

MENOMINEE RANGE MEMORIES 90: DOWNTOWN IRON MOUNTAIN – MERRITT AVENUE

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[NOTE: Dates, placed chronologically, are highlighted in boldface red letters for easier reading, and names of individuals and places are highlighted in boldface black letters to facilitate finding information.]

The 90th installment of Menominee Range Memories, a series of articles by William J. Cummings, Menominee Range Historical Foundation historian, now available on the Dickinson County Library's website, is titled "Downtown Iron Mountain – Merritt Avenue."

39: EAST SIDE OF SOUTH MERRITT AVENUE

[MERRITT AVENUE, RUNNING ALONG THE MILWAUKEE & NORTHERN RAILWAY, FORMS THE DIVIDING LINE FROM WHICH THE STREETS RUNNING EAST AND WEST ARE NUMBERED.]

History of 101: Lester L. Combs, a laborer recorded as **Lester L. Combo** in alphabetical listing, lived at this address with wife **Sadie B. Combs/Combo** in **1935**.

There was no listing for this address in **1939**, but in **1941-1942 James Arthur Hooper** (1907-1976) was listed here.

History of 105: In **1892-1894 Mrs. Ellen Foster [Ellen (Johns) Foster Rowe** (1862-1946)], widow of **John Foster** (1854-1911) lived here. They were married in 1878. This may be the same house recorded above at 105 North Merritt Avenue. There was no listing for this address in **1939** or **1941-1942**.

History of 107: The **German House, Reinhart Gothe [Reinhold Gothe** (1864-1953)], proprietor, sold "liquors and cigars" at this address which was also the residence for the proprietor in **1907-1908. Robert August Gothe** (1892-1985), a

student, also boarded at the German Hotel at that time. In **1913** the **German Hotel** was run by **William Gothe [William Gothe, Sr.** (1876-1972)], who lived here with wife **Maggie Gothe [Margaret "Maggie" (Steinmetz) Gothe** (1878-1918)], and **Lena Gothe**, a "domestic" or maid. The listings and names for 407 Merritt Avenue below make one suspect this is the same place with an erroneous address, mistaking "107" for "407." There was no listing for this address in **1939** or **1941-1942**.

History of 203: **George H. Munro** advertised "Plumbing steam and gas fitting. Buildings fitted with hot water, steam and hot air conveniences. Agent for the Furman Boiler" at this address in **1892-1894**. The only other listing for this address was "vacant" in **1913**.

History of 205: In **1892-1894 Joe Dabritt**, a laborer at the Chapin Mine, resided in a residence near the alley at this address. There are no other listings for this address.

History of 207: In **1907-1908** the names **Mrs. Hannah Doerfler** and **Ludovici Girodo** appeared in the street index, but neither name appeared in the alphabetical listing. There are no other listings for this address.

History of 305: The **City Jail** was at this location in **1892-1894**, but no other listings were found in the city directories for this address except "vacant" in **1913**.

History of 407: The **German Hotel**, operated by **Marsch & Gothe (John Marsch** and **Fred Gothe [Ferdinand "Fred" Gothe** (1855-1921)]), in **1892-1894** at this address boasted "Good accomodations [*sic – accommodations*] by the day or week. A fine bar of wines and liquors in connection." Both of the proprietors resided in the hotel at that time. In addition, **Chris Gothe [Christian Quist**

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“**Christ**” **Goth**e (1862-1910)], who worked at a brewery, and **Peter Marsch**, a laborer, both boarded at the German Hotel at that time.

The **German Hotel** was listed at 407 Merritt Avenue in **1902-1903**, but there was no record of proprietors. **Fred Goth**e’s name was not found in the directory and

John Marsch worked in railroad construction and had a sales stable at 220 East Hughitt Street at that time.

The entries for the **German House** and the **German Hotel** appeared with the address 107 Merritt Avenue in **1907-1908** and **1913**, respectively.



