

## **Buildings and Architecture of Marshall, IL**

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Marshall has a lot of historic value, especially the downtown buildings of Marshall. Buildings of special interest are The Marshall House, The Archer House, Hoggatt's Appliances, Marshall Public



Library, Marris Furniture Store, Marshall Herald Building, and Wallace Jewelry.

### **The Marshall House**

This building is one of the oldest in the city of Marshall. Thomas J. Golden built it in 1890. The Marshall House operated as a hotel until 1971 when Johnny G. Snedeker and his men converted it into an apartment complex. The hotel had 53 rooms and one apartment on the second floor. The building is built with 18-inch brick firewalls. For many years, the hotel served as a Greyhound Bus Station.

### **The Archer House**

The building is now used as a bed and breakfast, and Charlene Brand currently owns it. The Archer House has been placed on the National Register of historic places. It is the oldest hotel in Marshall and the second oldest house in Illinois. On September 22, 1977, the Clark County Historical Society purchased and placed a bronze plaque on the front of the Archer House, signifying that the hotel had been designated a national historic landmark during the national bicentennial.

The Archer House was founded by Colonel William B. Archer in 1841 and was built by John Bartlett. The hotel has also been known as the St. James Hotel and the National Dixie Hotel in the past. The foundation of the hotel is built of large stones and rock. The walls are 15 to 20 inches in thickness. Skinned hickory logs were used for the supporting beams throughout the hotel and can still be seen in the basement. Originally the hotel had a ballroom and a dining room adjoining the lobby on the first floor. The hotel served many stagecoach guests including Abraham Lincoln, a friend of Archer's who had served with him in the Illinois State Legislature. The Archer House is located at the intersection of Route 1 and old U.S. 40.

## **Hoggatt's Appliances**



A bridge builder built this building in the late 1800's to early 1900's. The framework is unique because it looks like a bridge. There have been many uses for this building. First, it was used as hitching post to tie up horses when coming into town. Another use is a car shop owned by Albert Sockler. Then it was used as Flowers car bodyshop. The building is equipped with an elevator that was used for taking cars upstairs to the bodyshop. Also there are blue tinted glass windows which were used to improve the cars' appearance, because it used to be that all cars were black, and it made them look shiny. This building has a unique heating system. It has an output of 1,200,000 BTU's (British Thermal Units). It also has an input of 1,500,000 BTU's. This is now used for an appliance store owned by John Hoggatt, who has been at that site since 1980.

## **Marshall Public Library**

The public library looks like a three-story building because of its high attic space. It has eyebrow windows, which have always been closed in as part of its decoration. It has long windows upstairs. Just a little of its original front is left. The cast iron posts and pilasters have reading in them. The upper break has big heavy bricks, almost like the ones that were used for street work. It is what we call "rusticated". Before its present use, the library was another car shop. This one had a ramp instead of an elevator for moving cars.

## **Marrs Furniture Store**

This is painted a soft yellow color. It is Italianate, with a very small and shallow bracketing. It has all of its cast iron pieces from its original front on it, and they are painted black. It has art decoration of the 1930's glass, which was used on a lot of buildings all over the western world at this time. The windows are slightly rounded. They also have air vents in the top that, were built for attic ventilation. Looking inside the show window, you can see the original pressed tin ceiling, which is still there. The building seems to be immaculate on the inside. Most of the second floor also has a tin ceiling. Now this building is the home of the Clark County Genealogical Library.

## **Marshall Herald Building**

This building is located at Fifth and Locust. It has always been divided as two buildings. Everything on both buildings is about the same, except for the fronts of the doors. It has eyebrow windows, which make it look like a dance hall or a ballroom in a big Italianate house. This structure is unique because it has dentil molding, which was common in the early days. The building is faced with stone over brick and is rusticated where it is out over the windows and doorways downstairs. Everything else is the plain smooth finish. The building has two bands

under the windows. The first band is near the building, and the other band is about a foot and a half out and looks like a ledge. The windows have a rounded cap and keystone, which are rusticated on the side. Another name for the rounded cap is the French Bun. The entire side of the building is just an 1880's treasure, a tribute to Marshall and its architecture. With the building, they have continued the round windows; however, there is no stone around them. These are eighteenth century "bulls-eye windows". The back of the building has a loading dock which is all stone and large double doors to carry in their supplies and windows on each side of it. This building is vacant and rundown; it has not been used for years. Prior to this, it used to be the home of our town paper called The Marshall Herald.

### **Wallace Jewelry**

This building is unique in that it has a stone front instead of an iron cast. The pedimental arches are of stone and are quarried. Then up at the entablature, it extends out the farther than any building except the corner building. The windows upstairs have all been boarded over, and they have dentil moldings like the other windows. Their windows are not cast iron, but a carpenter built them. When there are the dentil molds in with the Italianate bracketing, this indicates that these are very early buildings. This building is used for a watch and jewelry shop.

