

LIFE AND RESIDENTS OF "THE MIDWAY"
100 BLOCK OF EAST HUGHITT ST. AND 100 TO 300 BLOCK OF WEST HUGHITT ST.
IRON MOUNTAIN, DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
By Alfred "Oscar" Flaminio
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[NOTE: The Midway, an area stretching for three or four blocks on East and West Hughitt Street in downtown Iron Mountain, was infamous during the last two decades of the nineteenth century and first three decades of the twentieth century. In 1993, the members of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools Scrapbook History Class published *Scrapbook Memories of Dickinson County, Michigan*, dedicated to Lawrence "Larry" Negro, the teacher of the class, who died January 24, 1993, before the class ended. The class was largely composed of senior citizens, over half of whom were natives of Iron Mountain's North Side, an area originally inhabited mainly by Italians. The following is excerpted from a memoir entitled "Entertainment of the 1920 and 1930 Years," written by Alphonse Fuse, a member of this class. His account regarding early carnivals helps document the name "The Midway," evidently so named because early carnivals were set up on Hughitt Street. Alphonse Fuse wrote:

Carnivals that came to our city were very well patronized. The first carnival that I recall in the early 1920's was the Court T. Kennedy shows. The carnival set up on the 100 block of West Hughitt Street. The street was closed to traffic for the week. The merry-go-round, the Ferris wheel and the chair plane were set up on the middle of the street. The side shows and booths of chance were set up curbside of the street. My concern at the time were [sic – was] the rides of which I had plenty. My grandfather owned a building on the street and he had a lot of free passes.

Later carnivals were Wortham Bros. Shows, Scheesly Carnival, Ruben and Cherry and Beckman and Gerty shows, all very well attended. The carnivals in those days arrived by rail. These carnivals mostly played at the old Wisconsin and Michigan

railroad depot lot off H Street. These were larger carnivals that featured a lot of rides and a lot of side shows, including the "fat ladies", colored minstrel shows, fire eaters, snake charmers, girly shows (modestly attired), acrobatic shows and a thrill show called the Motordrome.

Alfred "Oscar" Flaminio's account, written in the fall of 1987, provides invaluable insight into this section of Iron Mountain when life along "The Midway" was sometimes a walk on the wild side. There are numerous contemporary newspaper accounts during the Prohibition years about liquor raids in this area, as well as raids on the houses of ill repute located there. Many of the names contained herein play a prominent role in some of these newspaper accounts.

Following Alfred's memoir are listings from a number of city directories which help identify the residents in this section of the city during the first third of the Twentieth Century.]

This is a story, not about an island in the Pacific or an area out of Chicago, but a little street in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in a little town called Iron Mountain. It begins in the late 1800's on Hughitt Street, which was known as the Midway in that era. It was comprised of an area of three or four blocks, stretching from one block east of Stephenson Avenue to and including the 300 block west of Stephenson Avenue. It is about the people, business houses, families and mood of the era.

It is about a family – my family – and the neighborhood in which I grew up. It is about the characters that made up that neighborhood – the good and the bad. It has its roots in my father, Angelo Flaminio, and my mother, Jenny Caretto, who were married on April 16, 1898. Their marriage license was the 838th issued in Dickinson

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County. "Butch," as Angelo was affectionately called, was a miner who did not stay with the occupation for very long. One cave-in at the Pewabic Mine which resulted in being entombed for thirty-six and one-half hours convinced him that if longevity was a priority, he would have to find an endeavor which would keep him above the ground. With the assistance of a very good friend, Joe Tirschel, he became a saloonkeeper on the Midway.

Jenny bore eleven children, eight of whom survived childbirth. The personal memories will come later, but, for now, I want to introduce you to the personalities and life of the Midway.

Hughitt Street was home to a good number of saloons and brothels. The Northwestern Depot was in the middle of the block of Stephenson Avenue, cornered by Hughitt and Ludington Streets. When the lumberjacks came to town, they did not have to travel far to find a saloon – or a fair lady. With his earnings of several months in his pockets he had come to town to have a good time. Pockets full of cash, they would wander up and down the street to find whatever suited their needs. Within four days most of this money would be gone. Often, they did not have fare left to board the train that would take them back to the woods and their livelihood. However, there was always someone who would make a loan, knowing that they would return again with pockets full of cash and looking for a place to spend it, as they were having a good time.

Initially, most of the lumberjacks were French Canadian with a few Scandinavian and Englishmen and Irish sprinkled in. With the arrival of the 1900's came an increase in the Polish and Croatian nationalities. Iron Mountain was rapidly becoming, like the remainder of the country, a great melting pot of diverse nationalities.

The one hundred block of the Midway area was the most popular spot in town. Looking west from Stephenson Avenue, one could see Red Meehan's restaurant and saloon, Serena's and Tebo's, sandwiched between the St. Paul and Northwestern tracks. Of course, there were numerous saloons in this area, as it was so accessible to the "weary traveler."

French Rosie had the corner spot on Merritt Avenue and Hughitt. Her husband, Norm Miller [Norman Miller, 102 West Hughitt Street], was a piano player and a regular customer at my father's place. He would come in with his hand-rolled cigarette dangling from the corner of his mouth, have his two usual beers and then meander back to his own saloon to sit and bang away at the piano. Rosie had a reputation of being a "sticker" with the dice. Many a lumberjack went home broke trying to beat French Rosie at her game. Rosie also "housed" a few ladies upstairs in her day as well!

Ed Shea [Edward Shea, 104 West Hughitt Street] lived next door to Rosie on the north side of the street. His son, Ted, still lives in town. Next to Ed was an ice cream parlor operated by two of the Bacco girls. Their father ran the saloon next door [Angelo Bacco, 106-108 West Hughitt Street]. Medio and John were the Bacco boys. They later organized the construction company which bears their name today.

