
DOWNTOWN OCALA HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

UNION BLOCK

14 SE BROADWAY ST, OCALA, FL 34471

The Union Block Building was constructed in 1884. It is one of the three oldest remaining buildings in the downtown area. Union Block bears the distinction of having one of the most severely altered original facades in the downtown area.

Though the original façade has been extensively modified over the years, the Union Block Building has continued to be a thriving location for businesses in the downtown area. Early tenants include real estate brokers, attorneys, and an insurance agency. In 1904, Helvenston's store for dry goods, clothing, and shoes was opened here. In 1928, Blockers, Inc. occupied the building. In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Gause opened a jewelry store in downtown Ocala and called it Marion Jewelers. It later became Gause and Son Jewelers, a long-time local jewelry store located here in the Union Block building.



Union Block (Second from Left) c.1910



Union Block (Second from Right) c.1900

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