

## Waseca Downtown Historic District Virtual Walking Tour

Building Address: **106 South State Street**

Built 1917

Occupied by:

- Meat Market (1917-1920s)
- Hirmer Bros. Meat Market (1930s)
- Brozik & Sons Meat Market (1930s-1940s)
- Sampson's Shoe Store & Torbert's Lockers (1950-1960)
- Chadderdon Realty & Insurance (1970s)
- Golden Touch Beauty Shop (1980s-1990s)
- Vacant 2007
- P.J.s (2009)
- Various owners / vacancies (2010s)
- Zinnia's Boutique (2020-present)

This is a one-story commercial building constructed in 1917 as a meat market. The original façade was white-faced glazed brick. The original storefront featured a centrally located, recessed entrance with a wood-and-glass door and infilled transom. The entrance was flanked by display windows and brick bulkhead. The entrance door was moved to street level in 2020, but the original blue and white floor tile that marked the entry can still be seen inside and reads "Brozik & Sons Market." The building has a low parapet topped with metal coping above a stone panel with sculptural heads of a cow and a pig, marking this building as a meat market. The building was opened to become a single large building with 108 State Street South in the 2010s and the current occupant plans to keep these two buildings as a single business with a unified storefront.

## Photos of 106 South State Street

\*From the Waseca County Historical Society Archives



Circa 1920 – This photo shows Waseca Main Street (now State Street) looking south and at the west side of the street. You can see a sign for the Meat Market as well as notice the cow and pig details on the building. Also visible in this photo are Didra Drugs, Guyer Clothing Co., Lewer building, Kodaks, and the water tower.



Circa 1920 – another photo of Waseca’s Main Street (now State Street). This view is looking north towards Elm Avenue. You can see the Meat Market on the left side of this photo.



Circa 1935 – same view of Waseca Main Street looking north towards Elm Ave. Brozik’s Meats is on the left – the name “Brozik’s” has been added to the “Meat Market” sign.



Circa 1960 – Looking south on State Street from Elm Ave. Sampson’s Shoe store is on the right and uses the same style for their sign “Sampson Shoes” as the “Meat Market” sign from previous. The store has also added a covered awning over the sidewalk.



1983 – Golden Touch Beauty Salon – the “Meat Market” sign is gone, but the sidewalk awning remains. Still visible is the cow and pig heads as well.



1998 – Golden Touch Beauty Salon – the sidewalk awning has now been removed. Also visible are several current businesses including Personalized Printing and the Pheasant Café.