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Scene on Third Avenue, Huntington, of tight-rope walker above street, 1873. MU Special Collections photo item # 1975.0099.08.06.02.
INTRODUCTION

Collis P. Huntington was one of the driving forces behind the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, which was completed in 1869. Following this monumental achievement, Huntington turned his attention to his own fledgling railroad, the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) and its path through West Virginia. Following an argument about Collis P.’s horse on a sidewalk in Guyandotte, Huntington decided to establish his railroad shops and station near Marshall College just west of the Guyandotte River and away from the town of Guyandotte. Starting in the early 1870’s, the city named after Collis P. Huntington sprang up almost overnight. Between 1871 and 1900, business and industry established itself around this rail center. Businesses of every want and need appeared, from cigar stores to undertakers, from livery stables to confectionaries, from used organ stores to liquor stores. This e-book exhibit by Marshall University’s Special Collections Department highlights many of these early businesses.

Visitors have frequently complimented the people who laid out the streets of the city of Huntington. A look at the map we have included will show that avenues parallel the Ohio River, while streets run perpendicular to the river (at least in the downtown area.)

It would be too large an effort for this project to attempt to compile a comprehensive or complete listing of all the Huntington businesses existing between 1871 and 1900. We have included here only those businesses for which we could locate either an image or an advertisement. All the photo images included came from Marshall University’s Special Collections. The ads were gleaned from various sources, such as city directories, the Marshall College Parthenon newspaper, and period newspapers from the Huntington area.

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When the twelve-year old orphan boy from Italy stepped off the steamboat in 1868, at Guyandotte, W.Va., with his little harp, he had no inkling that he would soon be living the American Dream.

Giuseppe Gallico was born in a small town outside of Naples, Italy, in April, 1856. His parents were musicians/actors, from whom he learned to play the violin. When Giuseppe was nine years old, his father, mother, and four sisters all died from an unknown cause. The following year, he came to the U.S. under the “padrone system,” where he and twenty-four other boys with musical talent were brought by a tutor or padrone. The group landed in New York and spent several months traveling around the area staging performances. They traveled to Cincinnati in February of 1868, where they performed. The traveling was hard and “tested the lees of toil and suffering.” They frequently had to sleep outside in bitter cold weather. It was later hinted that the padrone had mistreated the boys. After spending some time in the Cincinnati area, in April of 1868 when Giuseppe was twelve, they boarded a steamboat heading back up the Ohio River. The boat stopped at Guyandotte, W.Va., supposedly due to ice in the river, where the group gave a very enjoyable concert.¹ By that time, Giuseppe had switched instruments to the harp. He was described by citizens of Guyandotte as “a handsome lad, with large, appealing brown eyes and a heavy shock of wavy, brown hair.” Giuseppe tired of the life of an itinerant musician, so he and two other boys hid somewhere in Guyandotte until the boat left.

The boys stayed for the following months with Robert Stewart, who lived on Guyan Street in Guyandotte. During this period, two strangers arrived in Guyandotte, demanding that the Gallico boy be turned over to them. A group of boys and young men urged the two men to leave Guyandotte immediately. The men heeded this warning and left town.

During this period, the two boys who had left the boat with Giuseppe left town together. Giuseppe was taken into a small local orchestra, of which E. F. Douthit was the flutist and business manager for the group. The small group performed at several social events in the Guyandotte and Barboursville area. Probably while a member of the little orchestra, Giuseppe changed his name to Joseph R. Gallick. This was about the time when the City of Huntington was springing up (1871-72). Joseph became an American citizen in 1872. “Gallick took pride in his American citizenship...he walked to Barboursville to take the oath before Circuit Judge Evermont Ward.”² After a year with the Stewarts, Joseph was taken in by Charles Hall, a produce dealer, and his wife Harriett, who lived in Guyandotte. He was listed in the 1880 census as a boarder with them and employed as a music teacher.

¹ George S. Wallace, Cabell Annals and Families, 239, stated the boy had an argument with the boat’s captain, who threw him off the boat.
² Huntington Herald-Dispatch, Jan. 10, 1926.
In late 1880, Joseph moved to Huntington, living in a room over J. L. Crider’s Drugstore, which was located at 1034 3rd Avenue. He roomed with a friend, Lon. H. Hutchison. They roomed together until Hutchison was married in 1881. Joseph’s first job in Huntington was as a delivery driver with a horse-drawn wagon for Mr. H. H. Adams, who owned a grocery business. He evidently left his harp at the Hall’s house in Guyandotte, as Lon Hutchison remarked after Joseph’s passing in 1926, that he had talked Joseph into going back to Guyandotte and retrieving his harp. One friend ascribed his reticence to play his harp as a sense of shyness which characterized his earlier life. A more likely reason was that the harp needed restringing which cost Hutchison or Joseph four dollars. Hutchison recalled “Many a night, when I have pretended to be asleep, I have lain for hours waiting for the mood to strike him so that he would play the harp. And often I was rewarded when he bent gently over his instrument and poured out his soul in the beautiful music he brought from it.”