The **German Hotel**, operated by **Marsch & Goth**e (**John Marsch** and **Fred Goth**e), by **1892** at **407 Merritt Avenue**, boasted “Good accommodations by the day or week. A fine bar of wines and liquors in connection.” Both proprietors resided in the hotel at that time. In addition, **Christian Quist** “**Christ**” **Goth**e (1862-1910), who worked at a brewery, and **Peter Marsch**, a laborer, both boarded at the German Hotel. The German Hotel was listed at 407 Merritt Avenue in **1902**, but there was no record of the proprietors. Fred Goth’e’s name was not found in the directory and John Marsch worked in railroad construction and had a sales stable at 220 East Hughitt Street at that time. This photograph probably dates **between 1900 and 1910**. The man in the white shirt and long white apron is **William Goth**e, Sr. His wife, **Margaret** “**Maggie**” **Goth**e, is the woman standing second from the right at the corner of the building, together with their children and dog. The entries for the German House and the German Hotel appeared with the erroneous address of 107 Merritt Avenue in the 1907-1908 and 1913 city directories, respectively. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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An article in the **December 2, 1920** edition of the *Iron Mountain Press* as follows marked one of the earliest accounts of raids during the Prohibition Era under the headline **POLICE AND SHERIFF RAID: Police and Sheriff Make Raid at American Hotel:**

The police and sheriff departments worked hand in hand late yesterday afternoon and made a raid at the **American Hotel** on Merrit [sic – Merritt] avenue, formerly known as the **German Hotel**, and confiscated three cases of bitters and six quart bottles of some kind of wine. The seals on the bottles of bitters were broken when found by the authorities[,] this, in itself, constituting a violation of the liquor law. The liquor was placed in a sleigh and taken to the county jail. The raid was made by **Sheriff Farrell** [Archibald Patrick "Archie" Farrell (1863-1944)], **Undersheriff Frank Cleveland**, **Chief of Police Gilbeault** [George Guilbeault (1895-1976)] and **Officers Corey** [Edward Irving Corey (1893-1946)], **Constantini and Warne** [John Warne (1880-1928)]. Besides placing the proprietor, **Anton Lavorich** [Anton Lovrich (1888-1975)], under arrest on a charge of violation of the liquor law, the officers took three men in custody on a charge of gambling, namely, **George Meyers**, **Louis Osborn** and **Louis Mellis**.

Meyers was arrested a few days ago on a charge of gambling at the time the raid was made by the police at **Robert Wasevich's** place, East Brown street.

All the men arrested in the raid yesterday afternoon were [sic – were] taken before **Justice MacDonald**. Lavorich was bound over to circuit court for trial, under a cash bond of \$500, which he furnished, [.] Osborn and Mellis were fined \$10 and costs and Meyers was fined \$25 and costs, owing

to it being his second offense. All the men paid their fines.

Lavorich purchased the American Hotel a few days ago from **Reinhart Goethe** [Reinhold Gothe (1864-1953)], the consideration, it is said, being \$8,500. He took possession at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, and within three hours afterward was in the toils of the law. The police and sheriff departments knowing of the deal and also knowing that he conducts two places of business in Gladstone and one at Escanaba, suspicioned that he would probably have some liquor at the place, so the two departments heartily co-operated and made it their business to find out. The place was filled with men when the officers entered like thieves in the night, some engaged in playing cards, and immediately looks of surprise crept all over their countenances. Those charged with gambling were placed under arrest at once while some of the officers proceeded to look around for liquor. Every nook and corner in the place was carefully searched and all the time that the raid was going on the doors of the place were kept locked and no person was allowed to leave it until the authorities had completed what they came there for.

The **American Hotel**, **Anthony Baraga**, proprietor, operated at **Merritt Avenue on the southeast corner of Hughitt Street** in **1925**, the owner living on the premises.

In **1935** the **American Hotel** was listed at 407 South Merritt with a different proprietor, **Anton Loverich** [Anton Lovrich (1888-1975)]. This was undoubtedly the same building that housed the German Hotel, the German House and the American Hotel listed on this site. The American Hotel, Anton Loverich, proprietor, was mistakenly listed at **405 South Merritt Avenue** in the **1939** city directory but was as the **American Inn** at this address under

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the same ownership in the **1941-1942** city directory. In 1946 Anton Loverich was still running the American Inn, listed a 407 Merritt Avenue.

By **1959** and again in **1961** **Augusto M. “August” Olivanti** (1902-1980) and **Roy O. Morelli** (1890-1972) operated the **American Inn**, listed as a tavern and also listed as the **American Bar**.

From **1963 through 1967** **Augusto M. “August” Olivanti** (1902-1980) operated the **American Inn**, listed as a tavern, serving “liquor, wine, beer, special food, sea foods, ravioli and sandwiches.”

