

# Nifty Korners

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Location: 33 Main St. South, Seaforth, Ontario  
Year built: 1863

JAMES DICKSON M.P. BUILT this, the first brick store in Seaforth, in 1863. The first occupant of the store was Dickson's son, Archibald. The Post Office was here between 1863 and 1869. By the early 1900s, the store was occupied by Peter Dill's Dry Goods & Grocery. Later, Charles Aberhart operated a drug store here. He was a brother of William Aberhart, the leader of the Alberta Social Credit Party in the 1930s. In more recent times, *Bob & Betty's Variety* was here for many years before it's latest incarnation as Nifty Korners, a giftwares and electronics business run by Danica and Jim McNichol.



This 2-storey building is of yellow brick construction. The main floor has been renovated, but the heavy, protruding cornice with Italianate brackets and dentils is much the same.

Note the wide band of decorative brickwork of the 2nd storey and the shape of the roofline. The detailed window labels and label stops, along with the sills, are made of concrete. A unique feature is the angled front entrance at the northeast corner. Note that in the photograph at right the door is in the centre. In the early photograph you can see the doorway leading to the second floor (behind the pole). It is in the Canada West Classical Revival style with rectangular sidelights and transom. Along the St. John Street side of the building you can see the doorway on the second floor which originally led to a balcony. Further west, on the first floor, is the entrance to offices occupied over the years by a number of local doctors and dentists.



Peter Dill's Dry Goods & Grocery as seen in *Souvenir of Seaforth* c.1900

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