
DOWNTOWN OCALA HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

HOOD BLOCK

50 SE 1ST AVE, OCALA, FL 34471

Hood Block is a two-story building that was constructed in 1893. It was originally known as Hood Block, but eventually became known as the Holder Building.

Tydings & Company, a drug store, was an early occupant of the first-floor storefront space. They sold drugs as well as seeds. They remained in the building until the 1920s. The second floor accommodated several professional offices. An attorney and cigar manufacturers maintained offices in the building immediately after its completion. Charles Peyser, a German immigrant and cigar manufacturer also occupied space here in the late 1800s.

By the 1930s, attorneys and other professionals occupied the building. It's now location to the Church of Scientology.



Hood Block (right brick building) c.1970



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