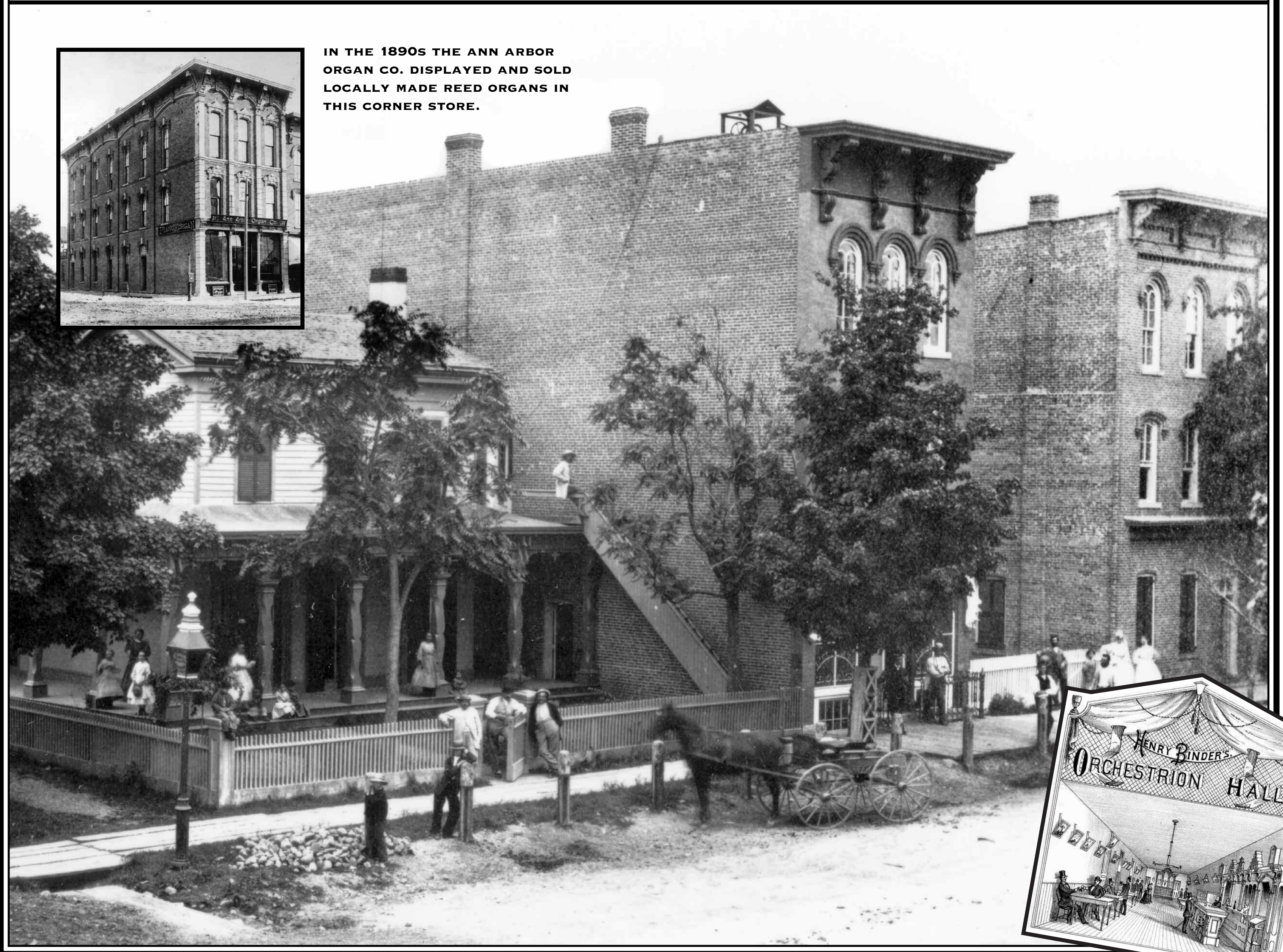


SOUTHEAST CORNER, MAIN AND LIBERTY, CA. 1868



IN THE 1890S THE ANN ARBOR ORGAN CO. DISPLAYED AND SOLD LOCALLY MADE REED ORGANS IN THIS CORNER STORE.



MAIN STREET SHOPPING EXPANDS

In 1871 tavern keeper and developer Henry Binder replaced the old house on this corner with an elaborate three-story brick building (inset above left). Plank sidewalks, hitching posts, dirt streets, and gas lamps were typical of the era. As downtown expanded southward, more Main Street

houses were replaced by commercial blocks. Binder and his family lived on the second floor of his new building, above his “billiard, lager, beer, and refreshment saloon.” The hall on the third floor had an orchestrion, a large music box that played several instruments.



THE BAUMGARTNERS SOLD BAKED GOODS, GROCERIES, TOBACCO, FLOUR, AND FEED IN HENRY BINDER'S BUILDING AFTER 1877. LIKE MANY STORES, THEY DELIVERED PURCHASES IN THEIR OWN WAGONS. AFTER 1900 THE GERMAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK REMODELED THE BUILDING, CHANGING THE CORNICE AND ADDING BAY WINDOWS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

FROM 1916 TO 1990 THE HUTZEL SHOP, SHOWN AT RIGHT IN THE 1930S, SOLD ELEGANT LADIES' WEAR. CUSTOMERS SAT IN COMFORTABLE CHAIRS WHILE OUTFITS WERE BROUGHT OUT FOR SELECTION.