About 1880 J. L. Crider opened a bookstore next door to his drugstore. Joseph worked there as a clerk and later opened a small music store in one corner of the bookstore. From that small corner he sold used pianos, organs, and other musical instruments. His 1884 ad in one of the Huntington newspapers stated he sold pianos and organs cheap. During this period, he gained the reputation as an accomplished organist and was said to have “played more early marriage ceremonies in Huntington than any other one man.” He was the organist at the First Methodist Church, where he performed at most of the marriages. For a brief period he was substitute organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in the absence of C. E. Haworth. Sometime later, he purchased the bookstore from Crider.

In the 1890’s, Joseph was one of the members of the Arion Quartet in Huntington, along with John A. Jones, M. C. Dimmick, and his friend Lon Hutchison. C. E. Haworth was the accompanist. While performing with the quartet, Joseph composed a waltz titled the “Arion Waltz,” which was dedicated to Hutchison. During this period he was also a member of the Huntington District Board of Education.

In April of 1885 Joseph married Ella Shifflette, who was 19 years old, from Orange County, Virginia. Joseph was 29, Ella was 19. They were divorced about 1896. On Nov. 6, 1900, he married Harriett M. Butler, who was born in Mason County, W.Va. There were no children born to either of these marriages. Prior to 1900, Joseph adopted a little girl names Inez Leroy, who was ten years old in the 1900 census. Joseph was shown as being divorced from his first wife in that census.

In 1892, Joseph partnered with E. B. Enslow in leasing the Davis Opera House, located on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and 8th Street. They leased the opera

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3 Huntington Advertiser, Jan. 9, 1926.
4 Ibid.
5 Huntington Herald-Dispatch, Jan. 10, 1926
6 Cabell County, W.Va., Marriage Book 2.
house for three years. The venture was said to have been a success. Joseph managed the Opera House for a number of years after the lease expired. 7

When the Hotel Frederick was built in 1906, which fronted on Fourth Avenue and 10th Street, Joseph moved his bookstore to a room adjoining the entrance. He continued the store until 1923, when he sold the store to John L. Stewart of Parkersburg. After selling the bookstore, he opened a cigar stand in the First National Bank building. By January of 1925, Joseph was very ill and only able to visit the stand occasionally.

Joseph was a 32nd degree Mason in the Huntington Masonic Lodge, a member of the Knights Templar, and the Knights of Rose Croix. He was also a member of the B.P.O.E. (the Elks) in Huntington.

Joseph Gallick passed away on January 9, 1926 from myocarditis. He had been incapacitated for almost a year. His age was given as 69 years 8 months 29 days. The funeral was conducted on Jan. 11, at the home at 514 6th Avenue. Lodge No. 53 of A.F. & A.M. (Masons) was in charge of the service. He was interred in Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington. It was said of him: “He had a charm of manner, a cordiality of bearing, a whimsical sense of humor and a romantic love for life which greatly endeared him to those with whom he came in contact…He commanded the love and respect of all who knew him.”8 In his will, dated Jan., 1922, he left his estate to his wife, Harriett, who was also named his executrix. He mentioned his adopted daughter as Mrs. Inez Risher, who lived at the time in Indiana.9

Joseph’s widow, Harriett, passed away in April of 1954, and is buried beside her husband in Spring Hill, along with their adopted daughter, Inez Gallick Risher, who passed in 1976.10

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7 Wallace, Cabell Annals, 239.
8 Huntington Advertiser, Jan. 9, 1926.
9 Cabell County, W.Va., Will Book 8, 195.
10 Records at Spring Hill Cemetery office, Huntington.
Business Photo Section
The Ohio River Railroad was built from Wheeling, W.Va. along the river through Pt. Pleasant and on to Huntington in 1888. The Ohio River Railroad was absorbed by the B&O in 1901. There was a local line in Huntington, which consisted of one engine and one passenger car and ran between Huntington and Kenova. The horse car in the photo ran between the B&O station and the Huntington C&O station. In the 1970’s, the railroad depot became Heritage Station, a well-known restaurant in Huntington, and is presently (2016) the home of the Cabell - Huntington Convention & Visitors Bureau. Location: 11th Street and Veteran's Memorial Boulevard. Top photo item # 1992.0543.03.0627, ca. 1894. Bottom photo, ca. 1970.
Broh Brothers Clothing

