

Shepard Block at 361 Central St.

The Shepard Block was first called the Merrimack Block. The original wooden structure was purchased by Seth and John Shepard in 1885, using half for the Shepard Brothers' Grocery and renting the other half. In 1904, the building suffered a fire but was not completely destroyed. The remaining structure was removed from that location, and moved to Memorial Street (where the entrance to the municipal parking lot is today) and refurbished, as a second Shepard Brothers store. This also was the home for many years of the Holmes and Nelson department store. Meanwhile, the Shepards commissioned a new brick edifice to be designed by Manchester NH architect C.R. (Chase Roy) Whitcher, on the now vacated site.



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