

Nature's Corner

133 North Wayne Street

David Miller bought this lot in 1834 from the US Government. From 1834-1903 the land changed hands at least eleven times. At one time a one-story frame building, built by Wm King, was used as a general store. William Anthony returned from the Civil War and conducted a shoe repair shop in this building.

Robert Lennartz ran a hardware store from 1882-1897. He first served as an apprentice to Thomas Roop, a cobbler. Lennartz included boots and shoes and harness making with his hardware store. He later traded the hardware store for a hotel.

Henry Sunderman, a bricklayer and general contractor, constructed the building that stands here today. The "Sunderman 1907" shows at the top of the building. Clara Sunderman and William Sunderman used the second floor for a photography studio with a fully equipped darkroom.

In 1902-1908 Kleinhenz-Gardner Hardware Store was in business, moving into the new building. Gardner left to do shoe repair in 1908, and Henry Kleinhenz operated Kleinhenz Hardware until 1946. Then Joe Ranly and



Kleinhenz & Gardner
Fort Recovery, Ohio

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his son, Jerome, started Ranly Hardware. By 1959 Leo Snider went into the business with Fort Recovery Hardware. He was in the business for 31 years, selling then to Tim Roessner.

In 1993 Wangler Hardware purchased it and expanded their business into this store as well as the one just a few doors down. In

2001 they moved into their new building on 49 South.

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Kleinhenz Hardware featured a movable ladder in his store.



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Trisha Fisher then opened her doors, offering spa, beauty, and personal care. Nature's Corner continues to operate in this location.



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