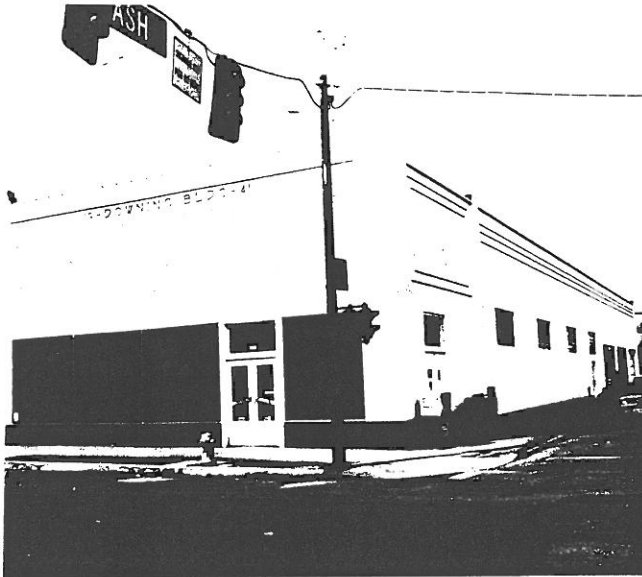


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 Name
 (Common) Jerry's Market
 (Historic) Downing Building
 Address 600 Main Street
 Present Owner Nettie Downing, Inc.
 Address 730 Main Street
 Original Use grocery store
 Date of Construction 1941
 Map Reference Number 68

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Downing Building is a one-story commercial building with a rectangular floor plan and flat roof. The walls are smooth stucco decorated with Art Deco details. Pilasters with vertical moldings rise above the parapet on both ends of the east facade. There is a continuous band of four large single-light windows above a low glazed tile wall. The wood doors at the main entry have single lights, molded aluminum handle bars and a single-light transom. The parapet is decorated with three bands, the lower one a simple fret band, the middle containing "19-DOWNING BLDG-41" in stylized letters and at the top a band of squares formed with vertical moldings.

The north facade is divided by plasters into eight bays. The corner bay contains service doors, pilasters on both sides which project above the parapet, and a rectangular panel formed with inset moldings at the parapet in the bays to the west. The cornice is corbeled and the pilaster above the large glass block windows. The northwest corner bay contains a garage door while the two adjacent bays contain store fronts with continuous two-light display windows set above the low glazed tile wall.

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History

Raymond Downing built this building as speculative rental property. Downing had been raised in Lacombe on a large, prosperous strawberry farm. He moved to Lebanon and in the 1920's bought and ran a pool hall several buildings to the south of the Downing Building. With his profits and family support he hired the Keebler Brothers to build the Downing Building which was then leased to Jerry's Market, a grocery store which remained here for many years.

19-DOWNING BLDC-41

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