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The Edwards Building - 101 South Church Street, 1912-1913.

Displaying characteristics of the new Commercial style and of the Louis Sullivan tradition begun in the late nineteenth century, the three-story Edwards building is divided evenly between vertical piers and horizontal spandrels. Probably built by the Judevine Construction Company of Baraboo, it is organized into vertical bonds, between piers that rise unbroken through the greater part of the elevation and are terminated by a flat roof and a boldly projecting cornice in the manner of Louis Sullivan. Triple windows decorated by a Prairie School like geometric ornament that are recessed behind the face of the piers supported by the modern internal steel frame construction gives this brick-faced building a somewhat skeletal appearance. It is further characterized by raised white geometric decorative panels. The building is a pronounced departure in architectural style from the surrounding brick commercial buildings built in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Built for E.H. Edwards, this building initially housed the Edwards, Kelly, and Campbell Men's Store as well as the McNitt School of Business.



The building survived a fire in 2012 and was purchased by a local couple who have tastefully renovated the building keeping much of the historical detail intact.



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