

constructed c. 1887

## Maryland Block • 380-382 River Street



*From 1909 through the mid-1960s, the building at 380 River Street was only occupied by two owners who operated one business called the Red Cross Pharmacy.*

*Born on October 15, 1881, Frank Adamski grew up in Manistee where he attended St. Joseph School and Manistee High School. By 1897 he was attending the pharmacy department of the Milwaukee Medical College where he eventually graduated in 1900. In July 1909 he opened the doors of Red Cross Pharmacy located at 380 River Street. In 1910 a promotional booklet called, "The Salt City of the Unsalted Seas", was published to promote some of Manistee's principal businesses owners. The booklet offers up a brief description of the Red Cross Pharmacy and portions of that original account follow:*

*"If you wish to see a handsome and attractive drug store, complete in all its appointments, just take a peep into the Red Cross Pharmacy, in the Maryland Block on River Street and you will be forced to admit that it approaches as near perfection in that line as any similar store you have seen."*

*Adamski continued to own and operate the Pharmacy until he retired in 1948. In doing so, he sold the business to Karl Herrmann, a young Manistee pharmacist. Karl Herrmann retained the name Red Cross Pharmacy because of the reputation built up through the years and continued to operate the Pharmacy until the late 1960s.*



*The Red Cross Pharmacy, formerly located at 380 River Street, can be seen in the background of this photograph taken during the 1939 Manistee National Forest Festival.*

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