



Historic Building Spotlight

The Ludlow Rail Yard Storehouse

📍 Intersection of Carneal and Oak Street



The original Ludlow rail yards from the 1870s burned down in a fire in 1887. Yards, including the surviving Ludlow Rail Yard Storehouse, were rebuilt between 1888 and 1892 using

more permanent materials. The two story building allowed entry on the ground level toward the street and on the basement level toward the tracks. The Storehouse functioned as the "Office and Stores" similar to a modern-day parts department. It is an example of Victorian or Romanesque Revival industrial architecture with masonry walls and round-arched clerestory windows.

The original architect of this beautiful structure is unknown, but may have been Louis Gustave Frederic Bouscaren, who worked as a draftsman and later an engineer for the Cincinnati Southern Railway.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct 1st, 2022

12 - 4 PM • 49 Elm Street

Join the Ludlow Heritage Museum and Ludlow Historic Society for the **Ludlow Railroad Heritage Festival!**

The event will take place on the Ludlow City Plaza and will feature a presentation on Ludlow's Railroad History, and a look inside the ongoing Ludlow Rail Yards Storehouse restoration project. Come enjoy live music from Malady Alley, food and drink trucks, and more!

See the Ludlow Heritage Museum Facebook page for more info.

History of Ludlow's Business District

Ludlow is fortunate to be home to many valued small businesses, and that is nothing new! Elm Street has a long history of entrepreneurship. Here's a look at how some of our favorite Ludlow businesses of today looked at the time of our Centennial in 1964.

Some things never change! The **Buffalo Bar** (201 Elm) is

the only business from the Centennial celebration that is still operating today.

Dollhouse Tattoo (212 Elm) was the Ludlow Paint Store.

Ludlow Tavern (214 Elm) was Gavin Plumbing and Heating.

Tax Quality (216 Elm) was The Home Building Association.

The First National Bank operated in the space now

occupied by **Beelicious Honey** (218 Elm), and the original bank vault is still present. **Illuminatus Tattoo** (222 Elm) was once Daryl's Barber Shop.

Reed Law Firm (241 Elm) was Burke's Cafe. Part of the space now housing **Hater's Dry Goods** (242 Elm) served as Maley's Shoes. **Resource**

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Realty Partners (243 Elm) was Ludlow Bakery. Though the current structure is newer than 1964, where **Second Sight** (303 Elm) now stands was once the location of Keene Furniture & Appliances. **River Ratz Tattoos** (305 Elm) was at the time of the Centennial Ward's Cleaners, then later Flower Basket. The **Ronald B Jones Funeral Home** offices stand on the location of the former Rock Bar Cafe (308 Elm).

Opening originally as a movie theatre in 1946, the building at 322 Elm operated as a clutch manufacturing plant for many years, until **Bircus Brewing Co.** restored the building to its original Art Deco glory.

327 Elm Street was once Goody's Food Market and continues its culinary history today as **The Parlor. Jeff & John Winkle Studio** (329 Elm) was once Gooch Jewelers.

Former **Folk School Coffee Parlor** (332 Elm) was once Ludlow Liquor Store. **Gaither's Studio Gallery** (336 Elm) is housed in the former Farrell's Pharmacy which was founded in 1911 and said to be Ludlow's oldest business under one

family. A painted ad for Farrell's is visible on the Kenner Street side of the building, which was added during the filming of *Lost in Yonkers* (1993). **Batoray Wholesale Distributors** (648 Elm) was Schrage Hardware.

Though not on Elm Street, we would be remiss to not mention Ludlow's first home - **Elmwood Hall** (244 Forest), which was once home to Mrs. Thomas' Candies.



About the Ludlow Historic Society

The Ludlow Historic Society was founded in 2010 with the mission to preserve the historic structures and neighborhoods in Ludlow through education and advocacy. One of the primary methods of doing so is through targeted renovation projects like our renovation of 232 Elm Street and the exterior renovation of 20 Butler Street. LHS is governed by a Board of Directors, all of whom are citizens of Ludlow, which includes talented architects and homeowners who are passionate about restoring homes to their

original design and character. The Ludlow Historic Society encourages membership of any individual, resident of Ludlow or not, who is committed to historic preservation.

We offer three opportunities to join - Annual Individual Membership (\$20), Annual Family Membership (\$35), Lifetime Membership (\$100). We also accept donations to contribute to our renovation efforts. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Community Room of the Ludlow City Building (enter through the Police Dept. door).

💡 Did you know...?

Ludlow was once home to its own streetcar line? Regularly scheduled streetcar service began on September 22, 1894.

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