From **1969 through 1971** **James D. “Wink” Winkler** (1933-2016) and **Mrs. Barbara Jo (Miresse) Winkler** (1939-2017) operated **Wink’s Place**, a tavern, at this address. They were married in **1961**.

From **1972 through 1976** **Albin “Al” O. Bolan, Jr.**, operated the **T & T Lounge** here.

From **1977 through 1979** the **T & T Lounge** was run by **George Kuester** and **George Kuester, Jr.** In **1980** **Al Bolan** again operated the **T & T Lounge** at this address.

In **1981 and 1982** **Fred W. Winstanely** operated a tavern called the **Urban Cowboy** at this location.

In **1984** there was no return and the address was listed as “vacant” in **1985**.

In **1986** **Bootlegger’s**, a tavern, was listed at this address with no owner listed, but from **1987 through 1989** **Bootlegger’s** was managed by **Jerry Davidson**.

In **1990 and 1991** **Danny Miller** operated **Dads**, a tavern, here.

In **1992** this address was listed as “vacant,” in **1993** the address was “not verified” and from **1994 through 1996** the address was again listed as “vacant.”

In **1997 and 1998** **Clayton Paul** managed **Nicoletemps Temporary**

Service, an employment agency at this location.

In **1998** the **Hair Depot**, a hair salon, also operated at this address, but no owner was listed. In **1999 and 2000** the **Hair Depot**, owned by **Lisa Erickson**, was still in business at this address.

In **1999** **Nicolet Temporary Services** was located here with **Charlene Morrison** serving as branch manager. In **2000** **Charlene Morrison** was manager for **Wisconsin Staffing Services** at this address.

In **2000** the **Golden Comb Beauty Salon** also operated here with no owner listed. The following names were also listed: **Lisa Dixon**, **Michelle C. Hollon** and **Joseph A. Dumas**.

The **Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Depot**, located **between West B and West C Streets on South Merritt Avenue**, listed **James R. Peebles** as station agent in **1925**. The **Milwaukee Road** was the railway’s new name by **1935**, but **James R. Peebles** was still the station agent, and the address used was **101 West B Street**. **James R. Peebles** was still listed as the station agent for the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway freight depot** in the **1941-1942** city directory.

J.R. Holfeltz Company, owned by **Jacob R. Holfeltz** (1859-1930), dealt in “Ice, Coal and Building Material” on **South Merritt Avenue opposite the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Depot** in **1925**. **J.R. Holfeltz Company** was under the management of **W.E. Disher** in **1935**, selling coal on **South Merritt Avenue opposite The Milwaukee Road Depot**. **Anna T. (Tauscheck) Holfeltz** (1864-1938) living at 602 West Hughitt Street, was listed as the widow of **Jacob R. Holfeltz** in **1935**. In **1939** **Holfeltz & Company**, daughter **Marie H. (Holfeltz) Henze** (1888-1978), proprietor, still dealt in coal on

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Merritt Avenue, but the business was not listed in the **1941-1942** city directory.

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History of 127 (27): In **1913** John Nyman (1867-1954), a bellman at a mine, lived at the north end of Merritt Avenue with his wife Helena “Lena” (Peterson) Nyman (1865-1958). In **1925** the address was listed as **127 (27) North Merritt Avenue**, and John Nyman, a miner, still lived here with his wife Lena Nyman. There was no listing for this address from **1935 through 1941-1942**.

History of 129 (29): John Francis “Daddy” Powers (1859-1924), a surface foreman in **1907-1908**, lived on what was listed simply as “Merritt Avenue North.” In **1913** John Powers, a surface boss, was again listed as living at the “north end of Merritt Avenue.”

In **1925** the address was listed as **129 (29) North Merritt Avenue**, and Johan August “John” Johnson (1868-1943), a miner, and his wife Anna Louisa (Youngren) Johnson (1884-1958) resided here. Again in **1935** John A. Johnson, no occupation listed, and his wife Anna L. Johnson were living at this address. There was no listing for this address in **1939** or **1941-1942**.

