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The Ground Floor

Editor's Note: In the 11/20/13 issue we began a two part series on the rebirth of the historic Lipsitz building in downtown Beaufort. Margaret Evans spotlighted Atelier On Bay, the maze of artists' studios and galleries that rambles through the entire second story of the building. [Read Part One here.](#)

For more than a century the rambling wood building on the corner of West and Bay Streets stood as the center of commerce in downtown Beaufort.

Built in 1883, the Lipsitz name first appeared on the building 1902. Three generations of Lipsitz worked in the department store. Some family members lived in the apartments on the second floor. When the store finally closed its doors for the last time in 2010 it had weathered fire, flood, hurricanes, freak snowstorms, the advent of electricity, indoor plumbing and the telephone. It served veterans of the Spanish-American war, two world wars, the

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