



The Warren Hotel

28 North Court Square

This well-known hotel, built by Andrew B. Irick in 1858, was located on the northwest corner of Court Square. It was known as the Exchange Hotel during the Civil War. The Exchange was famous for flying a Confederate flag from the upper-floor

porch in March 1861 before the War began. Stonewall Jackson used the hotel for his headquarters briefly during the War. The First National Bank and the Harrisonburg Post Office were both located in the hotel for years.

The building was also known as the Warren House and the Thurmond House at various times. In 1903 when the hotel had installed new plumbing, with all modern conveniences including hot and cold baths, rates were \$1.00 per day.

The Warren Hotel proudly advertised that famous Civil War spy Belle Boyd had stayed in the hotel. This happened when she came to Harrisonburg in 1888 to present her famous touring program about her Civil War exploits. The hotel continued to point out the room Miss Boyd occupied in the mid-twentieth century. It was room 9 located on the second floor at the head of the stairs. The Warren Hotel was torn down in 1964.

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