

THE PLAISTED BLOCK

46-50 Main Street ~ Map #26



The original building on this site was damaged by fire, so in 1883, J.H. Plaisted hired Fassett & Stevens of Portland, a firm currently working on the new Coburn Classical Institute building, to design a new block. The façade of the block was made with pressed brick from Philadelphia with gray sandstone trim and Romanesque Revival curved arches above the second story windows, topped with a decorative brick cornice. Upon completion of the building, Ingraham & Plaisted Druggists moved into the north half and Nason of Augusta, who specialized in “ready-Made” clothes, moved into the south half.

In 1890 Plaisted extended the block north by one-third. The local newspaper complimented the mason for his ability to match the new work with the existing building. Harriman Bros. Jewelers was the occupant. In the early 1900s the ground floor occupants included the Central Drug Store and Walker Clothing Company.

Presently, the ground floors are occupied by several retail businesses.

