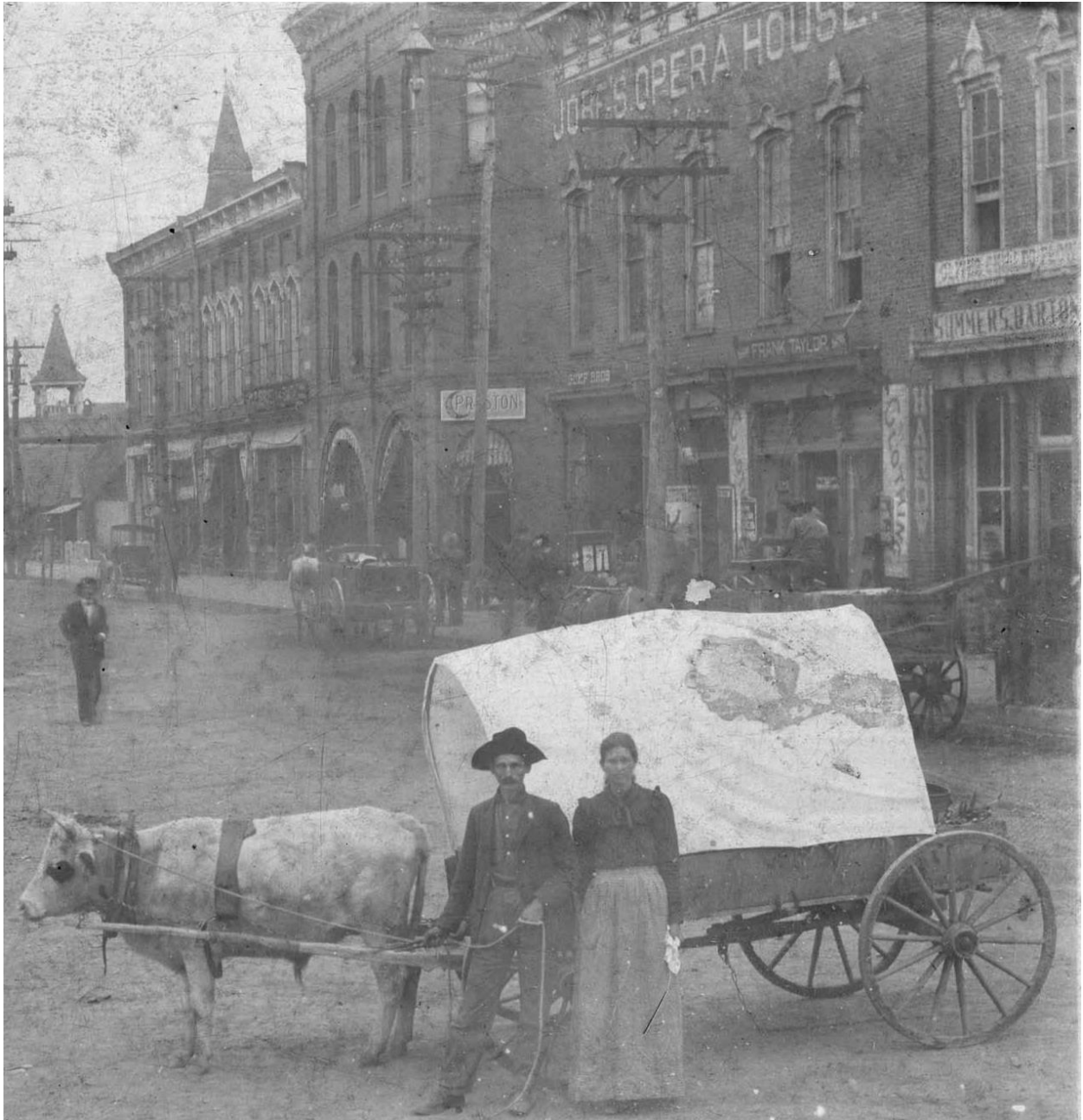


A Draft Documentary History of  
Businesses Along the E.T. & V./E.T.V. & G./Southern Railway in Downtown Johnson City,

Part 2:  
The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1883 to Present  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)

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Jobe's Opera House and Summers, Barton & Parrott Hardware Store around 1902 to 1903.

## 1. Introduction

This is a draft documentary history of the businesses along the E.T. & V./E.T.V. & G./Southern Railway mainline through downtown Johnson City. The amount of information available on trackside businesses in downtown has caused the author to place the bulk of this material in a separate series of documents. At present, I am planning to produce a total of five documentary histories on this subject. When Part 7 of “A Draft Documentary History of Trackside Industries in Johnson City” is posted, it will include most, if not all, of the maps, tables, and images incorporated into this new series, but little or nothing of the text and advertisements.

For the present document, I have attempted to collect relevant documents and place them in roughly chronological order for each geographic location. Maps and figures of the exterior of the buildings for each location are generally grouped together and presented first, while figures of the interior and advertisements are generally integrated with the text and are presented second.

Regrettably, I have failed to find much information on some of these businesses. Perhaps more can be accomplished on this portion of the subject. I invite other members of the Historical Society to add any missing material to this document and discuss/correct any deficient interpretations of the information at hand (particularly the dating and interpretation of the photographs). For those who wish to research the documents and photographs further, I have provided links, when available, to expedite such attempts. I wish to thank Chris Ford for his assistance and encouragement to bring this document into a presentable state.



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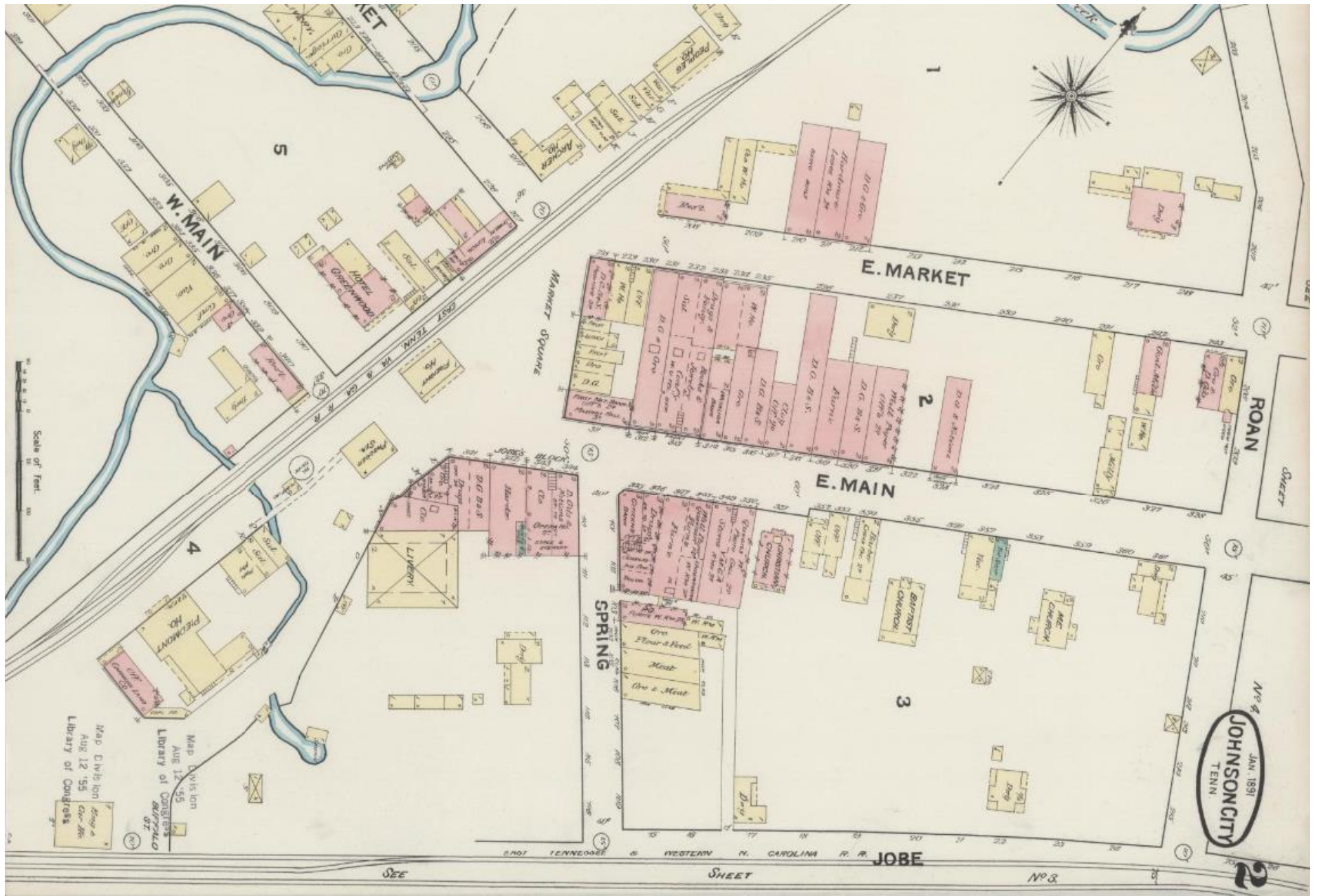
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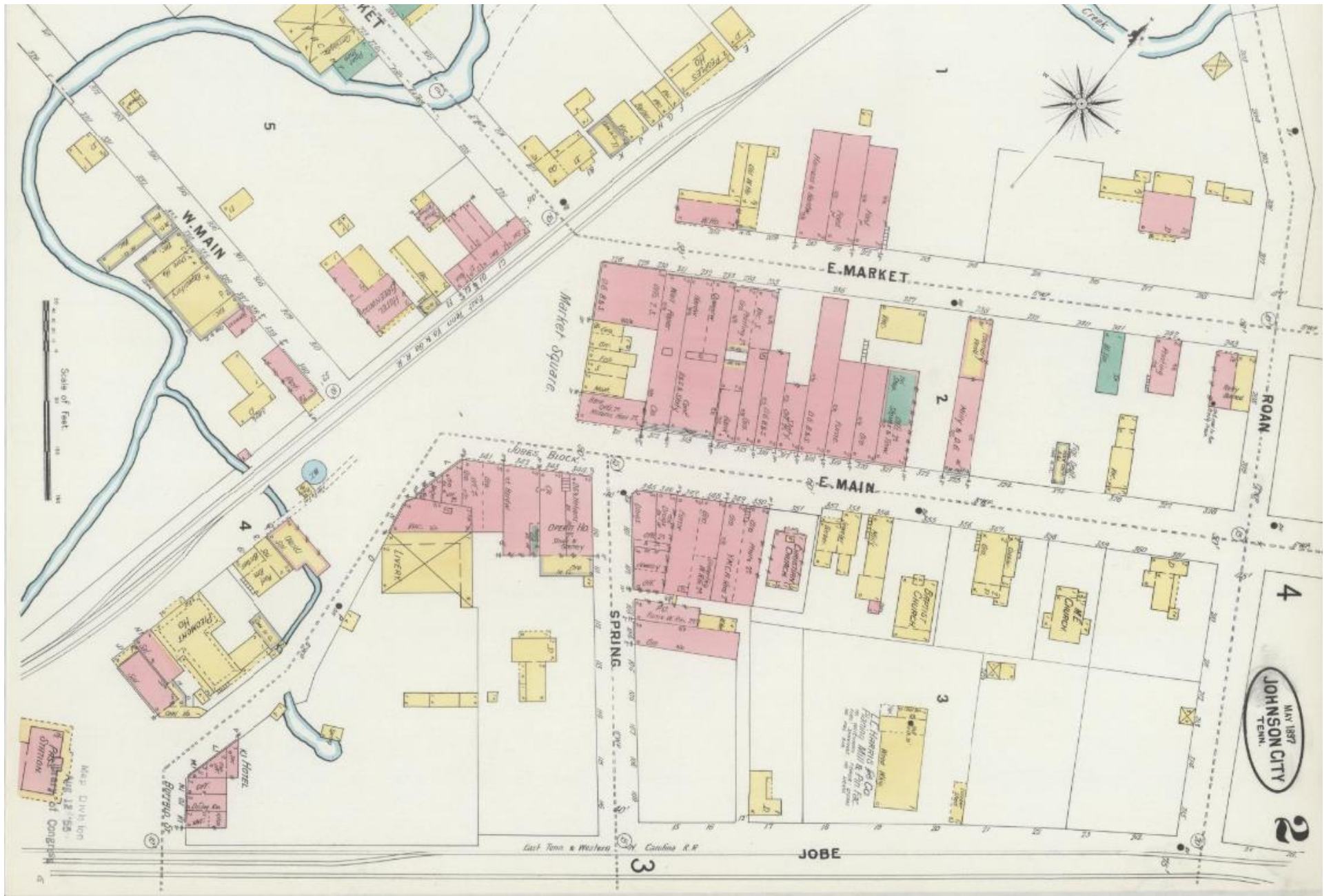
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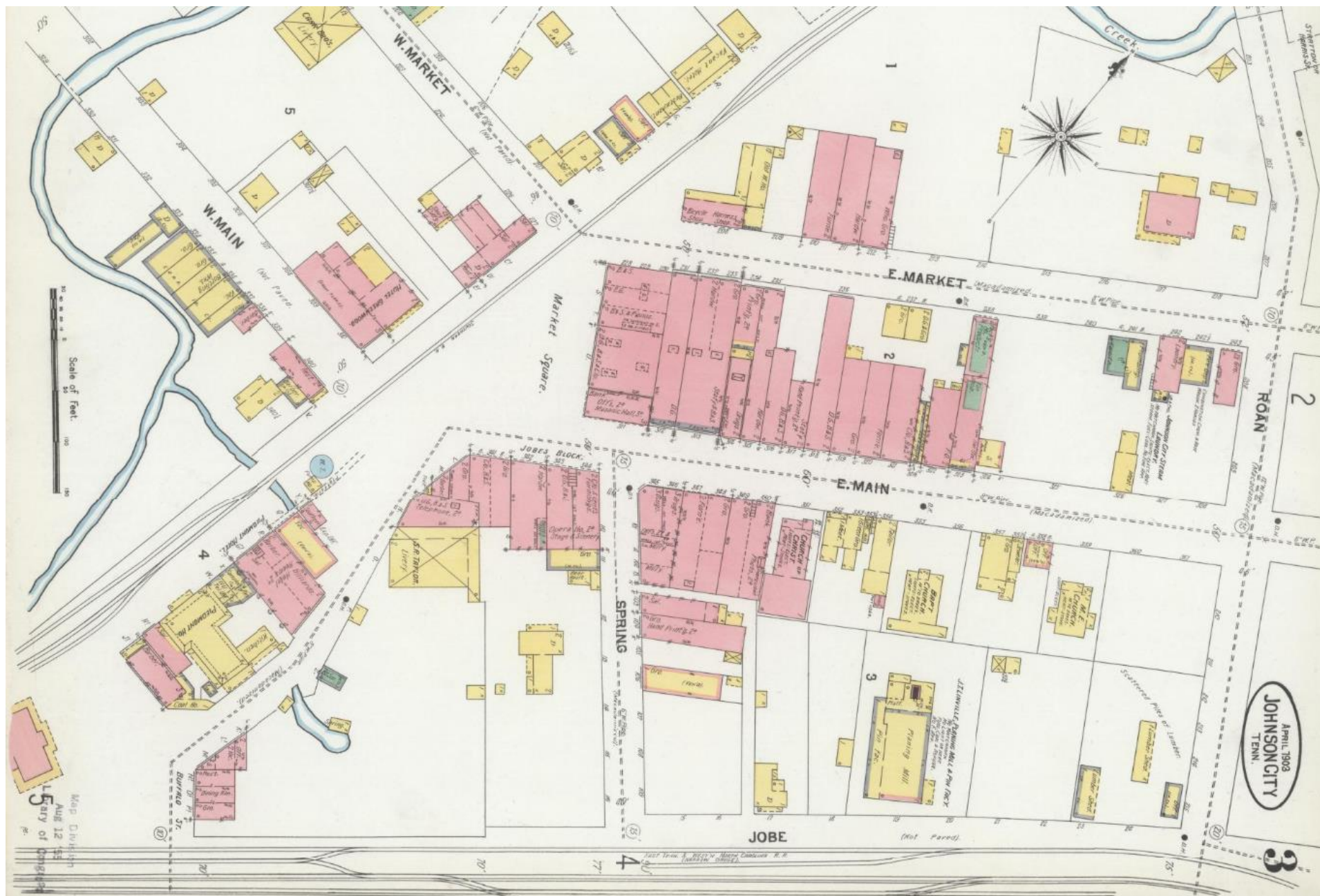
Map 1. Downtown Johnson City, January 1891. Note that “Jobe’s Block” is near the center of this image, along the south side of “Market Square”.<sup>1</sup>





