



The first use of the building now known as Community Bank was the Edwards Bros. Mercantile Store. Will and Frank Edwards ran it together; later Will had other partners such as Paulson and Atherton. Atherton later bought out Will. Frank moved into the Edwards house on Front Street and started the filling station on the N.W. corner. The Winklers next owned the store with an IGA Grocery. It also continued as the post office.

The building was then used as an auto body repair shop until the State Bank of Union Grove, now Community State Bank, purchased the property in 1982.

It was renovated into a turn of the century yet state-of-the-art banking facility. The exterior was kept to fit in with the character of the Village of Rochester. Antique furniture used throughout the bank keeps the 1900's motif. A cast iron check writing table dating back to the 1800's

came from another old bank and an 1880 Seth Thomas master cylinder wall clock adds to the atmosphere.

Kitty-corner from the bank was Breckenfeld's Service Station. Pete Breckenfeld organized the Rochester Fire Company and was the first fire chief. The station was the first firehouse.

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