



20 Main St., Red and White store – Wyman's (PHS)

The two-story brick commercial building on the corner of Main and Depot streets was built in 1939, following the flood and fire of 1938. Designed by John Gunther, it originally consisted of two stores on the ground floor and offices above (PHS 1996 I:813). It is a well-preserved example of a mid-twentieth century two-part commercial block in the Art Moderne style. This type, characterized by the horizontal division of the structure into two zones, was commonly used for small commercial buildings throughout much of the twentieth century (Longstreth 1987:24). The building displays a number of characteristic features of such types built in the interwar years including its rounded corner with a recessed entrance and banks of storefront windows lining much of the Main Street elevation and part of the Depot Street elevation. A wide unornamented contrasting metal frieze runs above the glazing, meant for signage. A similar frieze rims the top of the brick walls which rise from a high contrasting concrete foundation. Symmetrically placed 6/6 sash windows run the length of both street elevations at the second story. Originally occupied by two stores, the recessed entry to the east store is now boarded up.

This block replaced a mid-nineteenth century commercial building that contained the Davis store and from 1920, Wyman's Market. Wyman rebuilt and owned the building until 1949. The Roy family, Roland and Albert Roy, took over in 1956. In addition to the corner grocery store, the eastern unit was originally a separate shop. Western Auto occupied it for about five years, followed by a jewelry store. In 1961 the market expanded to occupy all of the ground floor. There have always been offices upstairs (PHS 1996 II:402)