Map 2. Downtown Johnson City, May 1897.<sup>2</sup>





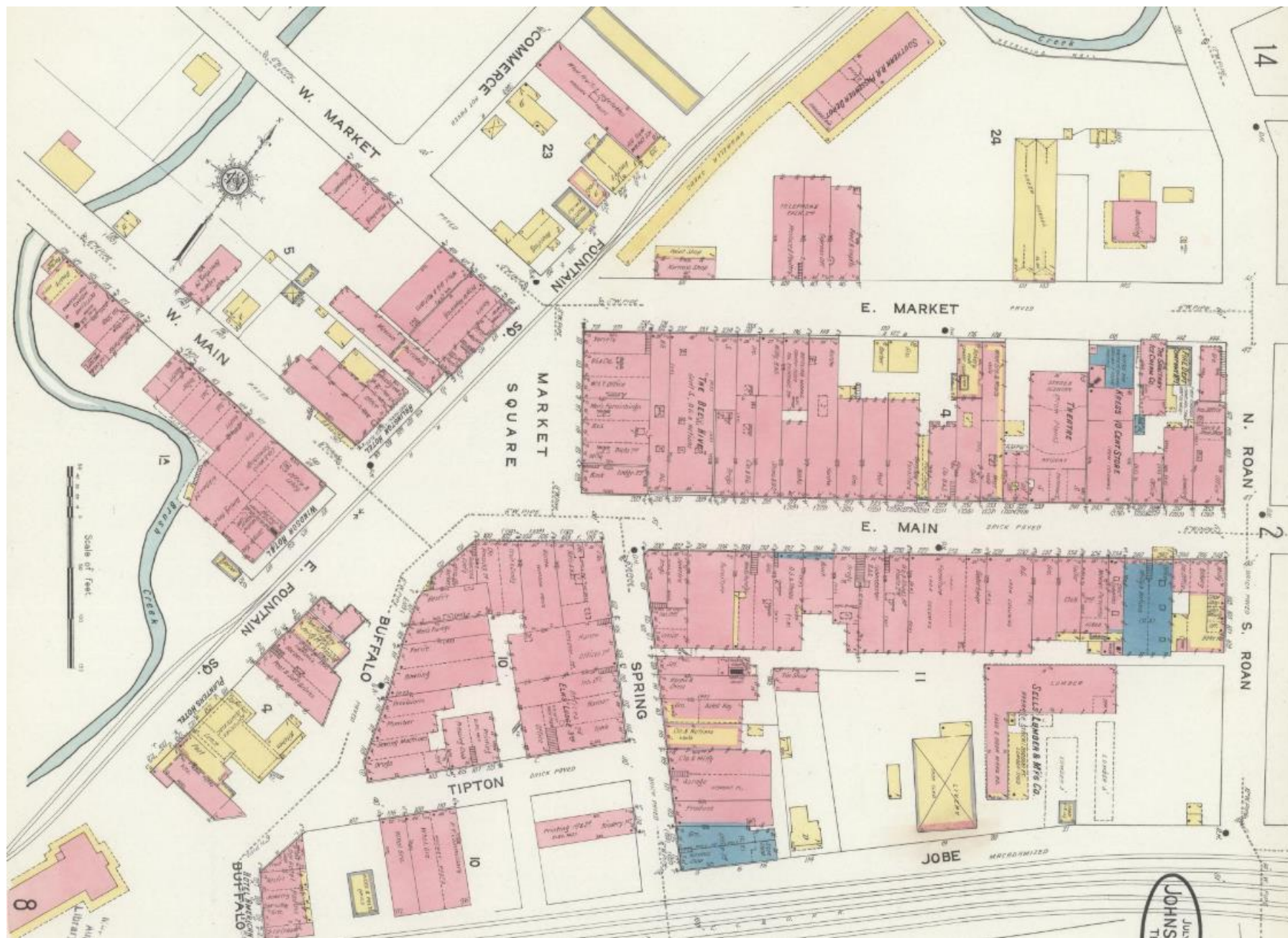
Map 3. Downtown Johnson City, April 1903.<sup>3</sup>





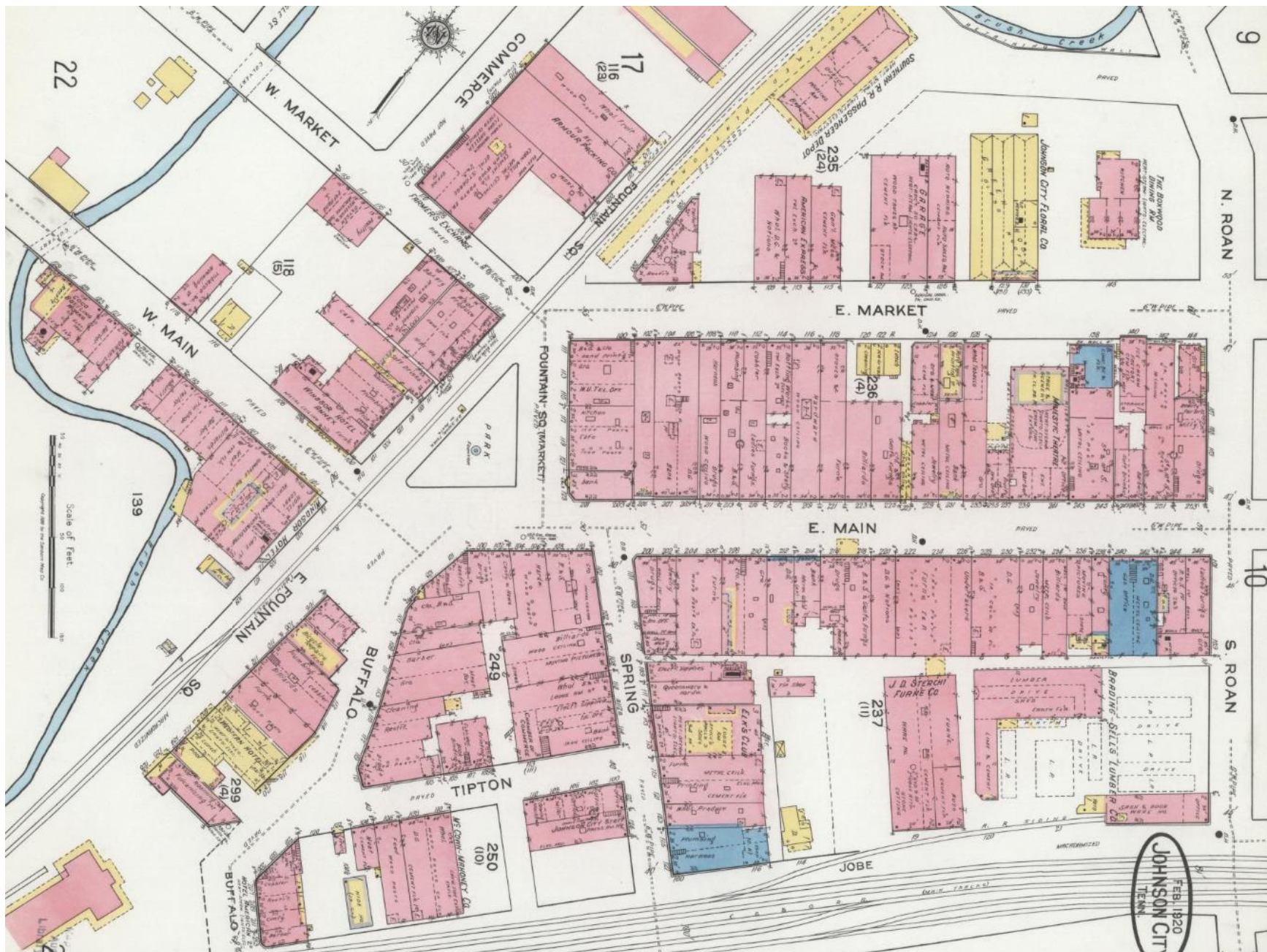
Map 4. Downtown Johnson City, December 1908.<sup>4</sup>





Map 5. Downtown Johnson City, July 1913.<sup>5</sup>

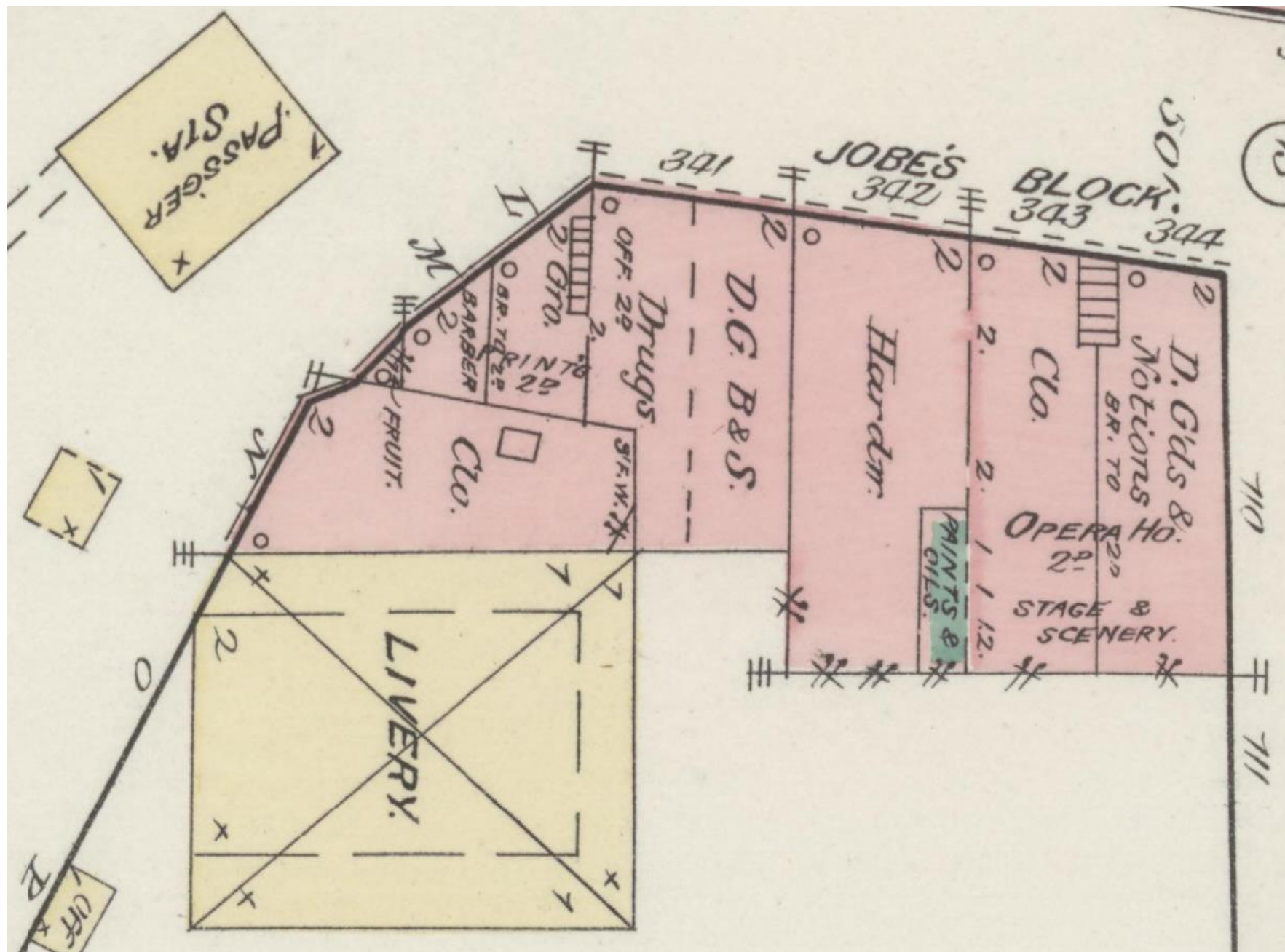




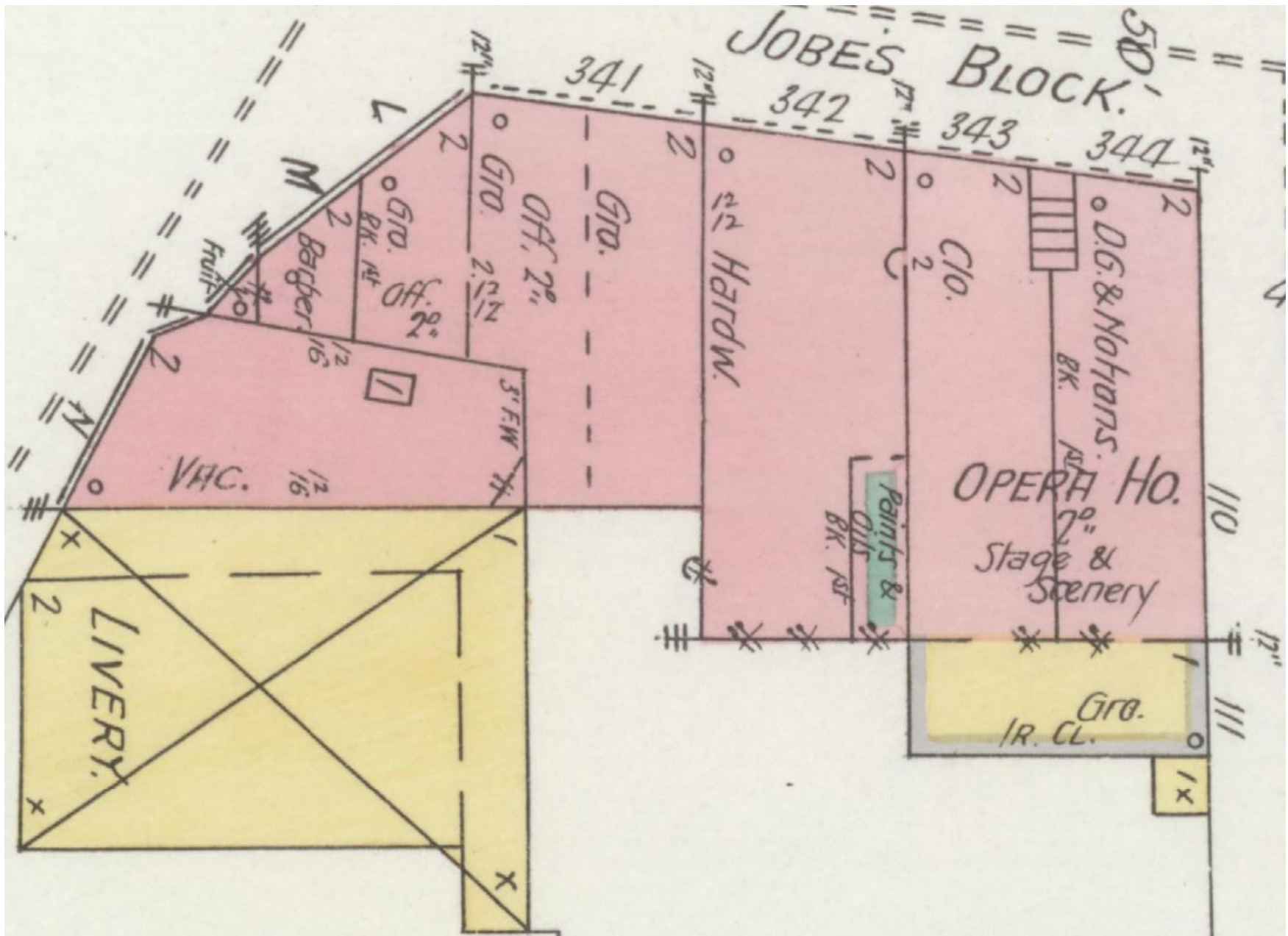
Map 6. Downtown Johnson City, February 1920.<sup>6</sup>

2. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1883 – 1909  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)



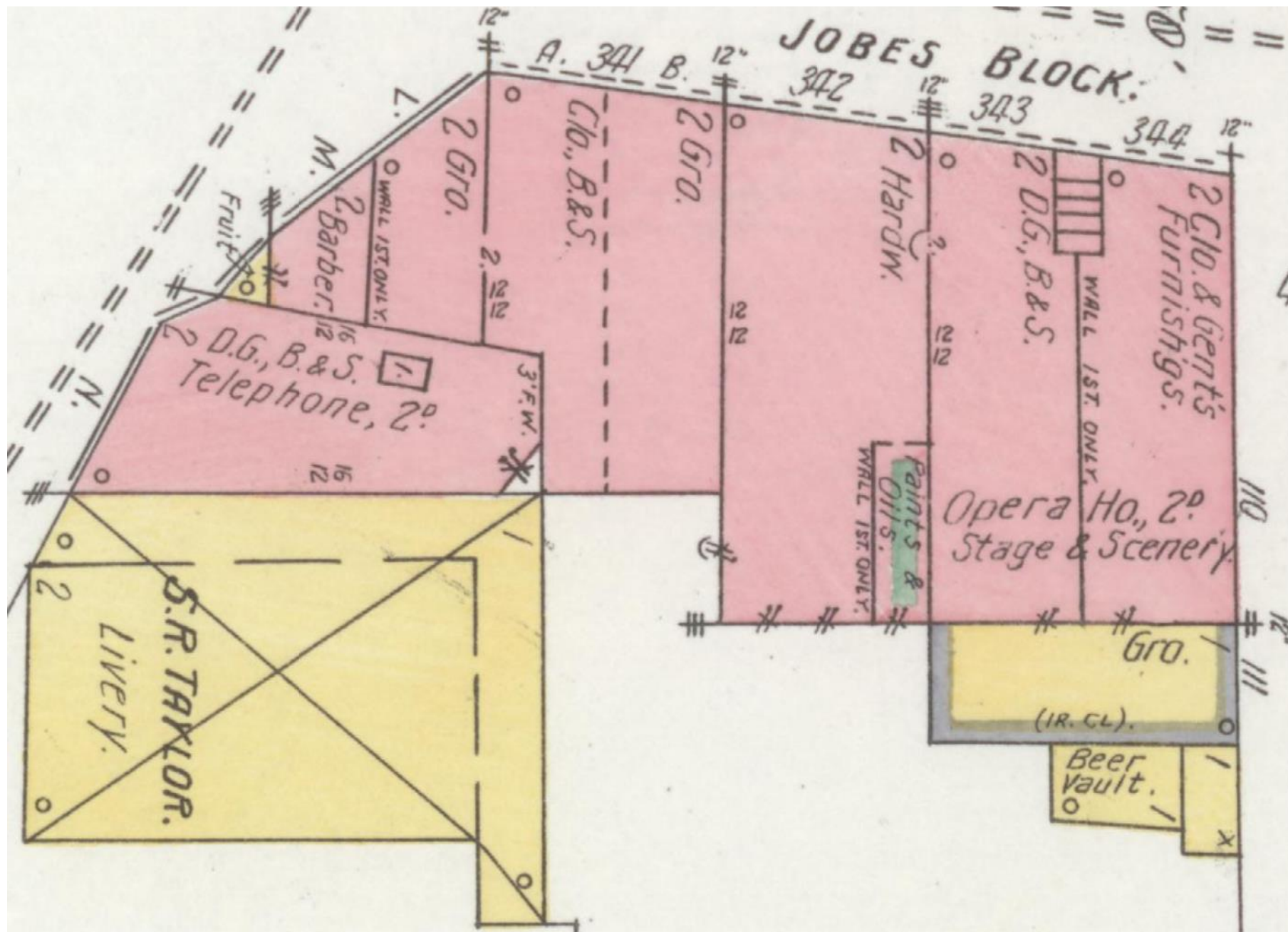


Map 1A. “Jobe’s Block”, January 1891.

