

126-132 S Central Ave

(Previously 112-114 S. Central Ave. prior to 1940's)

Before the end of 1880, the Mersch family came to Marshfield and Thomas Mersch began conducting business at the Mersch Hotel on S. Central Avenue. On June 27th, 1887, his hotel was completely destroyed in the Marshfield Fire. By August 26, 1887, the Thos. Mersch Saloon and residence measured 22'x50' and two stories high. The formal opening was held on October 8, 1887. In January 1892, an addition was added to the Thos. Mersch Hotel, valued at \$1,700.00. Another building was added to the north of the Mersch Hotel in the summer of 1903. During 1912, the Mersch Hotel was taken over by Anton Siegert and re-named the Majestic Hotel, until March of 1920 when he leased the north half of the main floor to C. G. Paschen for a music store (Paschen Music Shop) and the other part of the same floor to Leo Lietz for a plumbing shop. In May of 1921, C. G. Paschen sold half of his business to his brother-in-law, Roy E. Pucker of Chicago, who helped conduct the store (Paschen and Pucker.) Over the years it has been known as the Chummy Club, Chick's Café, Simply from the Hearth & Thimbleberry Books, The Cracked Egg, Hastings Sporting Goods, and 2½ Cups & As You Wish, but for over 60 years as Jimmie's Café ran by three generations of the Wilcott family.



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This handsome, simple, Commercial Vernacular building with Italianate details was constructed in 1887 after the big fire of that year. Most of the architectural detail is located in the cornice area. A series of recessed panels decorate the projecting brick cornice. Dentils accent the top brick course, while a dog-tooth course accents the bottom of the cornice. The three one-over-one double hung second story wood sash windows rest on simple sills and are crowned with shouldered segmentally arched brick lintels. The storefront appears to have been altered by brick repair work which may have replaced an original cast metal lintel like the one visible on the building just to the north.

126 South Central Avenue WO 11/10

This handsome simple Commercial Vernacular building with Italianate details was constructed between 1898 and 1904 to match the building to the south [132 South Central, WO 11/9]. Most of the architectural detail is located in the cornice area. A series of recessed panels decorate the projecting brick cornice. Dentils accent the top course, while a dog-tooth course accents the bottom of the cornice. Two one-over-one double hung wood sash second story windows rest on a simple sill and are crowned with shouldered segmentally arched brick lintels. A centered oriel window was added between 1904 and 1912, perhaps at the same time the building was converted to a hotel. An original cast metal lintel divides the store front from the second story. The store front appears to have been altered by brick repair work, and the show windows have been replaced.

(Excerpted from the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, page 7. <file:///C:/Users/Mother/Documents/Local%20History%20stuff/Brochure%20Folders/National%20Register%20Applications/District%20Central%20National%20Register%20Application.pdf>)

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