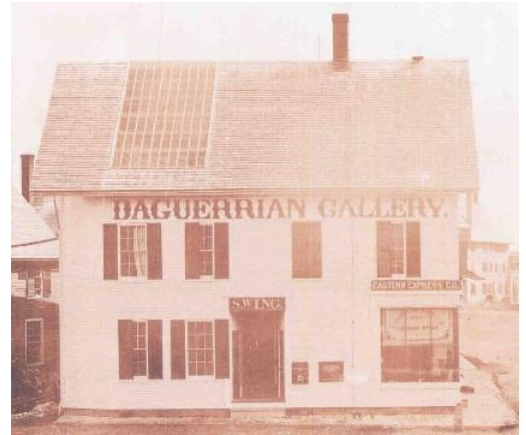


THE GALLERT BLOCK

22 Common Street ~ Map #19

At one time this location had a wooden building housing the studios of Simon Wing. While in his teens, he was one of the first to invent the daguerreotype, a photograph made on a plate of chemically treated metal or glass. He was an innovative camera designer and manufacturer of the box camera.

Wing came to Waterville from St. Albans, Maine in the early 1850s and was the principal photographer from 1855 to 1862. He moved to Boston and opened a series of shops from Waterville Maine to San Francisco, California. In 1892, he ran for President of the United State on the Social-Labor ticket, gathering 70,000 votes but no electoral votes, being defeated by James A. Garfield.



In 1911, the wooden building on this site burned. This brick replacement building was completed for Gallert in 1913. The first occupant was Simpson and LaChance Shoe Store.

Today this building is mainly used as professional office space.