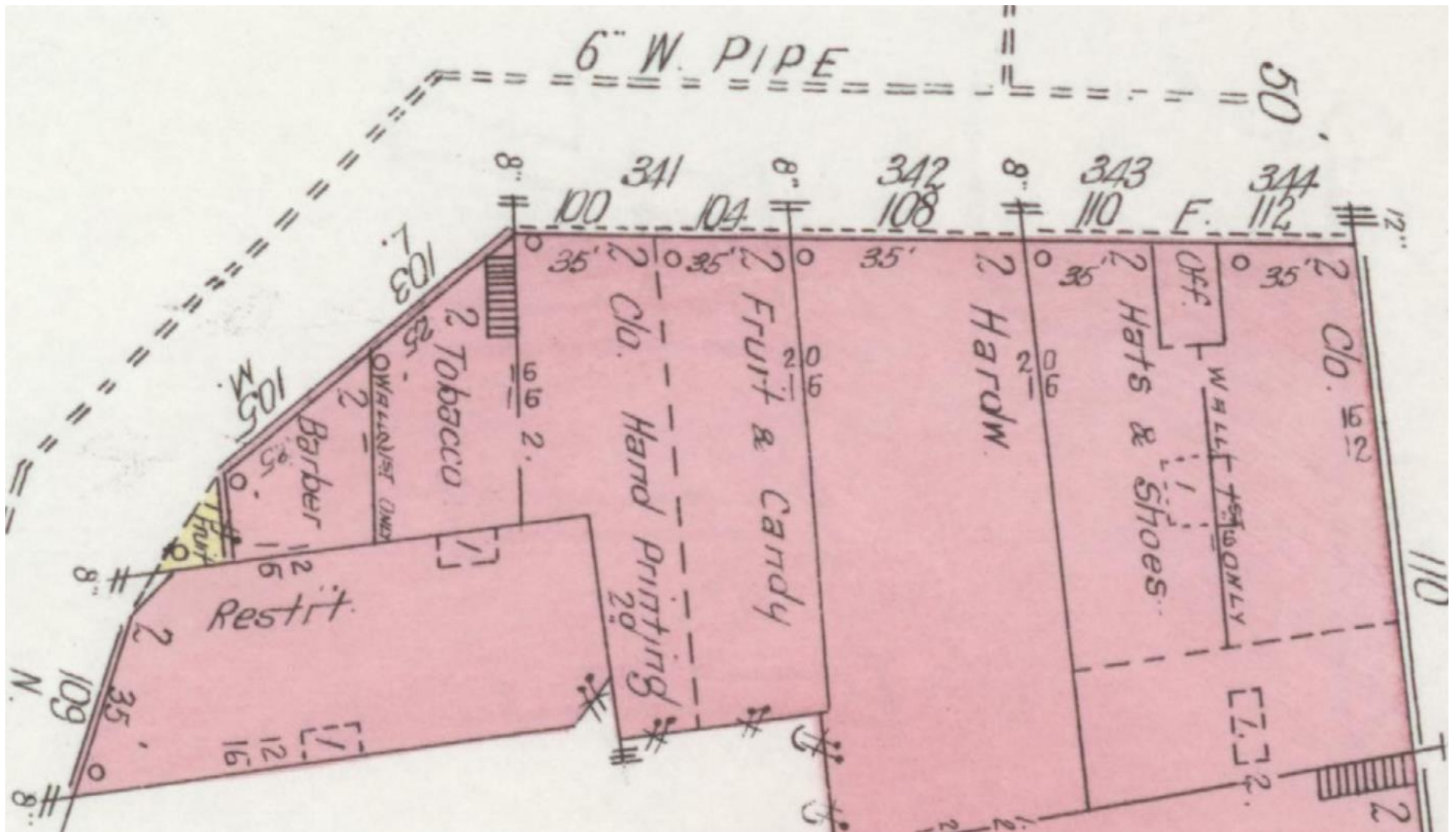


Map 2A. "Jobe's Block", May 1897.





Map 3A. “Jobe’s Block”, April 1903.



Map 4A. Jobe's Block, December 1908. Note that the livery stable has been removed.



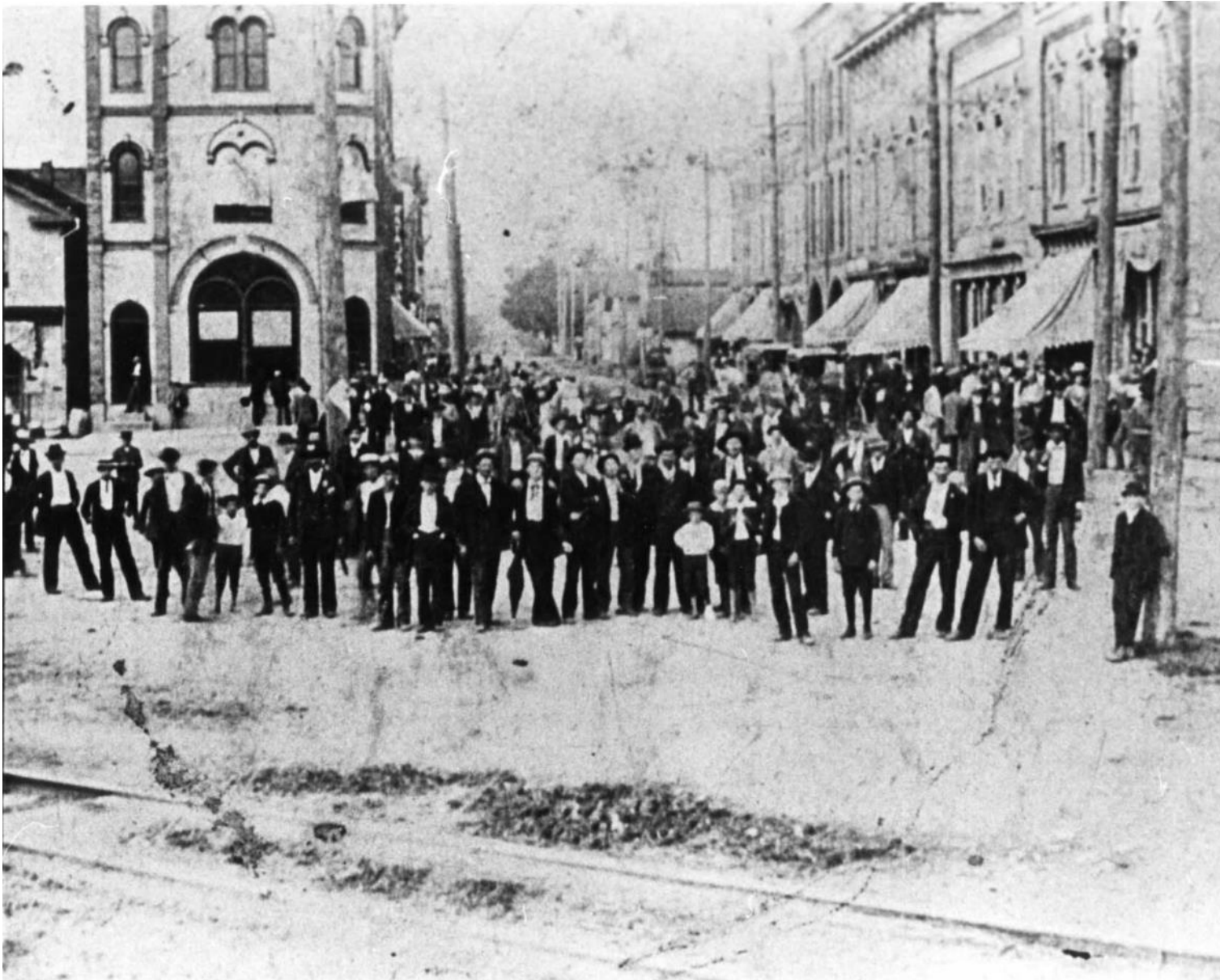


Figure 1. A photograph of the First National Bank building (here 1888 to present) and the Jobe Block (1884 to present, with much modification). Note a wooden building of the Crouch Block on the left (here 1884? – 1897). Consequently, the author can only date this photograph to 1888 to 1897. Note the E.T.V. & G./Southern Railway mainline track in the foreground.<sup>7</sup>

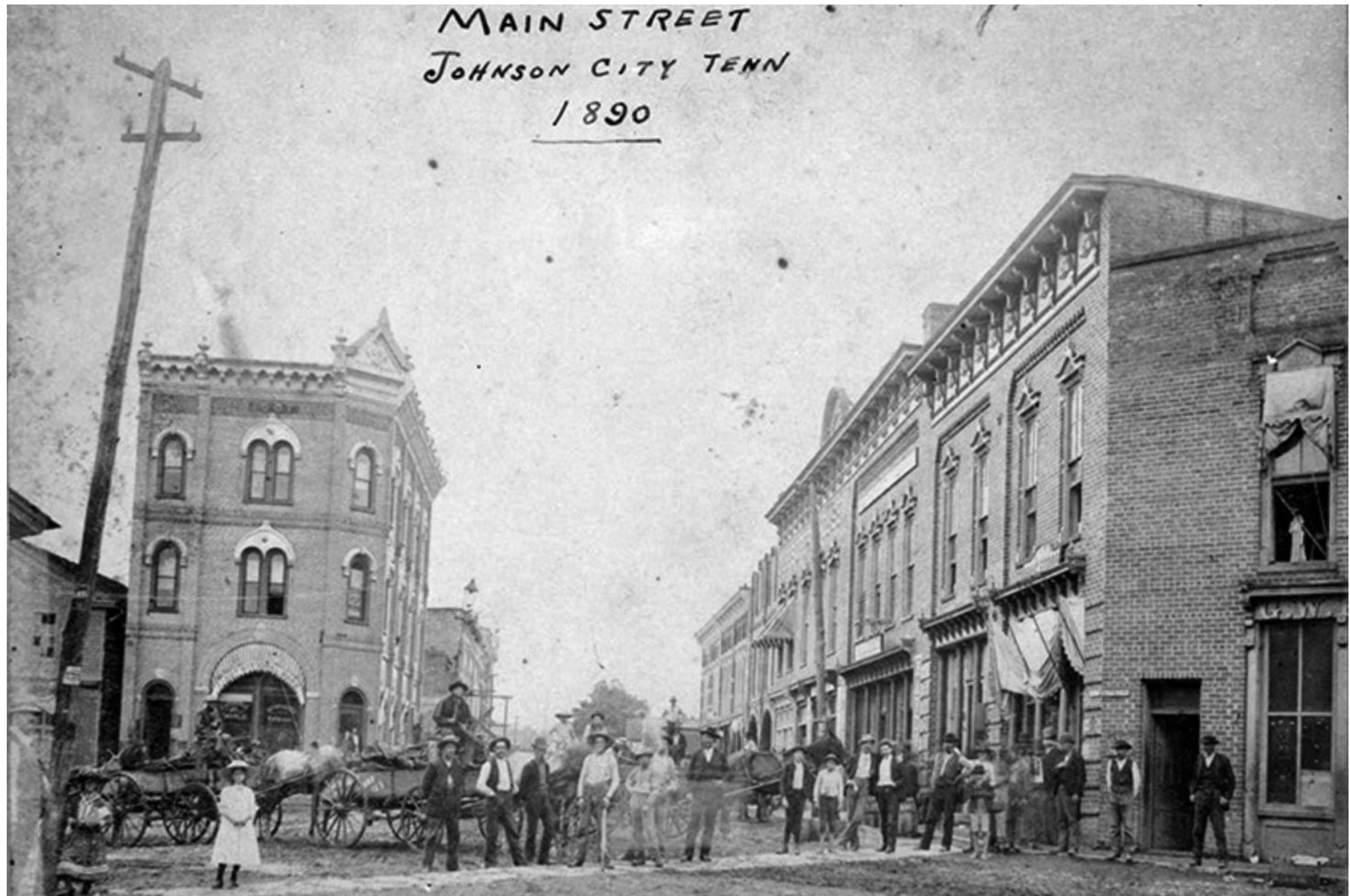


Figure 2. "Main Street Johnson City Tenn 1890,"<sup>8</sup> In the Jobe Block, from left to right, should be Hurst & Penland (110 East Main Street, 1888 – 1891), Gumps (108 East Main Street, 1888 – 1901), C.K. Lide Hardware (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1887 – 1894), unidentified (102 East Main Street, 1889 – 1894?), and McFarland's drug store (100 East Main Street, 1888 to at least 1893). The sign with "G.W." on it, on the right edge of this image, probably belongs to the G.W. Hickey Grocery store, which was at 101 Buffalo Street from at least 1888 to 1891.

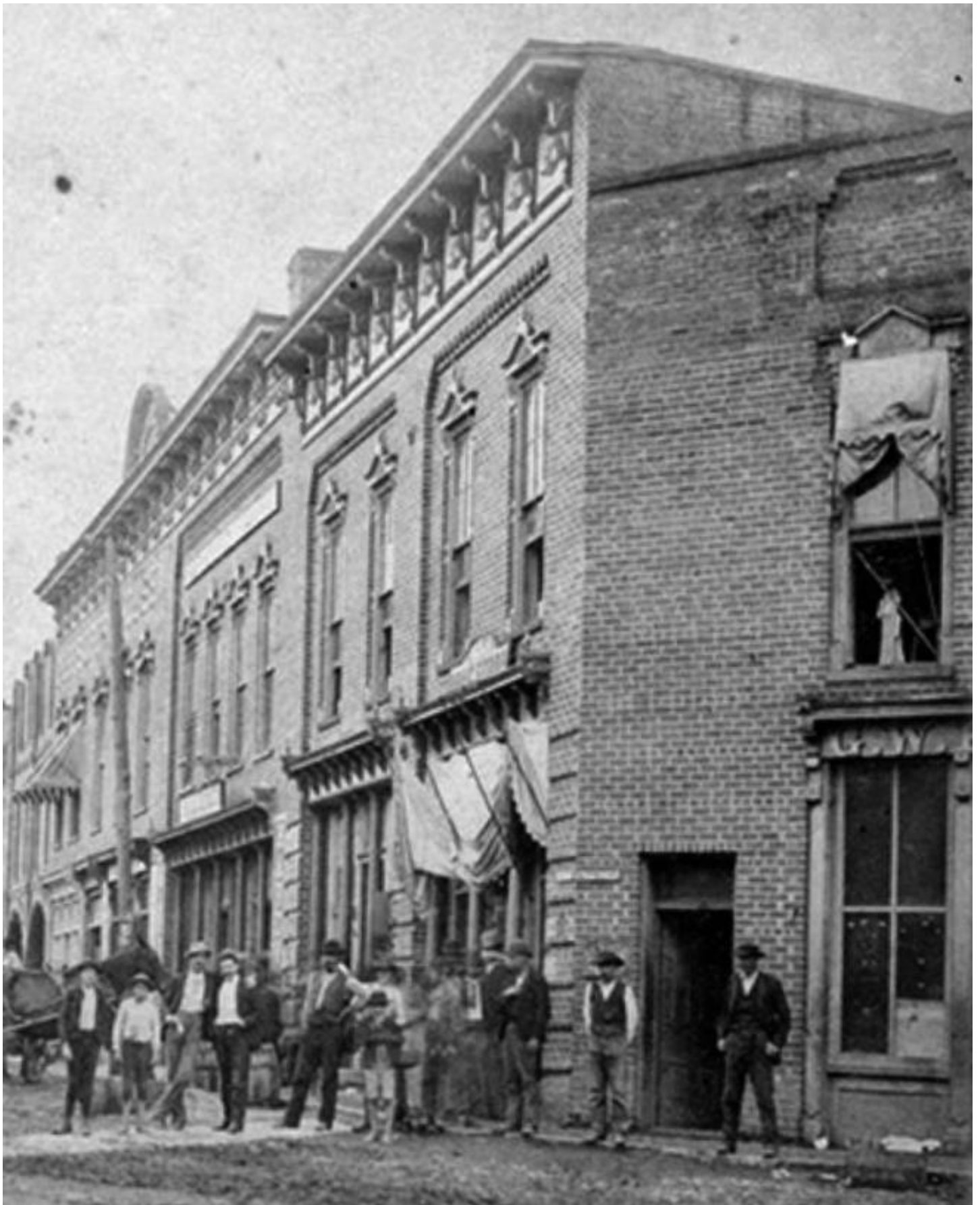


Figure 2A. A detail



Figure 3. “Big Rag Time Opera Street Fair,” “circa 1900”.<sup>9</sup> Note the “T.J. Cox” sign on the right, this pawn shop operated here by 1900 to at least 1901. Note that the trolley tracks, which were laid in 1903, do not appear to be present in this image. On 26 September 1901, Johnson City Comet included: “There will be a Ragtime Concert at the Opera House next Monday evening [30 September]. Some of the best talent in the city will appear. The proceeds are for the public library fund. Admission 15, 25, and 35. Seats on sale at Gump’s.” Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 30 September 1901.





