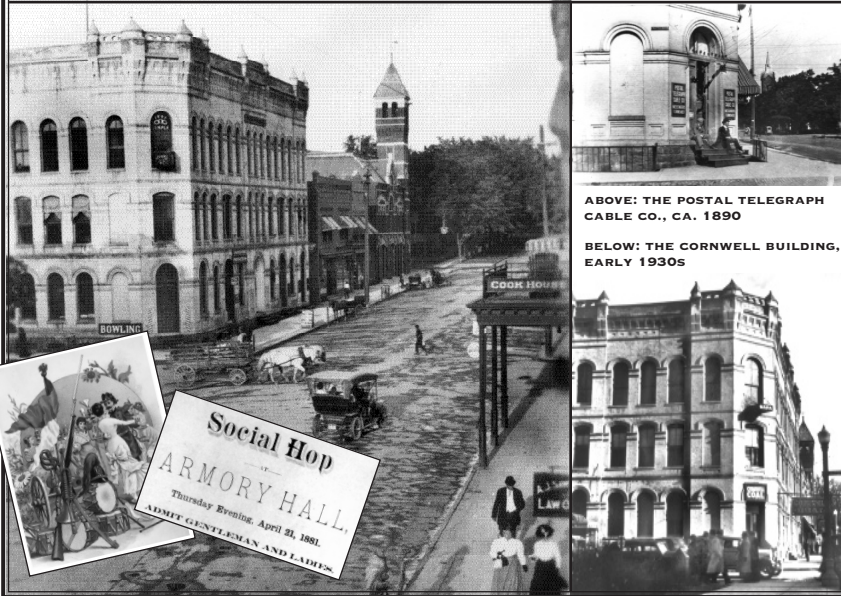


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**THE HAMILTON BLOCK FROM HURON AND MAIN STREETS WITH THE FIREHOUSE IN THE BACKGROUND, CA. 1910**



ABOVE: THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE CO., CA. 1890

BELOW: THE CORNWELL BUILDING, EARLY 1930S

**A CORNER LANDMARK ON HURON AND NORTH FOURTH**

**T**he Hamilton Block, later known as the Cornwell Building, was built in 1882 across from the Cook House Hotel. The first floor housed the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. in the 1890s, a bowling alley for a time, and later the Cornwell Coal Co. When Register Publishing Co. occupied space, it claimed to employ “more hands than all other

printing establishments in Ann Arbor combined.” Joe Parker opened a popular cafe there during Prohibition. For many years the third floor was a drill hall for Company A of the Michigan National Guard. It later housed an I.O.O.F. temple and a Greek Orthodox church. The building was torn down to make way for a gas station in 1936.



A FIRE DEPARTMENT HOOK-AND-LADDER PASSES THE COURTHOUSE AND THE HAMILTON BLOCK IN A PARADE ON EAST HURON ST. ABOUT 1910. CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME YEAR AS THE HAMILTON BLOCK, THE FIREHOUSE NOW IS HOME TO THE ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM.