

E.C. Derby Furniture & Undertaking (Successor to W. G. Hinman & Co.)

In reviewing the industries and commercial enterprises of Marshfield, it is with pleasure we give a sketch of one of the most popular and well patronized business houses of this city. We refer to the pioneer furniture and undertaking establishment, which was founded in 1880 by Mr. E. C. Derby, who died in April, 1893. Mr. Derby was a gentleman of fine business ability and established a splendid reputation for upright and honorable business methods. The business is now ably conducted by his widow. The business premises on Second Street, one block west of Upham's store, embraces a corner building containing two floors. The entire building is stocked with one of the largest and finest selections of furniture to be found in the city. The stock carried

embraces all the different grades of furniture to be found in a first-class establishment, comprising bedroom and parlor sets in all varieties of wood, lounges, rockers, dining and extension tables, wardrobes, mirrors, cabinets, settees, kitchen furniture, picture frames, etc. The house also carries a fine stock of baby carriages, curtains, shades, etc. The prices quoted at this establishment, are such reasonable figures as to be within the range of everybody's means. A specialty is made of undertaking and a full variety of coffins, caskets and other funeral accessories is carried. In all its engagements, the house is prompt, reliable and trustworthy, and as such, enjoys a large and steadily increasing patronage.
(Marshfield Times, September 14, 1894)



*Derby's Furniture Store, 1891, southwest corner of Second and Chestnut Streets (now site of Post Office).
(photo from North Wood County Historical Society)*

DERBY'S
Furniture

Has been removed to corner of
2nd and CHESTNUT STREET,
Opposite TRAVELER'S HOME,
Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Are you looking for furniture. If you are, Mrs. E. C. Derby is looking for you. If you want to buy or think of buying a visit to her store before making your purchase will be to your interest.

She carries a complete stock which she is offering at prices that will astonish

you learning them. A call at her store, opposite the Mansion house, will convince you to give her your trade—
Mrs. E. C. Derby
(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, June 14, 1895, p. 5)

IT IS A FACT,
THAT YOU CAN BUY
FURNITURE
OF ALL KINDS, OF
E. C. DERBY, SUCCESSOR TO
W. G. HINMAN & Co.,
AS CHEAP AS ANY HOUSE WEST OF MILWAUKEE
Our Stock is large and we are duplicating Milwaukee and Appleton prices, freight added.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF MIRRORS AND PIER GLASSES
Undertaken a Specialty.
Coffins kept constantly on hand. Call in and price the goods.

If you have any additional information (including pictures) regarding this business or location, we would really appreciate you contacting us and sharing. We will add information whenever possible.

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