

Marshfield Monument—435 South Central Avenue

It was the summer of 1895 when Louis Schmidt sold his first monument from what was then Marshfield Marble and Granite. The burial related business began on the same downtown location as today's version on South Central Avenue. The original shop and retail store is where the display lot is now. The current building at 435 South Central Avenue was opened in 1949.

Schmidt employed two men, Ed Beck and John Rhodes. Rhodes eventually bought the business from its founder in 1938. It remained in the Rhodes family until 1977 when Cliff Craft and John Hopperdietzel purchased it.

John and Joyce Hopperdietzel bought out Craft's shares of the business in 1984. Their son Brian is now a business partner in the company.

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Editor's note: In addition to the previously mentioned changes to their buildings and display lot, Marshfield Monument also has taken over 421 South Central Avenue (previously Severt's Fine Foods.)

Also see Louis C. Schmidt, Monuments story.

If you have any additional information (including pictures) regarding this business or location, we would really appreciate you contacting us and sharing. We will add information whenever possible.

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