

History of
The Ark
Restaurant
1926 - 1939

West Third Street
Dayton - Ohio



Through family diaries, stories and photos plus library research, four Stratis cousins have pieced together the history of their Grandfather's two restaurants in Dayton, Ohio.

The following features **John Stratis**' first restaurant, **The Ark** located in the historic Wright-Dunbar Neighborhood.

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Two Greek immigrants met in Dayton, Ohio

They became business partners to pursue the American Dream

Johnny Hornis opened The Ark Restaurant at 1026 West Third Street in 1926. John Stratis worked with Hornis and later purchased The Ark at the end of 1928. Following the end of Prohibition in 1933, the partners took over the 2nd floor of the Enterprise Building, spent \$10,000 and opened the *Rendezvous*, a nightclub complete with house orchestra and a staff of 45.



John Anthony Hornis

Born April 6, 1896
Crete, Greece

Married - Olive Naomi Young
May 29, 1924
Dayton, Ohio
Died October 14, 1978
Dayton, Ohio

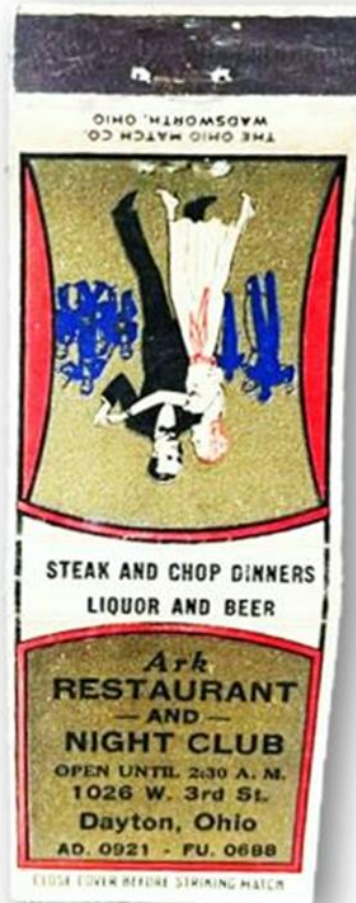


John Andrew Stratis

Born July 26, 1896
Andros, Greece

Married – Edith Ummel
December 28, 1922
Dayton, Ohio
Died April 20, 1963
Aboard T.S.S. Olympia
Buried Clearwater, Florida

CLUES



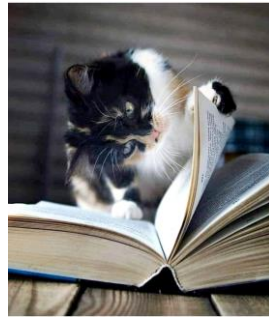
In 2023, Greg Stratis found a matchbook for sale on EBay. The cousins had heard about **The Ark**, but never knew where it was located. They knew there was a ballroom on the 2nd floor with animals painted on the walls. The matchbook with the address provided the missing link.



LOCATION



1024 West Third – Booth Building



Sue Montesano set out to find the exact location of 1026 West Third.

Using current maps plus a walk of the neighborhood didn't provide the exact location. After speaking with a realtor at HER located at 1024, Sue

decided it must have been part of 1024 at one time. OR could it have been located at what is now an empty lot?

After lots of visits to the Downtown Dayton Library plus online searches it was discovered that the address had changed in 1939 to **1038!**

Currently there isn't a street address of 1038 but through recent historic references it has been determined that 1038 was in the

ENTERPRISE BUILDING.



