FRYE BUILDING
821 Water Street
O.T. Block 8 Lot: W ½ 4
Built 1932

1859: George Barthrop purchased the property and built, or had built, two identical buildings side by side of single board construction. The Barthrops operated a store selling paint and wallpaper in the building on the west half of Lot 4, and lived upstairs. The matching building on the east half of the property was rented out to D. C. H. Rothschild where he operated his “Kentucky (dry goods) Store.” The Rothschild family also lived upstairs until he built a house in 1868.

In May of 1871 Emma Eliza Barthop (George’s wife) sold both buildings and the property to D. C. H. Rothschild for $3,025. Both buildings became a part of the Rothschild store.

The second stories of both buildings were removed after a fire.

1932: The Frye Building was constructed around the original Barthrop Building. The first work completed was the construction of a large concrete wall on the east side and rear of the building. The west wall was tied in to the building on the adjacent lot. When those walls were finished the original building inside was demolished. The interior was arranged to accommodate Frye meat market in one half and the Safeway store in the other half.