

SKETCHES OF LANSING MEN

One of the partners in a new Lansing firm is Frederick Weinmann who with A.A. Morse, recently purchased from J.J. Baird the drug stock of the store known as the Butler Block pharmacy.

The name Weinmann is one that is familiar to early residents of Lansing. One of the first industries established here was the brewery built by Fred's father on the bank of Weinmann's creek at a time when Washington ave was still uncleared of the stumps of the forest trees.

Frederick Weinmann was born July, 19, 1871, in a one story building on Turner st, where Judge C.P. Black's store office building is now located. When he was seven years old his parents moved to a farm six miles northwest of the city, in the township of Watertown, Clinton county. Six months later his father died. The boy attended school in the winter, and while still young began to help with the farm work, and to earn a little money at odd jobs in the neighborhood. His first breadwinning of any importance was caring for a herd of cows during his tenth summer. The school he attended was the Grove school, and there he studied every term until he was 16 years of age.

Then came six months' employment at Wise's planing mill in North Lansing, after which he returned to the country and attended his last term of school.

Now work began in earnest. In 1888 he secured a position in the drug store at the corner of Washington ave and Ottawa st, where he remained until he started in a store of his own, to weeks ago. H.C. Hahn was his first employer here, in a few months the stock was purchased by W.F. Hansen. Four years later Herbert Rogers secured the stock, keeping it only five months. It was then bought by the present proprietor's, Gardner & Robertson.

Fred Weinmann began his career in pharmacy at the fountain, scrubbing and washing bottles. Observation and questioning roused his interests in the profession, and he soon

began reading pharmaceutical textbooks. In 1891, three years after entering the drug store, he took the state examination at the capitol , and received the certificate of a registered pharmacist.

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Frederick Weinmann last appears in the 1908 Lansing City Directory as a Drug Clerk working at Ecil Stendahl's store 331 N Washington. Her reappears in the 1920 and 1930 census as a boarder living in Lansing and working as a janitor in the public schools, however his name does not appear in the city directories from this period.