Brothers Mike and Julius Broh established their clothing business in Huntington in 1887. Their grandfather had immigrated to the United States from Germany before the Civil War. In 1889, their father, Adolph Broh, sold the brothers the lot at the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and 9th Street, on which they erected a brick building, known as Broh Corner. They were charter members of the Ohev Sholom Temple which is still the main Jewish center in Huntington. They were instrumental in the development of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, and were considered to have been two of the leading early Huntington businessmen. The brothers dissolved the business in 1904. Photo item # 1975/06.0099.07.05.08, Broh Corner in far left of photo, ad from Huntington Advertiser, Apr. 14, 1897.
Bradley Waters Foster was one of the first businessmen to open a business in Huntington. In 1871, he purchased the lot on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 9th Street. He erected a small building there and opened a hardware store. He incorporated it in 1894 as B. W. Foster Hardware Co. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Huntington. B. W. died in 1922, and his family started the Foster Foundation, which maintained a women’s home for the aged. His building was later occupied by the Huntington Dry Goods Co. Photo item # 2013/07.0812.01.10.13, and 1988.0484.01.68.01, ad from the Huntington Independent, Dec. 15, 1871.
This was the land company that developed the City of Huntington. Collis P. Huntington employed Albert Laidley to acquire the farms that were sold to Huntington in 1870, which he conveyed to the Central Land Company later that year. He reserved the land allocated for the C&O Railroad shops. The company was incorporated May 26, 1871. The main offices were in New York City, where Collis P. Huntington had an office. Their office in Huntington was located at numbers 1 & 2 in the Foster Building, at 12th Street and 4th Avenue. The stockholders were Collis P. Huntington, who purchased 300 shares for $30,000, and eight others who invested the same amount. Collis P. Huntington was the president. D. W. Emmons, Collis P. Huntington’s brother-in-law, was the general superintendent, and John H. Oley was the agent in Huntington. The city was incorporated Feb. 27, 1871. The Huntington Land Company took over the assets of the Central Land Company in 1903. Letterhead from a letter in the Ensign papers, MU Special Collections, C.P. Huntington image from a glass slide, photo item #1992.0543.03.0001, ca. 1883.
Collis P. Huntington established the city of Huntington as a location for his railroad’s passenger station and repair and service facilities. The railroad through West Virginia was completed in 1872, and the original C&O Railroad depot and station in Huntington was completed that year, with the first passenger train arriving at the station on Jan. 29, 1873. The station became the nucleus of the city, with hotels and businesses sprouting up near it. The original depot shown above was demolished in 1913 and replaced with the current building. Location: on Seventh Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth Streets. Photo item #1975.0099.05.05.02, ad from Huntington Advertiser, July 26, 1895.
The engine and railroad car repair and service facilities in Huntington for the C&O were completed in 1872. It was Huntington’s first industry. It initially employed 200 men. This was the C&O’s main heavy repair shop. At its peak, the facility serviced 50 engines a month. In the early 1900’s, it employed over 2,000 employees. The facility still performs diesel engine service and repairs for the C&O’s East Division. Location: Up to the year 1900 the shops on Eighth Avenue covered from 24th to 28th Streets. Postcard item # 1978.0227.05.22.17.
D. E. Abbott Co.

One of the five early original industries in Central City, now referred to as part of the “West End” of Huntington. Darwin E. Abbott took over the existing building for his picture and frame shop in 1898. Abbott employed his own artists for retouching and finishing photos. By the early 1900’s, he employed 175 workers. The company shipped their frames and moldings all over the United States. Location: 4th Ave. and West 14th Street. Above photo of D. E. Abbott’s employees made 1899. Photo item # 1978.0227.05.09.05, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899-1900.
The first opera house in Huntington was built in the early 1870’s by Robert T. Harvey, and was destroyed by fire in 1879. Ben T. Davis built the Davis Opera House on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and 8th Street. It was completed in 1885. It cost $35,000 to build and had seating for 800. The Davis Drug Store was on the ground floor, on the corner, along with a pool hall. In 1892, the building was remodeled and renamed the Huntington Theatre. E. B. Enslow was one of the first managers. It was sold in 1915 and fell into disuse with the popularity of moving pictures. The building was converted into a market place in the 1930’s. Photo item # 1975.0099.05.07.05, ca.1913, ad from Huntington Daily Herald, Nov. 14, 1892.
The business that would become known as Emmons-Hawkins Hardware was located on the northeast corner of Third Avenue and Ninth Street. This building was the site of one of the first businesses in the city of Huntington. The original land was purchased in 1871 by C.F. Parsons. It was in this building that he opened Parson’s Hardware in 1872. C.F. eventually started a partnership with his son, W.E. Parsons. After C.F. Parson’s death, his son created a partnership with Carlton D. Emmons and the business became Parsons and Emmons Hardware. After the death of W.E. Parsons, Emmons created a partnership with J.L. Hawkins and the business name changed once again to Emmons and Hawkins. It was under this name that the company was incorporated on August 18, 1899. There were five stockholders who all owned one share of the company; these shareholders were: C. D. Emmons, D. W. Emmons, A. S. Emmons, J. L. Hawkins, and E. V. Carter. After the death of Carlton Emmons, the company underwent new management every few years. It was during this time that the business gradually declined; first changing from a retail operation to a wholesale house and eventually going out of business in 1970. The building was given to the Huntington Urban renewal program, and it was eventually demolished. Today, one can find Mack & Dave’s on the block where the old Emmons-Hawkins building once stood. Photo image # 1975.0099.07.01.14, ad from Marshall College Parthenon 1899-1900.
Ensign Manufacturing Co.

