

## W. Water Street 545 Historical

### **The Rimpler Building**

The Rimpler Building is located at 545 Water Street. The building was built by Anton Rimpler in 1891. The store was used as a dry goods store that was owned and operated by the Rimplers and the Nickodems. During the 1930's the building was turned into a bean factory where they stemmed green beans.

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Anton Rimpler Building (Contributing) 545 West Water St., 1891<sup>11</sup> Map No. 12

This highly intact two-story rectilinear plan Commercial Vernacular form building occupies the southeast corner formed by W. Water and Pearl Streets and it was built in 1891 for Anton Rimpler, who used it to house his dry goods store. The building measures 22-feet-wide x 75-feet-deep and it rests on cut stone foundation walls and the rear and the side walls that rest on this foundation are fashioned out of rubble stone. The building has an asymmetrically designed cream brick-clad main façade that is framed by a two-story-tall brick pilaster strip at either side and which faces north onto West Water St. Its first story consists of a full-width four-bay-wide storefront, each bay of which is separated from the next by a paneled cast iron pilaster strip, all three of which each bear the legend "A. R. 1891" in raised letters. The left-hand bay contains the second story entrance and it still retains its original tall three-panel wood door, which features chamfering on the edges of the panels. The middle bay of the storefront (the second from the right) contains the deeply inset and canted store entrance, which is flanked by one-light display windows on either side. Both of these display windows and both entrances also have one-light transoms above them and the paneled bulkheads below the display windows are also intact as well. The entire storefront is then crowned by an overhanging wooden cornice that is supported by four small pairs of shaped wooden brackets.

See also: Princeton Republic, August 14, 1890, p. 5; July 26, 1891, p. 5; August 27, 1891, p5; September 10, 1891, p5; October 1, 1891, p. 5.

The second story is as original as the first story and is three-bays-wide. Each bay consists of a segmental-arched window opening, each of which has cut stone sill, a corbelled brick hood mold into which is set a stone keystone, and each opening also still retains its original window, which is a one-over-one-light double hung wood sash with a segmental-arched upper sash.