

THE CARLETON BUILDING

64 Main Street ~ Map #21



Mrs. C. G. Carleton had this brick building built in 1889-1890 to replace an existing wooden structure. The 1st floor was DeOrsay Drug Store and the 2nd floor was Preble Photo Studio. In 1903, the 3rd floor was leased to Colby College. It was here that the first Colby College sorority was started. The sorority went on to become a national sorority.

When Urban Renewal came to Waterville, the plan was to raze this building and make a walkway from the Concourse to Main Street. However, before the building could be razed, the merchants found that people walked through the building to get to the other side. They like the foot traffic and decided they did not need the walkway.

Kennebec Federal Savings & Loan bought the building at auction in 1972 and relocated here in 1974. They also bought the H. R. Dunham building in the 1980s. The bank, now known simply as KFS, occupies both the H.R. Dunham building to the south and the Carleton building to the north.

