

Phillips Block on Chatham

[No. 107, 109, & 111]

1882 – John A. Phillips

Kemmerer, Lamb & Co. moved their agricultural implement business to the Phillips Block shortly after it was completed, occupying both No. 111 and 109 on the north end. They left in 1884 making way for the **S.C. Luckey & Co.**

Restaurant owned by Luckey and Harry Gates. The partnership ended in 1886 with Gates continuing at this location as the **Chatham Street Restaurant** through 1892.

In 1893, the building was divided and the north storefront (No. 111) was converted into a meat market. Peter **Day & Son** was a popular butcher shop through 1899. By 1905, a saloon had opened its doors here. In 1913, the newly established **Freeman**

Electric Supply Co. owned by J.P. & J.H. Freeman set up shop in this location.

The middle storefront, No. 109, became the home of **Miss L.M. Dettmer's Millinery** in 1901. It continued as a millinery through 1916 with subsequent shops owned by **Mrs. Harry Gates**, followed by **Mrs. T.J. Gorman**, and later, **Miss Emma Manwaring**. The **Webster Seed Company** then rented it as a retail outlet for their seeds.

The south storefront, No. 107, was first occupied by the **Grueulich Sisters' Millinery & Ladies' Fancy Goods**. In 1885, *The Advocate*, a German language newspaper set up its print shop in the basement. The building was empty in 1891 when Charles W. Williams briefly rented it as a home for his *American Trotter* magazine. He bought

the Fawcett Block and moved there before the year had ended.

It then became an extension of **The Economy Store** owned by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gates. It faced on 1st St. E. with its main entrance at No. 116. The extension created a secondary entrance off of 2nd Ave. NE. Mrs. Gates, a daughter of John Phillips, became the manager of the Phillips estate properties after the death of her mother in 1901. In 1913 when Mrs. Gates closed her millinery business, the **American Express Office** expanded into this location.

The lower level was occupied soon after the block was built by **Hunter & Forrester's** poultry business. Later, in the early 1900s, the **Peerless Dairy** set up operations here.