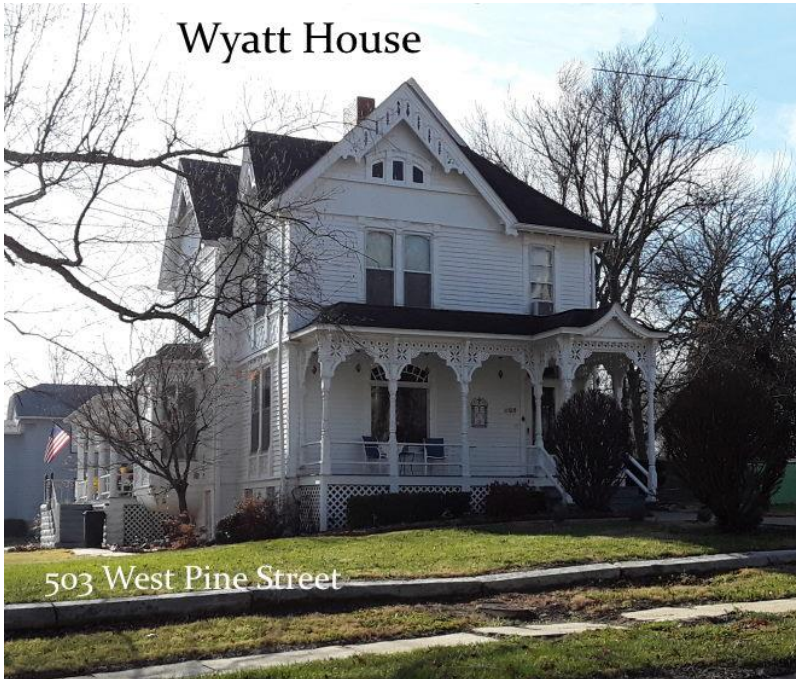


Geo. Pratt Wyatt Home

503 West Pine Street

Built 1891

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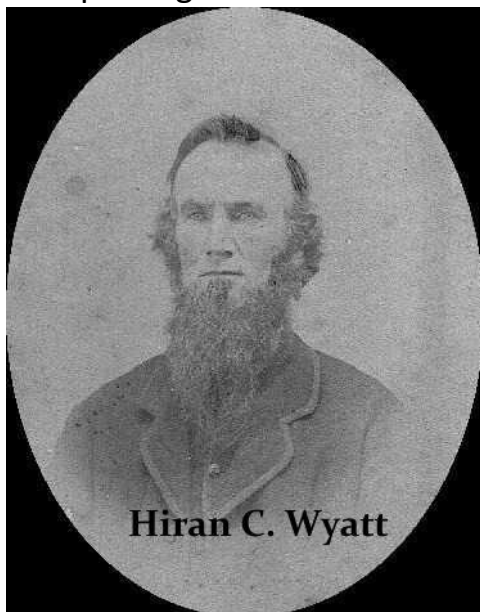


A prominent lumber man, George Pratt Wyatt, built this home at 503 West Pine Street in 1891 for his new bride, Nettie Steele.

Pratt was born in Ohio and came to Butler with his parents, Hiram & Mary Wyatt, in 1871 at the age of 3. His father farmed for a short time and then purchased the small Warner Lumber Company in Butler. He initially co-partnered with John Boyd and the company was called Wyatt-Boyd Lumber. Boyd sold his portion and at age 16 Pratt joined his father in the now

named Wyatt Lumber Yard. The Yard was located on Ohio Street just west of the Methodist Church. In its day it was one of the largest Yards in the area.

It later became the Jones-Hunt Lumber Company and then the Butler Lumber Company. The Ohio Street Methodist Church purchased that property and torn down the buildings to make a parking lot for the church.



