

Franck & Sextro Law Firm



309 Main Street—

Historically Lewis-Reinhold Drug Store and Sheldorf Clothing Store

John A Lewis entered the drug business in Manning under the firm name of Stouffer & Lewis in 1886. Two years later the firm changed to Lewis & Grau, the partnership which built this building at 309 Main Street in 1894. In 1896, the firm name changed to Lewis, Grau & Metzger, and in 1905 to Lewis-Reinhold.

In 1908, the successful Lewis-Reinhold drug store moved three doors south and the Martens Mercantile Company (a general store operated by brothers W. J. and Henry Martens) moved into the building. In 1916, brothers Lewis and Herbert Scheldorf established Scheldorf Clothing store which remained in business at this location until 1950. During those 44 years, the building was known as the Scheldorf Building.

In 1950, Scheldorf Clothing was sold to Al Beisch, who opened Beisch Clothing. Upstairs, the Knights of Pythias shared their meeting hall with several other fraternal groups. In 1927, Dr. O.W. Wyatt located his first office and hospital on the second floor and in 1930, Klip and Kurl beauty salon was located upstairs.

Today, the building is owned by Greg Sextro and operates as Franck & Sextro Law Firm.

This building is considered to be significant both architecturally in the high degree of integrity of the Late Victorian styling of the upper story of the façade and historically as both a social hall and as a notable drug store.