

# Nauvoo

## The Way We Were

### 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



Drawing by David Alan Badger

**Notes:**

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



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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 *Nauvoo 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.



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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 Reibold’s General Store, and A. J. Beger’s Drug Store.

The bank’s Board of Directors, one of them president Max Reibold, 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 bank 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 Reibold store in 2007. Both buildings were restored to their former glory. Stop by and see historic memorabilia on display.

## 1209 Mulholland

**1891 Plat:** Site Empty  
**1912 Sanborn Map:** General Merchandise  
**2010:** Bank

**1895 – 1905** Reimbold's General Store

**1906 – 1917** Columbia Store

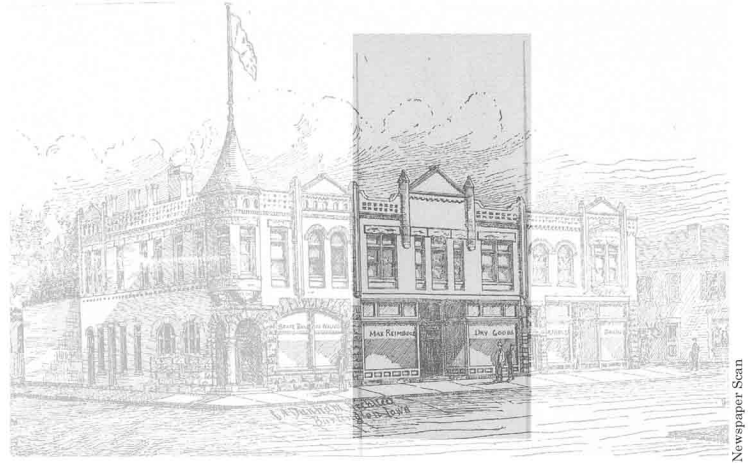
**1917 – 1946** 3-B Store

**194\_ - 2007** Berres' Variety Store  
 Val's Federated  
 Department Store  
 Creacy's Variety Store  
 Antique Mall

**2007–Present** State Bank of Nauvoo

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Pic. c. 1900 Max Reimbold's General Store shown in the middle, east of the State Bank of Nauvoo. Former store locations included the flats and Temple Block before moving to this Mulholland location in 1895.

Max Reimbold ran "The Leader", a dry goods store in the 1890's, and he was also president of the board of the State Bank of Nauvoo. Reimbold was among those who realized Wells Street was not going to be the future of Nauvoo's business district, and that the new commercial district was going to be on Mulholland between 12th (Bluff) and 13th (Page) Streets. A true entrepreneur, he encouraged the bank board and friend A.J. Beger to build a "Business Block" of three buildings with a seamless façade on the corner of Mulholland and Bluff in 1895.

## 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 1869 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.