This company was organized by Ely Ensign of Connecticut in November of 1872. It was the second major industry established in Huntington. Major stockholders were Ely and his brother Sidney, Collis P. Huntington, Delos Emmons, William H. Barnum and several others. The factory was completed by the end of 1872 and began manufacturing cast wheels for railroad cars and castings for some mining operations. The company continued in that business for ten years, when it began manufacturing complete railroad cars with wooden beams and sidings. To feed the factory, Ensign ran the largest sawmill operation in Huntington. Ensign displayed a large transportation exhibit at the 1893 World’s Fair in Chicago. It became one of the largest producers of railroad cars in the U.S. It merged with 12 other car companies in 1899 to form the American Car & Foundry Co. (ACF) Today the plant in Huntington sets idle. Location: Third Avenue, between 24th and 22nd Streets. Photo item # 1975.0099.05.05.07, 1889, ad from 1892 Huntington City Directory.
The bank was organized Jan. 10, 1888 by George F. Miller, J. L. Caldwell, D. I. Smith, W. H. Hagen and others. J. L. Caldwell was its first president. Its impressive stone building was located at 922-926 3rd Avenue. In 1891, the Commercial Bank was founded, and in 1894, the two merged and formed the Huntington National Bank. Photo item # 1983.0236.12.34.01, ad from Huntington City Directory 1895-96.
The Florentine Hotel was built in 1887 by lumberman Robert Shore. The hotel was located at the southeast corner of 9th street and 4th Avenue. The Florentine was bought by Robert A. Matthews, who was also the owner of the Merchants Hotel. The Florentine was often a popular social site in Huntington and was the preferred hangout of the still growing city’s political set. As the years went by, the Florentine went from being one of Huntington’s most popular hotels to a forgotten piece of its past as it was unable to compete with the new modern hotels that emerged over the years. Business steadily declined until 1933 when the hotel went out of business. Most of the original building was destroyed after it went out of business. What was left was a section of the hotel that faced 4th avenue. This section became the James Hotel which survived until the 1980s before it was demolished thus leaving nothing left of the Florentine. Photo item # 1983.0236.12.56.01, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-92.
Enos Hartzell originally had a plant in Guyandotte named the Hartzell, Caldwell and Marr Handle Factory, which burned in 1887. Enos and his brother Irvin then moved to West Huntington and opened a factory. It was one of the five original industries when Central City was formed in 1893, now referred to as part of the “West End” of Huntington. The plant used primarily hickory to produce axe, hammer, and hatchet handles. Location: on Washington Avenue between West 14th and 15th Streets. Employees in the photo are: front row, left to right: Bob Daniels, D. B. Frasher, Albert Martin, Roul Salyers, Pate Carter, Harry Pannell, back row, left to right: Lowell Meadows. Photo item # 1984/01.0388.01.03.01, ca.1900.
The original newspaper in this chain was the Huntington *Independent*, which was started in 1871 by Dr. O. G. Chase. The *Independent* merged with the *Cabell Press* in 1875 and became the *Weekly Advertiser*. Its first issue was Apr. 22, 1875. W. S. Downer was the founder and first editor; Howard Templeton and Oscar Lynch were the publishers. The paper was sold to Cameron L. Thompson and William O. Wiatt in 1885. The *Advertiser* became a daily newspaper on Sept. 2, 1889. It ran into financial problems and went into receivership and was bought by John Hooey Russel of the Bank of Huntington.

Location: 425 9th Street, later at 835 3rd Avenue, in the twentieth century on 4th Avenue, and in 1924 it moved to Fifth Avenue and 10th Street. It merged with the *Huntington Herald* and that paper was called the *Herald-Advertiser*. It became part of the Huntington Publishing Co., and today exists as the *Herald-Dispatch*. Photo item # 1992.0236.12.56.01, ad from Huntington *Advertiser* Sept. 19, 1895.
Huntington Bakery & Confectionary

In business late 1870’s to early 1880’s. Not in either the 1891-92 or the 1895-96 Huntington City Directories. Location was on 2nd Avenue, between 7th & 8th Streets. Photo item # 1983.0236.12.39.01.
John T. Gibson, the founder of the *Commercial* newspaper, immigrated to the U.S. from northern Ireland, and settled in Dunkirk, New York. He moved to Huntington and began publication of the paper in 1872. Since Gibson was the local head of the Republican Party, the paper had the reputation of having a Republican slant. He was the editor and publisher for twenty years. Gibson was also the local postmaster, and the post office was on the first floor of the building, which was located on the north side of Third Avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets. Gibson’s daughter married into the Emmons family. Photo item # 1990.11.0525.26.09.05.
In 1891, L. H. Cox built a bottle factory in Central City called the West Virginia Flint Bottle Co. It was located between Madison and Jefferson Avenues on W. 15th Street. It manufactured fruit jars and bottles. It was sold to Anton Zihlman in 1900 when it became the Huntington Tumbler Co. The pennant in this 1903 photo shows that the workers were members of Local #93, N.G.W.U., (National Glass Workers Union). The plant ceased operations in 1932. Photo item # 1984.01.0388.01.10.01.
In 1886, the Huntington City Council granted W. S. Kuhn and associates a franchise to build and maintain a waterworks to supply the city with water. It went into operation in December of 1887 and was transferred to the Huntington Water Company. It pumped water directly from the Ohio River. In 1899, four 50,000 filter tubs were installed. Fire hydrants were installed on the streets, but the fire at the Hotel Adelphi on July 2, 1901 was a disaster when the fire department arrived and found there was no water in the fire hydrant. Location: offices in the Post Office building. Photo item # 1982.0236.12.59.01.
The James Leroy Fruits, Cigars, & Tobacco Store was located at 915 3rd Avenue. The store was listed in the 1891-92 *Huntington City Directory*. It is not listed in the city directory for 1895-96. Photo item # 2013.07.0812.01.10.14.
J. C. Ellette, Photographer

