

#9: Reser Funeral Home (101 Main Street)

Located on Main Street across from the Benton County Courthouse and on the banks of the Osage River, this three-story landmark was built with wood pegs in the 1840's. The grand old structure has been a hotel for steamboat travelers up the Osage River, a stage stop for the Butterfield Stage Route which ran all the way to San Francisco, a Union Army commissary during the Civil War, and as of 1897-present a funeral home.

One of the original fireplaces still stands in this building. The late Edwin Mahlon White and the late John Reser, former owner, picked many bullets and bits of buckshot from the wood. Being only one of three downtown Warsaw structures surviving fires during the Civil War, the Reser Funeral Home has played many roles in the history of Warsaw.