

RUTZ BUILDING
1044 Lawrence Street
Nolton's 1st Additions, Lot 4

Built: 1890
Owner: Gallus Rutz

1889: The wood frame, two-story building was used as Dr. Gallus Rutz's pharmacy downstairs and housed his family upstairs. The building's cost is estimated to be \$1,500.

1890: Rutz was advertising drugs, medicines, chemicals, patent medicines, perfumery, toiletries and fancy goods.

1897-1911: Dr. Rutz's son, Walter, took over the business and moved the pharmacy downtown with his new partner, Billy Hill. The Rutz family still owned the building and continued to live upstairs, while the storefront remained empty for many years after the pharmacy moved.

1946-1950s: The Bromley family owned the Uptown Fountain and Grill at this location. Members of the Thompson family managed it for them.

1960: Medical Center.

1965: Helen Olberg Gunn purchased the building and operated the Jack and Jill Children's Clothing store downstairs and Aunt Lillie's gift shop upstairs for many years.

1990s: Mrs. Gunn's daughter, Helen, took over more and more of daily management until her mother's death in 1994.

1996: Wild Coho Restaurant began operating in the storefront.

2006: Additions around the building expanded it to include more space on the back and east sides that accommodate professional and retail businesses. There are apartments upstairs.