

# Kidd Block

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Location: 15 Main St. South, Seaforth, Ontario

Year built: 1878

IN 1878, JOHN KIDD REPLACED the store he had lost in the 1876 fire with a new 2½-storey yellow brick building. John Kidd carried on his hardware business in the new building. Before this, Arthur Veale had occupied the original store, and after him, George Dent had a general store at this location. By 1900, a hardware business was being operated here by S. Mullett and Jackson. Hildebrand Paint & Paper operated a home decorating and floral business here for many years. In recent years, Hildebrand Paint & Paper moved next door. The original Kidd building is now occupied by Blooms n' Rooms and Tony Arts Financial.



The original 1878 hardware store,  
Kidd's Hardware Depot



S. Mullett & Jackson's Hardware  
in *A Souvenir of Seaforth*, c. 1900

Some of the architectural details to note in the photograph of the original building are: the cornice with brackets beneath and finials at each corner; the slightly projected centre section with quatrefoil window and the extended roofline with iron-crested cap advertising *Kidd's Hardware Depot*; the four round-headed windows in the second storey; the window labels or hoods made of metal with a mock central keystone; and the label stops (the lower ends of the labels or hoods) that appear to be in the form of a lion's head; and, the iron balcony.

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