All that is known of the photographer is his sign, printed on the side of the building. Due to the streetcar in the image, the photo is ca. 1890’s. The building was at the northwest corner of 9th Street and 4th Avenue. Not in the city directories. Photo item # 1975.0099.07.01.13.
Jacob L. “Jake” Crider was one of the early businessmen in Huntington in the 1870’s. His drug store also sold paints and oils for artists. It was known as a “popular gathering spot in the young city.” He was active in the Masons. In October of 1875, he and his bride were the first couple to be married in the chapel of the new Methodist Episcopal Church in Huntington. Crider was one of the first board members of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. His drug store operated for almost thirty years. Location: 1034 3rd Avenue. Photo item # 1988.0484.02.10.01.
The Miller Supply Company was founded in 1894 by Maban A. Hobson and E. Howard Smith under the name the Smith-Hobson-Brandt Company. Its original location was in the Kelly Building at 2 ½ alley at 9th street. The company was in operation until 1896 when it started experiencing financial hardships. The following year the company was sold to J.G. Tinsley; who changed the name to Miller Supply Company. The company remained at its original location for a short time before it was moved to 2nd avenue just east of 9th street. At the turn of the century, the coal industry in Southern West Virginia began to boom. This occurrence proved to be very beneficial for Miller supply, and it was shortly after that they moved again to 3rd Avenue. In 1924, the Miller supply company was bought by Major W.H. Banks and later merged with his company and called Miller-Banks Company. Under this name, the company would be known as “the oldest and perhaps, the largest distributor of industrial supplies in southern West Virginia.” The company exists today as Banks-Miller Supply and is located in Tomahawk, KY. Photo item #1983.0236.12.36.01.
Northcott & Buffington Clothiers

The clothing store that would be known as Northcott and Buffington was founded by two of Huntington’s most prominent residents: Gus. A. Northcott and Peter C. Buffington. G.A. Northcott was a well known businessman and investor in several businesses. Two of these businesses were the Huntington Hospital Association, and the Huntington Herald newspaper. Northcott’s business partner was even better known for his accomplishments. In addition to being the first mayor of Huntington, Peter C. Buffington was a trustee of Marshall College and was both the president and a director of the Bank of Huntington, which later became the First National Bank. In 1888, Northcott sold his shares of his first company, which was a men’s clothing shop, and created a partnership with P.C. Buffington. When this new firm was created, the owners opened a store in the McCrory Building under the name Northcott and Buffington. After three years, Buffington retired and the business changed its name to Northcott and Company. Soon after this, the shop moved to the Foster Building which was located on the southwest corner of 9th Street and 3rd Avenue. After this move the business was incorporated under the name Northcott-Tate-Hagy Company and moved once again to the Frederick Building on 4th Avenue in 1906. Photo item # 1983.0236.12.38.01, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
The company was incorporated Aug. 2, 1899. Its route was from Huntington to Catlettsburg, Ky, along the Ohio River, and later to Ashland. Stockholders, all with one share: Thomas J. Bryan, Henry S. Cata, C. W. Watts, H. C. Duncan, Jr., and Lindsay T. Vinson. It was an electric railway with 46 miles of track. It was backed by Senator Johnson N. Camden, who bought out the Consolidated Light and Railway Company of Huntington, the Ashland and Catlettsburg Street Railway, and the Ironton and Petersburg Street Railway. By the fall of 1900, new track connected the West Virginia and Kentucky segments of the line, and the combined properties became the Camden Interstate Railway Company. In 1913, it opened a branch line to Camden Park (amusement park.) In 1916, it changed its name back to the Ohio Valley Electric Co. Photo item # 1984/01.0403.02.11.02.
Alfred T. Proctor was in partners with Elmer B. Tully in a photographic studio in Charleston, W.Va., in 1888. The firm name was Proctor & Tully. Around 1894, Proctor and Tully moved their business to Huntington, opening a studio at 1048 Third Avenue. Within a short time, Tully left and the firm became Proctor and Erskine. Erskine also soon left Proctor and set up his own business in competition. Proctor opened a new studio in the city’s Post Office Building on Ninth Street. After several moves, Proctor finally located his studio at 1148 Third Avenue in the 1920s, where it remained until his death. His business motto was “Nothing but the best will suffice.” Proctor died suddenly of a heart attack on October 29, 1933. His sister and half-sister kept the studio open until 1949. Photo item # 1983.0236.12.57.01, ad from Huntington Advertiser, Jan. 4, 1899.
R. A. Jack began as a clerk in F. J. Harmison’s store in Guyandotte shortly after 1871, working there until 1876. Between 1871 and 1876, the store moved to Huntington. That year Jack bought into the business as a partner, and the business became Harmison & Jack. In 1885, Jack was able to buy out Harmison’s interest, and the business continued under the name of R. A. Jack & Co. until the early 1900’s, when Jack died. Both John W. Valentine and W. H. Newcomb, who formed the Valentine & Newcomb store, were trained by Jack in his store. In 1891-92, the store was a dry goods store located at 940 3rd Avenue. In 1895-96, the store was located at 1022 3rd Avenue. Photo item # 2013.07.0812.01.10.33, large ad from *Huntington City Directory* 1891-92.
Valentine & Newcomb Co.

