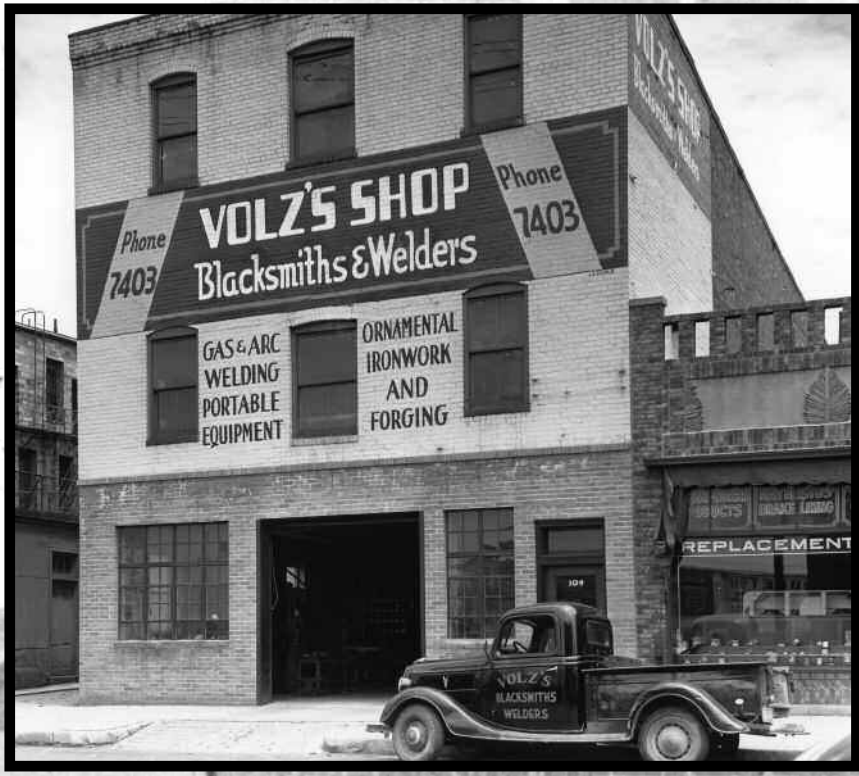


**WAGNER BLACKSMITH SHOP, 215 SOUTH ASHLEY STREET, CA. 1880
LATER SITE OF SCHWABEN HALLE**



BY 1930 VOLZ'S, AT 109 SOUTH ASHLEY STREET, COMBINED WELDING WITH BLACKSMITHING. A & L BATTERY SOLD AUTO PARTS NEXT DOOR TO THE RIGHT.



THE CARRIAGE WORKS, 113-119 WEST LIBERTY STREET, CA. 1890. LATER BECAME THE ANN ARBOR ART CENTER.

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GERMANS ON ASHLEY STREET

Fred Wagner's blacksmith shop was one of many German-owned west-side businesses providing services for horse-drawn vehicles. Wagner repaired carriages and wagons and shod horses. Nearby livery stables rented out horses and carriages. Around the corner on Liberty, at Christian Walker's Ann Arbor Carriage Works, skilled carpenters, blacksmiths, upholsterers, and painters took pride in producing custom

carriages. At lunchtime, workmen bought beer by the bucket from nearby saloons. In 1914 the Wagner blacksmith shop was replaced by the new meeting "halle" of the Schwaben Verein, Ann Arbor's longest-lasting German organization. The Schwaben name is still on the sidewalk and windows. By the 1920s most neighborhood businesses were serving cars and trucks instead of horses and carriages.



GEORGE, GOTTLÖB, AND HERMAN HERTLER, WITH THEIR SISTER EMMA, CATERED TO THE FARMING COMMUNITY FROM 1906 TO 1975. FROM THEIR STORE AT 210 SOUTH ASHLEY STREET THEY SOLD FEED AND SEED, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, DISPENSED AGRICULTURAL ADVICE AND INFORMATION, AND HOSTED EUCHRE GAMES. FOR TEN CENTS, FARMERS COULD LEAVE THEIR HORSES WITH HAY AND WATER WHILE DOING BUSINESS DOWNTOWN.