Figure 3A. A detail of the Jobe Block, particularly of the T.J. Cox pawn shop, on 30 September 1901. Note that the “Jno. D. Cox” sign is not present on this building. Also note that a portion of the barber shop is visible on the right side of this image.<sup>10</sup>



Figure 4. Note the Unaka National Bank on the left (in this building from 1901 to 1921). Note the apparent lack of trolley track on Main street, which would be laid here in June 1903. Consequently, this image appears to date to 1902 – 1903, see Figure 4A.<sup>11</sup>



Figure 4A. A detail, from left to right: The sign behind the utility pole appears to read “Preston” (Pr-ston), the next two, under the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign are: “Gump Bros” (at just 110 East Main Street 1901 – 1906), followed by “Frank Taylor” “Clothing” (vertical) (at 108 East Main Street 1902 – 1905), and finally “Summers, Barton & Parrott” “Hardware” (vertical) (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1897 – 1904). Johnson City Comet, 6 March 1902, included: “City Drug Store Sold. The City Drug Store has been sold to G.F. Preston of Knoxville...” Consequently, this image appears to date to 1902 – 1903. Note the architectural details of the second floor windows under the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign.



Figure 5. “Men Posing in Front of Hardware Store...” It appears that this photograph is of the hardware store at 104 and 106 East Main Street, before the front was renovated in 1905. Note the two vertical “Hardware” signs (on the left and right), as well as the columns, windows and other architectural details, which are consistent with those visible in figures 2A, 4A, and 16. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1905 or earlier.<sup>12</sup>





Figure 6. "Three Men in Front Store With H.W. Lyle & Co. Signage". H.W. Lyle & Company was at 102 East Main Street from 1900 to 1906. This store was occupied by John D. Longmire in 1908, see Figure 213.<sup>13</sup>



Figure 7. This image appeared in the Johnson City Comet on 30 September 1909, however, note that the fountain has not yet been added. Also note the presence of S.E. Guinn's grocery store on the right (101 Buffalo, 1904 – 1908), as well as the fact that the façade of Jobe's Opera House has not been remodeled and the streets have not been paved. Finally, note that Summers – Parrott appears to occupy 104 – 106 East Main Street (which was from 1904 to 1912). Consequently, this image appears to date to between 1904 and 1908, with 1906 appearing to be the most likely date. The buildings and other details are remarkably similar to those in Figure 8.<sup>14</sup> Note the crossing of the trolley track and the Southern Railway.



Figure 7A. A detail of the Jobe Block. Note the presence of S.E. Guinn's grocery store on the right (here 1904 – 1908). Also note that the Summers – Parrott hardware store appears to occupy 104 – 106 East Main Street (which was from 1904 to 1912). The sign on the post on the left side of this image appears to read "Band Concert 7 P.M. Soldiers Home". This image appears to date to between 1904 and 1908, with 1906 appearing to be the most likely date. The buildings and other details in this image are remarkably similar to those in Figure 8.<sup>15</sup>



Figure 8. From left to right, note that the Crouch Block looks remarkably similar to Figure 7. Also note the absence of the fountain (installed in 1909), the presence of the trolley track (re-laid in 1903), and the presence of S.E. Guinn's grocery store on the right (101 Buffalo, 1904 – 1908). Consequently, this image appears to date to between 1904 and 1908, with 1906 appearing to be the most likely date.<sup>16</sup>





Figure 9. “Trolley, Downtown Johnson City” at the trolley crossing of the Southern Railway. Note “S.E. Guinn Groceries” (here 1904 – 1908) and the barber pole of the “City Barber Shop” (here 1898 to at least 1916) on the right. This image appears to date to between 1904 and 1908, with 1906 appearing to be the most likely date. The sign on the post in front of the bank reads “Band Concert 7 P.M. Soldiers Home”.<sup>17</sup>

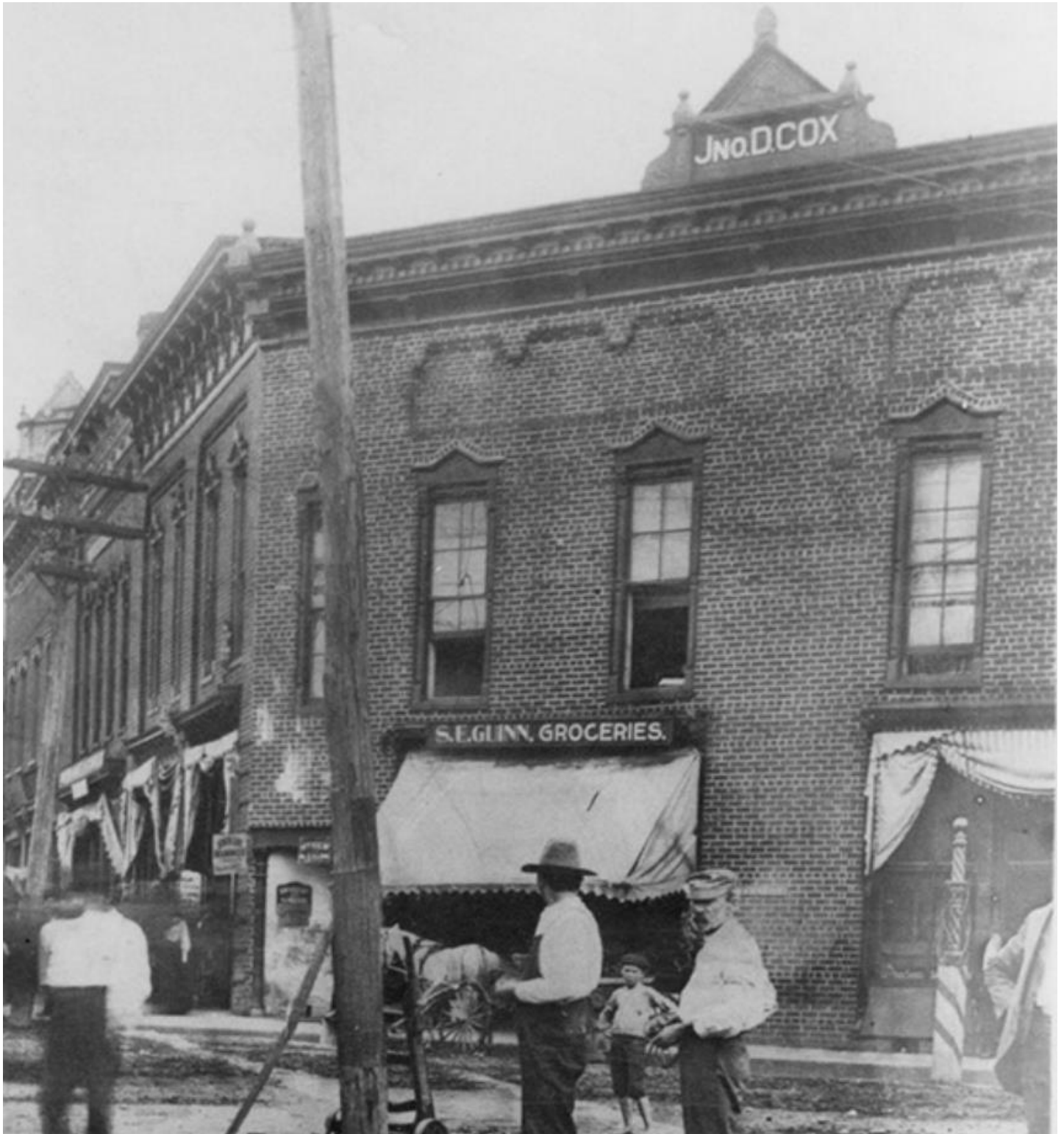


Figure 9A. A detail of the Jobe Block, particularly of the S.E. Guinn grocery store (here 1904 to 1908). This image appears to date to between 1904 and 1908, with 1906 appearing to be the most likely date. Note that the “Jno. D. Cox” sign is now present on this building (added after 1901 (perhaps by 1906) to at least 1909). Also note the barber pole of the “City Barber Shop” (here 1898 to at least 1916), on the right.<sup>18</sup>





Figure 10. Note “Tranum Bros.” (100 East Main Street, 1907? to at least 1916) on the one awning and “S.E. Guinn Confections” (101 Buffalo Street, 1904 – 1908) on the other, with the signs above reading “Cleaning and Pressing” and “S.E. Guinn, Tobacco and Cigars Soft Drinks... Candies.” This image appears to date to between 1907 and the first half of 1908. During this time, the three stores to the left of the Tranum Brothers were occupied by J.B. Worley’s grocery store (102 East Main Street, 1907 – 1908), Summers – Parrot Hardware (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1904 – 1912) and the Gump Brothers’ clothing store (108 and 110 East Main Street, at both addresses since 1906). Note the two signs above “Gumps”, as well as the fact that the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign appears to have been removed. This is the left half of a larger image.<sup>19</sup>





Figure 11. “Main Street, July 4, 1908”. Note, from right to left in the Jobe block: Summers – Parrot Hardware (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1904 – 1912) and Gump’s clothing store (108 and 110 East Main Street, at both addresses since 1906).<sup>20</sup> Also note the trolley on an unpaved Main Street and the Unaka National Bank (on the left). Also note that changes to the façade of the Gump Brothers, made in 1905, can be seen in this photograph, and include different windows on the second floor, as well as changes to the architectural details above the windows and the apparent removal of the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign from above the second-floor windows, compare with figures 4A and 16.





Figure 11A. A detail, note the two “Gumps” signs below the second-floor windows, as well as the fact that the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign seems to have been removed from above the second-floor windows.



Figure 12. “Main Street,” postmarked 22 June 1909. Note Tunnell’s Studio (here 1908 to at least 1912), the trolley on Main Street and the awning on the right, which appears to read “C.C. Bacon” (101 Buffalo Street, 1908 – 1910). Also note that Gump Brothers has its pre-1909 façade. Consequently, this image appears to date to 1908 – 1909.<sup>21</sup>



Figure 12A. A detail, note that the sign to the left of C.C. Bacon appears to read “All the News” and “Johnson City Staff”. Map 4A indicates that there was a printing operation on the second floor of 100 East Main Street in December 1908.





Figure 13. "Main Street". This is a colorized version of Figure 12. Note the overhead trolley wire and the subtle changes.<sup>22</sup>



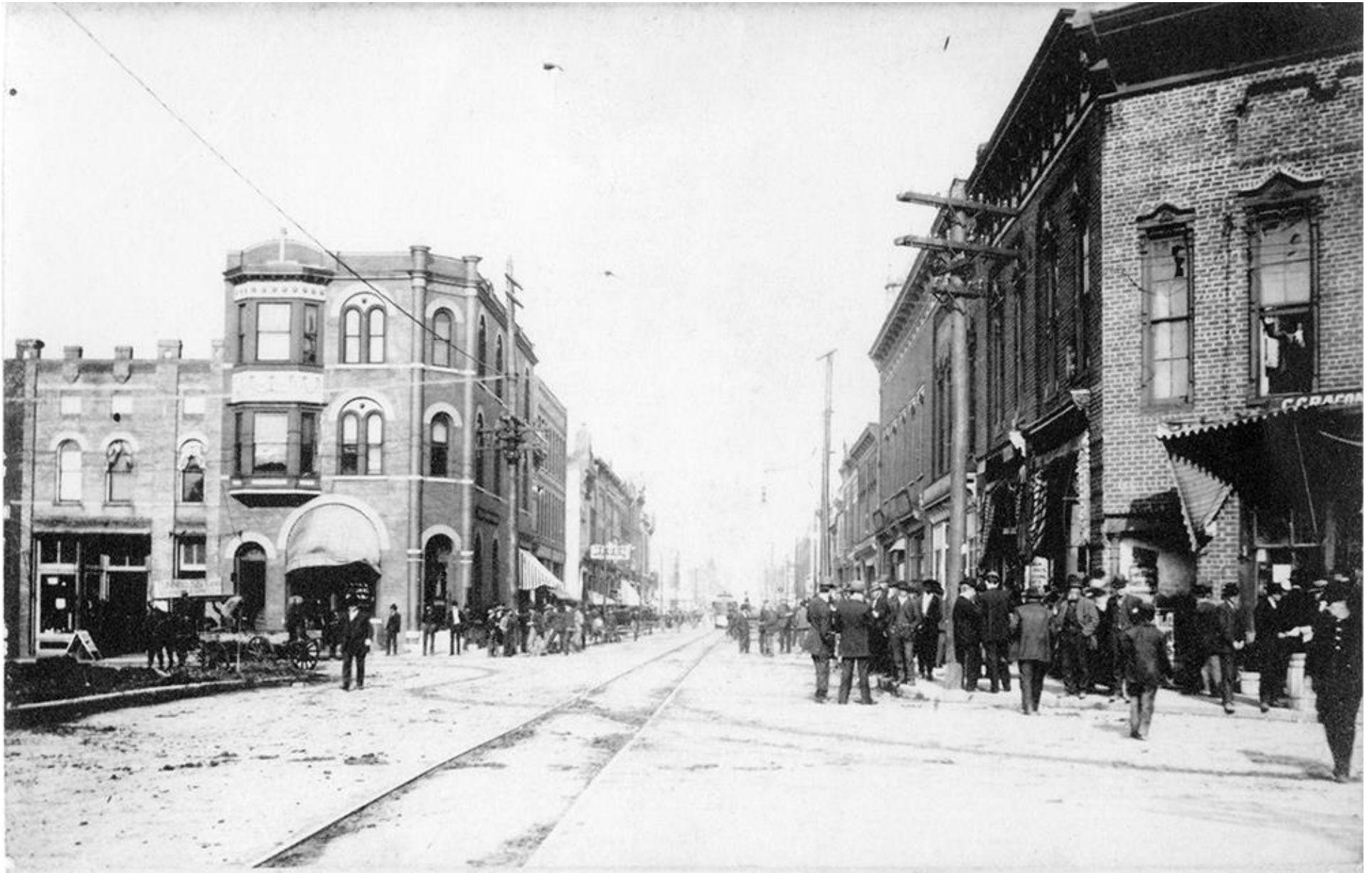


Figure 14. “Main Street”.<sup>23</sup> Note Tunnell’s Studio (here from 1908 to at least 1921) to the left of the Unaka Bank building, as well as the awning on the right, which appears to read “C.C. Bacon” (here 1908 – 1910). Also note that Gump Brothers has its pre-1909 façade. Consequently, this photograph dates to 1908 – 1909. Also note the trolley on Main street.

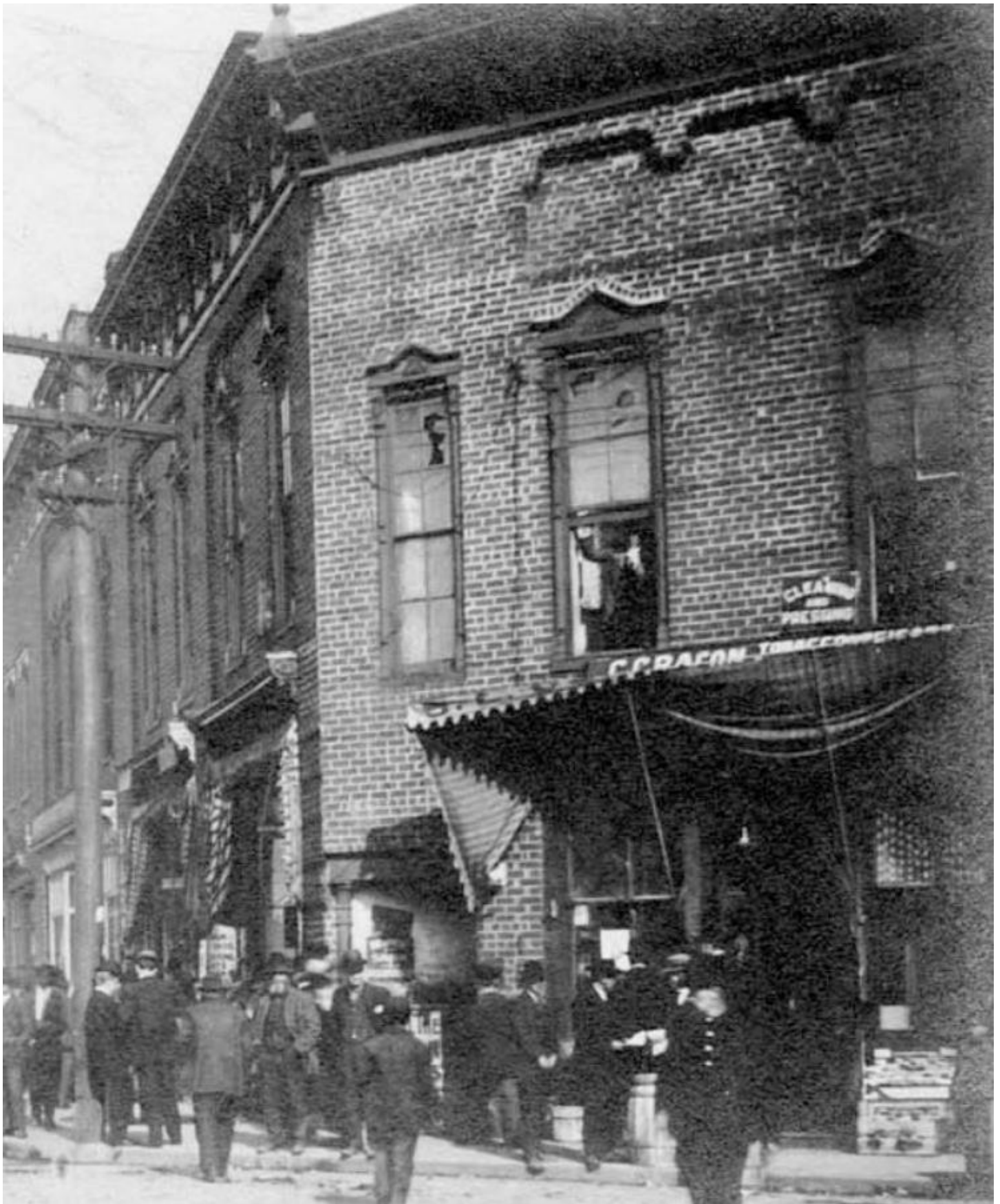


Figure 14A. A detail of “C.C. Bacon Tobacco and Cigars”, taken between 1908 and 1909. Also note the sign that reads “Cleaning and Pressing” above the “C.C. Bacon Tobacco and Cigars” sign.<sup>24</sup>



Figure 15. The writing on this photograph indicates that it was taken on 4 July 1908. The sign to the right of the utility pole and just below the second-floor windows, appears to read “Coca – Cola”, and “Bacon”, presumably for “C.C. Bacon”, whose grocery store was here from June 1908 to 1910.<sup>25</sup> Note the “Jno. D. Cox” sign on top of this building (added after 1901 (perhaps by 1906) to at least 1909).



