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829 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR

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17 March 2023 – Amber Henson, Owner/Broker of Urban Living and Development, Inc. has sold another building downtown. This completes her 7th transaction for 2023. Nestled in the heart of downtown, 829 Central Avenue has been sold by Burt McFarland to MyRedAnnie 32, LLC. This historic building is the home to John's Shoe Hospital, a landmark in Hot Springs.

The shoe hospital has been a fixture in Hot Springs since 1908, when it was opened by Pius Walkowitz. David Garner, who currently runs the business, said "I am going to take a few months off and consider opening another store. I'm 83 so don't expect much!"

The former owner added "it was a very difficult decision I made to sell my building at 829 Central Avenue! When I bought this building, it came with a wonderful tenant. Not only did I get a great historical building, but I also gained a great friend in Mr. Garner. I am so glad to see many of these beautiful buildings being restored and I'm looking forward to seeing what the new owner does with the building."

Scott and Katie Hamby, the new owners, have progressive plans to contribute to the expansion of downtown Hot Springs. Scott, a Hot Springs native, spent his childhood only a few streets away from his recent acquisitions, 829, 831, and 833 Central Avenue. Regarding 829 Central Avenue, Scott stated "we have yet to finalize the purpose of the space, but we will be meticulous in selecting occupants who complement the atmosphere of this particular section of downtown". The couple is thrilled to become members of this downtown community. Although Mr. Garner's departure has been difficult, given that he has known Scott's family for over five decades, the Hamby's are committed to preserving this iconic location.

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