The next establishment was operated by Franco, who moved downtown from the North Side sometime after 1913. He operated a store which catered to the Italians in the area and his shelves were well-stocked with a variety of Italian foodstuffs. My personal memories of this store include a penny machine with little pegs on a board. You would insert your penny into the slot and the penny would bounce from one peg to another. If you were lucky enough to have your penny land

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in one of the two reservoirs at the bottom, you would get all of the pennies that were in the cup! The Franco's daughter and I were very good friends as children, and when her parents were in the back room, I would attempt to tip the machine back and forth to get the pennies into one of the reservoirs so I could claim the jackpot.

Rivoltas [Joseph Rivolta, 110-112 West Hughitt Street] had a grocery store next door and carried a good supply of sweets, along with their meats and groceries. They collected a goodly supply of pennies from the kids who lived around Hughitt Street. I remember standing in front of the showcase with two or three pennies trying desperately to decide what would get me the most for my money in the display case. Their two children, Angie and Mary, were very good friends with my brothers and sisters. That helped get me a few more pieces than I had money for!

Next to Rivoltas was another saloon which was operated by Fred Lambert and his wife Minnie. Minnie also ran a business with a few girls upstairs of the saloon – with a back entrance, of course.

In a little store next door, a man named Will Schettler [W.C. Schettler, 122 West Hughitt Street] made and sold his own cigars which he called Court House Cigars. He later sold out to a man named Paul Beadreau. I remember an incident in which my brothers got themselves in deep trouble with Mr. Beadreau – and Pa. It seems one day they decided they would go up on Paul's roof and put a tin plate over the chimney, which they did. They then placed a brick on top of the plate to insure it staying intact. Well, there was a real "smoke-out" that day. Mr. Beadreau threatened to kill the two of them, but my father assured him they would be duly taken care of – and they were. They had a

difficult time sitting for several weeks after that incident.

The next establishment [124 West Hughitt Street] belonged to my father and was a saloon. I don't have vivid recollections of those days, but did have a lot of memories passed on to me over the years about Pa and his saloon days. One day after the country went dry, the law came in and picked up all the wine and dumped it into the alley. People came from blocks around with their pitchers to pick up the wine that was seeping out of the busted barrels. That was in 1919-1920, and Pa stayed in business one more year selling "near beer." Then he, like so many others, was forced to close the doors. Years later I was speaking with Dolly Meehan, and she told me that my dad had the cleanest and one of the finest saloons on Hughitt Street. Dolly was a good friend of the family. We all knew and liked her very much. Mother told me that when I was born, she brought over a baby blanket as a gift.

Dolly was married to Red Meehan, who died in 1948. She continued to operate an establishment on Merritt Avenue. Her place was well-known, as was the fact that she probably had the only house of ill repute behind a Federal Post Office. I have always felt that these ladies, in spite of the profession they had chosen for themselves, had their place in that era, as well as in our modern times. The madams were a pretty fair lot, and any money needed for churches, bazaars, donations for anyone who was really down and out would be donated willingly and kindly by these ladies.

The corner spot on Carpenter Avenue and West Hughitt Street was run by Joe and Tom Lawrence, both of whom were short, barrel-chested men. My brother Pete, one summer evening, hearing some arguing going on in their establishment, laid on his stomach beneath the swinging

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doors. Some lumberjack had his back to the wall encouraging anyone to take him on. He put on quite a battle, but they finally had him lying on the floor and were booting him. My brother ran to Pa's saloon to tell him what was happening, and all that my dad said was, "Mind your own business. Go upstairs." To this day my brother Pete claims they killed him. There was a rumor going around that the Lawrence boys, owning some property in Homestead, had him buried there. It is possible that they just beat the hell out of him and had him put on a train for a ride back to the woods. I would like to believe it happened this way. There were many fights and brawls on Hughitt Street. The lumberjacks and miners were pretty tough "hombres" and it took some very strong people to be able to handle them when they were liquored up. Heads got bashed in and knives were always handy and plentiful.

Across Carpenter Avenue on the north side of the street, LeFebvre [A.J. Lefebvre, 200 West Hughitt Street] had his saloon. The family lived upstairs and always owned a police dog [German shepherd]. Who of us could ever forget Leo LeFebvre? He was born to make men laugh. My brothers claim that even when Leo was a kid, he always liked to dress up in clown suits made by his mother. Many of his costumes and wigs are now housed in the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum on East Ludington Street.

Next to LeFebvre's saloon was Dubey's barbershop [Herman Dubey, 202 West Hughitt Street]. Further down was Trepanier's bakery shop [Come Trepanier, 206 ½ West Hughitt Street]. My brother Jumbo worked for him in the bakery. He earned his money by rolling up his britches to the knees, removing his shoes and stockings, washing his feet, and then

marching bare foot up and down across the bread dough to knead it.

On the corner of the 300 block of West Hughitt Street was Mrs. Longprey. She, too, ran a house. There was something a little unusual about her establishment, however. It seems she had a parrot sitting in a cage on the front porch. Every time a potential customer would walk up the sidewalk, the parrot would cackle out, "Ma, Ma, another customer!" Believe me, this parrot was not the ordinary run-of-the-mill "Polly-want-a-cracker" parrot. She was still operating when I was a young boy. The kids in the neighborhood knew that if they teased the bird she would come out threatening – with a broom in her hand – so we knew our limits with the parrot.

On the south side of the street, between the Northwestern and St. Paul tracks, was the German House which later became the American Inn, run by Tony Loverich.

Across the street on Merritt Avenue was Joe Tirschel [Joseph J. Tirschel, saloon, 101-103 West Hughitt Street, agent, Leisen & Henes Brewing Company], who had a bottling plant for Leisen and Henes beer. He actually was the one who put my father in business.

The south side of the street had a few private homes in addition to Tirschel's place. There was Poletto, the shoemaker, next door, then the two Mahoney boys [John Mahoney (wife Catherine), teamster, 115 West Hughitt Street; John Mahoney, laborer, 115 West Hughitt Street; Walter M. Mahoney, laborer, 115 West Hughitt Street], followed by Pollards, Dave Cocking [David Cocking, hostler, 116 West Ludington Street; William J. Cocking (wife Maggie), 116 West Ludington Street], and on the corner of West Hughitt Street and Carpenter Avenue there was a magnificent home owned by Martin King [Martin King (wife Catherine), contractor, 123 West

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Hughitt Street; Martin King, Jr., assistant chemist, 123 West Hughitt Street]. The Harding Hotel [Harding Hotel, William J. Harding, proprietor, 201-203 West Hughitt Street] was across the street from him.

