituary lists his residence as 86 ½ 14th Street.



1902 Sanborn Insurance Map



1921 Sanborn Insurance Map

Subsequent residents at 86 ½ 14th Street include the following sampling:

- George H. Phillips, manager of the Fort Henry Club (1911-1912 City Directory)
- William E. Lamont(e), mechanical engineer at Wheeling Steel and Iron Company (1917-1918 City Directory)
- William Lamont(e), construction engineer, and Mrs. Rachel Lamont, “furnished rooms” (1921-1922 through 1930 City Directories)
- Mrs. Juanita B. Swart, widow of Frank, 1836 City Directory
- Mrs. Caroline F. Elliott, widow of Joseph, 1940 City Directory

Archie T. Hupp died on October 17, 1943 at the age of 88 while still living at the adjacent 88 14th Street address. Mrs. Maude McClain, widow of H.S. McClain, purchased the property in the fall of 1944 from his estate, through a will that included Hupp’s children and a grandson. Maude McClain, age 77, died of natural causes on May 6, 1964 while a resident of 86 ½ 14th Street.

The 1966 City Directory listed the residence as “vacant.” In the spring of 1967, Maude McClain’s three sisters sold the property to Edward W. and Evelyn H. Williams. At the time, Williams was listed as president of Manpower, Inc. Two other tenants also lived in the house – Diana Jasparin, waitress at the Fort Henry Club, and Judith Martin, office secretary for J.D. Miller.

John F. and Asta Valput purchased the property in 1971 and had several tenants in the building. They sold it in 1983 to Reconstructive Enterprises, who sold it in 1987 to James N. and Sheila Dahl. The Dahls owned it for just over a year when they sold it in the fall of 1988 to Kenneth L. and Judith L. Morgan. The Art in Wheeling Studio and Gallery was housed at this address until Lorraine Eckard purchased the property in 1998, using it as her law office. Eckard and her husband, contractor Marty Maness, received a 2023 award from Friends of Wheeling for their exterior renovation work.

Current owners John and Heather Hughes purchased the property in 2023 and are making it into a single family home.

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