The company was incorporated Sept. 3, 1895. Stockholders (each with one share): C. W. Campbell, J. W. Valentine, Darling Valentine, W. H. Newcomb, C. W. Watts. Named for John Valentine and W. H. Newcomb. It was the best known mercantile store in Huntington. Location: north side of 3rd Avenue, between 9th and 10 Streets. The business became Valentine, Newcomb & Carder about 1902. This company later became the Anderson-Newcomb Co. in 1907-08. Photo item # (store front) 1983.0236.12.40.01, ca. 1895, photo item # (interior) 1992.0543.03.0296, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899-1900.
Via’s Restaurant

Henry O. Via came from eastern Virginia by rail and stage coach to Huntington in March of 1872. He first served briefly as the Huntington wharfmaster, and later started his restaurant. On his restaurant menu was half of a fried chicken for 15 cents. In the 1892 *Huntington City Directory*, he is listed as a confectioner. Located at 925 3rd Avenue. In later life, he managed Camden Amusement Park. Photo item # 1975.0099.02.14.02, ad from Marshall College 1899 *Parthenon.*
W.H.H. Holswade Furniture

William Henry Harrison Holswade began as a clerk in the first Huntington post office, then ran a cigar store before entering into the furniture and undertaking business. It was common at that time for furniture dealers to also supply coffins. His furniture store was located at 943 and 945 Third Avenue. He took over the business from E. E. Randall. W.H.H. was a member of the Huntington Board of Trade (later the Chamber of Commerce). He was in partnership in the 1870’s with J.H. Poage and bought out his interest two years later. When Holswade died in the early 1900’s, the business was continued by his son, J. F. Holswade until 1915, when he entered into a lease of the building to Kresge & Co. Photo item # 1983.0236.10.25.01, large ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-92, small ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
Ziegler Clothing was located at 3rd avenue above 9th street. It was started by Jacob Ziegler. Photo item # 1992.0543.03.0020, from a glass lantern slide. This advertisement was found in the Huntington Daily Advertiser, Feb. 20, 1892 edition, and has the name misspelled.
Business
Advertisements
Section
A.B. Woodcock Watchmaker
A.B. Woodcock’s watchmaking shop was located at 907 3rd Avenue. This advertisement was found in the Guyandotte Democratic Banner in the April 9, 1874 edition.

A.B. Brode Insurance
This business was located in room three of the Foster building. This advertisement was found in the Huntington Advertiser in the July 23, 1895 issue.

A.C. Daniels West End Green House
The A.C. Daniels West End Green House was located on the corner of 7th Avenue and 1st Street. This advertisement was found in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
A.J. Enslow Feed
A.J. Enslow’s Feed store was located on 2nd Avenue, the third door above 7th Street. This advertisement was discovered in the Guyandotte Democratic Banner, in the April 9, 1874 issue.

Aug. Volkenrath Teacher of Music
Aug. Volkenrath taught music on the corner of 4th Avenue and 8th Street. This advertisement can be found in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Boxley and Frampton Grocers
Boxley and Frampton Grocers was located on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 8th Street. This advertisement can be found in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
Brownrigg and Manly Butchers
Brownrigg and Manly Butchers was located on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 11th Street. This advertisement was from the 1899-1900 edition of the Parthenon, Marshall College’s student newspaper.

C. Haucke and Sons
C. Haucke and Sons was located at 954 3rd Avenue. The advertisement for this business can be found in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

C.A. Peters Flowers
Mr. Peter’s Flower shop was located at 829 3rd Avenue. This ad was discovered in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College Parthenon.
C.B. Harrold’s Insurance
C.B. Harrold’s Insurance office was located at 920 Third Avenue, east of the First National Bank. This advertisement can be found in the October 24, 1893 issue of the Huntington Advertiser.

C.L. Hogg Feed Store
This feed store was located at 804 3rd Avenue. One can find this advertisement in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

C.L. Thompson Fire Insurance
C.L. Thompson’s Fire Insurance office was located at 313 9th Street. This advertisement was found in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College Parthenon.
C.N. Lallance Painter
C.N. Lallance opened his painting business on 8th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue. This advertisement can be found in the June 1, 1872 edition of the Huntington Argus.

C.S. Hoover Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist
This Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist was located at 916 3rd Avenue, “just below First National Bank.” This ad was discovered in the Huntington Daily Advertiser, the Oct. 17, 1893 edition.

Carrollton Hotel
The Carrollton Hotel was located on 9th Street, opposite the C&O depot. This advertisement was found in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
Chase’s Book Store
Location: 8th Street between 2d and 3rd Avenues, ad from the Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

The City Cab Line
The City Cab Line’s office box number was 573, but orders could be left at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. Mr. Dan Hill was the proprietor. This advertisement was discovered in the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

The Cincinnati Cheap Store
This business was located in the Burdick’s Block (south side of 3rd Avenue,) at 912 3rd Avenue. This advertisement was discovered in the Jan. 11, 1882 issue of the Huntington Argus.
**Commercial Bank of Huntington**
The Commercial Bank of Huntington was located at the corner of 9th Street and 4th Avenue. This advertisement was found in the *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892*.

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**Crystal Steam Laundry**
The location of this business was not listed on the advertisement. This advertisement was found in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College *Parthenon*.

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**D. B. Morrison Lumber**
Location: 2nd Avenue, between 6th and 7th Streets; ad from the Huntington *Argus*, May 25, 1882.
**D.C. Crutcher and Co. Clothing**
Location: 902 and 904 3rd Avenue; ad from the Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.