History of 105: Antonio “Anton” Sgarlotti (1870-1956), a laborer, resided at 105 North Merritt Avenue with his wife Giovanna “Jennie” (Marabito) Sgarlotti (1890-1962) in **1913**. Another couple, Alesandro “Alex” Vespa (1865-1918), no

occupation listed, and his wife **Camela Vespa** also lived here at that time. In **1925** **Anthony Sgorlata [sic – Sgarlotti]**, a miner, and his wife **Jennie Sgorlata [sic – Sgarlotti]** remained at this address. Another couple, **Clement Leotta** (Leotto in alphabetical listing), a miner, and wife **Mary Leotta** also lived here in **1925**. **Anton Sgarlatti [sic – Sgarlotti]**, and wife **Joanne [sic] Sgarlatti [sic – Sgarlotti]** still lived at this location in **1935** together with **Dominic Sgarlatti [sic – Sgarlotti]** (1910-2002), **Frank Sgarlatti [sic – Sgarlotti]**, **Joseph “Joe” Sgarlatti [sic – Sgarlotti]** (1917-1998).

There was no listing for this address in **1939** or **1941-1942**.

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History of 2: Henry Englund, barn boss at the **Ludington Mine**, lived here in **1892-1894**.

There was no other listing for this address in the city directories.

History of 4: William Williams, a miner, resided here in **1892-1894**.

There was no other listing for this address in the city directories.

History of 100: In **1925** **Louis Magnus Nelson, Sr.** (1878-1961), a laborer, lived here with his wife **Marie Amanda (Olson) Nelson** (1885-1945), as well as **Louis Milton Nelson, Jr.** (1906-1986), a draftsman, and **Luella Evelyn (Nelson) Thibault** (1905-1996) and **Paul Iver Nelson** (1909-1981), both listed as students.

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This address was not listed from **1935 through 2000**.

History of 104: Hoose & Person [Jay William Hoose (1860-1924) and Halvarson Halvar “Henry” Persson/Person (1859-1917)], did excavating and railroad construction in **1913**. This address appears in the street index, but Hoose’s residence at 520 West B Street was listed as the office. There were no other listings for this address in the city directories.

History of 116: There was no listing for this address from **1892-1994 through 1941-1942**.

In **1991 and 1992** Electro-Tec, Inc., electrical contractors (Douglas Edlund, president; James B. Pouliot, vice-president) worked at this address.

From **1994 through 1996** Phoenix Center-Division of Community Mental Health, a social service organization, was located here.

In **1998 and 1999** Health Care Home Medical Supply, a division of The Drug Store, provided home medical supplies at this location. In **1999** Jerry Akers was listed as manager, providing medical and hospital equipment, and Abbey Home Healthcare, managed by Brian Geshel, also provided the same products.

In **2000** Health Care Home Medical Supply, The Drug Store, was listed at this address, providing home health care and The Drug Store nursing services were also headquartered here.

History of 202 Merritt Avenue: There was “no listing” for this address from **1959 through 1966**. The address was listed as “vacant” from **1967 through 1978**. There was “no listing” for this address from **1979 through 1985**. The address was listed as “vacant” in **1986**. There was “no listing” in **1987**. The address was listed as “vacant” from **1988 through 1996**. There address

was listed as “not verified” in **1997** and “vacant” in **1998**. There was “no listing” for this address in **1999 and 2000**.

History of 204: Charles Ovard “Carl” Seaberg (1874-1910), veterinary surgeon and dentist, had his office at this address, located **between Ludington Street and Brown Street**, in **1907-1908**. Dr. Seaberg died **March 10, 1910**, when the revolver he was removing from the pocket of his overcoat went off. The bullet lodged in his left breast directly over the heart, causing death in a few moments. He had resided in Iron Mountain for about 15 years. In **1905** he married **Louise Brown** (1884-1971). Their three-year old daughter **Marie Louise Seaberg** (1907-1910) died **November 11, 1910**. **Louise (Brown) Seaberg** married **John Ferris** (1860-1953) in **1920**.

There were no further listings for this address until **1935**, when **Frederick W. Johnson** [possibly **Frederick William Johnson** (1876-1952)] ran a tavern here.

By **1939** the **White Front Tavern & Restaurant**, **Tito Gioacchini** (1893-1966), proprietor, operated at **204-206 South Merritt Avenue**. The business was listed as the **Pas-Time Smoke Shop**, **Tito Gioacchini**, proprietor, again at 204-206 South Merritt Avenue in the **1941-1942** city directory.