Figure 16. “Jobe’s Opera House”, with Gump Brothers men’s clothing store and the Frank Taylor store occupying 110 and 108 East Main Street respectively (on the ground floor, beneath the “Jobe’s Opera House” sign) and the “Summers, Barton & Parrott” hardware store on the right. This photograph appears to date to between 1902 and 1904.<sup>26</sup>





Figure 17. “Main Street John Robinson Show”. The John Robinson Circus is parading passed the Jobe Block on 28 July 1908. Note, from left to right, the Gump Brothers (at 108 and 110 East Main Street, with its pre-1909 façade) and the Summers – Parrott Hardware store (104 and 106 Main Street).<sup>27</sup>



Figure 18. "Main Street," postmarked 20 January 1911. Note that Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street) still has its pre-1909 façade and the curb at Fountain Square, which appears to have been placed in 1909. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1909. In 1909, 104 and 106 East Main Street was occupied by the Summers – Parrott Hardware store; 102 East Main Street was occupied by John Longmire, and 100 East Main street was occupied by the Trnum Brothers.<sup>28</sup>

Table 1. Occupants of Jobe's Block, 1884 – 1909

	104 & 106 East Main Street*	108 East Main Street	110 East Main Street
1883		13 September 1883: “Tipton Jobe, is erecting a two-story brick building, 50 x 80 feet, on the corner of his lot”. This building was completed in 1884.	
1884		Dr. E.P. Pendleton’s Drug Store (1884 – 1885)	Will Harr, Dry Goods, Notions & Groceries (1884 – 1887)
1885		James Crumley’s Grocery Confectionery Store (1885)	
1886		Bank of Johnson City (here 1886 – 1888)	
1887	J.F. Crumley & Co./ Crumley & Gilmer, dry goods (1887 – 1888)		
1888	Hurst & Penland, dry goods store (1888 – 1891)		
1890			
1887	5 May 1887: “Ike T. Jobe has commenced a building on Main street, between the bank and J.C. Campbells, 40 x 100 feet”.	M.I. Gump, clothing store (1888 – 1890)	
1888	Completed in 1887.	Gump Brothers, clothing store (here 1890 – 1901)	
1890	C.K. Lide & Co., hardware, (1887 – 1894)		
January 1891	Hardware (C.K. Lide)	Clothing (Gump Brothers)	Dry Goods & Notions (Hurst & Penland)
1891	C.K. Lide & Co., hardware, (1887 – 1894)	Gump Brothers, clothing store (here 1890 – 1901)	T.E. Hurst & Company, dry goods (1891 – 1893)
1893			Hart & Smith, dry goods (1893 – 1899)
1894	Lide & Odom, hardware (1894 – 1895)		

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.



Table 1. Occupants of Jobe's Block, 1884 – 1909 (Continued)

	104 & 106 East Main Street*	108 East Main Street	110 East Main Street
1895	Summers & Barton, hardware (1895 – 1896)	Gump Brothers, clothing store (here 1890 – 1901)	Hart & Smith, dry goods (1893 – 1899)
1896	Summers, Barton & Lyle, hardware (1896 – 1897)		
May 1897	Hardware (Summers, Barton & Lyle)	Clothing (Gump Brothers)	Dry Goods & Notions (Hart & Smith)
1897	Summers, Barton & Parrott, hardware (1897 – 1904)	Gump Brothers, clothing store (here 1890 – 1901)	Hart & Smith, dry goods (1893 – 1899)
1899			Hart & Houston, clothing store (here 1899 – 1901)
1901		Frank Taylor, dry goods store (1901 – 1905)	Gump Brothers, Men's Clothing Store (1901 to perhaps 1923)
April 1903	Hardware (Summers, Barton & Parrott)	Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes (Frank Taylor)	Clothing & Gentlemen's Furnishings (Gump Brothers)
1904	Summers-Parrott, hardware (1904 – 1912)	Frank Taylor, dry goods store (1901 – 1905)	Gump Brothers, Men's Clothing Store (1901 to perhaps 1923)
1906		Gump Brothers, men's clothing (here (108 and 110 East Main) 1906 to perhaps 1923)	
December 1908	Hardware (Summers-Parrott)	Hats & Shoes (Gump Brothers)	Clothing (Gump Brothers)

## 2. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1883 – 1909 (100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)

Note: In the interest of limiting the size of this document, the author has excluded many advertisements.

### 2.1. The Construction of the Jobe's Opera House Building, 1883 – 1884 (108 and 110 East Main Street)

13 September 1883. Jonesborough Herald and Tribune.<sup>29</sup>

“Johnson City. Enterprise, Sept. 8... Mr. Tipton Jobe, is erecting a two-story brick building, 50 x 80 feet, on the corner of his lot, opposite King, Hodge & Co.'s Dry Goods Store.”

25 October 1883. Jonesborough Herald and Tribune.

“Improvements are so numerous at present we have neither time or space to mention them all. Among the many, are Rankin's new addition, Jobe's large two story brick business house, Prof. McCloud's new residence, Harris' brick business house, Lusk's residence, Azariah People's residence, D A Patton's residence, Dr Mongle's large boarding house, and about a dozen others.”

6 December 1883. Jonesborough Herald and Tribune.

“Johnson City. Enterprise, Dec. 1... The Jobe building will soon be ready for the roof. The front being all pressed brick it presents quite a handsome appearance.”

15 March 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Tipton Jobe's large brick business house will soon be completed. It has three elegant store rooms below, and the second story will be fitted up for a hall for public gatherings.”

19 April 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Tipton Jobe's new building is receiving the finishing touches.”

17 May 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Tipton Jobe's new building is about completed. Gen. Geo. Naff is putting on the finishing touches with his paint brush. The second story will be used as a town hall. We understand Mr. E.D. Pendleton will open a drug store in one of the lower rooms, and that the other two rooms will be occupied by Mr. G.D. Masengill, of Union, who will move to Johnson City and go into the general mercantile business.”

Note: The author did not find any additional information on G.D. Masengill in relation to this building. Also, it appears that this building was finished with just two “rooms”, not three, on the ground floor.

24 May 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Messrs. Berry & Hodges, builders, have completed a splendid job of work on the new Jobe block. There are no finer workmen anywhere than this pushing, enterprising and exceedingly popular duet.”

7 June 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Jobe’s Opera House has just been completed. It is pronounced by the traveling agent of McElreth’s dramatic troupe to be the largest and best of all hall between Knoxville and Lynchburg. Score another for Johnson City.”

24 September 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Jobe’s Opera House has received the finishing touch and is now conceded to be the handsomest between Lynchburg and Knoxville. The work was done by Geo. E. Naff, and would be creditable to any city artist. Hood is a fine workman.”

2.2. 110 East Main Street, 1884 – 1905  
(Jobe’s Opera House Building)

Will Harr’s Grocery and Dry Goods Store, here 1884 – 1887

J.F. Crumley & Company/Crumley & Gilmer, 1887 – 1888

Hurst & Penland Dry Goods Store, 1888 – 1891

T.E. Hurst & Company Dry Goods Store, 1891 – 1893

Hart & Smith Dry Goods Store, 1893 – 1899

Hart & Houston Clothing Store, 1899 – 1901

Gump Brothers’ Men’s Clothing Store, here 1901 to perhaps 1923

(In 1905, Gump Brothers expanded into 108 East Main. So, from 1905 on, 108 and 110 East Main Street will be treated as a single address and be covered in this section)

2.2.1. Will Harr’s Grocery and Dry Goods Store, here 1884 – 1887

21 June 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Will Harr, successor to the old reliable firm of Harr Bros., has removed his large stock of dry goods and notions to the Jobe block on the corner of Church and Spring streets. He has the largest and handsomest store room in the city, and has it filled with a choice and select stock of goods which he is selling cheap. Will Harr is too well and favorably known in Johnson City and surrounding country to need any comment from us. He is a live, energetic young man, with extraordinary business qualifications. His motto ‘ fair-dealing, the best goods for the least money’, has established for him a trade second to none in this place.”<sup>30</sup>

28 June 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Harr is blooming in his new store in the Jobe Block. Long may he bloom.”



# Market Report, Corrected Weekly by

## WILL HARR.

SUBJECT TO MARKET CHANGES.

Wheat . . . . .	\$1 00
Corn . . . . .	75
Oats . . . . .	45
Rye . . . . .	75
Barley . . . . .	75
Millet . . . . .	1 50
Flax Seed . . . . .	75
Clover " . . . . .	7 00
Timothy Seed . . . . .	2 75
Orchard Grass Seed . . . . .	2 75
Herd " " . . . . .	1 25
Beeswax . . . . .	20
Feathers, live Goose . . . . .	45
" Duck . . . . .	30
" Mixed . . . . .	25
Bacon, hog round . . . . .	10
Lard per lb . . . . .	10 to 12
Butter " . . . . .	15 to 20
Eggs . . . . .	10
Apples, dry per lb . . . . .	04
Peaches, " " . . . . .	06
Potatoes, Irish . . . . .	50
" Sweet . . . . .	1 00
Onions, per bushel . . . . .	1 25
" Setts per bus . . . . .	2 25
Chickens, hens per lb . . . . .	05
" roosters per lb . . . . .	02
Turkeys, per lb . . . . .	06
Geese, full feathered, each . . . . .	25
Ducks " " " . . . . .	15
Flour . . . . .	2 40 to 2 50
Meal . . . . .	75

Figure 19. Johnson City Comet, 28 June 1884.  
This type of report ran until at least 10 February 1887.

5 July 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Harr’s front and Dr. Pendleton’s front in the new Jobe block have been recently painted by Geo. A. Naff. It is the best work we ever saw in Johnson City and convinces us that the General is master of his trade. Geo. Naff needs no better advertisement than his own work.”

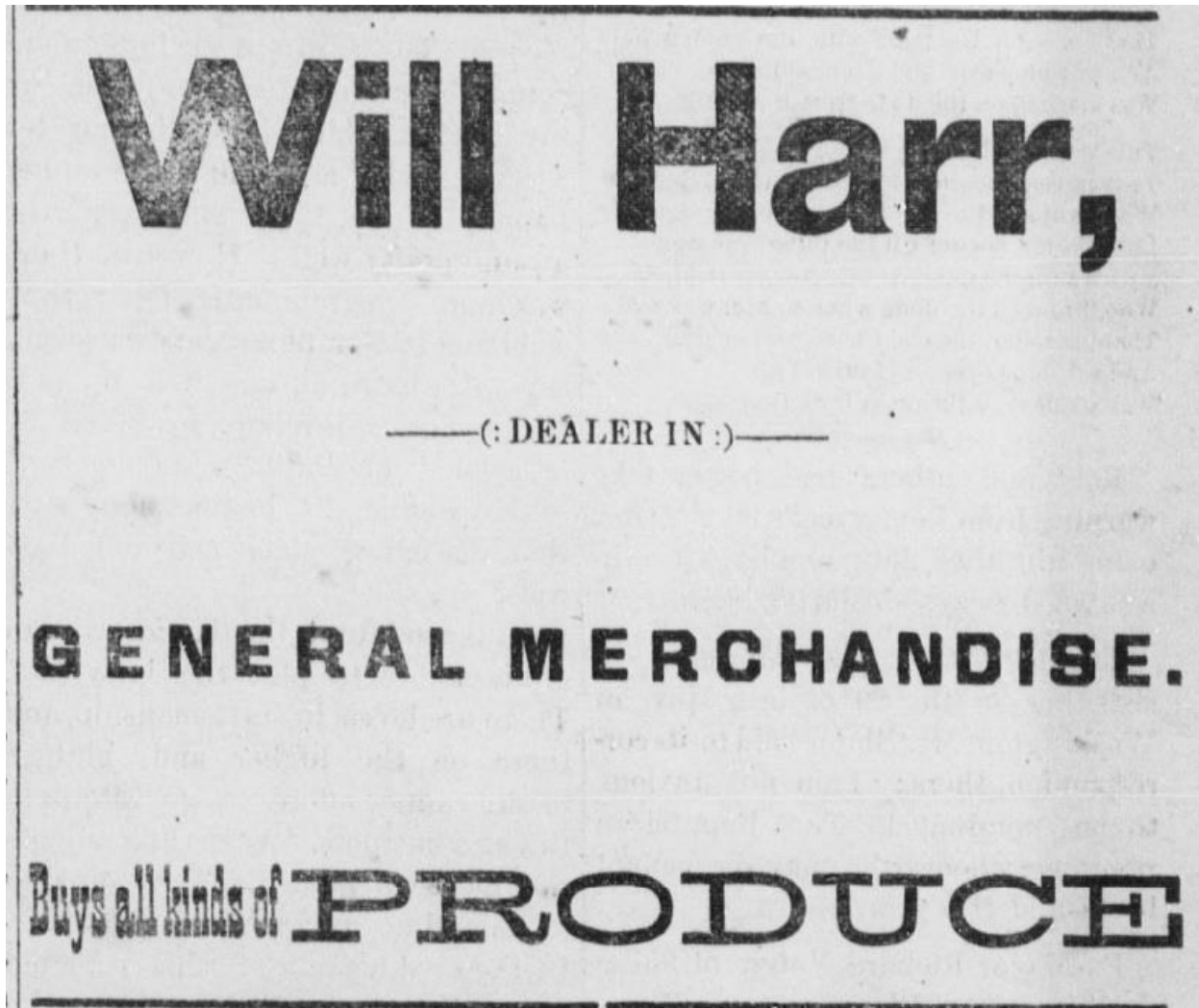


Figure 20. Johnson City Comet, 2 August 1884.

This and similar advertisements ran until at least 10 December 1885.

22 October 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“New Goods. – Will Harr, one of our best men and best merchants has been receiving new goods,, and declares he will sell them cheap. He never goes back on his word and if you are anyway doubtful call and see him. Trade is picking up and we are glad to see all our business men prospering.”