1036-1038 West Third – Enterprise Building



TIMELINE

JOHN STRATIS - THE ARK RESTAURANT

1026 (later 1038) West Third Street, Dayton Ohio
ENTERPRISE BUILDING



1896	John Stratis - born 7/26/1896 Andros, Greece		ENTERPRISE BLDG Built 1890		
1912			PEKIN THEATRE 1912 - 1917 Silent Movies Live Shows 1918 - 1927 Event Space & African-American Masonic Lodge		
1917		WORLD WAR I 1917 - 1918			
1918		PROHIBITION 1920 - 1933			
1920					
1922	Stratis moved NYC to Dayton 12/2/1922 Married Edith Ummel 12/28/1922				
1923	Moved to 727 W. Third St. 1/20/1923				
1924	Leon Stratis - born (son) 4/22/1924				
1925				West Side Plumbing - 1925 John M. Williams Cigars - 1925 AC Moore Billiards - 1926	
1926	ARK Restaurant - John Hornis Young & Hornis 9/22-1926		THE ARK RESTAURANT 1926 - 1934		
1928	Robert Stratis - born (son) 6/28/1928 The Ark - Stratis purchased 12/30/1928				
1929	The Ark Restaurant Re-Opens (news article) 1/26/1929 1026 W Third St	DEPRESSION 10/28/2029 Stocks crash March 1933 FDR Closes Banks; Ends Prohibition			
1933					
1934	The Ark Rendezvous - opens (news article) 12/12/1934 Ark closes for the summer		THE ARK RENDEZVOUS 2nd Floor Opens 1934		
1936	Stratis opened Circle Grill 43 W Third St				
1939	The Ark - address change John Hornis - 1038 W Third St	WORLD WAR II 1939-1945		Winfield McKinley Barber Ruth Leiber Beauty Shop 1939 - 1945	
1945				Ruth Leiber Beauty Shop 1946	
1946	Stratis closed Circle Grill The Ark - Joseph Ternarvan			Alice Woodward Fine Pasteries	
1947	1946-1947				
1948	The Ark - Joseph A. Vacchiani				
1955	The Ark Bar & Grille Haines Directory				

WEST THIRD ST. RESTAURANT TO BE RE-OPENED

LARGER, MORE ELABORATE IS DESCRIPTION

Eating Place Closes Several Weeks Ago to Permit Extensive Change.

CLEANLINESS HOBBY OF CONCERN'S OWNER

Well-Prepared Food is to Be Keynote of Dayton Establishment.

Food prepared to tickle the most fastidious palate and please the most exacting taste will be on the menu at the Ark Restaurant, located at 1026 West Third street, when it is reopened tomorrow, as a larger and more elaborately furnished and decorated eating establishment than it

was before being improved. The Ark Restaurant was closed several weeks ago to permit enlargements and improvements in all departments and the various artisans have just completed their work and turned the place over to the proprietor, John Hornis, who has made special preparations for the formal opening, tomorrow.

In announcing the opening, Mr. Hornis extended a special invitation to the general public and announced that there will be flowers in abundance for the ladies and choice cigars for the gentlemen.

SPECIAL MENU. He also promised to have a special menu with side dishes which will help to top off a mighty good meal served at a moderate price.

Hornis has been engaged in

Newly Remodeled Restaurant Provides Tempting Food



JOHN HORNIS

Completely remodeled, the restaurant at 1026 West Third street provides one of the tempting eating places of the city. John Hornis is proprietor and has everything ready to serve his customers with prompt and most satisfactory service.

the restaurant business all cooking, which applies not Mr. Hornis devoted his best always crowded. Realizing the his life and has made a only to meats and vegetables efforts to building up the time had come for him to ex- special study of preparing but to pastries. business and his ambition pand he closed the restaurant food, specializing in cleanli- Following the opening of along this line was more than some weeks ago that elabor- ness throughout and home- the Ark, September 22, 1926, realized for his place was ate improvements and en-

largements might be made. He expects to continue playing his hobbies which are cleanliness, courteous and painstaking service on the part of his waitresses and personal attention to every customer. **DELICIOUS COFFEE.** Delicious coffee is another specialty which coupled with well-cooked food tends to make the meal more enjoyable. Hornis believes in giving his customers only the best that the market affords and he looks after the buying himself, selecting only the meats and the vegetables which he would purchase for use in his own home. He employs efficient chefs and cooks and takes a personal pride in planning his menus with meticulous care, which are served promptly by neatly attired waitresses, schooled and experienced in their work. As previously stated he has made elaborate preparations for the opening tomorrow and again extends a cordial invitation to the public to participate, insuring that each one will be more than pleased.

The Painting and Decorating in the **ARK RESTAURANT** 1026 WEST THIRD STREET Was Done by **PETER A. MYER** Painting and Decorating Contractor INTERIOR EXTERIOR 1714 West Second Street Main 4440-J

The remodeling of the **ARK RESTAURANT** 1026 W. Third St. Was done by **WM. N. HOOVER** Contracting Carpenter 784 N. Summit—Main 4262-M "IF A HOOVER DOES IT—IT'S DONE RIGHT."

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The beautiful New Ark Restaurant will be thrown open to the public tomorrow. Special arrangements have been made to take care of the public, to give them the same kind of service that has made our place popular since our first opening only a few years ago. Beautifying and modernizing our Restaurant is right along with our policy of giving customers the best of everything the market affords, and we feel that comfortable surroundings are a big factor in giving service.



Our expert chefs and experienced waitresses have also played an important part in the building up of our business. Come out Saturday, bring your friends and you will be delighted with our wonderful home style prepared food. Always the best can be found here.

