

THE HAINES BUILDING

10 Common Street ~ Map #17



The Haines Building was built in 1897 and was originally four stories. Early occupants included the post office, the Morning Sentinel newspaper in 1904, offices on the second floor, and the Odd Fellows organization on the third and fourth floors.

William T. Haines, a lawyer, was the Governor of the State of Maine from 1913-1915. Mr. Haines built more buildings than any other one man and, at one point, was Waterville's largest individual taxpayer.

Louis N. Violette, Sr., bought the building in 1942 while it was on fire. At the time of the fire, the tenant was Painter's Restaurant. After the fire, the building lay vacant until the end of the war (1945) when it was restored to two floors.



From 1945 to 1979, the building was home to State Furniture, Picard Furniture, Northern Mattress, and Up-Front Restaurant. Jill & Albert Hodsdon have owned the building since 1979 and it has been the headquarters of A.E. Hodsdon Engineers. The building underwent an extensive renovation in 2004-2005.