More about the Wyatts –

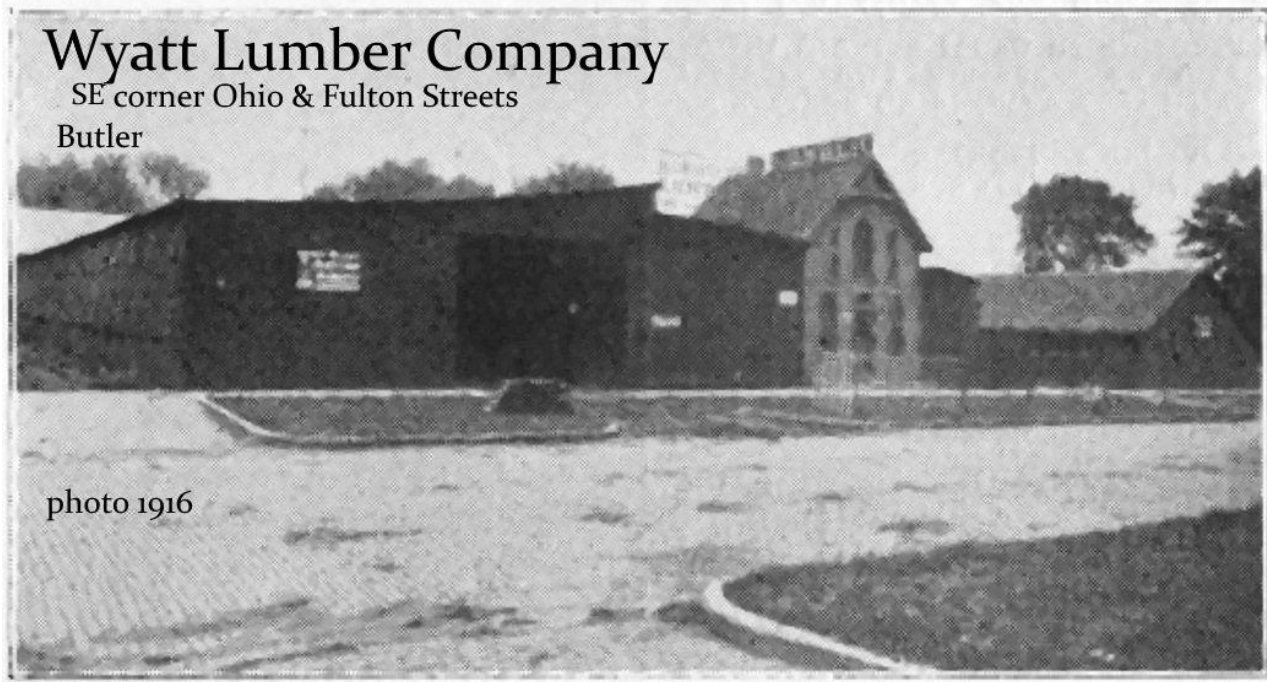
Hiram C. Wyatt

Hiram C. Wyatt, founder of Wyatt Lumber was born in Ohio in 1831, one of ten children. He married Miss Mary F. Pratt, in 1859. They have three children, two of whom, Anna M. and George Pratt, were born on the same place as their grandfather and father, and Edward Wells was born in Butler.

During the Civil War, Hiram was a member of Capt. E. P. Henry's company in the Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio

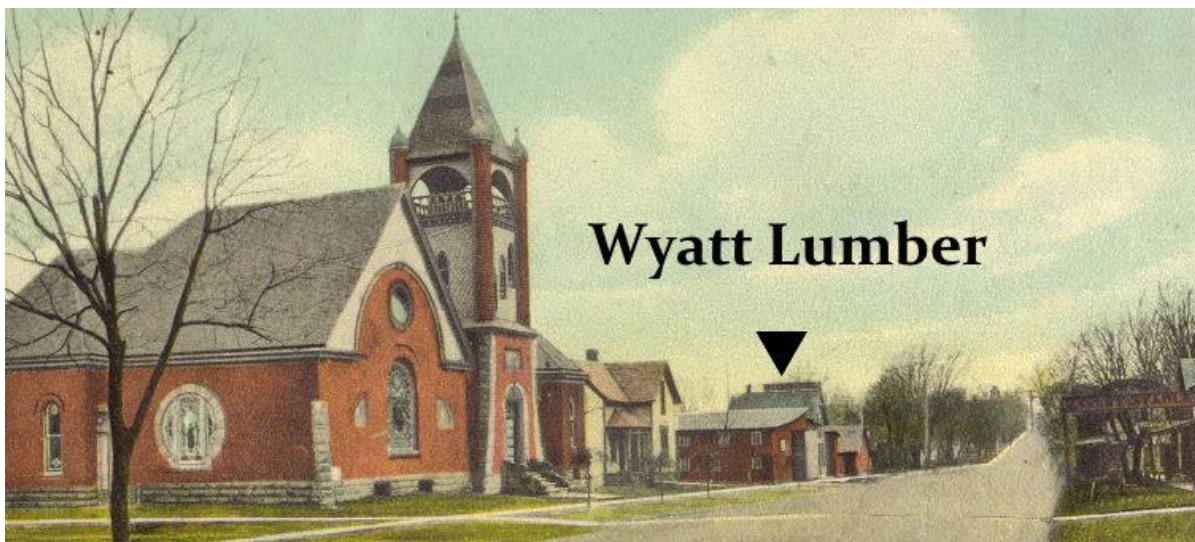
Volunteers, Fourteenth Army Corps. He was seriously wounded at Missionary Ridge and was sent to the hospital in Washington, where he remained until mustered out, in 1864, with the regiment.

In 1871, he came to Missouri and located in Butler. He bought twenty acres, which is now within the city limits, built a good residence, "one of the finest in the city".



In 1874, Hiram Wyatt formed a co-partnership with John F. Boyd. (see Lightbult # 5) They purchased the small lumber yard of John A. Warner to which they added a large and well-assorted stock of lumber, shingles and building materials. In its day it was considered one of the finest yards in the county.

