

Historic Round Rock

117 East Main

“Robinson Building/The Fair”

Built 1886

Thomas Wessell had a store here from 1878. In 1882, a fire destroyed his building and damaged seven others in the block. Eustis P. Robinson bought the lot and opened the current building in October 1886. Robinson's stock of hardware and stoves was bought by J. P. Key in 1891. Key sold the store to N. M. Gay in 1893, and J. D. Robertson bought the stock two years later. In 1901, William Walsh opened The Fair, the company store for the Round Rock White Lime Company. Since so many people worked at the lime plant, Walsh's store was popular for many years; in the early days, it claimed phone number 1. In the 1930s, Walsh sold the store to Hoyt Crimm, who continued the grocery and market. From 1946 to 1971, Rudolph Pettersen's grocery store was located here.



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