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A NEW SPACE FOR R+B

Mesa Store, located on Main St. at the entrance to Aspen, CO is the new home and headquarters of Rowland+Broughton Architecture / Urban Design / Interior Design. The location is listed as a historic landmark structure within the Aspen Main Street Historic District.

About the Mesa Store

Located at the corner of Fourth and Main St. at the entrance to Aspen's downtown core, the Mesa Store is a historic Old West structure built in 1889. Originally used as a general store, and then a bakery, with a shopkeeper residence above, the features of the lap-wood-sided structure include a two-story, false-front façade with large storefront windows at street level, double-hung windows along the upper floor and a hidden gable roof beyond. The signature covered front was originally designed to protect a typical Old West boardwalk.

Restoration and Preservation

The existing, historic structure required extensive restoration and preservation efforts. In collaboration with Aspen-based Schlumberger Scherer Construction, all non-historic windows were removed and replaced with replicas as seen in historic photos. The non-historic, covered entry roof fascia was removed and historic detailing was restored. The non-historic, exterior covered stair and deck were removed and rebuilt, also according to historic photos. All new building infrastructure was added, preparing the property for the next century and further preserving Aspen's authenticity and historical heritage.

The interiors of the studio spaces include reclaimed wood floors with clean white walls and white oak millwork. Collaborative, ergonomic work areas feature natural light and are adaptable to required usage. This spring, new landscaping and gardens will complement the historic yard and open space patterns of Main St., while providing a modern aesthetic.