

# Historic Round Rock

201-203 East Main “J. A. Nelson Building” Built 1900

This was the site of one of Round Rock’s largest stores. William Brueggerhoff and A. Steinbock had a general store here that was destroyed in an 1879 fire that leveled the entire block. W. T. Cox built new stores on two lots in 1880, then sold his shares to Louis Sternberg and L. R. Blair. Sylvester V. Dooley bought Blair’s store on the corner in 1889, and operated a large hardware store here. Both buildings were lost to fire in 1899. J. A. Nelson, who had worked for Dooley, opened a large new store in 1900 with a cast-iron façade. The Nelson Hardware Company supplied much of the material for the historic homes that still stand in Round Rock. The Nelson Bank also opened in the same store, which was in operation until 1954. After that, the building was home to thousands of chicks, in the Round Rock Chicken Hatchery. The Williamson County Farmer’s Co-op was here through 1983.



Jno. A. Nelson, Pres. Carl A. Nelson, Cashier. W. E. Hanna  
J. E. Gustafson

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