

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

February 12, 1898

The Crystal Falls Hoop Company has purchased from George Wakefield a whole section (T44N/R33W Sec#36) of property located just east of Swan Lake. The 640 acres is heavily timbered with hardwood and the soil is of the finest kind for farming purposes that there is in Iron County. J.B Schwartz has been awarded a contract to cut the basswood, elm and birch timber to supply the Hoop Company and after the timber harvest the property will be sold for farm land.

The co-partnership hereto existing between John N. Stephens and Samuel Lada of Crystal Falls under the company name of J.N. Stephens Company is dissolved by mutual consent. Stephens, who has been in the grocery business since the early 1890's, plans to retire with Lada assuming operation of the business which moved to the Koepeke Building on the Southeast corner of Superior Avenue and Second Street (137 Superior) in November 1894.



The Gammon House on the left, was more recently known as The Spa and even more recently as The Pub. On the corner was the now torn down Pivatto building which housed; yet another tenant, the "Samuel Lada Groceries" store, which can be seen painted on the delivery wagon, manned by Billy Wills, who died shortly after attaining the age of 100 in 1976. Standing at the doorway is Cal Lada's grandfather, Sam, who died at the young age of 35 of pneumonia. Standing next to him are Sammy Lada, who later worked for the F & S, and Cal's aunt Amelia, also deceased. In the window above was Sam's wife, Emily, and their daughter, Sadie. She was also holding Cal's dad, Joe Lada, in her arms. This photo was taken in 1898.