

Barnaby's Flowers and Gifts

Founded: 1888

Location: Original location unknown, Columbus (1888); northeast corner of Union and Fifth Streets (1898–1922); 428 Fifth Street (1922–); northwest corner of Lawton and Seventeenth Streets (originally Seventeenth and Washington Streets); 1702 Lawton Avenue (1993)

In 1888 Charles S. Barnaby established himself as a florist in Columbus. The 1898–99 city directory lists him on the northeast corner of Union and Fifth Streets, providing choice cut flowers, floral designs made to order, and greenhouse and bedding plants. In 1922 Charles's son, Lynn A. Barnaby, opened Barnaby's Flower Shop at 428 Fifth Street. In addition to selling flowers, the Barnaby family recorded Bartholomew County's weather and rainfall information. Lynn Barnaby's retail shop closed during the Great Depression, however, and he returned to the family's wholesale and retail business then located at Seventeenth and Washington Streets. Everett R. and Virginia M. Barnaby assumed ownership of the shop under the name Barnaby's Flowers in 1968. Barnaby's Flowers was destroyed by fire on 14 February 1970. It was rebuilt that spring and re-opened as a retail florist. In 1992 Judith M. Barnaby Yentz took over the shop and renamed it Barnaby's Flowers and Gifts.