

History of the Resource:

159 E. Maumee Street. (*Six-Page Deeds Report, Appendix C in Carter's "Profile..."*)
The earliest date for an address on this lot is 1865 and until 1868 the address was 80 E. Maumee. In 1870, the address was then 47-59 East Maumee, and city directories list this as the "Conger Block" (*Chapin*). It became 159 East Maumee in 1902.

History shows that the corner lot remained vacant until about 1867. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate what life was like in the mid-1800s. The photo was taken on the vacant lot. The map shows corner lots 126 and 127 in 1866, just a year before the Conger Block was built there.



Figure 5

Hunters from the Adrian Hunt Club on the northwest corner of East Maumee and Broad Streets looking southeast with Masonic Temple in background— c. 1863.

Courtesy: Lenawee Reflections

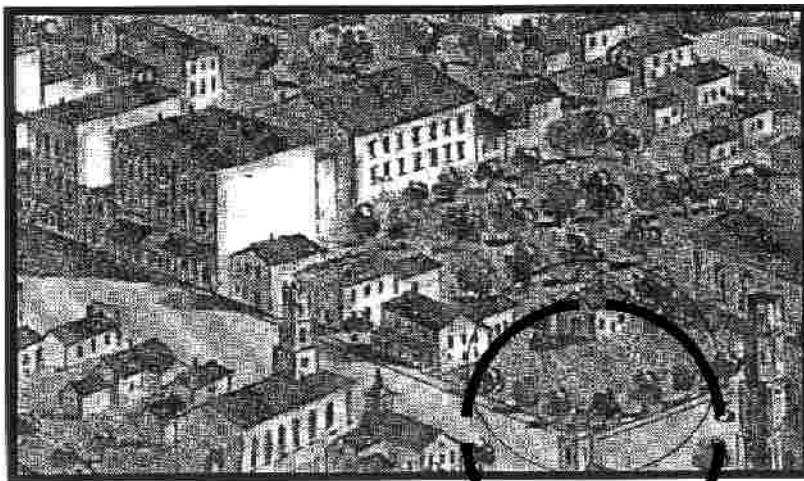


Figure 7- 1866 Bird's-Eye view of lot 126 and 127

Figure 6

1866 Bird's Eye view of Lots 126 and 127.
(*Library of Congress Panoramic Maps*)

Addison Comstock originally owned this land, and it changed hands a few times until William Waldby (of Waldby and Clay Bank) sold Lots 126 and 127 to Henry Hart in 1866. Portions of these lots were bought and sold until in 1867 a series of shops and services was listed as the “Conger Block” (Figure 7). Figure 8 is a photo of the portion facing Broad Street – the east elevation.

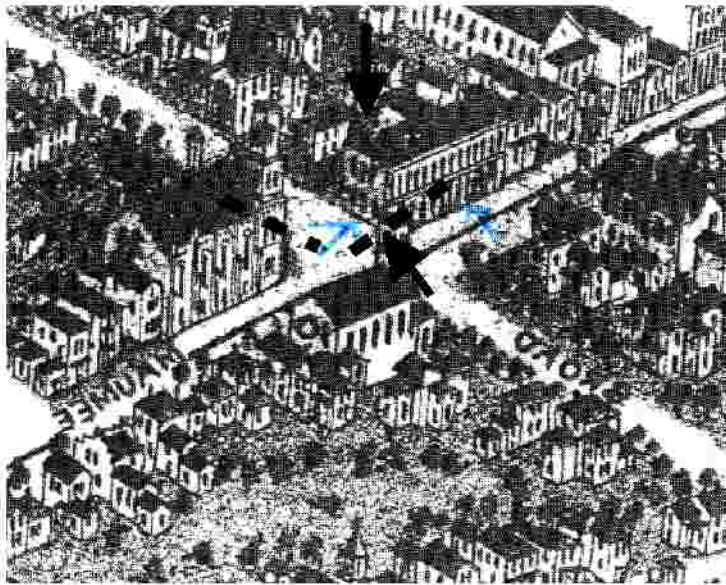


Figure 7
1889 Bird's Eye view of the Conger Block, Lots 126 and 127, northwest corner of Broad and E. Maumee.
Note the homes on this property behind the commercial structure.
Courtesy: Library of Congress Panoramic Maps

Figure 8
East Elevation of the Conger Block facing Broad Street.
Courtesy: LCHS