**D.P. Adams & Co. Plumbers**
Location: 1115 3rd Avenue; ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892*.

**Dan A. Mossman Coal and Ice**
Location: 2nd Avenue and 8th Street; ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892*. 
**Dr. A. T. Cherry, Ear, Nose & Throat**
Location: Commerce Building between 10th and 11th Streets, ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Oct. 24, 1893.

**Dr. T.S. Fish, Dentist**
Location: 3rd Avenue and 9th Street, ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Oct. 17, 1893.

**Dober and Co. Clothing**
Location: 935 3rd Avenue; ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Oct. 17, 1893.
Dr. W. A. Williams, Dentist
Location: Post Office Building, ad from the Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

Dr. A. S. Carder, Dentist
Location: Broh’s Block, corner of 3rd Avenue and 9th Street, ad from the Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Dr. T. W. Moore, Ear, Nose & Throat
Location: 1048 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
E. Norris Grocery
Location: 1033 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

Elizabeth Shore, Contractor & Builder
Location: between 9th and 10th Streets, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Emmons & Marr, Hardware & Stoves
Location: 902 3rd Avenue, corner of 9th Street, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
**Erskine, Photographer**  
Location: 3rd Avenue and 11th Street, ads from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.

**Eugene C. Van Vleck Dentist**  
Location: 923 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.

**European Hotel**  
Location: Opposite the passenger depot [Seventh Avenue], ad from the *Huntington Independent*, Mar. 7, 1872.
F. D. Fuller Coal Dealer
Location: 2nd Avenue and 10th Street, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Fenner’s, Photographer
Location: Ground floor gallery, 404 9th Street, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Fitzgerald Plaster Co.
Location: 324 9th Street, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
Foster Hardware Co.
Location: Corner of 9th Street and 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.

Fountain Drug Store
Location: Northeast corner of 9th Street and 4th Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899. Proprietors were M. C. Perkins & W. S. Vinson. It was opposite the post office.

G. A. Northcott & Co.
Location: 905 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.
G. C. Ricketts Grocery

Girard C. Ricketts II owned a grocery store located at 1049-1051 3rd Avenue. It operated from about 1885 until well into the twentieth century. In 1895, he had a second location at Thirteenth Street and 6th Avenue. In 1858, his father, Dr. Girard C. Ricketts was one of the trustees when Marshall Academy became Marshall College. G. C. Ricketts II died in 1924. Ads from: (left) Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899, (right) *Huntington Advertiser*, Sept. 2, 1889.

G. F. Ratliff Grocery

Location: Corner of 7th Avenue and 9th Street, ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892*. 
G. W. Kirk’s Photograph Gallery
Location: Near Crider’s Drug Store, ad from Huntington Argus, May 25, 1882.

Garland & Valentine Dry Goods
Location: 948 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Geo.A.Floding Merchant Tailor
Location: 3rd Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets, ad from Huntington Advertiser, July 13, 1876.
Geo. Cullen Watchmaker & Jeweler
Location: 3rd door from the corner of 3rd Avenue and 9th Street, ad from Huntington Argus, May 25, 1882.

H. J. Homrich Jewelry
Location: 915 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

Hagan and Co. Roofing
Location: 1033 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
**Hagan and Johnston Furniture and Undertaking**
Location: 923 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington Argus, Aug. 14, 1884.

**Hotel Adelphi**
Hotel Bellevue
R. W. McWilliams was the manager, J. D. Bush was bartender. Location: 846 4th Avenue, ad from the Huntington Daily Advertiser, Oct. 17, 1893.

J. A. Cogbill Liquors
Location: 2nd Avenue and 8th Street, ad from the Guyandotte Democratic Banner, Apr. 9, 1874.

J. M. Clouston Sewing Machines & Typewriters
Location: 315 9th Street, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
J. Owen Wall & E.S. Buffington M.D.’s.
Location: Corner of 8th Street and 3rd Avenue, ad from the Huntington Argus, June 1, 1872.

J. R. Pigman—Stove Dealer
Location: 3rd Avenue, between 9th and 10th Streets, ad from the Huntington Independent, Apr. 11, 1872.

J. W. Depue and Co. Shoes
Location: 328 9th Street, ad from the Guyandotte Democratic Banner, Apr. 9, 1874.
J. W. McCready Blacksmith and Wagon-maker
Location: 10th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

J. W. Verlander Groceries
Location: 2nd Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets, ad from the Huntington Advertiser, July 13, 1876.

James B. Stewart, Architect
Location: Office above Millender & Bierman’s Planing Mill, 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
James C. Swain & Co. Grocery
Location: corner of 7th Avenue and 9th Street, ad from Huntington Argus, Jan. 11, 1882.

James T. Hoback, Architect
Location: Office above Millender & Bierman’s Planing Mill, 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Feb. 20, 1892.

Jarvis and Bro. Machinists
Location: On 10th Street, corner of 2nd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
**John A. Jones Organs**  
Location: 1041 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899. In both 1891 and 1895 city directories.

**John Q. Adams Groceries**  
Location: 833 3rd Avenue, ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.*

**John Rief Blacksmithing**  
Location: 9th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.*
John S. Sayre Photographer
Location: 1007 4th Avenue, “near 10th Street,” ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Johnston Undertaking Establishment
Location: 909 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

Kennet & Marcum Stable
Location: 714, 716, 718, 720, 722 & 724 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
Knabe Pianos (Miss Roma Gilman)
Location: 813 5th Avenue, ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Oct. 17, 1893.

