

J. O. Endris & Son

Founded: 1880

Location: 116 (later 230) Pearl Street, New Albany (1880–late 1970s); 314 Pearl Street (late 1970s– )

On 1 September 1880 J. Otto Endris opened a jewelry shop in the Albert Block of Pearl Street in New Albany. Endris, a native of New Albany, had worked for Duhme & Company in Cincinnati before returning to his native city to sell watches, clocks, jewelry, silver, and plated ware. Between 1917 and 1919 Cletus E. Endris, J. Otto's son, joined the firm, which became J. O. Endris & Son. Cletus had previously worked as a watchmaker at his father's shop. After his father's death, Cletus continued to operate the jewelry store. In the 1950s, Endris Furlong became manager of the shop and eventually assumed control of the business. On 1 January 1968 the Endris family sold the store to Robert L. Caesar. In the late 1970s the store moved to 314 Pearl Street. Robert L. Caesar's son, Robert C., became president of the firm in the 1980s and in September 1993 purchased it from his father's estate.