From **1959 through 1985** this address was listed as “vacant.” From **1986 through 2000** there was no listing for this address.

History of 206: **Mrs. Anna (Stuber) Doerfler** (1846-1913), widow of **Franz “Frank” Doerfler** (1843-1891 or 1892), resided here in **1892-1894**, together with **Annie Doerfler**, **Mary Doerfler**, **Frank Doerfler** (1865-1941), an engineer, and **Joseph Doerfler**, who worked for **George H. Munro** at 203 Merritt Avenue.

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From **1959 through 1964** this address was listed as “vacant.” There was no listing for this address from **1966 through 2000**.

History of 208: This address was listed as “vacant” in **1925**, and did not appear in any other city directories.

History of 210: **Walter Joseph Reimer** (1867-1947) was listed at this address in the street index in **1902-1903**, but appeared in the alphabetical index as residing at 101 East Ludington Street. There were no other listings for this address in the city directories.

History of 306: In **1892-1894** **Mrs. Matilda Jettie**, widow of **Leon Jettie**, lived at this address, as did **Ole Larson**, a laborer.

The name may have been misspelled, as **Mrs. Matilda Jedda**, residing at this address in **1902-1903**, ran a saloon, and **Charles E. Barlamen** [**C.E. Barliament**, bartender, was listed in the alphabetical listing in 1902-1903, boarding at 306 Merritt Avenue.], a bartender, was boarding here at that time. **Mrs. C. [Charles] Barliment** was the name in the street index in **1907-1908**, but in the alphabetical listing **Rosa Barlament** resided at this address. **Rose Barlament**, widow of **Charles Barlament**, was still at this address in **1913**, and **Elizabeth Barlament** also resided here.

Mrs. [sic – Miss] Mary Brunswick (1863-1925) lived here by **1925**.

By **1935** **Mrs. Elizabeth “Lizzie” and “Big Liz” (Flynn) Chaulklin** (1882-xxxx), widow of **William Henry Chaulklin** (1872-1931), lived here, and **Mrs. Elizabeth**

Chaulklin operated and lived in a tavern nearby at **102 West Hughitt Street** at that same time. She was a well-known madam in Iron Mountain for many years. In **1946** **Ellizabeth Chaulklin** resided at **118 West Hughitt Street**.

In **1939** **Louis Ferzacca**, a W.P.A. worker, lived here with his wife **Genevieve Ferzacca**.

George T. “Red” or “Reddy” Meehan (1874-1948) and his wife **Julia B. “Dolly” (St. George) Meehan** (1888-1967) were listed at this address in the **1941-1942** city directory. **George T. “Red” Meehan** and **Julia B. “Dolly” St. George** married on **May 6, 1912**, in Iron Mountain. They were involved in the illicit liquor trade during Prohibition and **Dolly** was a well-known madam.

In **1946** **Dolly Meehan** resided at this address and was still listed here in the **1959 and 1961** city directories.

George T. Meehan died **December 6, 1948**, at the Grondine Convalescent Home, probably in Dickinson County, Michigan, or in Florence County, Wisconsin. He is buried in the Commonwealth Cemetery, Commonwealth, Florence County, Wisconsin. **Julia B. “Dolly” (St. George) Meehan** died **April 8, 1967**, at her home at **208 West Hughitt Street**, Iron Mountain, and is buried in St. Bridget’s Catholic Church Cemetery in Simpson, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

Mrs. Patricia M. Oien lived here in **1963 and 1964**.

William Wollard was listed at this address in **1966 and 1967**.

There is “no listing” for this address from **1969 through 2000**.

History of 604: By **1959** **Dickinson Fuel & Supply, Inc.** sold coal, fuel oil and building materials at this location. Officers were **Louis John “Buck” Sacchetti, Sr.** (1896-1973), president; **Louis John**

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Sacchetti, Jr. (1933-2008), vice-president; **Anna Mary “Ann” (Painfetti) Sacchetti** (1900-1989), secretary-treasurer; **Adolph Joseph Broullire** (1898-1981), general manager.

By **1961 through 1970 Dickinson Fuel & Supply, Inc.** still sold coal, fuel oil and building materials here. Officers were **Anthony J. “Tony” Gianunzio** (1904-1996), president; **Santus Frank “Midge” Gianunzio** (1911-1996), vice-president-manager; **Fannie A. (Perla) Gianunzio** (1911-2001), secretary-treasurer.

