

W. J. BARCLAY BUILDING

The W. J. Barclay Building has housed many businesses over the years. It was first occupied in 1895. The upstairs was used for an apartment. On the street level, the building was divided into two businesses. On the west side of the building, we remember Chuck Hempstock's "Snack Bar" and buying a little brown bag of hot french fries. Over the years this area has housed a fabric store, a flower shop, and a window treatment store. On the east side, the building for many years housed the Souris Plaindealer.

The Souris Plaindealer has been keeping the community up to date on births, deaths, and community events and news since 1892. To begin with it was owned by a Mr. Perry and changed hands many times over the years. In 1897 Mr. W. J. Barclay became the sole owner. In 1912, Mr. G. A. McMorrان took possession of the business. Reg Sanderson joined the Plaindealer in 1950 and took over the business when Mr. McMorrان retired. Son Bill joined him and except for a few years in the late 1970's, the Sanderson name was associated with the Plaindealer. The business was sold to Corner Pocket Publishing in 2002. Today, The Recorder out of Boissevain continues to bring the local news to us.

35 Crescent Avenue

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Picture taken 1899 or 1900