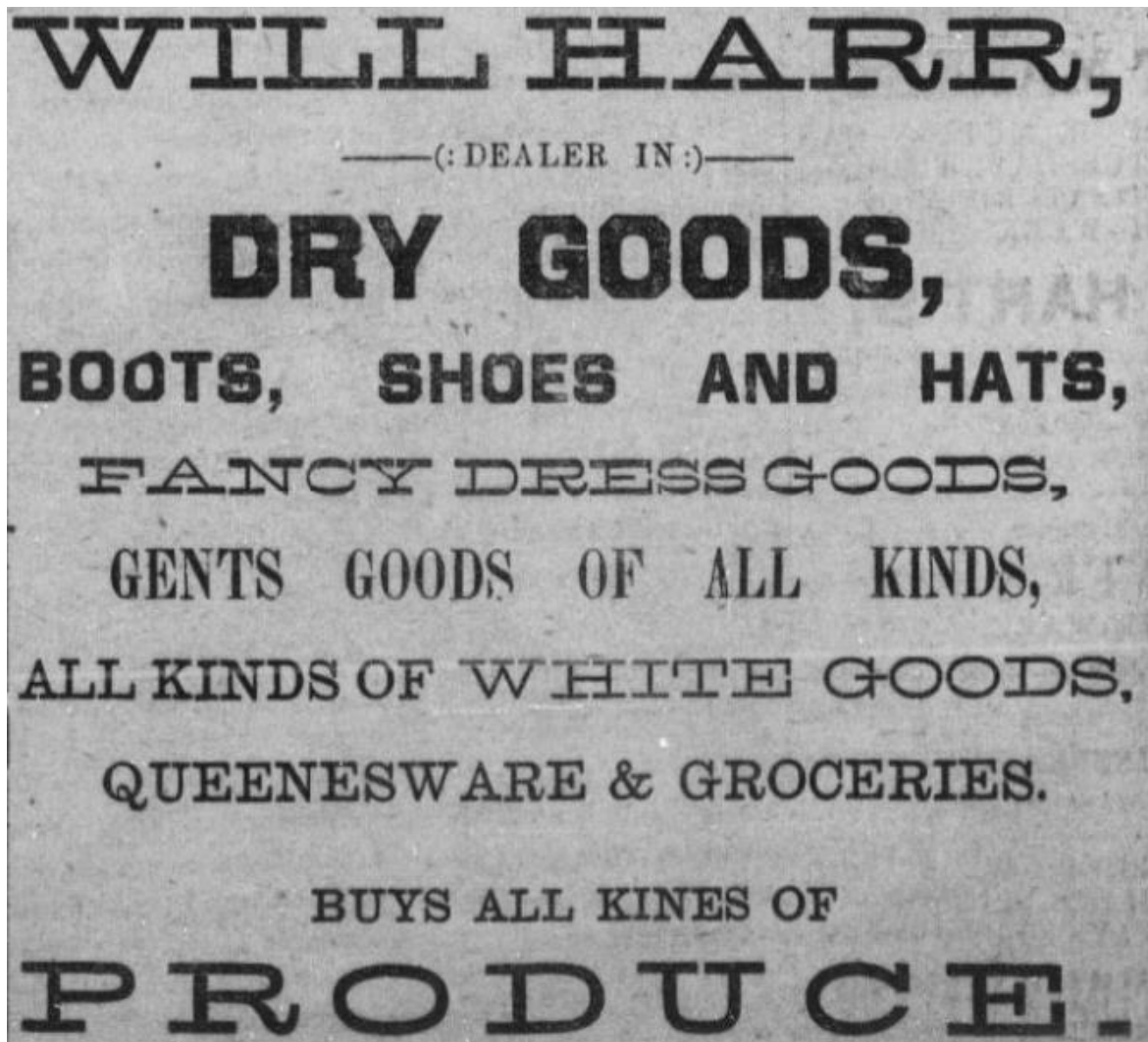


Figure 21. Johnson City Comet, 17 December 1885.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 16 December 1886.

18 February 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Harr is receiving new goods, good goods and lots of them. He has been in Johnson City long enough to know exactly what the people want and that is exactly what he buys. If you want something real nice, new and good call at Will Harr’s and you will not be disappointed.”

#### 2.2.2. J.F. Crumley & Company/Crumley & Gilmer, 1887 – 1888

17 March 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Messrs. J.F. Crumley and J. Crumley have bought Will Harr’s stock of dry goods and notions and will continue the business, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, in the old stand under the firm name of J.F. Crumley & Co. They will carry the best line of dry goods, boots, shoes and hats in the city. Mr. Harr will open a family grocery and queensware store in the room in the rear of his present stand.”



**J. F. CRUMLEY**

**& CO.,**

**DRY GOODS,**

**NO. 9, JOBE'S BLOCK.**

We will open to the  
public by

**APRIL 5th,**

the largest and most  
complete line of Dry  
Goods and Notions ev-  
er offered to the trade  
in this city. A visit to  
our store will convince  
you.

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**J. F. CRUMLEY & CO.**

Figure 22. Johnson City Comet, 24 March 1887.

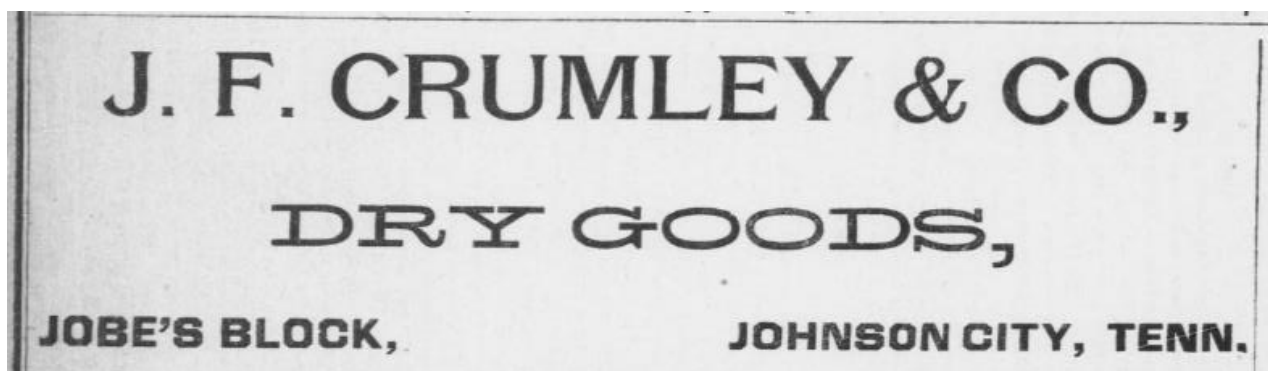


Figure 23. Johnson City Comet, 7 July 1887.

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Perfectly Safe. It has been rumored in Johnson City for the past week or two that Jobe’s Opera House was unsafe and in consequence the Florence Elmore troop did not get a crowd sufficient to play to the second night they were here. It is not known who started this report nor why it was started, but it is false. It is true the front wall has sprung perhaps an inch but that happened when the building was first built and has become no worse since. It has been pronounced by architects, and men who ought to know, to be perfectly safe and since it held such crowds as attended the Price and Butler speaking, and similar free entertainments, there should be no doubt about its safety. Mr. Jobe has been very kind to the public and has always let it have the use of his Opera House free, and it is hardly right to circulate such a report without a foundation.”

24 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“We have a nice line [of] Ladies, Misses and Children’s Cotton all Wool and Camels Hair Underwear. Also good assortment [of] Ladies and Misses Camels Hair, Wool and heavy Cotton Hose. J.F. Crumley & Co.”

12 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Manager Ike T. Jobe has had two iron girders put through his Opera House lengthwise and it is now perfectly safe.”

26 July 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Chas. D. Fine has opened up a first-class book store, in one side of J.F. Crumley & Co.’s store. He is going to carry the finest line of stationary that has ever been brought to the city. He will also sell you any kind of a book or periodical you want. He says he is in to stay, and as he is a young man that we know is to be full of energy, we think he will succeed, and we hope he will.”

16 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Hurst & Penland is the style of a new mercantile firm to be established in the city in a few days. They will deal exclusively in boots and shoes, hats, trunk, umbrellas, &c., and occupy the

store room in the Jobe block now being used by the Bank of Johnson City. Both members of the firm are young men and deserve to be encouraged and patronized.”

Note: Hurst & Penland would actually occupy the place previously occupied by Crumley & Gilmer, see 13 September 1888, below.

23 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Crumley & Gilmer will move into their new store by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. They propose carrying the finest line of Dress Goods and Trimmings, in Johnson City. Mr. Tucker and sisters will occupy a room in the building where they will be glad to see their friends.”

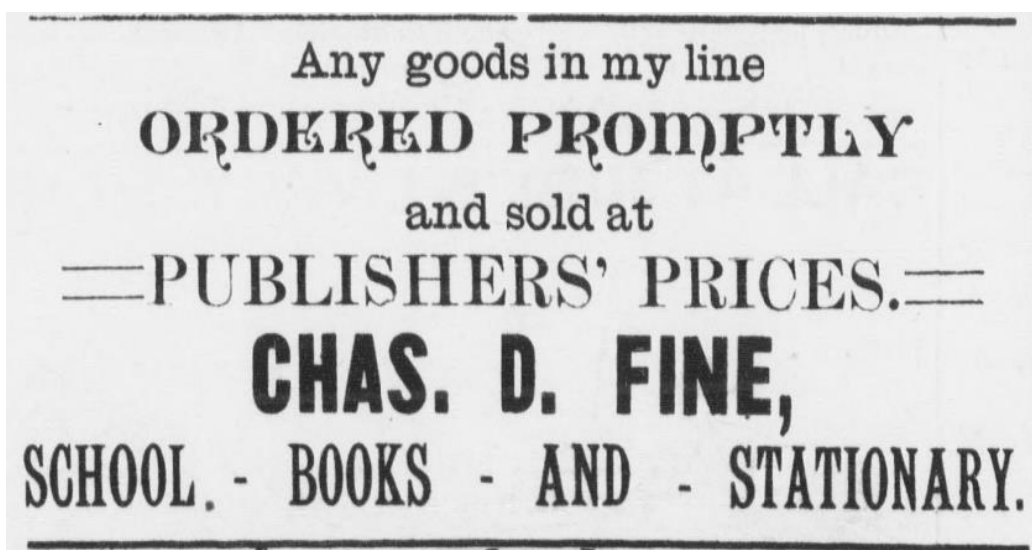


Figure 24. Johnson City Comet, 30 August 1888.  
This advertisement ran until 13 September 1888.

13 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Tom Hurst, of the firm of Hurst & Penland, has returned from New York. They will occupy the store room in the Jobe Block, now occupied by Crumley & Gilmer.”

20 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Chas. D. Fine has moved his stock of books and stationery into the store room in the Crandall building in rear of the Bank of Johnson City.”

27 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Crumley & Gilmer have moved into the Reeves Block, recently occupied by the Watauga Bank. They are receiving a large stock of fine dress goods and notions, and will be ready for business about Friday or Saturday. It will pay you to see their stock before purchasing your fall goods, especially fine dress goods.”



### 2.2.3. Hurst & Penland Dry Goods Store, 1888 – 1891

13 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Tom Hurst, of the firm of Hurst & Penland, has returned from New York. They will occupy the store room in the Jobe Block, now occupied by Crumley & Gilmer.”

4 October 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“You can buy a complete set of curtain polls for 75c. at Penland, Hurst & Co.’s... You can find the latest styles in hats... One hundred pair suspenders at 6c. per pair... Go to Penland, Hurst & Co.’s if you want a silk umbrella... Corsets from 25c. to \$1.25...” This and similar items ran until at least 15 November 1888.

15 November 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Come and see us next week for we are opening up a mammoth stock of groceries. Penland, Hurst & Co.”



Figure 25. Johnson City Comet, 13 December 1888.

28 February 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Penland, Hurst & Co. have on hand an elegant line of dress gingham... A big line of pant goods, casimers, and jeans, 50, 60 and 25c. per yard... curtain goods... Cheap sugars, 7½ to 9c. per pound... A mark down without a parallel on our stock of heavy shoes.”

1 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Penland, Hurst & Co. advertised last week a remnant sale for 12 days, closing Saturday, August 10. The result was their store was so crowded last Saturday it was almost impossible to wait upon the customers. Printer’s ink will fetch ’em every time.”

**PENLAND, HURST & CO.,**

ORIGINATORS AND LEADERS IN LOW PRICES.

Will have their Grand Fall Opening FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 13th and 14th SEPTEMBER.

It is with extreme gratification that we announce the opening of our New fall and winter stock. Our stock is as complete as it is possible to make it, and we are confident our customers will approve the careful selections we have made. We can show an array of novelties in the most approved and newest styles and patterns, which is simply superb, and warrants us in feeling that our display is without a blemish.

**DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT**

is notable for its variety of style, quality and cheapness. It is impossible that taste can go astray in buying from this well chosen assortment.

**PRINTS DEPARTMENT.**

We take pride in our selection of these standard articles of wear. Our line in these goods contains all the fashionable shades, and is especially rich in the recent novelties that have been approved for the coming season. Another department equally important is our

**JEANS, - COTTONS, - SHEETINGS - AND FLANNELS.**

You will at once feel at home in this department, surrounded by the perfection of modern manufacture. It will gratify us to show you these goods and make prices, for we are confident that in these goods we are unexcelled.

**NOTION DEPARTMENT,**

This department is replete. We have spared no pains to make our selections as perfect and comprehensive as possible. We make prices in this department that will be memorable in the history of price-making: 100 gross metal and assorted dress buttons at 5c. per card (2 doz. on card); 100 ladies' linen collars at 5c.; 50 pairs ladies' linen cuffs at 5c. per pair. These goods cannot be duplicated and will only be sold at prices named FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Our stock of ribbons shows that we have kept pace fully with the times. Indeed our stock is truly representative of the very best the market offers.

**Corset Department.**

We offer a line of corsets which will instantly commend itself to purchasers on the two-fold ground of completeness and cheapness.

**Hosiery Department.**

Fancy and taste, however refined, cannot fail to find our stock of hosiery entirely adequate to all requirements. It must be sufficient to say that our stock in this line is ably in line with our entire display. While we consult the taste, we do not forget the purse. Our prices mark the acme of cheapness and the millennium of profit, and are in every case the very lowest that can be made.

We shall be glad to welcome all and any to our store and show goods and quote prices with the pleasure and satisfaction possible in the consciousness of the superlative excellence and cheapness of our goods.

Very truly yours,

**PENLAND, HURST & CO.**

Figure 26. Johnson City Comet, 12 September 1889.

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

"C.E. Osborne is laying a concrete pavement in front of the Jobe Block. The new pavement will be ten feet wide and will be the best in the city. Mayor Jobe is one of our progressive citizens and always leads in improvements."

**PENLAND,  
HURST & CO'S.  
GREAT  
Clearing Out Sale.  
For One Week  
ONLY!**

Commencing Monday,  
**10 FEBRUARY 10.**  
Ending Saturday, February  
15th.

Below find a Partial List of  
Goods to be sacrificed!

200 pairs ladies' gents and child-  
rens shoes,

50 pairs men's heavy boots at  
and below cost.

40 men's over-shirts formerly \$1.25  
now 75c.

100 men's under shirts, all wool 35c  
to \$1.00.

50 ladies' under vests 25c. to 75c.

Our Entire Line of Dress Flannels

36 in. wide 15c. to 35c. per yd.

8 pieces outing cloth from 15c. now  
84.

25 ladies' shawls from 25c. to \$1.25

Our entire line of prints.

Your own selection at 5c. per y'd.

In fact, we mean to close our entire  
line of winter goods.

100 ladies' collars 1c. each worth 10c.

10 gent's dress buttons 1c. per dozen.

Limited quantity of naphys at 5c.  
per dozen

Limited quantity of saxony at 7 to 8 1/2  
cents.

Limited quantity of ladies' kid gloves  
25 to 50 cents per pair.

Limited quantity of ladies' cashmere  
15 to 25 cents per pair.

Our line of gent's scarfs also reduced.  
Commencing on Monday we will  
offer some of the most remarkable  
values that has ever been shown over  
our counters, as it is impossible to in-  
numerate or distinguish the many  
articles which we will offer at a sac-  
rifice. We respectfully ask those  
interested to pay us an early visit.  
Many of our special bargains will  
hardly last through the first day of  
the sale.

**Penland, Hurst & Co.,**  
The Tireless Tilters for Trade.

Figure 27. Johnson City Comet, 6 February 1890.



**CAUTION** Take no shoes unless  
W. L. Douglas' name and  
price are stamped on the  
bottom. If the dealer cannot supply you,  
send direct to factory, enclosing advertised  
price.



**W. L. DOUGLAS**  
**\$3 SHOE** FOR GENTLEMEN.

Fine Calf, Heavy Laced Grain and Creed-  
moor Waterproof.

Best in the world. Examine his

\$5.00 GENUINE HAND-SEWED SHOE.

\$4.00 HAND-SEWED WELT SHOE.

\$3.50 POLICE AND FARMERS' SHOE.

\$2.50 EXTRA VALUE CALF SHOE.

\$2.25 & \$2 WORKINGMEN'S SHOES.

\$2.00 and \$1.75 BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES.

All made in Congress, Button and Lace.

**\$3 & \$2 SHOES** FOR LADIES.

\$1.75 SHOE FOR MISSES.

Best Material. Best Style. Best Fitting.

W. L. Douglas, Brockton, Mass. Sold by

**Penland, Hurst & Co.,**

The Tireless Toilers for Trade.

Figure 28. Johnson City Comet, 20 March 1890.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 16 July 1891.

2 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

"The opening and reception at Penland, Hurst & Co.'s closed to-day. Everyone who visited the store during the opening day pronounced it the grandest display of goods that has ever been shown in Johnson City. From an early hour in the morning until late at night their store was crowded with ladies who flitted about the floral decorations examining the beautiful stock of fall goods.

One of the prettiest displays was the trimmings and dress goods department. The styles are the very latest and the stock large and beautiful. In this department were to be seen all the latest novelties, consisting of broadcloth, camel's hair and all kinds of rough goods, which are very stylish this season.

The notion counter was simply lovely. It was nearly one hundred feet long and was covered with everything the dressmaker needs. A large assortment of plushes and velvets of all shades were exposed for the inspection of the ladies. We will not attempt to give a full description of how the interior was arranged, but will say that it would have done great credit to a large city. Aside from the gentlemen salesmen employed by the firm, they have secured the services of Misses Gookin and Mountjoy, two excellent lady clerks, who will have the charge of the dress goods department in the future.

One very pretty feature of the occasion was the musical concerts given each night. Everybody and their friends were there. To-day (Thursday) closed one of the most successful openings that the ladies have had the pleasure of visiting in the history of Johnson City. A Visitor."

**Good Values for all Buyers**

We are having a wonderful run on our popular low prices. Children's and Misses' Dongola

**SHOES**

in Spring Heels at 95c. per pair. A little money goes a great way.

**\$1.00 BARGAINS:** A Ladies' Button Shoe, all solid, and style correct.

A big drive in Boys' Shoes, from 11 to 5, at 85c. 100 pairs Men's Plough Shoes, to run at \$1.00. Our \$1.50 Leader in Men's Calf Shoe, Congress and Lace, has no equal for the money.

