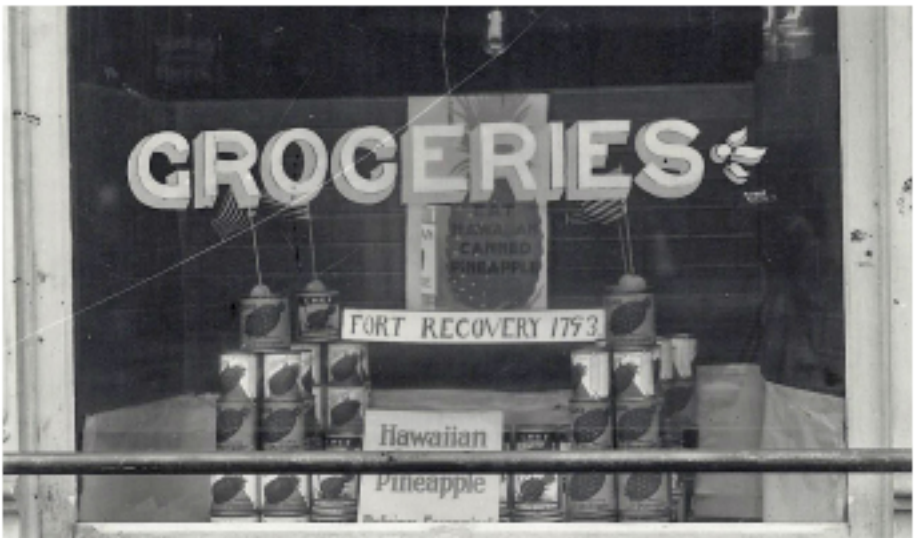


Forget Me Not Florist • 101 South Wayne Street

Drug stores occupied the corner in the early years. John Cring built it circa 1858 and had his drug store here. Then Charley Scheid ran a store. Dr. Milligan had his office and drug store here. Following him were Wallingford Drugs and Haley Drugs. Fred Cribley occupied the building and a gas office was here.

Later it became a grocery story. For many years Jacob Anthony sold groceries, followed by John Gels, Ed Sanner, and Fred Ulmer.



Anthony Groceries



Anthony Brothers advertised, “We have the most complete and largest assortment of Groceries, consisting of Coffees, Sugars, Teas, Spices, Tobaccos, Cigars, Canned Fruits, Etc., ever brought to this market. Also a full line of Glassware, Queensware, Tubs Buckets, Etc.”

Queensware was a type of fine, cream-colored Wedgwood pottery. It was made in the mid 18th century and named in honor of Queen Charlotte, wife of George III, who had been presented with a set in 1765. This cream colored earthenware was very popular in the US from the late 1880’s to early mid 1900’s.

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Forget Me Not Florist Location

This Jubilee scene shows the two story building on the southeast corner of Wayne and Butler. For years it was used by Milton Van Kirk for a hotel. After the Civil War, John Thompson made cabinets. When McDaniel Photography was here from the late 1800s-early 1900s, he used the second floor which had an outside stairway. Many of the early photos of our town are from the glass negatives McDaniel had made in his photography business. Harold Ranly was instrumental in saving these negatives. Many were purchased and are being preserved by the Fort Recovery Historical Society today.

As was the tradition in the day, some of McDaniel's photos were made into post cards, and local residents sent them to friends and relatives. McDaniel took many shots of town and in 1912 superimposed the airplane that was used in the air mail flight that year. This was the first airmail flight in Ohio and the fourth in the United States, thanks to Harry McDaniel who was instrumental in getting the first air mail flight in Ohio. Postcards still exist with the first airfield stamp.

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The first library in Fort Recovery

In 1928 a Reading Room became a reality for those who loved to read. The Business and Professional Women's Club led the search for books-asking citizens to donate for the cause and giving the town its first library. In 1938 the library moved to Fort Site Street.



In 1939 the two-story building was torn down and a one story building built by L. R. Frank, which was first used for Len Frank's business, an undertaking and furniture making shop. He also joined with Bonvillain as the ad shows.

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Pool rooms followed with various owners. Past Time Pool Room was there until 1972 when a laundromat first began with Dick Kreider and then by Calvin Gagle. It closed in 1980.

In 1984 Tom and Tess Kaup remodeled the building and opened Forget Me Not Florist, a flower and gift shop. They have been in business for 32 years at this spot.



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