In the spring of 1882, they started a planing mill and a manufactory of doors, moulding, etc., which was located near the train depot at Pine street. The mill was later abandoned and removed. The mill pond remained for several years and when circuses came to town, they would water their elephants and other stock there. The pond was eventually filled in.



George Pratt Wyatt

George Pratt Wyatt, a lumberman of Butler, Missouri, was a native of Ohio. He was born in Athens county in 1869, one of three children born to his parents, H. C. and Mary F. (Pratt) Wyatt, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In 1871, the Wyatt family came to Butler, Missouri and H.C. engaged in farming for several years, when he abandoned agricultural pursuits and established the lumber business on Ohio street, now known as the H. S. Wyatt Lumber Company.

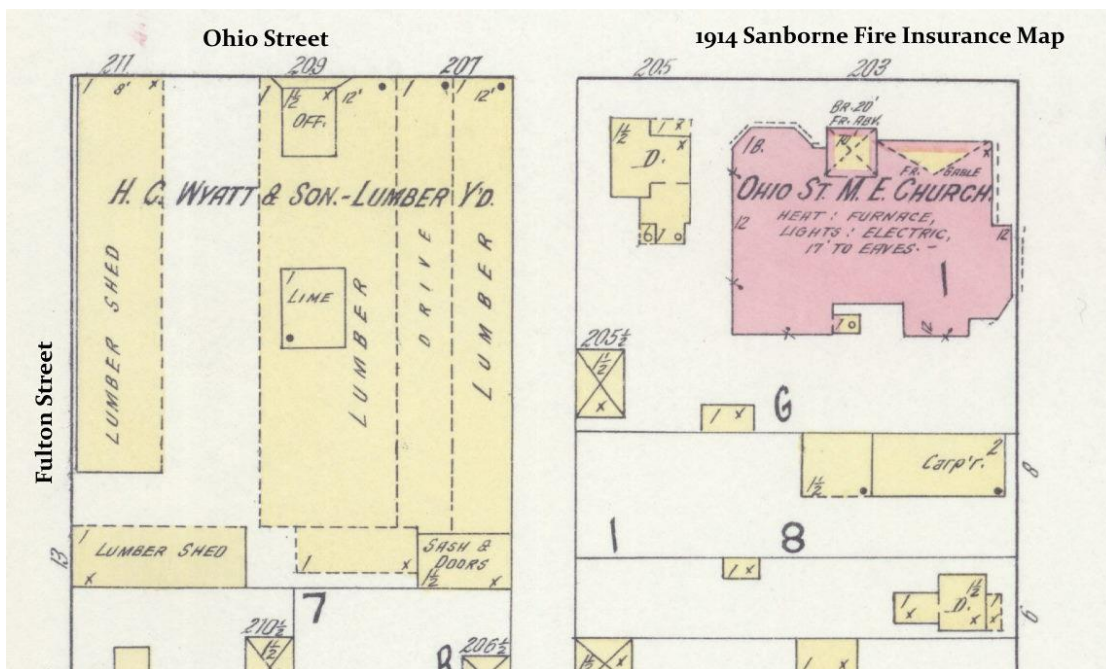
His son, Geo. Pratt, joined him in the business in 1885 at the age of 16.

Pratt married Nettie Steele in 1891. Nettie was the daughter of John Steele. Just before the marriage, Pratt had their new home built at the corner of Pine and Maple streets in Butler. In this house were born five children, four of whom lived to adulthood – Hiram “Harry” Steele; Mary, who died at age 4 (some say she can be heard crying at night in the old home); Doris, who married Mallory Burroughs, a lawyer, in 1923; Ruth, who married Norton Seelinger; and Esther, who married E.B. Zey.

In 1898, the Wyatt’s expanded their business, purchasing the R.J. Hurley Lumber Co. in Butler. In 1915 Pratt’s son, H.S. joined the Wyatt Lumber business. He was unmarried and considered



G. P. WYATT



progressive and ambitions. Pvt. 1st Class Wyatt died in 1918 in World War I at age 26. Pratt’s father, H.C. died a year later in 1919. Pratt, despite ill health, continued the business but by 1933 Wyatt Lumber had become Jones-Hunt Lumber Co. By 1949 it had become Butler Lumber Co.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Wyatt took a prominent part in the fight for local option in Butler and when the measure carried, depriving the city of the dramshop license revenue, he volunteered his

services to the city of Butler, as city marshal and street commissioner and served four years in that capacity at the nominal salary of \$1 a year. He was afterwards elected city alderman. At the close of this term, he was nominated for the office of mayor without opposition, but his health prevented his acceptance.

He was an ardent sportsman and in his younger days an enthusiastic bicyclist and tennis player. The Wyatts had tennis courts, located just west of their house, that were popular with many. Pratt took up golf becoming one of the best golfers in the butler Country Club. He spent part of each day on the golf course until ill health forced his to stop playing just weeks before his death.

Pratt died in 1938. His widow, Nettie, continued to live in the home until her death in 1965. Currently, the home is owned by Gert and Loris Roosen.