



The Gund Building - Richland County History Room photo.

The Gund Building -100 West Court Street circa 1860s.

The Gund Building, one of the oldest structures located in the Court Street Historic District, was originally built in the 1860's as a gable roofed two-story brick building with a false front. The present long, narrow building is the result of extensive remodeling in 1900 by the Gund Brewery of LaCrosse. The building was altered again when the corner entrance bay was added around 1913 when it was remodeled to house the Farmers and Merchants Bank.



The Gund Building once housed a saloon. Richland County History Room photo.

In the 1860s the building was known to have housed the Doudna and Strang Hardware Store in 1883 and was remodeled for use as the Krouskop Bank after fire destroyed the Krouskop Building in 1883. Exhibiting restrained classically derived ornamentation, such as the triangular-shaped pediment over the corner entrance supported by brick applied pilasters, the Gund Building's

storefront has been greatly altered and the windows have been replaced by modern metal windows.



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The Gund Building had been known as the Farmers and Merchants Bank for much of its history until that bank relocated across Central Avenue in the former National Bank. As with many commercial buildings in downtown Richland Center, much of its original architectural detail has disappeared many years ago. However, the Gund Building has sufficient architectural merit that contributes to the Court Street Commercial Historic District.