

## City of Hutto

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### 7 115 East Street, 1893

This building served as a general merchandise store and later became Miller Brothers store, a combination grocery store and men and women's store during the 1920s.

\*The row of five identical buildings, 107-115 East Street, were built in 1893 as a series of brick one-part commercial blocks with party walls. They are Romanesque Revival in style, each with four brick arches on the front façade with limestone keystones and caps. The two middle arches have entrances, and the two arches at the ends have storefronts, each with a rectangular transom above the window or door and a half-round window above the transom.

### 8 Farmers & Merchants State Bank, 1908 202 Farley Street

This 1908 Spanish Revival Style brick one-part commercial block features an entrance on a chamfered corner. It has limestone sills and lintels and a large metal canopy with wood soffit. The wood windows, transoms, and doors are original as are the security bars from when the building housed the bank.

This building is one of the best preserved in the district, as it has retained not only its exterior appearance but also most of the original interiors. It has been home to five businesses over its lifespan and most likely has been continuously occupied. Originally it was the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, with August Swenson the founder and first president of the bank. At a later date (between 1937 and 1955) it became the Hutto Post Office and operated as such until 1990. Other than the teller cages that have been removed, most of the original finishes and

distinctive features are intact, such as the pressed tin ceilings and crown molding as well as the original partitioning of the space. The original vault from the bank has been preserved inside the building and is still in use.

### 9 The Busch Building, 1914 203-205 East Street & 206 Farley Street

Built in 1914, the Busch Building features an L-plan that wraps around the building at 202 Farley Street. The larger space with a more prominent façade facing East Street, is split into two commercial spaces. The Farley Street elevation has a plain façade. The space facing East Street is further divided into two units but retains the original storefront.

Originally, it was a mercantile, grocery, and millinery store. Later it was the home of Humpty Dumpty Grocery Store and Paul Johnson Hardware Store, both occupying storefronts on East Street. Both businesses closed during the Depression.

### 10 L.E. Bostic Funeral Home, Circa 1893 204 U.S. Highway 79

Originally a funeral home, owned by L.E. and Lizzie Henley Bostick, it was known as "The Home of the Horse Drawn Hearse" as it actually had a two-horse drawn wagon hearse coffin and double-filed procession walking behind it to the deceased's final resting place. Later, it was home to the Good Luck Potato Chip store. Lizzie's brother and sister, Will and Riley Henley sold Good Luck potato chips, mixed sodas (bottled and sold as soft drinks), raspas, and operated an outdoor theater and restaurant. The building has an intriguing history. It was also known for hosting a bordello at one time in history.

# DOWN TOWN HUTTO

National Register Historic District

Walking Tour



The Hutto Commercial Historic District consists of twelve buildings that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Historic District occupies approximately half of a city block in the heart of Hutto, Texas. With charming structures dating back to the 1800's, Old Town truly is the heart of Hutto. Old Town is home to a number of local businesses, shops, and restaurants that attract Hutto residents and visitors alike.





**1 The Carpenter & Woolsey Building, 1892**  
101 East Street

The Carpenter and Woolsey building was the first to be built in the district and represents the beginning of the first commercial development north of the railroad in Hutto. It is part of the Carpenter and Woolsey Block, named after developers A.W. Carpenter and William M. Woolsey. This building is a good example of the

late Victorian Italianate style and features a cast iron facade and ornate cornice. The windows, doors, and storefront are original.

This building housed the Carpenter and Woolsey General Merchandise store on the first floor and doctor's offices on the second floor, accessed from the side entrance facing Front Street. In 1920, Corner Drug owned by Henry and Stella Johnson, occupied the first floor with a doctor's

office on the second floor. Other occupants of the building over time were Roy's Beer in 1956, Chappa's Place in 1980, Classic Car Center Auto Parts (Hutto Auto Parts) in 1991, followed by a grocery store.

**2 Hutto Bank (Hutto National Bank), 1892**  
103 East Street

This was the second building built in the district and housed Hutto Bank (later Hutto National Bank), established by A.W. Carpenter and William M. Woolsey. Finished in the Victorian Italianate architectural style, the brick two-part commercial structure features a cast iron facade, wood and glass first floor storefronts and elaborate cornice typical of the style.

The Hutto Bank building was renovated to its original appearance based on an 1892 photograph in the early 1990s, after the owner purchased it from the City of Hutto. The first floor storefronts are original to the building, but the second floor windows are vinyl replicas in the original configuration. In 1980, the City of Hutto bought the building, and for the next two decades it served as the Hutto Municipal Building, which included the police, fire department, and municipal court. The first floor held a fire truck, with an oversized opening at the back of the building for truck access. The stairs and wood floors on the second story are original.

**3 Holman, May & Co. General Store, 1893**  
107 East Street

Originally the home of Holman, May and Co. General Store, by 1902 it was the Green Flag Store. In 1910 it housed a hardware store, and in the 1920s it housed Robinson and Stephens General

Merchandise. On the 1937 Sanborn map it is identified as a grocery store.

**4 Harrison Brothers General Store, 1893**  
109 East Street

This building originally was the location of Harrison Brothers General Store. In 1914 it was J.M. Barkley General Store, and in the 1920s it was Arthur Hyltin Groceries. It was also an IGA Grocery Store owned by Roy Anderson, a former mayor of Hutto.

Emma Hutto, descendant of James Emory Hutto, operated the Hutto Variety Store in this building until 1971. In 1974, the building was an art studio. In 1984, it housed a cabinet shop and a bakery in 1989.

**5 Harrison Brothers General Store, 1893**  
111 East Street, 1893

Similar to the surrounding properties, this building once was a general store and later a grocery store according to the 1921 Sanborn map. It shares an archway connection to 109 East Street and was part of the Harrison Brothers General Store, J.M. Barkley General Store, and Arthur Hyltin Groceries to the south. In later years, it was the East Street Dining and Social Club. The Hutto Players, a local theatrical group, met regularly at the Club.

**6 113 East Street, 1893**

Originally housing a hardware, farm implements and saddle shop, in 1910, it was a mens furnishings store and a drug store by 1921. In 1991, it housed an art gallery and later served as a private residence.