

# Pioneer Corner: from the Cass County archives

**Editor's note: Articles submitted by the Cass County Historical Society will appear in The Pilot-Independent on a recurring basis.**

Wright Brothers, under management of Judge Ely Wright, came from Minneapolis to Walker in 1896 and opened a hardware and grocery business in the McGarry block, occupying the west part of the lower floor of the building.

On account of his knowledge of the Chippewa (Ojibway) language Judge Wright soon became the chosen counsellor to the large number of Indians on the reservation across Walker Bay. He had obtained their entire confidence and his advice was eagerly

sought after. He soon found himself crowded for room and built a large building of his own at the corner of Fifth Street and Cleveland Boulevard, next to the City Dock. His son, Ralph, and daughter Jessie assisted in the conduct of this business.

At the time of the organization of the county, Judge Wright was appointed clerk of District Court and served in that capacity from 1897 to 1901.

Mrs. Wright was in charge of feeding the soldiers and enlisted the help of her daughters Jesse and Leah. This building is currently occupied by Leer Title.

The Krueger brothers operated a meat market in Minneapolis. Louis and George then opened a meat market in Walker on April 1, 1896. George moved on to North Dakota and Louis formed a partnership with the Wold Brothers, which

was located on Sixth Street.

In 1909 Louis purchased his own market on Front Street, complete with a smokehouse and was awarded a government contract to sell meat to the Indian Agency at Onigum. He made deliveries by boat. He also bought furs from the Indians on the reservation and sold meat to some of the lumber camps surrounding Walker.

Back in those early days, a business of this type was not very extensive or the profits very large as most households hunted wild game as well as raising their own cattle, hogs and chickens. Louis was not discouraged and knew that a time would come when their patience would be rewarded.

He had a flourishing business when women learned they would not have to stay at home and watch the kettle all day but could go out and about Walker shopping and

visiting and still get home to put on a steak to fry, purchased from Krueger in time for their husband's dinner.

Louis retired and his son, Paul, reopened the business and kept the meat market open until 1930 when he became employed at Ah-Gwah-Ching. The meat market was then leased to Adam Mehlem of Remer in 1931. The place was then known as People's Cash Market.

Herman Mankenberg leased the business until 1934 when he moved to Findlayson. The meat market was operational for 34 years. The building still stands but is unoccupied. It is in the middle of the block between Fifth Street and Front Street. The once popular Bull's Café served the people of Walker for many years.

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