One more "lady" I would like to tell you about was Frances Huff. She had a spot upstairs of one of the saloons. The entrance was the back door – up two flights of stairs. I remember her well. She was dying of cancer and I believe she had the most expensive white bedroom and furniture on the Midway. She always burned incense to cover the smell of disinfectant and medicine which the doctors had given her to ease her pain the last days of her life. After she died, "Big Liz" took over her place.

"Large, buxomy, robust" was the way one would describe "Big Liz." You could also say she did the best business on the street. There are many old-timers around yet who remember her. Her reputation spread all over the Upper Peninsula and possibly as far south as Green Bay, Wisconsin.

My brother Stub used to run errands for the girls, and "Big Liz" was the one who used to pay him. But he could not squander his earnings. She would insist he bring back his bank entry statement to show her that he had deposited the money he had earned from his errands into a savings account. Over the years Stub acquired a nice sum of money, which in those days was no easy feat.

One of the most memorable characters of that era was a man named Tom Corks. He had two cork legs and nobody really ever really knew where he came from. Tom had taken Prince Albert Tobacco tins and flattened them out. He then tacked them completely around his cork legs. It was a rather funny sight to see him sit and cross his legs. His pant legs would slither up and

you would see Prince Albert cans fastened securely around his cork legs. I once asked my brother what Tom did for a living. Evidently his only income was some money that came in to him which he supplemented by polishing the brass in my dad's saloon and others. Every 4th of July and Labor Day he would stand on the corner of West Hughitt Street and Merritt Avenue and sell flags – a nickel for the smallest ones, and up to 30 and 40 cents for the large ones. Red Meehan offered Tato, who had too much to drink at the time, two silver dollars if he would go up to Tom as he sat on the corner fence and push him over. The bet was accepted, and Tato walked down the sidewalk approaching Tom. He reached over, grabbed both of his legs, gave a surge upward and old Tom fell on his backside on the other side of the fence. By the time he got his cane out and hobbled around the fence, Tato was down at the next corner. Old Tom stood there yelling as he waved his cane, "If I ever catch you, I will skin you alive!" Not too many were "smart" with Tom. His cane was made of solid hickory and he could wield it with lightning speed.

Another story involving Tom resulted from the time my Pa set out to sell War Bonds, leaving my brothers, Patty and Art, to watch the saloon. Returning three hours later, the only one left in the saloon was Tom Corks, who was out like a light. Pa went to the stairs and yelled for my mother. As he looked up the stairs he spotted my brother Art, lying on the floor, green-faced. Brother Patty had made it into bed, and I don't believe my father ever tumbled to the fact that his kids had been "sampling" and had gotten Tom Corks blasted in the process. Patty was smart. He knew Pa never touched any of the kids if they were in bed. Evidently he believed that even devils were good when they were sleeping.

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Dad used to buy a lot of wood – 25 to 40 cords – and all of it would have to be stacked up in the lot behind the saloon. One Saturday he delegated Art, Jumbo, Pete and Stubby to start sawing it up. A circus happened to be in town then, and everyone was caught up in the excitement of it all. Knowing this, Pa kept close tabs on the boys out back by walking to the window to see if they were staying on the job. One of the times he looked, Stubby was sitting out there alone on top of the sawhorse and the rest of the boys had disappeared somewhere. When Pa went out to ask where the boys were, Stubby replied, "I don't know." So, the Old Man says, "Well, you can't do anything by yourself, so you might as well get."

A half hour later, the parade is coming down Carpenter Avenue. A lumberjack came running into the saloon after Pa. "Hey, Butch, come out and see your boys." There was Jumbo sitting on an elephant all dressed up and directly behind him was Art, driving three white horses and a chariot. He was all dressed up like a Roman general. Pa just gave them the "Italian Salute" and they both knew what they had coming that evening.

The boys had to be in every night by 9:00. We had an outside stairway that Pa made my mother lock each night so the boys couldn't sneak in after curfew, but the boys would just wait until Pa got busy in the saloon and then run like hell through there and up the inside stairway before Pa could see who it was. But it was not long before he would catch on and would help them up the steps with the tip of his foot. Pa was really a fire-ball, but I'm sure that with six boys he had to be. I was just a tot during all this time, and in later years my brothers used to tell me that I got away with quite a bit because I was the baby. I'd seen Dad starting to mellow, but let me not kid you

one bit. I received a few well-placed cracks. Both Ma and Pa were short people – my mother could almost walk under my armpit, and, as a young lad, I never could wrap my arms around her and have my hands meet. She was always jolly, and whatever Pa said was "law"; that's just the way it was!

All Italians didn't live on the North Side of Iron Mountain. The west side of Carpenter Avenue, Ludington Street, Hughitt Street, A Street and B Street all had their fair share of Italians, as well. Names like Lucarelli, Contarini, Pelligrini, Jedda, Paridiso, Biolo, Rigoni, Bacco, Franco, Calo, Izzo, DePrato, Flaminio, Borla, DeCrescenzo, Picucci and Miressi were scattered in this area as well. I might have missed a couple, but most of them, I believe, were Neapolitano or Piemontese.

I remember making my first communion at St. Joe's Church, but in order to make confirmation, we downtown Italians would have to walk to the North Side church for classes. We invariably had to fight our course across the pit. Going up – and coming back. We were all Italians, but we were known as the "Downtown Dagos" and that fact alone was enough to excite a few battles. Fortunately, people do mellow and the intermarriage with North Side boys and girls has caused the rivalry to kindle down to reminiscent whispers.

This seems like a good note to end this story of memories on. There has been a lot of reminiscing and I hope it will bring back some pleasant memories to all who read it. There are undoubtedly names I should have included and places that may be misplaced by the passing of years. If it brings the reader the warm feelings it brought the writer, then you will have enjoyed it as much as I. Memories are from the past, but they help us focus on our heritage and our future.

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***Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain
and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec
and Vulcan, Mich., With a List of the
Residents of Niagara, Wis.
1902-1903***

HUGHITT STREET EAST

- 100 John Vercella, saloon
Thomas Langdon, painter (upstairs)
- 103 J. Paulet, shoemaker
- 104 Louis White, proprietor, Railroad House
- 104B Thorvell Lyng, laborer
- 105 A.J. Massey [*Massie*], barber
- 108 Franklin & Johnson, painters and paper
hangers
- 109 W.H. Hurley, lawyer (boards at the
Wabash Hotel)
- 115 W.S. Laing, agent, Nelson Morris & Co.
(residence 609 West Brown Street)

HUGHITT STREET WEST

- 101 Charles Tirschell, saloon
Ginaro Vitilli, miner (residence)
Tony Patrossia, miner (residence)
- 102 Mrs. R. Jetti [*listed in street index, but not
listed in alphabetical listing*]
- 104 Joseph Conta, saloon
- 105 Alfred Taylor, laborer [*listed as Alfred
Tellier in street listing*]
Joseph Pauline
- 106 LaBrook & Trudell
[*Allen Labrook is alphabetically listed,
working at Hansen's Livery Stable*]
- 108 Angelo Bacco, saloon
- 110 Edmond Chandonet, shoemaker [*listed at
109 West Hughitt Street in street listing*]
- 110 Peter Caretto, baker and macaroni
manufacturer
- 112 Dominick Serena, saloon
- 113 William Bottger, laborer (residence)
- 114 Joe Rivolta, grocer
- 115 John Maloney, laborer (residence) [*listed
as John Mahoney in street listing*]
- 116 Joe Lonpry [*Lomprey*], livery stable,
boarding house, saloon [*listed only in
alphabetical listing*]
- 116-120 Home Hotel, M. Lonprey, proprietor
- 119 Mrs. Annie Kent (residence)
Mrs. Mary J. Vincent (residence)

- 121 Charles Oliver Sr., laborer (residence)
Charles Oliver Jr., laborer (residence)
Nicholas Roberts, laborer (residence)
- 122 J. Demars, shoemaker [*listed as J.
Memarais in street listing*]
- 123 Martin King (residence)
- 124 Lawrence Bros. (Joseph and Thomas)
(both board at 505 West Ludington Street)
- 126 Angelo Flaminio, saloonkeeper
- 200 Edward E. St. Arnauld, saloon
Mrs. C. Lefebvre (residence)
Alma Lefebvre (residence)
Antonio Lefebvre, bartender (residence)
- 201-203 Harding Hotel, W.J. Harding,
proprietor
- 202 Herman Dubey, barber (residence 512
West A Street)
- 204 A. & G. Trepanier (Alfred and George),
bakers and confectioners (residence)
Aldea Trepanier, clerk at A & G Trepanier
(residence upstairs)
Joseph Trepanier, delivery (boards at 204
West Hughitt Street)
- 205 Louis Lambert, carpenter (residence)
Joe Turcott, carpenter (residence
upstairs)
- 206 Concezio Pellegrini, laborer (residence)
- 208 Ben Heiman, junk dealer
- 209 Charles Carlson, laborer (residence)
Albert Parent, laborer (residence)
- 211 Ben Weber, grocer (residence; store listed
at 213 West Hughitt Street)
- 212 Omer Trudell, laborer (residence)
- 213-215 Ben Weber, grocer
- 214 Louis Carron [*Caron*], sexton at St.
Joseph's Catholic Church (residence)
Henry Perry, laborer (residence)
- 216 Alfred St. Arnauld, groceries
Annie St. Arnauld, bookkeeper
D. St. Arnauld, laborer
- 218 Alcid Nauld [*Nault - ?*], laborer (residence)
- 300 Xavier St. Arnauld, laborer (residence)
Cora St. Arnauld (residence)
Jennie St. Arnauld (residence)
- 308 Fred Lannoye, boilermaker, 712 River
Avenue (residence 308 West Hughitt
Street)
- 312 Henry Masicotte, brakeman, Chicago,
Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad (residence)

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- 400 Joseph Pariseau, laborer (residence)
Eugenia Pariseau, teacher (residence)
Marie A. Pariseau, teacher (residence)
Alex Parent, laborer (residence)
- 405 H. Marois, laborer (residence)
- 408 Joseph Bedard, engineer (residence)
- 409 Henry King, laborer (residence)
- 413 Abraham Baribeau, brakeman, Chicago &
Northwestern Railroad (residence)
- 414 Xavier Prenevost, jobber (residence)
- 417 Joe Tallay [*not listed in alphabetical listing*]

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HUGHITT STREET EAST

- 100 Edward Shea (Annie), liquor and cigars
(residence)
- 103 John Paulet, shoemaker (residence)
- 104 Domenic Serena (Mary), liquor and cigars;
also proprietor of the Railroad House
(residence)
- 105-107 Frank C. Schilling Co., wholesale
merchandise, Fred P. Schilling, resident
manager (residence 108 East Fleshiem
Street)
- 105 E.P. Gingras [*Gingrass*] (Lillian),
barbershop (residence)
- 115 Nelson Morris & Co., packers and
provisions; William J. Cudlip, agent

HUGHITT STREET WEST

- 101-103 Joseph J. Tirschel (Josephine),
liquors and cigars; also brewing agent
(residence)
Anna Tirschel, student (residence)
Emma Tirschel, student (residence)
Rosie Tirschel, student (residence)
- 102 Norman Miller (Emma), liquors and cigars
(residence)
- 104 Dominic Contarini (Eliza), liquors and
cigars (residence)
Mary Contarini, student (residence)
- 105 John Jetty (Elma), confectioneries, cigars
and tobacco (residence)
- 108 Angelo Bacco (Victoria), liquors and cigars
(residence)