You should see our \$2.00 and \$2.35 Ladies' Kid Shoe before buying. All the latest Styles are to be found in our Shoe Department. Easy Style, a genuine bargain. It's to your interest as well as to our's to trade with us in this line.

Yours to please,

**Penland, Hurst and Co.,**  
**THE TIRELESS TOILERS FOR TRADE.**

Figure 29. Johnson City Comet, 21 February 1891.

## 2.2.4. T.E. Hurst & Company, Dry Goods, 1891 – 1893

2 April 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Dissolution of Copartnership. By mutual agreement the copartnership heretofore existing and known as Penland, Hurst & Co. has this day dissolved, R.N. Penland, Jr., retiring. The business will be carried on in the future by T.E. Hurst & Co., who assumes all liabilities and will collect all notes and accounts due said firm of Penland, Hurst & Co. R.N. Penland, Jr. T.E. Hurst.

I have this day sold out my interest and good will in the firm of Penland, Hurst & Co. to the above named firm, which I cheerfully recommend to my many friends and customers as being worthy of your patronage and esteem. Very respectfully yours, R.N. Penland.”

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the wep in we fite wif—Spot Kash, that is what we buy wif, and sell for the same kind of stuff. We have the most attractive line of Goods ever offered in these parts. The people have been rushing us the past weeks, buying our Spring Stuffs—no wonder when we make prices like these:

Adamantine Pins..... 5c a paper Writing Paper..... 5c a quire Plain Cedar Pencils..... 5c a dozen Rubber Tipped Pencils... 10c a dozen 12 doz white Agate Buttons... 5 cents 6 cakes Soap for ..... 25 cents Sw2n Down... ..... 5c a box	All wool Worsted..... 10@12c a yard Cashmere..... 15, 22, 35@40c a yard Kalico..... 3½, 5, 6, 6½@7c a yard Kenton Skein at..... ..7½c a yard
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La Glore and Grau Button Shoe.....	\$1 00
“ “ “ “ “	1 25
La Solid Kid Button Shoe.....	1 50
Misses Plain and Brogan Shoes.....	1 00
Misses V Calf, worth \$2, for.....	1 50

Many other bargains we can't put down here we will show you if you come around. Don't forget we are giving away a Handsome Encyclopedia, with 544 pages and 273 illustrations, to our kustomers who buy goods amounting to \$25. Come and examine this book.

Thursday is Our Bargain Day.

We make Special Bargains in some Goods every Thursday. Our second shipment of Spring Stuffs will come this week. Yours to please.

**T. E. HURST & CO.,**  
 The Tireless Toilers for Trade.

Successors to  
 Penland, Hurst & Co.,

Figure 30. Johnson City Comet, 7 May 1891.





Figure 31. Johnson City Comet, 24 September 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 February 1892.

11 February 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Now is the time to strike for a new opera house. A first class opera house will pay. It is now known that Jobe’s is to go out of use as such, since it has been rented to T.E. Hurst & Co., to be used as a millinery department.

Perhaps the last company that will exhibit in Jobe’s opera house for a while, will be the well-known Guy Bros., Minstrels who have showed in the city on two previous occasions with success and with satisfaction to the public.”

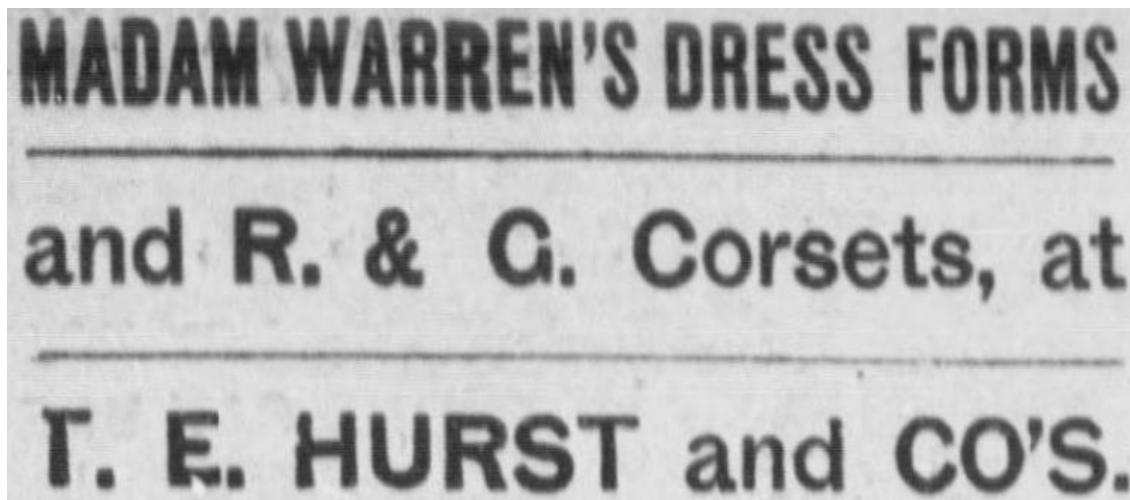


Figure 32. Johnson City Comet, 9 June 1892.  
This advertisement ran until at least 17 November 1892.

22 September 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“The building adjoining T.E. Hurst & Co.’s store, which will be used by them for their grocery department, is nearing completion.” Note: it appears that this building faced Spring Street, see Map 2A.

# NEW GOODS.

In order to infuse a little inspiration into trade and to show the people our new goods, and to increase our bank account and diminish our liabilities, and to prove to the public that we are neither dead nor sleeping, on Friday, April the 7th,

## WE WILL GIVE FREE,

With every 10th dollar purchase, one Handsome Windsor Tie. This means a tie for every ten dollars worth sold during the day. If your neighbors buy \$9.95 and you spend 5 cents you receive the tie on Saturday, April 8th. we will give free 1 Challie Dress Patter, of 10 yards, with every 10th dollar purchase.

On Monday, April 10th, our ready made white apron with every 10th dollar purchase.

On Tuesday, April 11th, one handsome linen towel with every 10th dollar purchase.

Wednesday and Thursday will be our opening days.

## T. E. HURST & CO.,

The Tireless Toilers For Trade.

Figure 33. Johnson City Comet, 8 April 1893.

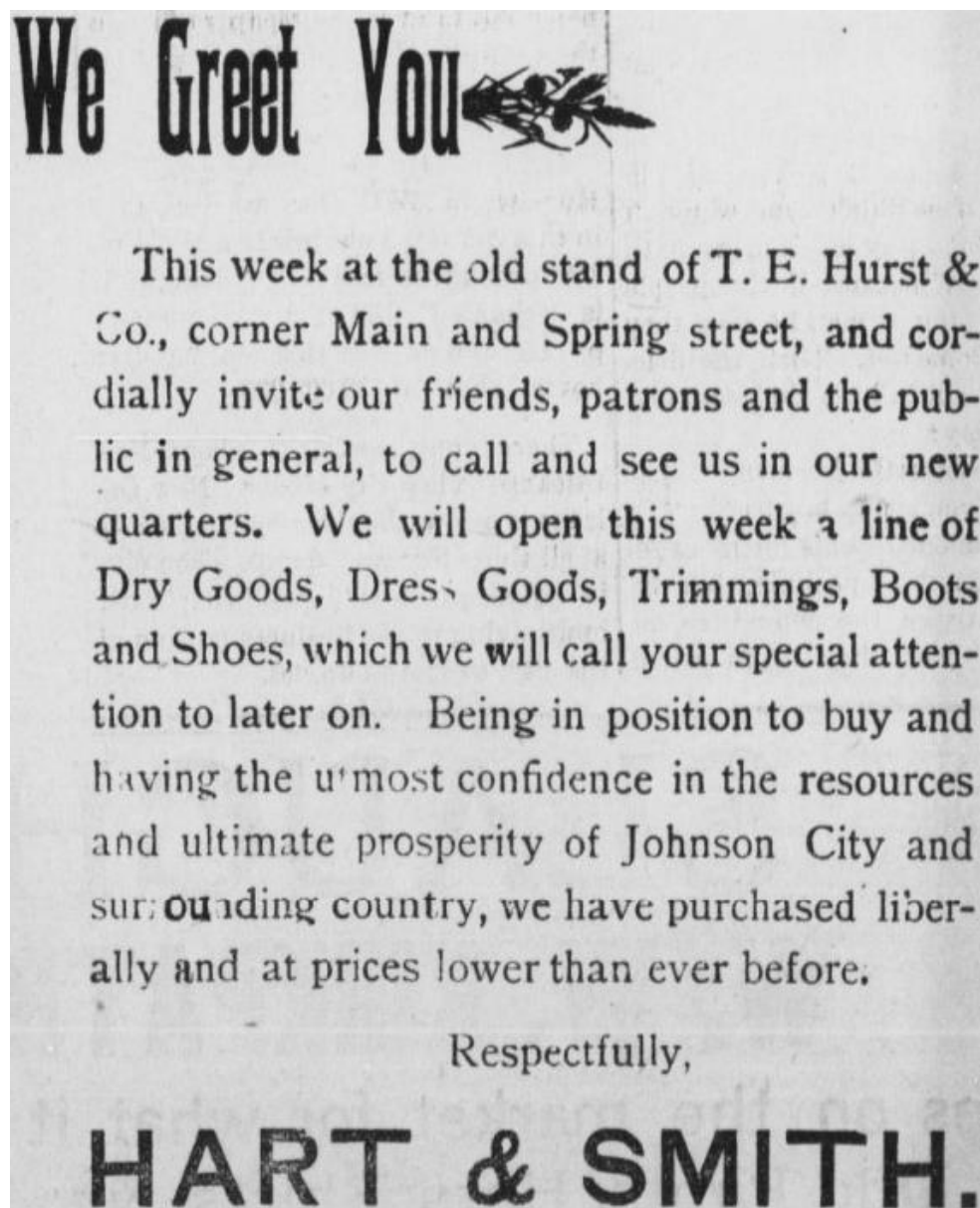
3 August 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“Change of Firm. T.E. Hurst & Co., the Tireless Toilers for Trade, have sold their stock of general merchandise and good will to J.E. Crandall. The business will be continued at the old stand for a while at least.”

21 September 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“J.E. Crandall has sold the stock of goods recently purchased from T.E. Hurst & Co. to R.N. Penland, Jr.”

#### 2.2.5. Hart & Smith Dry Goods Store, 1893 – 1899



**We Greet You**

This week at the old stand of T. E. Hurst & Co., corner Main and Spring street, and cordially invite our friends, patrons and the public in general, to call and see us in our new quarters. We will open this week a line of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Boots and Shoes, which we will call your special attention to later on. Being in position to buy and having the utmost confidence in the resources and ultimate prosperity of Johnson City and surrounding country, we have purchased liberally and at prices lower than ever before.

Respectfully,

**HART & SMITH.**

Figure 34. Johnson City Comet, 28 September 1893.<sup>31</sup>

11 January 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Removal. Mrs. J.H. Brunner has moved from her old stand, on Main street, to the corner of Main and Spring streets, in the building now occupied by Messrs. Hart and Smith. She will be pleased to have her friends and customers call.”

<b>HART &amp; SMITH</b>	
Will give you value received on every purchase. It is not our style to buy the cheapest goods that we can find to sell at a price, but to give you the best goods possible at the price.	
<b>THUS WE SELL</b>	
Heavy Brown Domestic, <b>6c.</b>	Table Oil Cloth, best quality. <b>20c.</b>
<b>At 6½ Cents</b> 2,000 yards Lancaster Ginghams, standard 10c goods. The best value ever offered.	
Men's Solid Veal Calf Shoe, <b>\$1.</b>	Ladies' Glove Grain Button Shoe, best quality. <b>98c.</b>
<b>TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK.</b> New line of Drew Selby & Co's. fine Shoes for Ladies. <b>New Percales. New Prints. New Outings.</b> <b>HART &amp; SMITH.</b>	

Figure 35. Johnson City Comet, 15 February 1894.



# Sterling Values

IN OUR

## Shoe Department.

EVERYTHING AS ADVERTISED.

We Will Not Misrepresent Goods to Make a Sale.

Note a few of the extra values we are now offering, then come and see that we do as we advertise.

**65c.**

Ladies' Solid Glove Grain Button Shoe.

**89c.**

Men's Solid Extra High Cut Harvard Tie.

**\$1.25.**

Men's Best Quality Kip and Oil Grain Bluchers. Has double sole and Tap. The best Shoe made for the money.

**SEE OUR MEN'S BOOTS AT \$1.25.**

**OUR FALL STOGK**

Of Dry Goods and Dress Goods will be here in a short time and will be one of the largest and best selected we have ever shown in Dress Goods. You can depend on us having the very latest and newest styles.

**HART AND SMITH.**

Figure 36. Johnson City Comet, 16 August 1894.

24 January 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Special Sale of Seasonable Goods. Messrs. Hart & Smith announce in this issue a special sale of seasonable dress goods to continue only a short time. This latter clause seems unnecessary when you examine the goods and prices. They are really offering some rare bargains and it will be very much to your interest to not only read what they have to say, but to call at the store and investigate. The sooner this is done the better for you, for some of the items are sure to be sold on sight. This firm’s reputation is a sufficient guarantee that everything is just as advertised.”

**SPECIAL SALE,**  
**Beginning Thursday, June 27th, and Ending Saturday, July 13th---FIFTEEN DAYS ONLY.**  
 It is never our policy to carry over summer goods. To close them out quickly is wise money losing, so now while you need the goods we make a price that will make them move.  
**Everything as Represented. No Misrepresentations. No False Values Here.**

Read Carefully Our Prices.	Note These Bargains.	Special Values.	Money-Saving Prices.
3 pieces All-wool Suitings, Small Checks and Mixtures, was 44 cents per yd.; now <b>29c.</b> 5 pieces All-wool Crepons; Colors, Light Blue, Yellow, Gray, Fawn and Nile Green. The correct thing for evening wear. Was 85 cents per yard, now <b>59c.</b> 1 Pattern (12 yds.) Plisse Stripe, was \$4.20; now <b>\$2.99</b>	50 yards Printed Organdy, Cream Ground, was 25c.; now <b>15c.</b> 40 yds. Silk Finished Chamberlay, was 25c. yd.; this sale <b>15c.</b> 100 yards Printed Dimity, was 25c. per yard; this sale <b>15c.</b> 25 yds. Printed Dotted Swiss, was 25 cents per yard; now <b>15c.</b>	120 yds. Printed Pique, New Styles, was 15 cents yd., now <b>11c.</b> 100 yards Printed French Satteen, Cream and Black Grounds, was 40 cents per yard; this sale <b>29c.</b> Four Japanese Screens, was 49 cents each; now <b>29c.</b>	ONE LOT Ladies' Fine Oxford Ties, Blacks and Tans. Pointed Toe Common Sense Heel, sizes 2½ to 5½, was two dollars per pair; price for this sale <b>\$1.64.</b>
<b>HART &amp; SMITH.</b>	<b>HART &amp; SMITH.</b>	<b>HART &amp; SMITH.</b>	<b>HART &amp; SMITH.</b>

Figure 37. Johnson City Comet, 27 June 1895.

**Ready for Spring Business.**

Our Spring Stock is now complete, and can be described in a few words: First class in every respect. Every department is full of new, bright, seasonable goods of reliable quality; and the good part for you is, you don't have to pay any more for them than you do for inferior goods. You are cordially invited to call and see for yourself the correctness of our claim, note the style, quality and price of our goods, and you will find it pays to buy of us.

Fine Dress Goods.	Notions, Etc.	Staple Dry Goods.	SHOES.																											
Our Dress Goods can not be excelled in style and variety anywhere in this city. <b>NOVELTY SUITINGS:</b> Mohair and Silk, Mohair and Wool, Silk and Wool. <b>PLAIDS:</b> In Mohair and Silk, in the latest new Spring shades. <b>SPECIAL:</b> Imported Serges, strictly all 36 in. wide, regular 40c. quality—30c. per yard.	<b>NEW BELTS:</b> The stylish narrow gilt and silver Belts. New Belt Buckles. New Shirt Waist Sets. New Ladies' Neck and Windsor Ties. New Side Combs and Hair Ornaments. <b>New Goods Every Way You Turn.</b>	<b>BROWN DOMESTIC:</b> The regular 6c. quality—5c. per yard. <b>CALICO:</b> High grade Calico of all kinds 6c. goods—5c. per yard. <b>PERCALES:</b> Yard wide Percales, standard goods, choice styles, 12½c. quality—10c. per yard.	<b>Right Here</b> <b>We can Save You Money.</b> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <th></th> <th>WERE</th> <th>NOW</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Brogans, - -</td> <td>\$1.00</td> <td>\$.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's English Ties, -</td> <td>1.49</td> <td>1.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Best Creedmore, -</td> <td>1.74</td> <td>1.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Bull Shoes, - -</td> <td>1.50</td> <td>1.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladies' Kid Button, -</td> <td>.99</td> <td>.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladies' Grain Button, -</td> <td>1.25</td> <td>1.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladies' Long Button, -</td> <td>1.50</td> <td>1.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladies' Oxford Tie, -</td> <td></td> <td>.45</td> </tr> </table>		WERE	NOW	Men's Brogans, - -	\$1.00	\$.85	Men's English Ties, -	1.49	1.25	Men's Best Creedmore, -	1.74	1.49	Men's Bull Shoes, - -	1.50	1.25	Ladies' Kid Button, -	.99	.84	Ladies' Grain Button, -	1.25	1.10	Ladies' Long Button, -	1.50	1.25	Ladies' Oxford Tie, -		.45
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Figure 38. Johnson City Comet, 26 March 1896.

