



# UNION BLOCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS



Built in 1863, Buchanan’s Union Block suffered renovations during its long life, including the attachment of a shingled mansard roof-type awning that covered the storefronts and detracted from the historic character of the building. In addition, storefront windows and doorways had been bricked in. Rehabilitation of the exterior included the removal of the mansard awning, reopening of window and door openings, repair of windows and sills, and masonry repair. Interior work involved plaster repair, painting, electrical as the space was rehabilitated for residential and retail purposes. Chicago antique merchant Alan Robandt relocated to Buchanan and rehabilitated the Union Block to house his business. The rehabilitation and his business lifted the face of downtown Buchanan. The recent listing of the rest of the downtown as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places will encourage additional rehabilitation and use of the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits.

**LOCATION:** 114 East Front Street, Buchanan

**DIRECT INVESTMENT:** \$491,516

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**STATE CREDIT:** \$109,495

**FEDERAL CREDIT:** \$49,100

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** \$1,051,844

**JOBS CREATED:** 14

**PROJECT CONTACT:** Alan Robandt

**COMPLETED:** 2011

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