

## Waseca Downtown Historic District Virtual Walking Tour

Building Address: **200 State Street North**

Built circa 1899

Occupied by:

- Herberger, Koob & Co. drygoods store (1899? – 1900s?)
- J.J. Coleman Furniture (1900s? – 1923?)
- Landkamer Brothers Furniture Store (1923? – 1929)
- J.C. Penney retail store (1929 – 1980s)
- Total Entertainment / Antique Store (basement) / Rays Tanning (2006? - ??)
- Waseca Art Center (2013 – present)

This is a two-story Romanesque Revival commercial building built around 1899 and served as a general store and sometimes a furniture store until the 1920s. In 1929, it became part of the J.C. Penney chain of retail stores, which operated at this location until the 1980s. Total Entertainment briefly occupied the space in the mid-2000s until it was purchased for use as the Waseca Arts Center in 2013.

Several original details of the building have been removed over time including a stamped metal cornice. The storefront transom, bulkheads, and display windows have been remodeled. The façade of the building is an orange-colored brick with stylized brick quoins on the piers and a low parapet. The second story retains its original windows, decorative archivolt, and stone sills. The current large, multi-light window units on the State Street façade replaced previous display windows. Over time, the original corner location of the entry-door moved to the center of the State Street façade and finally to its current location at the northern end of the storefront. The south elevation, facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, is framed by two brick piers and retains its original, arched window openings.

While constructed at the same time as its neighbor (202 State Street North), there is no evidence that the properties were ever combined. All existing photographs of these properties show separate business storefronts.

**Photos of 200 State Street North**

\*From the Waseca County Historical Society Archives



Circa 1900 – Herberger, Koob & Co. Drygoods store – Note the corner location of the entry-door



1913 – JJ Coleman Furniture Store



?? – JJ Coleman Furniture Store (identified online as 1895, but that doesn't work with other dates given current research. Perhaps early 1900s given the horse and carriage?). This one shows the awnings extended over the sidewalk.



1955 J.C. Penney Co. – Note that Penney’s moved the entry-door to the middle of the State Street façade.





1983 J.C. Penney Co. – Note that the building appears to be deteriorating here.



2006 Total Entertainment / Current Rays Tanning / Antique Store – Note, windows have been replaced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> story