

**THE BITTINGER BLOCK, LOCATED AT 17-21 CENTRAL ST.
WOODSVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
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The Bittering Block, also known as the Coos Block and the Pillsbury Block, was built by the Bittering brothers in 1889. It was built to house their Cohos Steam Press and Woodsville News newspaper, and a furniture store.

The father of these brothers was Rev. Bittering who wrote a Haverhill history book in 1888, and came from Haverhill.

The furniture stores were on the right side as you face the building. This block is between what is now McAllister Jewelers, (Woodsville Cafe) and the Tilton Block. The furniture stores were started by F. A. Dean, then Eugene Carpenter, Woodsville Furniture after being burned out of the Odd fellows Block on Pleasant Street, and by T. Borden Walker. A brick facade was added to the front of the building in 1898. There have been a variety of businesses in this building through the years. Cliff Bassett, a barber, also sold washing machines, a bicycle shop, the A&P, Norris' Red Front Store, a diner and pool hall, a jeweler; A. D. Philips, a state liquor store, and is now the Assembly of God (2008).