ARCHER BLOCK 4219-4221 PETROLIA LINE





Year Current Building Erected: 1887

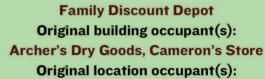
In the I880s, the Town of Petrolia
voted in a by-law that all new buildings were
to be made of brick. Shortly afterwards, a
significant section of the downtown core
was engulfed in flames, destroying
Canneff's jewellery shop, Archer's Dry
Goods, Alley's Dry Goods, Marshall's meat
market and Watson's tinsmith store.
Under normal circumstances this would be
considered a disaster. Instead the town
celebrated. The town residents liked the
brick look, and they were excited that all
these buildings would have to be
K. re-constructed in brick.

A PONTIAC DEALERSHIP WAS ONCE IN ARCHER BLOCK.



In July of 1887, J&J Kerr Co. began rebuilding the Archer Block, and Archer himself moved back into his premises in December of that year.

In the 1890s and well into the twentieth century, the businsess section between Tank and Greenfield streets remained the busiest part of town, chiefly because the major stores were here. Webb's dry goods in the Archer Block and Scarsbrooks in Lancey's Block were the biggest shopping centers in town.



Current location occupant(s):

Original location occupant(Archer's Dry Goods

Previous occupants:

Simpson's Sears, Chainway, Fletcher's Used Furniture, Zimmerman's Upholstery, Goldcoast,

Petrolia Source For Sports,
Manley's Stationery

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