- John Bacco, student (residence)
Mary Bacco (residence)
Medeo Bacco (residence)
- 110 Peter Caretto (residence)
- 111 Arthur Minnear (May), works in saloon
(residence)
- 112 Joe Rivolta (Fortunata), groceries,
confectioneries and fruits (residence)
- 113 William Cocking (Maggie), miner
(residence)
- 119 Fred Grollo/Grolo [*Groleau*] (Alice)
(residence)
- 120 Alfred "Fred" Lambert (Minnie), liquors and
cigars; also proprietor of the Home Hotel
(residence)
James Lambert, clerk, boards at Home
Hotel (residence)
- 121 John Porro (Catherine), laborer
(residence)
- 123 Martin King (Catherine), jobber (residence)
Martin King Jr., chemist (residence)
- 124 Angelo Flaminio (Teresa), liquors and
cigars (residence)
- 128 Thomas Lawrence, liquors and cigars
(residence)
- 200 E.E. St. Arnauld, liquors and cigars
(residence)
- 201 W.J. Harding (Lydia A.), proprietor,
Harding Hotel (residence)
James G. Harding, student, boards at
Harding Hotel
John H. Harding, student, boards at
Harding Hotel
- 204 Trepanier Bros. (Alfred and George),
bakery and confectionery
George Trepanier (Mary L.), bakery and
confectionery (residence)
- 205 Noe/Noah Lambert, carpenter (residence)
Emma Lambert, student (residence)
- 206 Come Trepanier (Marie), retired
(residence)
Alde Trepanier, collector for Telephone
Company (residence)
Alfred Trepanier, bakery (residence)
Angeline Trepanier (residence)
Corinne Trepanier, clerk (residence)
- 208 Ben Heiman (Mary) (residence)
Lena Heiman, student (residence)
M. Heiman, clerk (residence)

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| <p>209 John Prettyhart (residence) <i>[listed as Abe Prettyhart in street directory]</i></p> <p>212 Omar Trudell (Auxlie), millwright (residence)</p> <p>213 Ben Weber (Clara), groceries, fruits, vegetables and feed (residence)</p> <p>214 Louis Caron (Adeline), laborer (residence)</p> <p>216 St. Arnauld & Chaput, groceries, meats, feeds, etc.
D. St. Arnauld (Victoria), carpenter (residence)
Edward St. Arnauld, driver (residence)
Emma St. Arnauld, dressmaker (residence)
James St. Arnauld, butcher (residence)</p> <p>218 Medis Greux (Edith), mason (residence)</p> <p>300 Xavier St. Arnauld <i>[listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing]</i>
Bert St. Arnauld, laborer (residence)
Cora St. Arnauld (residence)
Edward St. Arnauld, laborer (residence)
Frank St. Arnauld, laborer (residence)
Joseph St. Arnauld, student (residence)</p> <p>308 Mort Frickelton (Emma), electrician (residence)</p> <p>312 Joseph Groleau (Caroline), laborer (residence)
Isaac Groleau, laborer (residence)
Joseph Groleau, brakeman (residence)
Groleau, Marion, dressmaker (residence)
Groleau, Olivier, works in livery barn (residence)
Groleau, Otis, fireman (residence)
Groleau, Theodore, clerk (residence)</p> <p>400 Mrs. M. O'Connell, widow of Patrick (residence)
John Maynard <i>[listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing]</i></p> <p>401 James Bedard (Philomene), laborer (residence) <i>[listed as Arthur Bedard in the street listing]</i></p> <p>401 Joe Conto</p> <p>405 John King, laborer (residence)</p> <p>408 Joseph Bedard (Exena), engineer (residence)
James Bedard <i>[listed as living with wife Philomene at 401 West Hughitt Street in the alphabetical listing, but living at 408 West Hughitt Street in the street listing]</i></p> | <p>409 Charles Walker (residence)</p> <p>413 Antoine Cola <i>[listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing]</i></p> <p>414 Xavier Prenevost (Evelyn), wood jobber (residence)
Alma Prenevost, student (residence)
Almera Prenevost, student (residence)
Henry Prenevost (residence)
James Prenevost, clerk (residence)
Rose Prenevost, dressmaker (residence)</p> <p>417 Gilbert Masicotte <i>[listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing]</i>
H. Masscotte (Mary), works in sawmill (residence) <i>[listed only in alphabetical listing]</i></p> |
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and Norway and Dickinson County with
a List of Residents of Homestead,
Wisconsin 1913**

HUGHITT STREET EAST

- 100 vacant
- 100 ½ Thomas Smith, painter (residence)
- 103 vacant
- 104 George T. Meehan (Dolly), lunch counter, soft drinks (residence)
- 104B A.J. LaBrook (Mary), wood machine (residence)
- 105 George Gingras (Rose), barbershop (residence 613 West B Street)
- 107 Brauns & Van warehouse (August Brauns), wholesale groceries (109-111 East Ludington Street)
- 109 Morris & Co., W.J. Cudlip, local manager, wholesale meats

HUGHITT STREET WEST

- 101-103 Joseph J. Tirschel (Josephine), saloon (residence); agent Leisen & Henes Brewing Company; Joseph J. Jr., teamster (residence); Rose (residence)
- 102 Norman Miller (Emma), soft drinks (residence)
- 104 Edward Shea (Esther), soft drinks (residence)
- 105 W. Robert Gall (Eliza), miner (residence in rear)

