

The Near and Burnett Building, Odd Fellows Hall, 35 West Market Street



RHWG: In the 1880's, brothers William and Frank Burnett, possible the first undertakers in town, hired Daniel Van de Bogart to build a commercial structure known or many years as the Odd Fellows Hall. They set up a carpentry business, specializing in furniture and coffins, which they made and sold for the wakes and funerals they conducted in people's homes. In later years, William Burnett went into business with Robert Rockefeller and moved across the street to 42 W. Market St. to establish one of the area's first funeral homes, when the practice of laying out the dead at home went out of style. It later housed a pool hall and bakery. Note the original front porch brackets and capitals. It now houses a fabric shop offices, and apartments.

RHHWT: This building once included a pool hall, bakery, furniture store, and funeral home. Note the original front porch brackets and capitals.

