

Nicholas Dowling Building
Galena, Illinois

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District No. 26

Historic American Buildings Survey
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NICHOLAS DOWLING STORE
JO DAVIESS COUNTY
GALENA, ILLINOIS

DISTRICT NO. 26.
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Diagonal & Main Sts.

EARL H. REED JR.
DISTRICT OFFICER

Project No. 26-17

By H.B. McEldowney

SOURCE

Verbal Testimony Mr. Ortschied present owner. This four story building faces on Diagonal Street and the two upper floors face on Bench Street. It was built about 1840 by Nicholas Dowling, who operated a foundry in the building.

Until about 1931 there existed a partial fifth floor which faced on Bench Street as a third floor, but has since been removed.

This building is very interesting in that the designer took care of the thrust of the hill by a curved stone wall in the rear and also because of a series of wooden trusses in the rear of the first floor.

The building is of Galena brick with mound stone store facing and trim.

The cast-iron balcony across the front of the store was made by Nicholas Dowling. Mr. Dowling's own house is partially standing, adjacent to the store building on the hill, ^{and} about level with the second floor of the store.

The building is now owned and occupied by the Ortschied Grain and Feed Store and has been used as such for seventy five years.

By A. B. McEldowney (Supt.)

February 20, 1934

Approved Earl H. Reed Jr.
District Officer

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