

Waseca Downtown Historic District Virtual Walking Tour

Building Address: **111 State Street South**

Built circa 1885

Occupied by:

- Furniture Store (1884?-1889)
- Meat market (1889)
- Dry Goods and General store – W.J. Armstrong General Store (1899-1910?)
- Lunch counter (1919-??)
- Brisbane and Perrin Music Store (1914-1929)
- Furniture store, shoe store, jewelry shop (1930s – 1940s)
- Maylo Hs furniture (1930-1940) (Mahlers??)
- Boje & Co. Shoes (1928-1935)
- Shumway Jewelers
- Furniture Second Hand Store (1955)
- Waseca Music Company (1965-present)
 - Originally called the Kozan Music Company. The Perrin Music Store moved to this location from 105 State Street South in 1965. Owned by Ruth & Joe Kozan since 1952)

This is a two-story Italianate building with orange and red brick façade and a parapet topped with molded stone cropping. The first-story storefront retains its original configuration, brick bulkhead and piers, and a pair of cast iron columns. The recessed center entrance has a large glass transom and is flanked on either side by the cast iron columns and display windows. The door is modern glass with an anodized-aluminum frame and the display windows have similar anodized-aluminum frames. The signboard area is covered with a modern sign reading “Waseca Music Co.” The second story features four, segmental-arched window openings with stone sills and sawn wood inserts in the arches. The openings have undersized, double-hung replacement windows with metal frames and metal infill. The building’s parapet is adorned with four projecting pilasters, band of alternating projecting and recessed header bricks, and corbelled brick at the cornice. The parapet and pilasters are topped by metal coping. The rear elevation retains its original window openings, but the second story openings have undersized replacement windows with plywood infill.

Photos of 111 State Street South

*From the Waseca County Historical Society Archives



Circa 1890 – W.J. Armstrong Store Front



Circa 1895 – Meyer Bros – perhaps this is the meat market? The large awning makes it difficult to see the cast iron columns.



1912 – Prail Dentistry – 3rd fabric awning on the right. Notice the ornate brick triangular-shaped detail at the very top of the building. This detail disappears in later years.



1920 – Hardware store? 3rd building on the right



1955 – Furniture Second Hand Store – Far right of the picture. You can see the cast iron columns showing above the awning.



1988 – Waseca Music Co.



2006 – Waseca Music Co.