

CATHERINE MCCURDY BUILDING

834-844 Water Street

Date of Construction: 1887

1887: Built by Catherine McCurdy, widow of Dr. Samuel McCurdy who was the first town doctor. The cost of building was estimated to be \$10,000.

1887: Turpin Drug Store. This was the first of a string of drug stores at this location over the next 94 years with the following pharmacists taking over at different times: Ed Barthrop, William Pfeiffer, Rutz and Hill, L. Lamoreaux, Jack Howser, Harry O'Neill, Jim Chase and George Lund.

1887-1890: Jago & Niblick Jewelers operated in one of the storefronts.

1888: Upper floors operated as a hotel for much of its life. The Delmonico Hotel operated here from 1888-1962.

1888: The Delmonico Saloon survived until 1979 in this location.

1896-1906: John Siebenbaum operated the saloon then sold it to Martin Samuelson. Siebenbaum was also long-time owner of the hotel.

1907-1938: W. J. Fritz Jewelry operated in one of the storefronts.

1911: Siebenbaum put in a new lobby, moved the bar to the rear and laid new tiles.

1919: Siebenbaum leased the hotel to his son John. Extensive improvements were made prior to this change of hands.

1929: John Sr. sold to L.M. Harrington who, again, made extensive improvements to the property.

1945-1975: Wisniewski Jeweler's operated on the premises.

1979: Coila Sheard purchased the building and began major restoration.

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