



8 South Broad Street, Norwich, NY 13815

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## **OLDEST JEWELRY STORE IN NORWICH IS CLOSING**

**SKILLIN'S JEWELERS LEGACY IS COMING TO AN END!** It all started in the early 1900'S with John W. Skillin. A self taught watchmaker & clock maker, John was a true entrepreneur and pioneer in the retail jewelry business...After recognizing the needs of the people in the Norwich area and pursuing his own dreams to become a household name in the jewelry business, John W. Skillin opened **SKILLIN'S JEWELERS** in 1921 located at 12 American Avenue...Through community support and the hard work from the Skillin family the business grew with huge success.

John's son Harold who grew up in the business with his dad was ready to step up and become 2nd generation family owner of Skillin's Jewelers. In the 1950'S Harold purchased **SKILLIN'S JEWELERS** from his father John and continued his legacy. Offering fine diamonds, watches, clocks, and jewelry to everyone in the Norwich area. **SKILLIN'S JEWELERS** continued to grow and become a household name in the community. It was soon time for the 3rd generation to bring their knowledge and expertise into the family business.

Having also grown up in the family business and recently graduating from Ithaca College in 1970, Hal then became fully involved in the store. In 1974 Harold retired and Hal purchased the store bringing it to what we know today as **SKILLIN'S JEWELERS** currently located at 8 South Broad St. in Norwich. Hal has enjoyed providing beautiful jewelry along with building great relationships with all of his customers and friends during his ownership of such a wonderful family business.

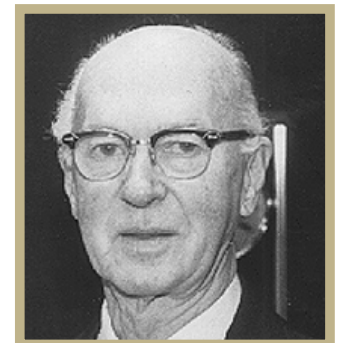
Skillin's Jewelers is one of the oldest stores in Norwich and has provided community support for 97 years to everyone in the Norwich area. With all of this said it is time for Hal Skillin to Retire! Hal, while recognizing the need to move onto the next chapter in his life announces with deep sadness that Skillin's Jewelers is having our largest and final sale in our history. **SKILLIN'S JEWELERS** will conduct a **GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE** with Savings up to 70% off.

Skillin's Jewelers is located at 8 South Broad Street, Norwich, NY 13815. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm, Thursday 9:30am to 8pm and Saturday 9:30am to 5pm.

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*John W. Skillin*



*Harold Skillin*



*Hal Skillin*