



130 North 5th Street

Master Builder: W.B. Baughman • 1862 • Hiram A. Rogers Building

This commercial Italianate Civil War era building has housed plenty of Quincy businesses since it was built by Hauworth and Baughman Contractors in 1862. Its façade is of Chicago stone and has four over four arched windows with arched stone surrounds and hoodmolds. Its original wooden cornice and modillions are intact. The current recessed pedimented entry was put in place at a later date.

Various changes to the interior have been made over the years to accommodate the needs of the host of businesses calling it home. The current staircase is not original, but its newel posts are Eastlake style, which was popular in the late 1800s. The freight elevator hardware is still visible from the second floor. The current interior was designed for Tranquility Med Spa by a spa specialist, with the goal of maintaining maximum architectural integrity.

Hiram A. Rogers migrated to Quincy after graduating from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. He was the Adams County Superintendent of Schools in 1837 and was a member of the first Quincy Volunteer Fire Department in 1838. He was one of several men who founded La Prairie, Illinois and was Vice President of the First National Bank in 1866.

Rogers was also a druggist whose store was on Fourth Street when this building was erected. Besides prescriptions, his store offered “medicines, oils, paints, instruments, liquors and every description of goods usually kept in a first class drug store.”

In 1862, Rogers teamed up with Quincy capitalist John Seaman and they built 130 and 132 North 5th Street. The Rogers Building's first tenant was Eban Evans who ran a wholesale and retail boot and shoe store. Other tenants include attorneys Wheat and Bonney, in the 1870s, Nickell and Purnell, attorneys in the early 1880s and George Kauffman's saloon in the early 1900s. Weiler Brothers Store, which sold pianos, organs, music and jewelry, was in the building in the first few decades of the 1900s and Weiler's Military Band and Orchestra was housed on the second floor.

In the 1920s to 1930s, Reed Drug Company and the Star Lunch Room were housed at 130 N. 5th Street and later the Duker-VonderHaar Clothing Store was there. In the 1940s, it appears there were women's apartments in the building. More recently The Attic Antiques and Rokusek Design conducted business in the Rogers Building.

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