Arcade N.W.

Arcade N.W. Liz Hyman, "Pioneers 'Tunneled' Between Old Villages," GRP 11/12/1970. The Arcade originally provided a short cut between Lyon's village and Campau's village. William T. Powers built the Arcade Building in 1873, and drilled an artesian well known as "Iron John." The entrance for performers and stagehands at the Powers Theatre (later the Midtown) was a stairway in the Arcade. This narrow passageway served as an enclave for the city's printing firms from 1876 to 1907. In later years it was little more than a covered alleyway running parallel to Monroe between Pearl and Lyon, but the old rear entrances of shops and long-faded store windows on the Monroe Avenue side could still be seen. Talk of turning it into a mini-mall in the late 1960's proved unsuccessful. The Arcade disappeared when the Midtown Theater was demolished in late December, 1978.

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