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| Square Deal Shoe Shop, John Paulet, proprietor | 208 Albert Parent (Mary), policeman (residence) |
| 106-108 Angelo Bacco (Victoria), confectionery and wines (residence); Amedeo, engineer (residence); Mary, clerk (residence) | Ernest Trudell (Marie), carpenter (residence) |
| 110-112 Joseph Rivolta (Fortunata), grocery and convectionery store (residence) | 209 John W. Morris, teamster (residence) |
| 113 Christ Rigoni (Pauline), agent, Schlitz Brewing Company, office (residence) | Eugene J. Jacobs (Nora), painter and paper hanger (residence); store at 207 West Hughitt Street |
| 114 John E. Caswell, restaurant (residence) | 212 Omer Trudell (Auxilie), mine boss (residence) |
| 115 John Mahoney (Catherine), teamster (residence); John, laborer (residence); Walter M., laborer (residence) | 213 Ben W. Weber (Clara), groceries (residence 215 West Hughitt Street) |
| 116-120 Home Hotel & Saloon, Fred Lambert (Minnie), proprietor (residence) | 214 Louis Caron (Adeline) (residence) |
| 119 vacant | 215 Ben W. Weber (Clara), groceries (residence), store at 213 West Hughitt Street |
| 121 Victor Demarin, laborer (residence)
Peter, bartender (residence) | 216 Edward J. Lefebvre (Georgianna), grocery and meat market (residence 715 West Brown Street) |
| 122 William C. Schettler (Jennie), cigar manufacturer (residence 612 Wells Street) | 216 ½ Adolph St. Arnauld (Victoria), carpenter (residence) |
| 123 Martin King (Catherine), contractor (residence); Edna (residence); Martin Jr., assistant chemist (residence) | 218 Aaron Shapiro (Anna), peddler (residence)
James E. Oliver (Alma), drayman (residence) |
| 124 Angelo Flaminio (Jennie), saloon (residence) | 300 Odilon Lambert (Mary), carpenter (residence)
Xavier F. St. Arnauld, logger (residence) |
| 126 Domenic Contarini (Eliza), wines (residence) | 308 Jerome Rayome (Disanges), carpenter (residence)
Michael De Crescenzo (Angleine), clerk (residence) |
| 200 A.J. Lefebvre (Anna), saloon (residence); Odile, widow of Clovis (residence); E.E. St. Arnauld (residence) | 312 Alfred St. Arnauld (Lillian), carpenter (residence)
Joseph Groleau (Caroline), laborer (residence) |
| 201-203 Harding Hotel, William J. Harding (Lydia), proprietor (residence); Marie L. St. Arnauld, domestic (residence) | 400 Joseph A. Lambert (Clara), mason (residence); James Lambert (Ida), bartender (residence)
Oliver Pluff (Emily) (residence) |
| 202 Herman Dubey (Julia), barbershop (residence 512 West A Street) | 401 Matthew Foucault (Jennie), cook (residence) |
| 204 Azarie Rocheleau (Azalie), baker (residence); Joseph E., baker (residence) | 405 Joseph Baril Jr. (Genevieve), teamster (residence) |
| 205 Noe L. Lambert (Salome), janitor (residence); Emma, dressmaker (residence) | 408 Joseph Bedard (residence)
Fred F. Rogers (Anna), bartender (residence) |
| 206 Peter Dandoneau Sr. (Victoria), hardware (residence 609 West Hughitt Street) | 409 Charles E. Walker (Mary), logger (residence) |
| 206 ½ Come Trepanier (Mary) (residence); Alfred, teamster (residence); Angeline, bookkeeper (residence); Corrine, dressmaker (residence) | |
| 207 Eugene J. Jacobs (Nora), painter and paper hanger (residence 209 West Hughitt Street) | |

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- 413 Antonio Calo (Mary), miner (residence);
Nicholas, laborer (residence)
- 414 Obeline Prenevost, widow of Xavier,
confectionery and fruits, 421 South
Stephenson Avenue (residence)
- 417 Hubert Massicotte (Marie), laborer
(residence); Geaudias, laborer (residence)
- 500 Edward Verette (Perma), laborer
(residence)
- 501 Anna Jacque (Telesfor) (residence) [*sic –
Telesfor must be husband; Anna wife*]
- 504 August Vaillencourt (Elizabeth), laborer
(residence)
- 506 vacant
- 509 Edouard J. Dessureau, carpenter
(residence); Henry J. (residence); Joseph
L., plumber (residence); Marie A.
(residence)
- 511 Meyer M. Kramer (Jennie), Kramer Bros.
(Florence) (residence)
- 512 Cyril Nault (Marian), miner (residence)
- 513 Benjamin Kramer (Eva), Kramer Bros.
(Florence) (residence); Maurice E.,
student (residence)
- 516 Peter Tousignant, miner (residence);
Angeline, milliner (residence); Mary,
widow (residence)
- 518 Peter A. Cardinal (Adeline), carpenter
(residence); Eva O., dressmaking parlors,
101 East Ludington Street (residence);
Laura M. (residence)

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**HUGHITT EAST – From 400 South Merritt
east to city limits**

- 100 Claude Burby (Edna), restaurant
(residence 922 West A Street)
- 103 Gabriel Selakovich, restaurant (residence)
- 105 Berdinner & Harding, barbers (Thomas
Berdinner, A. Iver Harding)

C & N Ry, Stephenson Avenue

- 109 Anthony Izzo (Frances), shoemaker
(residence 409 East Smith Street;
Guisepella Izzo, widow of Raffaele)
Angelo N. Izzo (Rose), billiards (residence
1124 Cedar Avenue)

- Louis Izzo (Angeline), tailor (residence
422 East Margaret Street)
- southwest corner: Morris & Company,
wholesale meats (William J. Cudlip,
manager)

**HUGHITT WEST – From 400 South Merritt
west to Pine Grove Golf Club**

- 101 Silas I. Lundquist, soft drinks (residence
108 East Brown Street)
- 102 Daniel Golch (Katie), billiards (residence)
- 103 Vincent Kozenski (Lucile), Popular
Restaurant, Meals at All Hours, Special
Sunday Dinners, Eat Here (residence 205
West Hughitt Street)
rear – Michael Solich (Fannie) (residence)
- 104 Edward Shea, soft drinks (residence)
- 105 Lotus Grill (Lawrence A. Paige, Adrian T.
Jensen, proprietors)
- 106 Yep Lee, laundry (residence)
- 107 Reubin A. Berghdal (Maytie), tailor
(residence)
rear – John Paulet, drayman (residence)
- 108 Mrs. Emma Allard, boarding house
Charles E. Allard (Emma), painter
(residence)
- 112 Biago Franco (Marion), grocery store
(residence)
Leon LaClair (Alice), barber (residence
501 West Ludington Street)
- 113 William Gothe, laborer (residence)
- 114 Bertagnoli & Conta (Alex Bertagnoli and
Samuel Conta), grocery store
Alex Bertagnoli (Angeline) (residence)
- 115 John Mahoney (Catherine), laborer
(residence)
John Mahoney Jr., electrician (residence)
Walter Mahoney, laborer (residence)
- 118 John Knutson, restaurant (residence)
- 119 W. Joseph Pollard, foreman (residence)
- 120 Leo Shapke, soft drinks (residence East E
Street)
- 121 vacant
- 122 Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company
Joesph C. Tirschell (Emily), manager
(residence)
rear – William J. Tirschell (Anna),
weighmaster (residence)
- 123 Martin King (Catherine), city street
commissioner (residence)

