



The Davison-Nicholson Company store was located on the northwest corner of Jackson and Clayton street, and ran along Jackson to Washington Street. The building is extant, and the window surrounds on Jackson Street are still visible.

Top right: Alexander H. Davison.

Bottom right: 335 East Clayton Street location, where the downsized business was moved by the Davisons in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to weather the Depression.

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This rendering of the updated storefront for the building which once housed the Davison-Nicholson Co. on the corner of Clayton and Jackson streets appeared in a February 27, 1966 newspaper spread celebrating the Chamber of Commerce's "Advancing Athens" campaign to redevelop and modernize Athens. Foster's, the jewelry and gift store occupying the building in 1966, had a long and honored business history in Athens, 50 of them on this corner before its closing in 2009. Joe Cox Foster bought the business of his former employer, Capps Jewelers, after World War II and changed the name in 1957. W. A. Capps had purchased the jewelry store from his former employer, Charles A. Scudder. Foster and his wife, Henrietta, were succeeded in business by their daughters Jane McGown and Joan Menser in the early 2000s. Through its successive owners, the business served Athenians for more than 130 years.