From **1971 through 1976 Dickinson Fuel & Supply, Inc.** still operated at this location, selling fuel oil, coal and building materials. Building materials were not listed in 1975 and 1976. Officers were **Santus Frank “Midge” Gianunzio** (1911-1996), president; **Le Roy Joseph “Mike” Quilliam** (1920-2011), vice-president; **Mrs. Sara E. Gianunzio**, secretary-treasurer).

There was “no listing” for this address from **1977 through 2000**.

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE’S HOSPITAL

Southeast Corner of the Ludington Mine
Location at the North End of Merritt
Avenue
Iron Mountain, Michigan

By William John Cummings

St. George’s Hospital, located on the southeast corner of the Ludington Mine Location on Merritt Avenue north of Fleshiem Street, was built in the **late summer and fall of 1889** to accommodate miners not working at the **Chapin Mine**, who had access to medical treatment at the Chapin Hospital. Built by **Dr. John D. Cameron** (1851-1908) and **Dr. Joseph Addison Crowell** (1854-1938), the hospital accommodated ten patients and was

named in honor of the patron saint of the Cornish, who comprised a large segment of the city’s population.

Dr. Cameron, hired by the **Menominee Mining Company** to care for Chapin Mine’s employees and their families, arrived in Iron Mountain **early in 1882**, and was joined in **November 1882**, by Dr. Crowell.

They had approximately 300 miners under their care when they began to practice, but this number reached 3,400 in **1890**. In that same year the **Chapin Hospital**, more of an office than a hospital, was built at the northeast end of the Chapin Pit where Park Avenue turns toward the North Side. **Allen Hopper** was the orderly, or male nurse, assigned to the hospital, and also took care of the mine’s horses. The miners had one dollar deducted from their monthly pay for medical care which covered all medicines and doctor’s fees.

By **1891** St. George’s Hospital had room for fifteen beds and nurses’ quarters. **Dr. William Hutchinson** and **Dr. Krohn** were hired as assistants.

An article in **September 24, 1891** issue of *The Iron Range*, Iron Mountain’s leading newspaper at the time, stated, “**DRS. CAMERON and Crowell** were notified by **Supt. Cady [Superintendent C.H. Cady]** last Friday that their services would not be required at the Chapin mine after this month, as he desired to have physicians who would devote their time exclusively to the needs of the men employed at that mine, and the position was offered to **Dr. Carpenter [William T. Carpenter (1838-1911)]**, of Stambaugh.” Apparently the time the doctors spent with patients at St. George’s Hospital was not appreciated by Superintendent Cady.

In **1892 or 1893**, a trained nurse from Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Miss **Mary Beer**, came to Iron Mountain to nurse at St. George’s Hospital. A buxom, short,

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heavy-set woman, Miss Beer became matron, and later superintendent of the hospital. She taught nursing to Miss **Annie Murphy** and Miss **Dora Alexander**, who also worked in the hospital. Nurse Beer was remembered as somewhat of a

character. Although she was strict, the miners still liked her and asked for her whenever they needed a nurse. She later became a school nurse, checking students for lice, and giving them baths at the Chapin Dry.



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In **1892-1894**, **Drs. Cameron and Crowell** were listed as "Physicians and Surgeons" in charge of the St. George Hospital with office hours from 8 to 9 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. They were still

listed as doctors at St. George Hospital in **1902-1903**.

The two doctors dissolved their partnership well before Dr. Cameron's sudden death on Saturday, **October 3**,

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1908, when he suffered a fatal heart attack at his home. In **1913** Dr. Crowell was listed as the surgeon at St. George's Hospital, and **Dr. Samuel Edwin Cruse** (1871-1929) worked there as assistant surgeon.

St. George's Hospital eventually became the property of the **Oliver Iron**

Mining Company, operating under a lease when it was closed permanently by **December 1923**, when efforts were being made to establish Iron Mountain's **General Hospital**, formerly the **Scandinavian Hospital** and then the **Westerlin Hospital**, located at **615 East G Street**.



St. George's Hospital, pictured here probably between **1910 and 1920**, eventually became the property of the **Oliver Iron Mining Company**, operating under a lease when it was closed permanently by **December 1923**. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*