

The Pearl Theater building sits on a 25' x 125' lot on north Main Street and covers the majority of the lot with a two-story flat roof masonry commercial building, a historic one-story addition with a flat roof that is believed to have been constructed by 1890. A contemporary attached garage with gable roof was added in the late 1960's or early 1970's by John Groy. The entire building has metal roofing and has stucco applied to all visible elevations: façade plus east wall and north walls. The walls of the contemporary garage addition also are covered in stucco, but this stucco is darker than what appears on the main parts of the building. The building, constructed by 1890, originally had a traditional storefront with recessed entry and large display windows and transoms at street level. Historic embellishments to the upper façade are still retained in the building today. A wide, overhanging cornice distinguishes the first and second stories. There are large brackets at each end with a grooved and stippled panel and a pyramidal finial above. Second story windows are tall and narrow and were originally full 1-over 1 double hung wooden windows. Each window has simple stone lugsills and a molded and pedimented lintel with end brackets. The highly elaborate cornice at the roof edge has two large end brackets, that in turn have grooved and stippled panels. The frieze board has regularly spaced brackets supporting a full width board with triangular insets between each bracket and a floral decoration in each bracket. The corona area of the frieze has a board with diagonally placed lozenges. The two-story portion of the building extends approximately 82' in length, with a historic one-story addition (approximately 18' long) attached at the rear. A non-historic garage addition extends an additional 18' with a 20' width. The garage addition has a wood entry door on the east and rectangular window openings on the east and west. The north end of garage has a five light metal paneled garage door. The east side of the building has an exit door from the former theater's interior seating area. The original rear, flush panel entry door to the north remains but now is located within the garage addition. The north wall of the two-story portion is covered in metal panels. There are also three 1-over-1 double-hung windows on the second story of the north wall.

The building was used for a variety of commercial ventures: wholesale liquor store, clothing store for the Block Bros. (Levi & Emanuel) grocery, and saloon. The 1926 Sanborn map shows

the building's use as a store. Photographic evidence (Figure 2. 1916 historic photo) indicates very likely public use of the storefront with interior walls covered in decorative wallpaper and roller window shades visible. This building later housed Ed Krueger's hardware stock; he

operated Kreuger Hardware. Kreuger by Ed Kreuger purchased the property in 1919 from Emanuel "Ed" Block and it stayed within the Kreuger family until John and Pearl Groy purchased the building on March 26, 1951. It is believed that the open upper floor was used as a basketball court, meeting space, and venue for school functions from construction until at least 1919 and the purchase by Ed Kreuger. The east wall had several evolutions of Kreuger advertisement under his ownership.