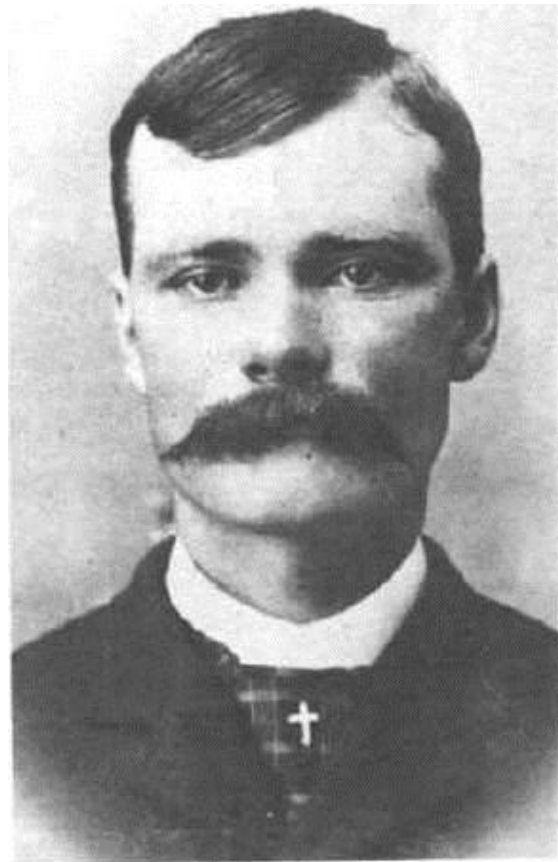


Historic Farrell Building

Charles Farrell came to LaCamas in 1891 when he was 22 years old and worked for the mill for 12 years. He was the first registered voter in Camas and was a city councilman for many years. He and his family served their community for decades as merchants and civic leaders.



CHARLIE FARRELL
... age 22

In 1903, Farrell and his wife Rose bought the Glenn Ranck General Store (built in 1887) at the corner of what is now 4th and Birch and opened the **C.E. Farrell General Merchandise Co.**

The Farrell General Merchandise Co. had clothing, hardware, groceries, gifts, and millinery, Rose's specialty.

Rose liked the "finer things" and added quality and style to the merchandise options in the store. She created a strong following for her hat designs and provided Camas with an upscale place to shop.

In 1924 Farrell tore down the old wood building and rebuilt the stone building that stands today. It was designed by Rose's brother, John Roffler, using "Roffler Rock" a specialty cast concrete named after him. It had retail space on the first level and had six apartments, a doctor's office, and a dentist's office on the second floor. The Farrells spared no expense in making this building attractive, sophisticated, and modern.



Corner of 4th and Birch, circa 1930

The retail tenant for the first 10 years in the new building was **J.C. Penney Co** (originally called the Golden Rule store).

In 1927 Charlie helped build the Granada theatre (now the Liberty theater), another major contribution to downtown Camas. In 1928 Rose Farrell, who had continued to make and sell hats from her home, and her sister, Mrs. Anna Eddy, opened the “Fashionette” hat shop in part of the Granada Theatre Building.



In 1935 Penney's moved across the street and the “**Fashionette**” moved back into the corner building and became an exclusive women's clothing store.

Men's fashions were added in 1942 and in 1945 the store was renamed **"Farrell and Eddy"**.

Rose and Anna both worked in the store until they were over 80 years old. Charlie and Rose's sons, Clayton and Glenn, also worked in the family business for years.

"Farrell and Eddy" closed its doors forever in 1998 after 53 years of service to the community.

The current **"Camas Antiques"** opened in 2004 and adds a unique mix of old and new to the shopping options of today's downtown Camas. Eight updated apartments are on the second level.



This building is on the Clark County and National Historic Registers.