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| <p>Stella King, saleslady, Rahm & Will Jewelers and Watchmakers, 313 South Stephenson Avenue (residence)</p> <p>124 Edward F. Tirschell, billiards (residence 506 West C Street)</p> <p>126 Fred L. Marcell (Blanche), barber (residence)</p> <p>Alfred Marcell (Albina), furnished rooms (residence)</p> <p>Felix Marcell (residence)</p> <p>George Marcell (residence)</p> <p>Irene Marcell, clerk at Alfred T. Trepanier Bakery (residence)</p> <p>Joseph Marcell (residence)</p> <p>Carpenter Avenue intersects</p> <p>200 Edward J. Verrette (Perina), Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fresh and Smoked Meats, Freshly Dressed Poultry Every Saturday, Vegetables and Fruits of All Kinds (residence 500 West Hughitt Street)</p> <p>Antonio J. Lefebre [<i>Lefebvre</i>] (Anna), clerk (residence)</p> <p>Emil B. Lefebre [<i>Lefebvre</i>], student (residence)</p> <p>Leo J. Lefebre [<i>Lefebvre</i>], teller (residence)</p> <p>201 Hotel Harding, William J. Harding, proprietor, All Modern Conveniences (residence)</p> <p>202 Theophilus R. Schroeder (Goldie), jeweler (residence 715 East H Street)</p> <p>Herman Dubey (Julia), Barber, Shaving, Hair Cutting and Bobbing at Popular Prices (residence 512 West A Street;</p> <p>Arthur Dubey (Ruth), laborer, same residence)</p> <p>204 Alfred T. Trepanier, bakery (residence 213 West A Street)</p> <p>Peter M. Peterson (Alma), steamfitter (residence)</p> <p>William W. Parker (Edna), clerk (residence)</p> <p>205 Vincent Kozenski (Lucile) (residence) proprietor of Popular Restaurant, 103 West Hughitt Street</p> <p>206 Louis Lafrenier (Georgiana), boarding house (residence)</p> <p>Agnes Lafrenier (residence)</p> <p>Arthur J. Lafrenier, laborer (residence)</p> | <p>Malvina Lafrenier, saleslady (residence)</p> <p>207 Carmen Picucci (Mattie), laborer (residence)</p> <p>Florence Picucci, student (residence)</p> <p>208 Jerry Gendron (Mary), laborer (residence)</p> <p>Wilfred Beuparlant (Clara), meat cutter at Edward J. Verrette Grocery Store, 200 West Hughitt Street (residence)</p> <p>209 Edward St. Arnauld (Alma), switchman (residence)</p> <p>Clement Trepanier (Marian), laborer (residence)</p> <p>212 Omer Trudell (Auxilie), miner (residence)</p> <p>213 Albert LaBraque (Rose) (residence)</p> <p>David Cocking (Edwidge), assistant undertaker, J.B. Erickson Funeral Home at 217 East Hughitt Street (residence)</p> <p>214 Eli Mongrain (Clarice), laborer (residence)</p> <p>Joseph LeBlanc, carpenter (residence)</p> <p>215 Felix LaBrook (Eliza), taxi service (residence)</p> <p>216 Arthur Bourgeois (Ottelia), plumber (residence)</p> <p>Adolph T. St. Arnauld (Victoria), salesman, Rundle Hardware Company at 101-103 West Ludington Street (residence)</p> <p>218 John Nicholas (Alvina), tailor (residence)</p> <p>South Prospect Avenue intersects</p> <p>300 Mattius Longprey (Mary) (residence)</p> <p>308 Gerome Royome [<i>Rayome</i>] (Desange), laborer (residence)</p> <p>Albert Starnauld [<i>St. Arnauld</i>] (residence 110 West A Street)</p> <p>312 Herbert C. Engstrom (Lydia), drayman (residence)</p> <p>Annette DeLangis, stenographer, Iron Mountain Gas Company (residence)</p> <p>Charles DeLangis, switchman (residence)</p> <p>John DeLangis (Lerue), watchman (residence)</p> <p>Josephine DeLangis, bookkeeper, City Water Works (residence)</p> <p>Libbie DeLangis, clerk at Globe Market (residence)</p> <p>Pernette DeLangis (residence)</p> <p>South Stockbridge Avenue intersects</p> <p>400 Antonio Calo (Marie) (residence)</p> <p>Joseph Calo, laborer (residence)</p> |
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- Luke Calo, laborer (residence)
- Calo, Nicholas (Carmela), laborer (residence)
- George M. Gibbs (Catherine), laborer (residence)
- John B. Taverine (Ida), laborer (residence)
- 401 Louis Fronsee (Edna), laborer (residence)
- Charles Hanson (Hazel), laborer (residence)
- 405 Michael DeCrescenzo (Angelina), notary public; salesman at the Levy-Unger Company, Ltd., General Merchandise Department Store (residence)
- 408 Angelo Flaminio (Teresa), warehouseman (residence)
- Albert Flaminio, laborer (residence)
- Arthur Flaminio, salesman, Rundle Hardware Company at 101-103 West Ludington Street (residence)
- Ernest Flaminio, student (residence)
- Madeline Flaminio, student (residence)
- Peter Flaminio, laborer (residence)
- 409 Emmett P. Corbeliotti [*Coragliotti*] (Marie), auto livery (residence)
- Floyd C. Hanson (Maude), barber, Young & Miniat (William J. Young; Joseph A. Miniat) at 203 East Hughitt Street (residence)
- 413 Leonard Paradiso (Lucile), laborer (residence)
- 414 Charles D. Johnson (Neta), laborer (residence)
- Mrs. Obeline Prenevost, widow of Xavier (residence)
- Alex Prenevost, baker (residence)
- Antoinette Prenevost (residence)
- Laura Prenevost, saleslady, Rahm & Will Jewelers and Watchmakers at 313 South Stephenson Avenue (residence)
- 417 Joseph Massicotte (Mary), laborer (residence)