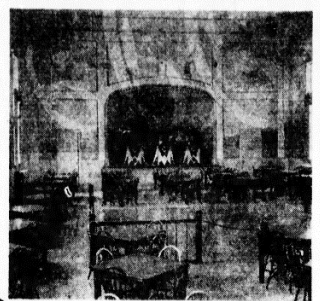
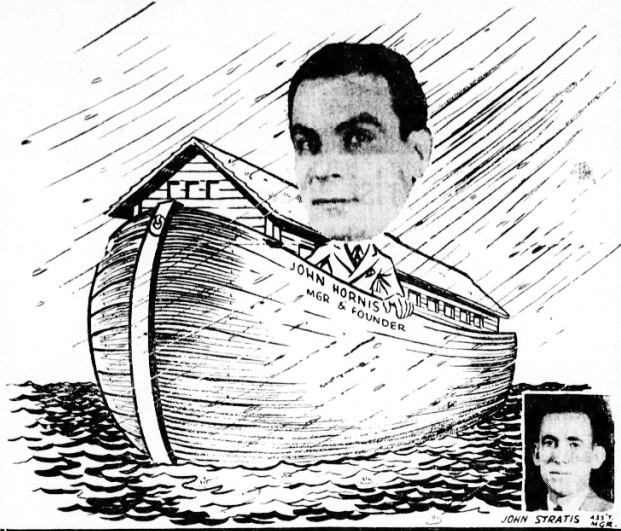
ARK Restaurant 1026 W. Third St. **JOHN HORNIS, Prop.**

ALL MILK and CREAM Served at the Ark Restaurant 1026 W. Third St. Supplied by **HIMES BROTHERS** "Famous for Its Quality"



THE ORIGINAL ARK RESTAURANT

The Original Ark Restaurant was founded in 1926 and, in the 8 years of business, it has become the favorite eating place of hundreds of people. Even with the advent of the New Rendezvous, it will still continue to serve as in the past.



THE CLUB ROOM AND DANCE FLOOR

The main club room of the New Ark Rendezvous embraces the finest in fixtures and appointments. The excellent dance floor will delight the hearts of all dance lovers. The entire atmosphere is one that will tend to make every evening spent at The Ark Rendezvous a most pleasant affair.

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THE ARK
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JOHN STRATIS

The assistant manager of the Ark, has, for the past 5 years been associated with John Hornis. Since 1929, his endeavor has been to further the interests of the Original Ark Restaurant, a task in which he has been most successful. With completion of the New Rendezvous, his efforts have been amply rewarded.

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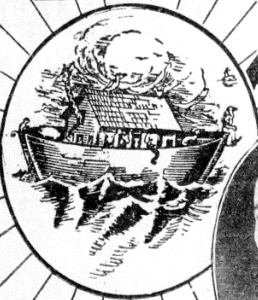
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ARK Rendezvous

1026 WEST THIRD ST.

FORMAL OPENING TOMORROW NIGHT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12



JOHN HORNIS
FOUNDER OF THE ARK

A new "nite spot" for Dayton will be opened to the public Wednesday evening when the Ark Rendezvous makes its "bow."

The scheme of arrangements for the Rendezvous is so different from the average that it is bound to attract quite a bit of attention from those who like to enjoy themselves.

Located at 1026 West Third street, the Ark Rendezvous will be opened formally Wednesday evening with a full floor show, dancing, etc.

The Rendezvous is the outgrowth of the Ark restaurant, at 1026 West Third street, operated by Johnny Hornis and John Stratis. The restaurant, which will continue in operation night and day, occupies the first floor. The Rendezvous is located on the second floor.

The large main room of the Rendezvous will be one of the show places of the city.

Here patrons will enjoy themselves in dancing or in food and drink while being entertained with music and the "Rendezvous Revue." The main room will seat approximately 175 persons.

Adjoining the main room is one of those "homey spots," the Old English cocktail room. Delightfully finished in oak furnishings and fixtures, this room will seat about 50 persons. The bar also is located here and three bartenders, all experienced in mixing drinks, will be on duty.

Overlooking the main room is a mezzanine where, when the main room is crowded, patrons may go and look down upon the merry-makers below. For their accommodation, a small dance floor has been installed in the event they would not care to go down to the main dancing floor.

Adjoining the mezzanine is a private room for bridge parties and club meetings, which will seat approximately 60 persons. Here clubs and other organizations can hold their meetings in private and yet be served with their favorite drinks and foods.

With the opening of the Ark Rendezvous on Wednesday evening, Hornis and Stratis are offering the special Ark Rendezvous steak (club style) and Ark Rendezvous cocktail.

