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MERCANTILE/ KRESS BUILDING

In 1929 this building was constructed by the Samuel H. Kress “five and dime” national chain of department stores. Mr. Kress considered his stores to be works of art; they featured ornate architectural detailing, bright colors, tan or yellow brick, and the Kress name on the top of the building façade. All the stores had a mezzanine office, a “selling floor” in the lobby, a basement, and a merchandise warehouse. The Kress store closed in 1975 and reopened as the Mercantile Building.