- 100 vacant
- 103 vacant
- 105 A. Iver Harding, barber (residence 823 South Stephenson Avenue)
- 109-111 Blatz Brewing Company, Arthur F. Roesch, branch manager

CM& StPRy crosses

- 115 Armour & Co., wholesale meats

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- 101-103 La Taverna Hotel, Louis Quilici, proprietor (residence)
- 102 Mrs. Elizabeth Chaulklin, widow of William, tavern (residence 306 Merritt Avenue)
- 104 Edward Shea, tavern (residence)
- 105 John Feira (Anna) (residence)
- 106 Anthony Pellegrino (Mary), tailor (residence 508 West Hughitt Street)
- 107 Thomas J. Martell (Edwardzena), beer (residence 1015 Stockbridge Avenue) rear – John Hunter, laborer (residence)
- 109 Domonic [*Dominic*] Izzo, tavern (residence)
- 110 Anthony Izzo (Frances), shoe repair (residence)
- 112 Biagio Franco (Marion), grocery store (residence)
- Alfred O. Stoneman (Clara), attendant, Johnnie's Service Station (John Fauri) at 411 Carpenter Avenue (residence) rear – Mrs. Ruth Rogers (residence)
- 113 Ross Oian [*Oien*] (Elvira) (residence)
- 114 Albert J. Tousignant (Mary), grocery (residence)
- 115 vacant
- 116 Edward Chandonet, shoe repair (residence)
- 118 Mrs. Frances Hough, widow of William (residence)
- 120 vacant
- 121 Henry Wilcox, Jr. (Carrie), painter (residence)
- Maxine Wilcox (residence)
- 122 vacant
- 123 Mrs. Catherine King, widow of Martin (residence)
- 124 Patrick J. Trottier, tavern (residence 705 West A Street)

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Carpenter Avenue intersects

- 200 John Ealmini (Louise), tavern (residence 900 West B Street)
- 201 Harding Hotel, W. James Harding (Elna V.), proprietor (residence 614 East F Street)
- 202 Milwaukee Journal, Leo G. Mascot [*Massicotte*], manager
Thomas F. Berdinner (Dorothea), barbershop (residence 714 South Stephenson Avenue; Dorothy E. Berdinner, student, same residence)
Mrs. Anna Lefebvre, widow of Antonio (residence)
- 204 vacant
- 205 Eugene Poisson (Anne) (residence)
- 206 vacant
- 207 Carmen G. Picucci (Mattie), autoworker (residence)
- 208 Mrs. Elizabeth Downing, widow of Daniel (residence)
Beatrice Downing, janitoress, Junior High School (residence)
Eino Macki (Eva), autoworker (residence)
rear – John J. Fredy, laborer (residence)
- 209 Louis J. Bell (Emma), steam engineer (residence)
John J. Bouchard (Mary), carpenter (residence)
- 212 Omer Trudell (Auxilie), miner (residence)
- 213 William Pollard (Bessie), laborer (residence)
Mrs. Delia Riley, widow of William (residence)
- 214 Mrs. Mabel Morrison (residence)
- 215 Felix LaBrook (Eliza) (residence)
- 216 Edward J. Verrette (Perina), grocery store (residence 815 West Hughitt Street)
- 218 Community Motor Service (Oscar R. Anderson, S.R. Houston), Automobile Repairing Specializing in Fords, Chevrolets and Plymouths
John B. Menghini (Norma), teacher (residence)
Mrs. Cora Harris, widow of Clifford (residence)

South Prospect Avenue intersects

- 300 Mathias Longprey (Mary) (residence)

- 308 Michael Koller (Emma), driver, L.G. Eisele Company, Lumber and Fuel at Carpenter Avenue South of Ford Store (residence)
Mrs. Josephine Stabinski (residence)
Anthony Stabinski, laborer (residence)
Bernard Stabinski, laborer (residence)
Victoria Stabinski (residence)
- 312 Annette DeLangis (residence)
Josephine M. DeLangis, cashier, City Water Department (residence)

Stockbridge Avenue intersects

- 400 Luke Calo (Theresa), laborer (residence)
William J. Young (Augusta M.) (Young & Miniati (William J. Young, Joseph Miniati), barbershop at 203 East Hughitt Street (residence)
John B. Noel (Margaret M.), autoworker (residence)
- 401 Albert Grailer (Emma), autoworker (residence)
Tellis Bergeon, farmer (residence)
- 405 Michael DeCrescenzo (Angeline), salesman (residence)
- 408 Angelo Flaminio (Teresa A.) (residence)
- 409 John Benzo, autoworker (residence)
Emett P. Coragliotti (Marie), chauffeur (residence)
- 413 Leonard Paradiso (Lucille), laborer (residence)
Mary Paradiso, student (residence)
- 414 Mrs. Obeline Prenevost, widow of Xavier (residence)
- 417 Joseph Massicotte (Merelise) (residence)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: While somewhat different from the normal contents of issues of *Dickinson Diggings*, this article and accompanying listings from city and county directories gives some flavor and insight into this time and place in Iron Mountain's history. It also illustrates the usefulness of directories in putting together genealogical and historical data. Seeking them out can provide valuable information, as individuals are frequently listed twice – once under their name and again by address. Input on including this type of article is welcome.]