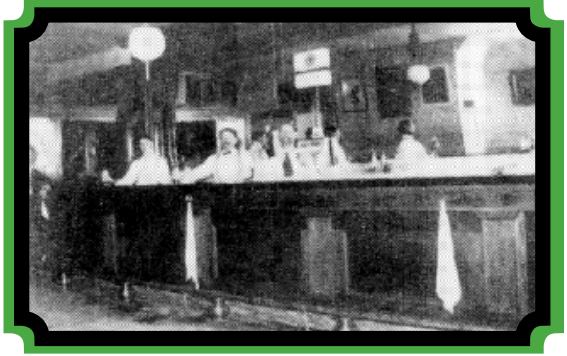


# ABIE'S BAR

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Given half a chance a man will set up a refuge for the thirsty and Eaton Rapids has been no exception. C.C. Darling, one of the first pioneers to settle in Eaton Rapids, sold the first whiskey from his little grocery store in a shanty near the present Congregational Church



site in 1837. He did a brisk business as he was near the portage in the river. This picture is inside Sol Middleton's saloon in 1887 and was advertised as a Drinking Emporium on the southwest corner of Main and West Knight. Over the years it has been owned by Orlando Meacham, and in the 1950's the bar was called the Three VVV, then in early 1960's it was known as the D & G Tavern. In 1967 Roy and Gloria Bontrager purchased the bar changing the name to Abie's. Fred Wager purchased the bar in 1982 and has owned it since. It is still known today as Abie's Bar.

A tavern has occupied this building since 1887 and the bar counter shown here is still in use today. This corner bar was in a prime location to serve the health seekers who came from all over the world to bathe in the curative mineral waters here. They stayed in the luxurious 126 room



Anderson hotel across Main street from the bar and also in the 125 room Vaughn house across Knight Street from the bar. The idle rich found refreshments and drinks along with conversation and company at this bar. Both hotels are now gone having burned, but today's residents still find spirits, food and enjoy social gatherings at the same bar. Only the style of dress and the price of a drink have changed over the 120 years that this corner bar has been in business.

# ABIE'S MENU

## Burgers & Sandwiches

Hamburger . . . . .	\$2.25
Cheeseburger . . . . .	\$2.35
Olive Burger . . . . .	\$2.50
Jumbo Hot Dog . . . . .	\$1.95
Grilled Chicken Sandwich . . . . .	\$2.75
Deluxe-lettuce, tomato, mayo . . . . .	\$.25

## Baskets

Shrimp Basket . . . . .	\$5.75
Chicken Basket . . . . .	\$5.75
Chicken Tenders Basket . . . . .	\$5.75
Wing Ding Basket . . . . .	\$5.75

## Sides

Mushrooms . . . . .	\$3.00
Onion Rings . . . . .	\$1.75
French Fries . . . . .	\$1.75
Poppers . . . . .	\$3.50
Cheese Sticks . . . . .	\$3.75
Mini Tacos . . . . .	\$3.50
Hot Wings (10) . . . . .	\$6.95
Sour Cream . . . . .	\$.25