

VAUGHN BLOCK

4235-4237 PETROLIA LINE

Year Current Building Erected: 1879

In 1879, Leonard B. Vaughn decided to remove his old buildings next to the Post office and get the material on the ground for a large brick block. This building is significant in Petrolia's history as it was the first major brick business in town. Vaughn, originally from the American mid-west was well known in town as an oil producer and as a banking business partner of J.H. Fairbank.

The building was constructed for \$5,000 and was very well received by the town folk. MacKenzie's Dry Goods store, also known as the 'Empire Store', quickly became one of the most popular shopping places in Petrolia.



The Vaughn Block was Petrolia downtown's first brick building

Current building occupant(s)
SunLife Financial, Black Pearl Bubble Tea
Original building occupant(s)
**MacKenzie Dry Goods,
George Moncrieff - Barrister**
Previous occupants:
**Fairbank Offices, R. Stirrett Co., Kamo,
Wicker & Craft Co.**



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