The orchestra and revue are planning many specialties for the opening night. Dancing will be featured from 8 p. m. to 12 midnight nightly, while the Rendezvous will be open for parties and meetings from 11:30 a. m. to 1 a. m. daily.

Among special offerings in the foods line will be chop suey, chow mein, spaghetti and sea foods, steak and chicken dinners.

There will be no cover charge at the Rendezvous, but there will be a nominal minimum charge per person.

Hornis and Stratis have expended approximately \$10,000 in renovations and decorations for the Ark Rendezvous. Where they formerly employed 10 persons in the restaurant, they now employ about 45 persons.

Hornis founded the Ark restaurant about eight years ago. Coming to Dayton 22 years ago, he has been successfully engaged in the restaurant business here ever since.

Stratis joined Hornis in the operation of the restaurant five years ago. He has been a Dayton resident for 14 years.

"In opening the Rendezvous and in continuing the restaurant," Hornis and Stratis state, "we have in mind only of giving satisfactory service and entertainment to our patrons. We will be satisfied only when they are satisfied."



JOHN STRATIS
PARTNER



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Pictures Shown Above

Table arrangement in Banquet Room which can be used to many advantages. The private Cocktail Room, where one may sever his favorite drink. The spacious floor space and seating arrangement and dance floor. John Stratis, partner of the Ark Rendezvous and Restaurant. Showgirls who will render service. Host and hostess on each end of photo, and Connie Welcelean's orchestra. View of the Ark Restaurant which has been established at the same location for over 8 years.

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John & Edith Stratis with their young sons Leon & Bob during the early years of The Ark. The family lived in the Westwood Neighborhood of Dayton, not far from the restaurant.

History of West Third Street Buildings in Wright-Dunbar

APRIL 8, 2019 BY [ANDREW WALSH](#)

The Pekin Theater (1890) was part of the Enterprise Block, “a long (130 feet), narrow (45 feet) building with three stories and a basement, totaling about 20,000 square feet. The theater, which was built around 1890, began as a nickelodeon and also presented vaudeville acts.” It was a part of the Colored Consolidated Time vaudeville circuit and hosted performances by Bert Whitman and the Sunbeams, Sam Davis, and comedians Price and Jones in 1914-15.

It too would close soon after, however. According to the National Park Service, “with the decline of the west Dayton community, the theater fell into disrepair, eventually including the collapse of its roof and floors. By 2002, the building consisted only of the front and side walls held up by buttresses.” Despite this, the structure has survived, and has been mentioned in various redevelopment proposals, although nothing concrete has materialized.

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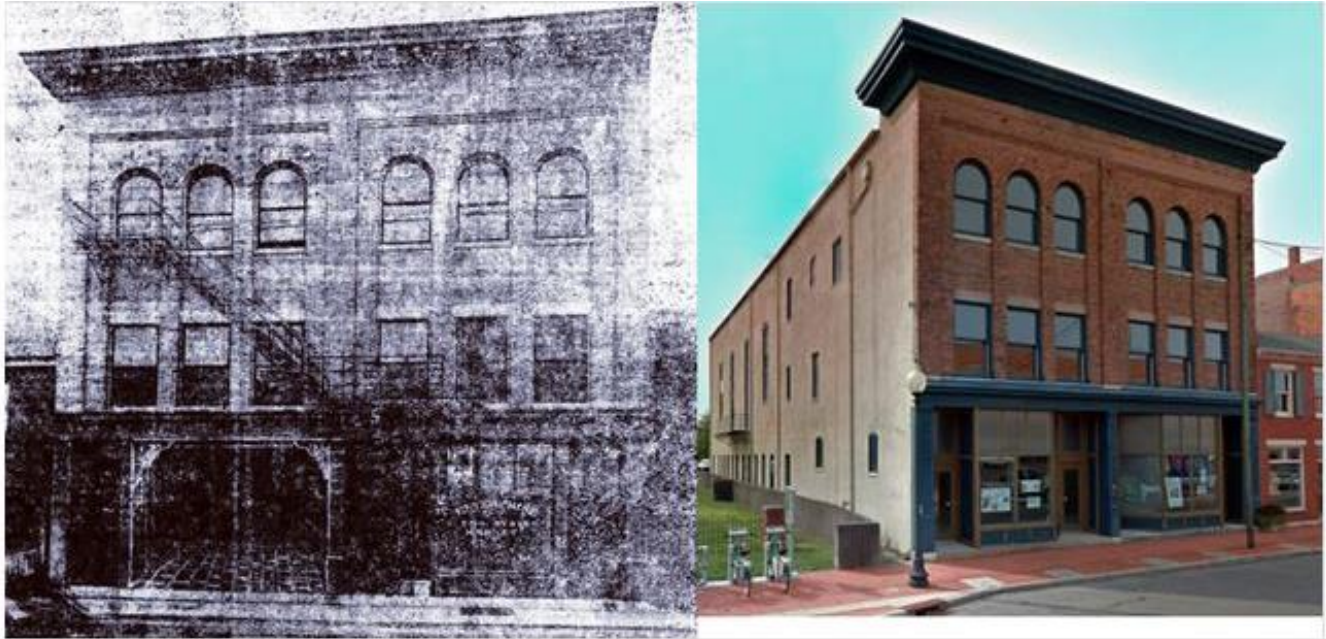
The present commercial structures on West Third Street were built between 1885 and 1924. The corridor, however, “was never an affluent area.” Instead, it was a working class enclave and it has been described as a “tight, cramped urban neighborhood.” In fact by 1912, it was already being said that “the old neighborhood was changing for the worse” (Crouch–The Bishop’s Boys).

