

128 N. 5th St.



Lot 4 of North Fifth Street has held a structure since 1854, though the current building was erected in 1862-64 by Quincy developer, J. Seaman. Master builder W.B. Baughman of Hauwarth and Baughman Contractors built the three-story commercial structure for Mr. Seaman. It was built at the same time as its twin at 130 North Fifth Street, the Hiram Rogers building. Both buildings housed many of the same businesses throughout their history.

Historically, this building is significant as part of the Civil War era building boom, when developers were encouraged to build new rather than improve the timeworn buildings surrounding the square. The Italianate style includes a façade of Chicago stone, the first floor front of copper frame, the second floor boasting over-arched windows, and the third floor capped by hood molds over the arched windows.

Prior to 1902, the building was used for office space and various retail ventures, the most notable of which was The Weiler Bros. Pianos, Music and Jewelry. The business occupied both structures from 1902-1915, and then housed The People's Retail store. The current entrance to the main level still shows the People's tiled signage on the floor. Later businesses included The Model Clothing Company, a warehouse furniture store, and The Green Turtle from 2001-2005.

After the closing of The Green Turtle, the building became the Lincoln Douglas Interpretive Center and The Atrium Apartments. This building has undergone many changes, but Powell's Pride II LLC \ dba Atrium Apartments has updated the second and third floors, bringing the building into the 21st Century while maintaining its historical integrity.