1205 Mulholland

1891 Plat: Site Empty
1912 Sanborn Map: Bank
2010: Bank

1842 – 184__ Foster Hotel
1849 – 1855 Icarian Recreation Hall
c.1855 – 1877 Ritter’s Meat Packing Plant
1877 Building Burned
1895 “Business Block” built
    (three adjoining businesses)
1895–Present State Bank of Nauvoo

West side and rear of Foster/Ritter Building
(Robert Foster home on left)

From 1842-1877 the second largest building in Nauvoo, after the Temple, stood on this site. Built in 1842 by Robert Foster, a Mormon, it was a four-story, 50-room hotel/tavern/boarding house. (Note: Foster was also one of the publishers of the ill-fated Nauvo Expositor.) From 1849-1855 the building served the Icarians as a recreation hall. Circa 1855-1877 it was George Ritter's Meat Packing Plant, and the area was referred to as “Ritter’s Corner.” The building burned in 1877.

1895 Three buildings were built at the same time on the lot(s) where Ritter’s Meat Packing Plant once stood: State Bank of Nauvoo, Max Reimbold’s General Store, and A. J. Beger’s Drug Store.

The bank’s Board of Directors, one of them president Max Reimbold, among others, felt that the bank’s location at Wells and Mulholland (1893-1896) wasn’t as well situated in the business district as it should be, and the building built again at this location in 1895, where it remains today. The bank has been owned and operated by the Reinhardt family for three generations with presidents Karl, Richard, and Tim. It was expanded into the former Reimbold store in 2007. Both buildings were restored to their former glory. Stop by and see historic memorabilia on display.

Notes:
1. 1891 Plat and 1912 Sanborn Maps were used as baselines for building locations. They are available for viewing at the Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum, 1380 Mulholland.
2. Addresses in quotation marks indicate no existing structure at this location in 2010.
The Nauvoo City Jail

Built in 1868 by Michael Meyer, the 12’ wide by 16’ long, 9’ high building had walls 2’ thick. It is widely believed to be built of faced block limestone from the ruins of the Mormon Temple, which was partially destroyed by fire in 1848 and tornado in 1850. It was Nauvoo’s city jail from 1868 to the latter 1940’s.

“Reimbold’s General Store” was here from c. 1895-1905, when he sold the store and contents to J. M. Fisher, who moved his “Columbia Store” to this location from 13th (Page) St. in 1906. He sold “carpet, shoes, and groceries, etc.” until 1917. Three of his clerks, Carl Blum, John Bechtold, and Robert Blum, bought the store, becoming the “3-B Store” from 1917-1946. Then, it had a variety of owners: L.A. “Berres’ Variety Store,” Val’s “Federated Department Store,” “Creacy’s Variety Store,” and, finally, an antique mall before it was remodeled as an extension of the State Bank of Nauvoo in 2007.