After World War I, the community became predominantly African-American.

Pekin Theatre

1026-8 W. 3rd Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Closed 1 screen 700 seats



A 1907 look at the Enterprise Building (Enterprise, later Pekin, Theater on the second floor) and a 2020s look at the building with very few modifications in 100 plus years.



This Romanesque Revival style building was built in 1890 with the typical storefront below and commercial space in the upper stories. This structure also has a hall on the third floor. Notice the symmetrical window arrangement with three rectangular windows below and three arched windows above on each side. The upper façade shows a fine balance of horizontal and vertical elements. It utilizes raised areas between windows to unite the second and third stories while off-setting the horizontal rows of windows. The inset and advancement of the brick detailing adds additional symmetry to the façade. The cornice with brackets is original.

A matchbook purchased on Etsy from England indicates that Alice Woodward, operated her bakery at this location. Woodward was one of Dayton's most dedicated preservationists and an early inductee in the Walk of Fame. Her Walk of Fame honor reads:

Alice G. Woodward, 1915-2000 As Dayton's most enthusiastic and successful historic preservationist, she saved over 40 buildings and advised and aided other preservationists. She received many awards for her successes and helped revitalize and revive many of Dayton's historic neighborhoods. In an article that appeared in 1998 in the *Dayton Daily News*, she said, "I just like old houses and I like to be busy. And it keeps me out of the bars."



After ending her marriage, banks wouldn't loan Woodward money as a single mother and divorced woman. She continued to operate the bakery and also sold wholesale flour to other bakeries. She later received her nursing degree, ran an antique store, and began investing in the renovation of historic properties. Two of her most remarkable accomplishments were the grass roots efforts to preserve the Dayton Mental Health Hospital which is now 10 Wilmington Place, and her renovation of the Steamboat House as her residence in the St. Anne's Hill Historic District.

HISTORY



**Pekin Theatre
2nd Floor
Enterprise
Building
Live Shows &
Silent Movies in
1916**

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West Third, near Williams.

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**Historic Buildings for Renovation
by Aviation Trail
1000 Block of W. Third St.**



The ATI HANGAR
(Fish Market)
1042 West Third St.

The AVIATION EXPERIENCE GALLERY
(Pekin Theater)
1036-1038 West Third St.



New Building Plans

Aviation Trail Announces Proposed Plans for Newly Acquired Buildings
The ATI HANGAR and the Aviation Experience Gallery

Dayton, OH - In 2016 Aviation Trail, Inc. announced the acquisition of the historic Pekin Theater Building and Fish Market Building on West Third Street. These buildings are directly east of the current Aviation Heritage Building in the Hoover Block of West Third. The purpose of the acquisition is to develop the facility into an aviation educational site, and expand the area of the current museum. (See the photo below).



The Pekin Theatre is the building on the far left, and the Fish Market is the smaller building to its right.

Some of the objectives of the development will be to:

- provide additional facilities needed by the National Park Service
- expand ATI's footprint to the community
- promote other local public aviation activities
- enhance historically related and little known aviation facts
- create new educational experiences for students
- ATI partner sites promotional exhibit and display areas
- add hospitality space for both public and private events
- additional display area for Parachute Museum collections
- and other features to enhance the Wright-Dunbar community



At the 2017 Annual Meeting on November 8, at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, ATI spokesperson Steve Brown (above) presented an initial proposal for the future development of the buildings. The historic buildings will be repurposed as the **ATI HANGAR** (Fish Market) 1042 West Third St. and the **AVIATION EXPERIENCE GALLERY** (Pekin Theater) 1036-1038 West Third St.



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