

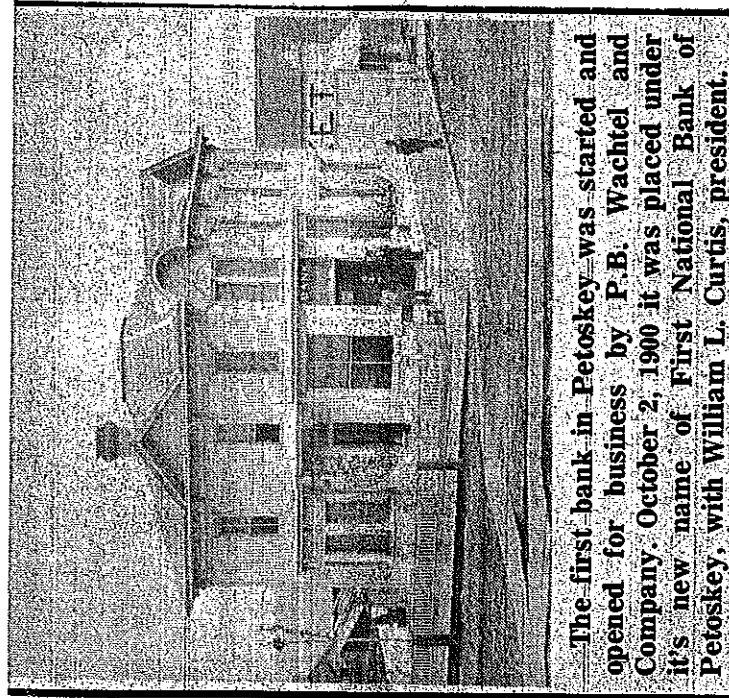
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***Intersection of Howard and Mitchell Streets  
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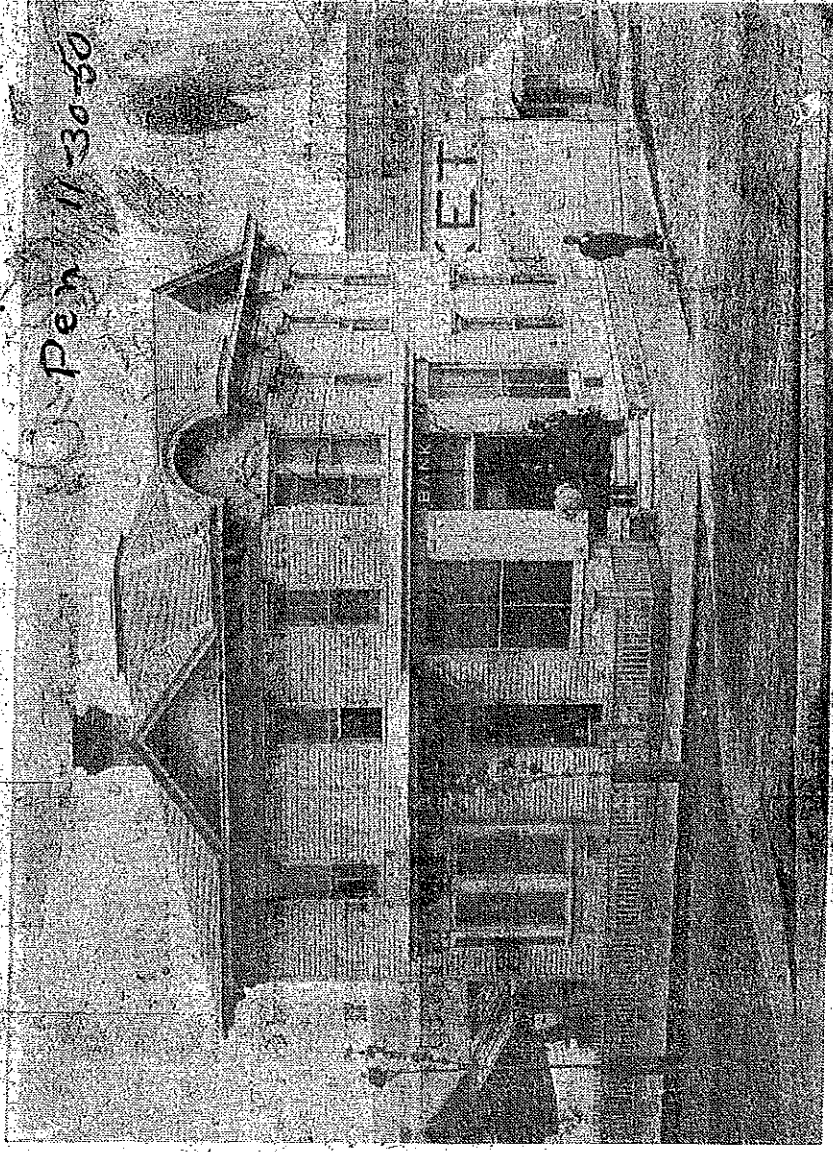
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The first bank in Petoskey was started and opened for business by F.B. Wachtel and Company. October 2, 1900 it was placed under its new name of First National Bank of Petoskey, with William L. Curtis, president.

Petoskey's First Bank Was Built in 1878

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THIS IS PETOSKEY'S main corner Howard and Mitchell, as it appeared 72 years ago when Petoskey was incorporated as a village. The bank was opened March 12, 1878, by John and Philip Wachtel, according to Chalmers Curtis, president of the First National Bank which now occupies the site.

It was the first bank established here. "It was known as P. B. Wachtel and Co." Curtis recalled, "with his wife as the 'and company'." About a year later he took in his brother-in-law Thomas as Quinlan and it was known as Wachtel & Quinlan Co. A short time later my father, William L. Curtis and James R. Wylie bought in. The capital stock was \$15,000. I used to sweep out and wash windows. On Dec. 13, 1893 my father and I went into the business as William L. Curtis and Chalmers Curtis, Co. Partners. In 1900 we took out a national charter and

continuous banker in the state has been in the banking business 67 years and has been president of the First National since 1913. He recollected that there used to be an orchard in back of the bank and the City Meat Market next door. The sidewalks were of board with no gutter and the streets were dirt. People lived in the barns above the bank and an insurance office was also on the first floor. The building was finally moved to another location.

PETOSKEY HAD about 1,200 almost \$13 million for life two banks today. The photo is the property of Al Gruen and had belonged to Mrs. Thomas Quinlan.

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