

Then and Now: 58 Main Street, a.k.a. Deyo & Son Store, circa 1893 ([Click on Image for Transition](#))



Currently the home of a coffee shop, 58 Main Street is a fine example of an eclectic local style, with a large, mutilated glass store front, a brick exterior, and an ornate cornice with a central pediment parapet embellished with brackets and end spires. The windows on the upper level have stone

lintels and sills, and above them, embedded in the brick facade, are four large terra cotta tiles, over which is noted the date of construction.

The building has retained its historic function over the years as a commercial establishment on the lower level, housing the Muddy Cup Cafe, Endless Horizons, Not Fade Away, Body Works Toning and Tanning, and the long standing Bomze and Van Vlack Drugs, Inc. which operated from 1668 until 1987, among other businesses. During this period the facade was altered considerably: the large glass store front was replaced by smaller, paneled windows and a single door was added under a large wood pentice covered with rough sawn shingles, in the Colonial Style. The building served as a hardware, variety and appliance store between 1959 and 1968, and before that as The Grand Union Store and Mrs. Gregory's Self Service Market, as well as Gregory's Pharmacy from 1922 until 1944.

Solomon Deyo started construction on the building, a specialty store, in 1893, according to the plans of Poughkeepsie architect William J. Beardsley. The 38 by 80-foot structure housed the glass-fronted store on the main floor, and was occupied by the family on the second. The foundation, carpentry, tin, custom

shelving, brick and other masonry work was done by craftsmen from the area (Abraham C. Brundage, Jesse Steen, Hasbrouck and Hayden, Mr. Mauterstock, Campbell and Dempsey).

Mr. Deyo's old shed, replaced by the store front, was taken down and was replaced by a 24 by 50-foot wooden store house in the rear which was used as a shed on the lower level and a storage room for goods on the second floor. This former store house underwent some alterations and additions in recent years and is now the popular entertainment complex of the Oasis Cafe, Cabaloosa, and Katana Sake Bar.

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