

Gates Block
1881

Building History

This Victorian Commercial-style building originally housed Josiah Gates and Sons, manufacturers of leather goods, whose products were distributed throughout the country from 1845 until the company closed in 1909. By 1885, also located here was the manufactory for Moxie Nerve Food, a patent medicine that later became a soft drink. Other occupants through the years included machinists, a Greek newspaper, and, from 1955 onward, a flooring company.

In 2013, rehabilitation was completed for use as an arts center including the Arts League of Lowell, gallery, and three floors of artist studios.



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