

# John Green Block ca.1868



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Album 11R #001, 5<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1885

According to local legend, John Green built this building sometime around 1868. Green sold mining supplies and general stock. By 1884, the building was occupied by a confectionery as well as a dry goods store. In 1888, the south storefront was still occupied by a dry goods store, but the north storefront was occupied by a coffin showroom, probably owned by Argalls. The Argall brothers, John and William, operated a furniture and undertaking business here until at least 1900. The combination of furniture and undertaking was common in those years, as cabinet-making skills used for making caskets were equally applicable to the production of fine furniture.

Soon after they opened their business here, the Argalls moved to the south storefront, and the north storefront was occupied by a fruit and confectionery store again for a number of years. By 1908, William Kehl had a saloon in the south storefront, and Athens Anegone had the fruit and confectionery store next door. Anegone also ran a cigar factory upstairs. In the 1950s and 60s this building was home to the very popular Franklin Fountain, and later the Town House Restaurant. It became home to CopperWorld when Tony and Joyce Bausano purchased the building in 1977.



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In 1913, the south storefront here was occupied by a store that sold fruits and confections (candies), owned by Apostle Protogere. The north storefront was occupied by the McRandle sisters' bookstore. The building had recently been rebuilt after it was almost, but not completely destroyed in a fire in February of 1912.

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