Kyle and Wallace Feed Store
Location: 702 & 704 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

Leete & Frampton Coal Dealers
Location: 3rd Avenue, between 11th and 12th Streets, ad from Huntington Daily Advertiser, Feb. 20, 1892.
Leon G. Brown Home Goods
Location: 821 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington Argus, Aug. 14, 1884.

Levi Crider Book Seller and Stationer
Location: 1011 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892. Levi was a brother to J. L. Crider who operated Crider’s Drug store. Note: Levi also sold baseball supplies.

Martin Nickeson and Co. Lumber
Location: Office and mill on the river bank at the foot of 14th Street, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.
**Mathews’ Photo Gallery**
Location: 921 ½ 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College *Parthenon*, 1899.

**Matthews and Humphreys Photo Gallery**
Location: 944 ½ 3rd Avenue, ad from *Huntington City Directory 1891-1892*.

**Merchant’s Hotel**
George Scranage was the proprietor. Location: Corner of 2nd Avenue and 9th Street, ad from Huntington *Independent*, Sept. 28, 1871.
Owen Bartram, Barber
Location: 951 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.

P. Henson Stone Mason
Location: 1113 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892.

P. Wippell Shoe Repair
Location: 1013 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
Phil Herz, Hatter & Furnisher
Location: 917 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington Advertiser, July 23, 1895.

Puthuff & Terrell Milliners
Location: 1027 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington City Directory 1891-1892

Raymond Coal
Location: 1602 3rd Avenue, ad from Marshall College Parthenon, 1899.
Sam Gideon

Sam Gideon was born in Germany in 1836 and came to America in 1856. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War, rising to the rank of captain. He married in 1865 and located in Cincinnati and later Manchester, Ohio, finally settling in Huntington in 1872. His clothing store was said to have been the first clothing store to open in Huntington (1872). He was a member of the city council and the board of education. His son, Dave, became publisher of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. Sam was commander of Bailey Post, GAR (the veterans’ organization for Union Army vets.)

Location: 949 3rd Avenue, ad from Huntington Argus, Sept. 13, 1883.
**Seventh Avenue Hotel**
The Seventh Avenue Hotel was located on the corner of 7th Avenue and 9th Street. This advertisement was located in the 1891-1892 *Huntington City Directory*.

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**Simeon R. Hall Grocery**
Simeon R. Hall’s Grocery was located on 3rd Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets. This advertisement was found in the Huntington *Argus*, August 10, 1882 issue.

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**Snider Brothers Store**
The Snider Brothers Store was located at 921 3rd Avenue. Both ads were found in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College *Parthenon*. 
Spangenberg’s Fine Candies
In the late 1870’s, H. Spangenberg operated a tobacco and cigar shop on 9th Street, between 2nd & 3rd Avenue. In 1880, he was forced to sell his business, including his cigar store Indian, to George W. Driggs. He evidently opened another tobacco store some years later, but by the mid 1890’s he had converted his business into a confectionary store. Location: 326 Ninth Street in 1896, 921 3rd Avenue in 1899, ad from the Huntington Advertiser, May 1, 1896.

T. J. Thuma Dye Works
This business was located at 841 4th Avenue. This advertisement can be found the Huntington Advertiser of July 23, 1895.

T. M. Price Coal Dealer
T.M. Price’s office was located at 3rd Avenue, between 11th and 12th Streets. This advertisement was found in the 1891-1892 Huntington City Directory.
T. S. Scanlon & Company
This business was located at 928 3rd avenue. This advertisement was found in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College Parthenon.

Tewart and Overall Architects
This business was located at 3rd Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets. This advertisement was located in the Huntington Daily Advertiser, the February 20, 1892 edition.

The Delicatessen
The Delicatessen was located at 911 3rd Avenue. This advertisement was found in the Marshall College Parthenon’s 1899-1900 edition.
The Novelty Glassware
The Novelty Glassware shop was located on 3rd avenue near 10th street. This advertisement was found in the 1899-1900 edition of the Marshall College *Parthenon*.

Thos. C. Morallee Ladies dress goods
Thos. C. Morallee Ladies dress goods was located at 824 3rd avenue. This advertisement was found in the *Cabell County Press*’s June 10, 1873 edition. Morallee did not stay long in Huntington, and later moved his business to Cincinnati.

Thos. J. Burke Liquor dealer
Thos. J. Burke Liquor dealer was located at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 8th Street. This advertisement was found in the Huntington *Argus*, June 1, 1872.
Turley Brothers Painters  
Turley Brothers Painters was located at 1111 3rd Avenue. This advertisement was found in the 1891-1892 *Huntington City Directory*.

W. M. Prindle and Co. Furniture  
W. M. Prindle and Co. Furniture and stoves was located at 909 3rd Avenue. This advertisement is from the 1899-1900 Marshall College *Parthenon*.

W. A. Maddy Furniture  
W.A. Maddy Furniture was located at 942 3rd Avenue. This advertisement was located in the Huntington *Advertiser* in the April 14, 1897 edition.
W.H. Bull and son Livery & Feed
This feed and sale stable was located at 9th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. This advertisement was found in the 1891-1892 Huntington City Directory.

William O. James Street Paver
William O. James Street Paver’s office was located at 813 8th Street. This advertisement was found in 1891-1892 Huntington City Directory.
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