# HART and SMITH.

## A Call to the Holiday Trade.

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We open our doors to the Holiday trade with the firm determination to make this the best Christmas up-to-date. Our Holiday stock gives you new ideas. It is easy to select from. Supplies exactly what you want. Here you will find

### Popular Presents at Popular Prices For Everybody.

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<p><b>FOR HOLIDAY DRESS GOODS BUYING</b></p> <p>Special reductions on all our Novelty Dress Patterns for the Christmas trade. You know what that means. The richest Novelties in this market at prices within the reach of all.</p> <p><b>RICH TABLE LINENS</b></p> <p>Make a most acceptable and useful gift every housewife delights in Nice Table Linen, as usual, our stock will be found up to-date and the prices will suit the most economical purses.</p> <p><b>HANDKERCHIEFS: . . . . .</b></p> <p>Christmas is the handkerchief season, of all the many things adopted for Holiday gifts the handkerchief stands pre eminent. No person ever had too many handkerchiefs. Everybody knows our reputation for nice handkerchiefs. This season we have surpassed all previous seasons, not only in value but in styles as well. Here you can find the best things in the handkerchief line in Silk, Linen and Cotton from 5c. upward as high you care to go.</p>	<p><b>FINE IMPORTED CHINA.</b></p> <p>Our selections this season have surpassed any previous Christmas, not only in assortment but in novelty and design, and best of all popular prices prevail throughout our entire line. Articles for everybody from 10c upward.</p> <p><b>LADIES' and MISSES KID GLOVES.</b></p> <p>No lady has too many Kid Gloves—if you are puzzled what to give in other lines you are always safe in selecting Kid Gloves. They are here for all at 79c, \$1.00, \$1.50 per pair.</p> <p><b>SENSIBLE GIFTS . . . . .</b></p> <p>That will go into many homes at prices figured down to the lowest notch of economy.</p> <p>Gloves, Mittens, Dress Goods, Towels,          Stamped Linens, Fine China          Table Linen, Umbrellas, Etc., Etc.</p>
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Hart and Smith.
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Figure 39. Johnson City Comet, 9 December 1897.

# ALL OVER THE STORE

## Stocks are in Fulllest Spring Assortment Fresh, New and Wantable

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dress Goods For Spring.</b></p> <p>Rich and exclusive Patterns in the newest weaves and colorings, styles that will be quickly appreciated by Johnson City's best dresses</p> <p>Bayaderes, Vigoreuxs, Coverts, Poplins, all in single patterns—no two alike at \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50 per pattern.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RIBBON ATTRACTIONS.</b></p> <p>The Largest collections we have ever shown. All the staple shades and those new ones that have become so popular.</p> <p>Fancy Ribbons for Neckwear and Sashes. Every piece new and up-to-date.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interesting Items For You.</b></p> <p><b>PRINTS.</b></p> <p>All the best makes, the best styles not a cheap price in the lot. Our price 5c per yard.</p> <p><b>OUTINGS.</b></p> <p>Another Line of those good values at 5c. per yard.</p> <p><b>COT ONADES.</b></p> <p>The best values in this market must be seen to be appreciated, 10c. and 15c. per yard.</p> <p><b>LADIES' VESTS.</b></p> <p>Not the little size but good big ones only 5c each.</p> <p>Ladies' Oxfords, 49c and upward.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Some of The New Things We Are Showing.</b></p> <p>New Japanese Drapery. Ladies Voiliage all now. Latest styles in Sash Ribbons.</p> <p>The Newest things in Ladies Neckwear.</p> <p>The new Fancy Skirtings, For Ladies' Underskirts</p> <p>The Latest Styles in Ladies' Belts.</p> <p>Spangled Net for Blouse Fronts for Ladies' Dresses.</p> <p>Chiffon Ruffling for Trimming Summer Dresses.</p>
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Figure 40. Johnson City Comet, 7 April 1898.

7 July 1898. Johnson City Comet.

"Sheriff's Land Sale... I will on Saturday, August 13, 1893, at the Court House door in Johnson City, Tenn., during legal hours, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand the undivided interest of Hattie J. Pendleton in the following described real estate of the estate of Tipton Jobe, deceased... A certain house and lot fronting on the Public Square of said town of Johnson City, and known as the Jobe's Opera House building including said Opera House store rooms, etc. Said building bounded on the east by Spring street, on the west by store room known as the Lide storeroom, now owned by John Brabson, on the south by Tipton Jobe home place, on the north by Public Square and Main street." See Section 2.6., below, for the complete text of this document.

# OUR JANUARY CLEARING SALE IS NOW GOING ON!

The reliability of our goods and the rate and acknowledged style of whatever we handle will make this sale a very important one. No False values, no Inflated Prices, but honest reductions on everything advertised.

## Dress Goods.

We find we have to many fine dress goods in patterns. To move them before spring we have cut prices about one-half.

Our \$9 and \$10 patterns go at.....\$5.00.  
Our \$8 patterns go at.....\$4.00.  
Our \$5 patterns go at.....\$3.70.  
Some nice cotton dress goods cut from 15c to 10c per yard.

## Ladies' Kid Gloves.

Style Mosquetaire, have always sold at \$1.50 per pair, reduced for this sale to 50c.

## Ladies' Fine Shoes

The well-known Drew Selby & Co.'s make, but broken lots. We have gone through this stock, put all odd lots on one table, and here they go. Our \$3.00 and \$3.50 shoes at \$2.00 and \$2.25, your opportunity if you find your size.

## Children's Rubbers.

A few pair left, not storm rubbers, but a good sandal. To close them quick they are priced at 18c.

## Domestic.

2,000 yards Brown Domestic special value at 5c per yard. For this sale only, 2 1/2c.

## Prints.

A good stock of Fancy Prints what we always sell at 5 cents, and the best at that. To make it interesting we make them for this sale 2 1/2c.

A new line of shirting prints go at the same price, 2 1/2c.

## Ribbons.

We have for this occasion taken all short and medium lengths of ribbon, made one big assortment and marked them so much per piece, about one-half original value.

## Underwear.

Big reductions on all wool goods. Our \$1.50 goods at \$1.00; our \$1.00 goods at 75c; our 75c goods at 55c; our 50c goods at 35c.

## A Drop in Draperies.

The pretty tinsel drapery sold at 10c now goes at 7c. Denim and Silkolens, always sold at 12 1/2c and 15c, now reduced to 10c.

## Silks.

A general closing out of present stocks. We have spared none except plain Taffeta.

All our \$1.00 and \$1.25 silks at.....70c.  
Our 70c Fancies at.....40c  
Our 35c Fancies at.....10c.

## Remnants in White Goods and Table Linens.

To many short ends, so here they go in one big pile and all marked at half price.

## Flannelettes

## Outings and Duck Suitings.

All the best qualities, now only 7 1/2c per yard.

## Some Men's Fine Shoes.

All \$5.00 goods at \$3.50; our \$3.00 goods at \$2.00 and \$2.25.

DON'T BE BACKWARD ABOUT COMING.

THESE PRICE CUTS ARE SURE ENOUGH ONES.

HART and SMITH.

Figure 41. Johnson City Comet, 12 January 1899.



## 2.2.6. Hart & Houston Clothing Store, 1899 – 1901

2 February 1899. Johnson City Comet.

“A New Firm. It is said that time changes all things but in this case it is only half true. Partners may come and partners may go but E.H. Hart goes on forever. Beginning Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, yesterday, the firm of Hart & Smith passed into history and Hart & Houston are now doing business at the old stand, just as if nothing had happened. Mr. Smith retires to look after his outside interests. The new member of the new firm is ‘Ed’ Houston, who for six years has been with Hart & Smith as chief salesman. He is a young man full of the stuff, sometimes called sterling qualities, that brings success. He has learned well his lesson during his stay with one of the best merchants the town has ever known, and he enters the partnership thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business. As salesman he has made many friends of the buying public by his polite, courteous and fair treatment and as these are natural qualifications there is every reason to believe he will succeed in his business venture, if connecting himself with such a stalwart as E.H. Hart can be called such. Of E.H. Hart there is nothing new to say. He’s one of the oldest merchants in the city and has a reputation for fair dealing to be cherished by anyone in the business. He’s a fixture here – come to stay long ago – and Johnson City is proud to claim him as a citizen and as a merchant. The new firm starts out under most favorable circumstances. They will advertise regularly in The Comet – and are bound to succeed.”



**HART & HOUSTON,**  
**Successors to HART & SMITH.**

 OUR friends and customers will recognize in the new firm old friends, having served the people of Johnson City for the past ten years. The principles that have built up the old firm will not only be maintained, but new methods and new ideas will be put in action. **Progress will be the motto,** new departments will be added, and we will continually strive to promote the interest of our patrons. To our friends and customers who have so liberally supported us in the past, we not only extend our many thanks, but feel like trying to please them even better in the future. Our business has not grown to its present proportion by excessive profits, as every practical business person must know, but rather by careful study of our customers needs, close attention to business, and by giving the best possible values at prices named. On this basis, we ask for your continued and most liberal patronage.

**Dress Making Department Now Ready.** **Telephone 83.**

Figure 42. Johnson City Comet, 2 February 1899.

HART &amp; HOUSTON.

HART &amp; HOUSTON.

## July Clearing Sale of Seasonable Goods, Commencing Saturday, July 1st.

WE signalize the closing of a most prosperous season by beginning our Summer Clearing Sale with sweeping reductions on Summer Goods. To meet the increasing business of the last few months, our purchases have been larger than usual, and, notwithstanding the brisk selling, there remain many odds and ends and broken lines of New and Seasonable goods that we would rather sell now, even at a loss, than carry over until another season. These goods will be distributed amongst our customers at prices that are in many cases below actual cost. We offer no catch-penny prices but guarantee all reductions to be just as represented. This is your opportunity to buy fresh, stylish and dependable merchandise at extremely low prices.

### Calico, Cotton Checks, Domestic

#### THREE BIG VALUES

Bought for this sale and unapproachable in value when priced as we have at 3½c per yard.

#### 50 pieces Calico

in this season's styles light work, regular 5c value at 3½.

#### 2000 yards Cotton Checks

value on today's market 5c. For this sale, 3½ cents.

#### Brown Domestic

good values at more money, but just to make it interesting we say 3½.

#### REMNANTS.

In Table Linen and White Goods odd pieces and short lengths, some of them just what you may be looking for, all at special prices.

#### SILK WAIST PATTERNS.

Stylish and attractive, not many, but what we have go in this sale at the following reductions:

Our \$5.00 patterns only	\$3.49
" 4.00 " "	3.00
" 2.50 " "	1.75

### Wash Dress Goods.

There is satisfaction in selecting from such a choice gathering of dainty styles in pretty colorings at prices like these:

Madras was 6½c per yard now	5
" " 15c " " now	11
Printed Fiques was 15c yard now	11
Piques in solid colors was 25c now	19
Percale was 10c per yard now	7
" " 12½ " " "	10

### Fine Wash Goods.

Some of the swell things of the season in French Welts Batiste etc, all in single patterns. Regular prices have been \$6.00. Today choose for \$4.25 per pattern of 12 yards.

### Dress Gingham.

Beautiful goods and the best of value, even at the original price, are now marked at far below value, and the offerings have seldom been so generous:

The 5c Ginghams now	4
" 7½c " "	5
" 10c " "	7½
" 15c " "	11
" 25c " "	18
" 35c " "	25

### Fancy Ribbons.

It's a rare good fortune to you that brings these ribbons at half their worth so early in the season.

#### Fancy Narrow Ribbons,

the new kind, with cord ready to draw, dainty and pretty, well worth the regular price of 8 to 12½c per yard; this sale 5c.

#### Fancy Ribbons

in width; numbers 7, 9 12, the 20 and 25c kind, only 12½c.

#### Fancy belting and neck ribbon

always sold for 35c and upward now 20 cents.

#### Sash Ribbons

made to sell at \$1.00 per yard, only 25 cents.

### Stamped Linens.

Only few of a kind, but to close out we offer at about half regular prices.

Centre and Tray Cloths 35c now	24
Centre Pieces was 75c now	39
Table Covers was \$1.25 now	75

#### Denim Pieces

for table covers, sofa cushions, etc., were 15, 35, 50c now 6, 15 and 25c.

# HART & HOUSTON.

Corner Main and Spring Street, - - Johnson City, Tennessee.

Figure 43. Johnson City Comet, 29 June 1899.

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

**A**ND what to give for Christmas will be the all absorbing topic with the great majority of people for the balance of this year. We are making ready for this gift, giving time and our large and attractive stock offers suggestions to all. The useful, the practical and the ornamental are all combined in our Holiday selections; and best of all, they are marked at popular prices and are in reach of all. Come and see the many things we have ready and are making ready for you. Bring the children to see Santa Claus and the Dollies, it will do them good. We will be glad to have them.

## Christmas Novelties.

In this line we have selected only such things as are new, good and desirable. Toilet Cases in Ebonoid with sterling silver trimmings, Bisque ornaments, Opal Ware in many new styles. Collar and Cuff boxes, Glove Boxes and lots and lots of things to numerous to mention. Then comes the

## Dolls! Dolls! Dolls!

and what values they are, so perfectly made and such beauties, and so reasonable in price, so our customers say, and they are good judges. It's a happy family all of them, and at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and upward. They will help to make many a child happy.

## Pocket Books.

For ladies and Misses in all shades and qualities from 25c to \$1.50 each.

## Dainty Handkerchiefs!

Our word for their goodness; your word for their beauty. The prettiest Handkerchiefs for Christmas we could find at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c.

## Kid Gloves and Mittens!

For Ladies and Misses. One can always decide on Gloves and Mittens when they can't think of anything else; ours are the reliable kind. We sell Kid Gloves at 79c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Mittens at 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c.

## Slippers for Men!

Leather Slippers in black and tan, the good durable kind, at \$1.50 a pair.

## For Ladies!

We have the warm, Felt Slippers at \$1.35 per pair, and easy Bedroom Slippers at \$1.00.

## Useful Gifts!

That's what the older ones are looking for and we have them.

## For Mother or Sister!

One of our nice Dress Patterns or a pair of our Queen Quality or Drew Selby Fine Shoes will always please. Then those nice

## Table Linens and Towels!

Are always a welcome present, for what good housewife ever had too many, and

## Blankets!

What a good warm present they make, and the prices run from 60c to \$5.00 per pair.

## Umbrellas!

For Ladies and Men, in the newest and prettiest handles, a very useful gift for any one.

# HART and HOUSTON

Figure 44. Johnson City Comet, 14 December 1899.

1900

**SPRING GREETING** \* \*

**To our friends and customers :**

The Fall and Winter season of 1899 and 1900 has passed and the Spring season of 1900 is with us, and with it comes new aims and new purposes. It is our purpose this season to make our store a modern and up-to-date establishment. "Forward" is our motto. The merchandising of the past, no matter how good, is not good enough for to day. **We must go forward.**

**OUR POLICY**

We have never believed in buying or selling cheap, trashy goods. We believe less in them today than ever, and we believe the majority of the people of our city and country are with us in this opinion. We sell goods at all prices, to be sure, but when we make a price you can depend upon it being the best goods at the price, and that the goods are exactly as represented; and further than that, if at any time you are not satisfied with anything bought of us, return the goods uncut and in good order within reasonable time and we will cheerfully refund the money. What safer place can you find to trade than this? We leave the answer to you.

**Our Spring Stock**

Our Mr. Hart has just returned from New York, where he has spent two weeks selecting the largest line we have ever carried. Every department in our store has been enlarged and new new lines have been added, including Millinery, Ladies' Neckwear, Muslin Underwear, and Shirt-waists.

**...our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT...**

Will be in charge of Miss Quinn, of New York City. Miss Quinn comes to us with the highest recommendations, not only as an artist of experience and ability, but personally as well. Miss Quinn arrived last Tuesday and will be glad to meet the ladies of Johnson City. Miss Gertrude Taylor will assist Miss Quinn in this department. She is well known to all, and will be glad to have her many friends call and see her. We have spared no pains or expense to make this department the most attractive in the house. The stock was selected by Miss Quinn while in New York City—the fountain-head of Millinery. It is new throughout, and the styles and assortment are all that could be desired. We thank our friends and customers for their unvarying confidence and patronage.

**Hart & Houston.**

Figure 45. Johnson City Comet, 8 March 1900.

19 April 1900. Johnson City Comet.

"Clerk and Master's Sale of Real Estate. — sell to the highest bidder... All of the property of which the late Tipton Jobe, deceased, seized and possessed, consisting of... the Jobe opera house block on Main and Spring streets, with small store room at end of said block on Spring street; also what is known as the Pendleton House..." See Section 2.6., below, for the complete text of this document.



...**MOVED**...

I have moved my books and stationery to the rooms in the rear of Hart & Houston. You will find now as you always have, the best grades of all kinds of stationery for the least money, to be found anywhere.

I have the largest stock of **HAMMOCKS** ever brought to the city. They were bought out of the **Trust**. Prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Croquet sets, 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Your calls will be appreciated.

Truly,  
**J. W. CASS.**

Figure 46. Johnson City Comet, 3 May 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 21 June 1900.

## THE HART AND HOUSTON STORE.

Dress Goods.	Dress Trimmings.	Millinery.
<p>We are selling more heavy goods for ladies, Tailor Made Gowns and Walking skirts, than we have sold for years. But don't think that tailor made suits only are made of these, touched up with the new trimmings, they are made up for dress occasions and are equally as popular as the tailor made suits.</p> <p>Freize and Homespun per yd. 50c. Camel's Hair Cheviots " " 75-1 00. Pebble Cheviots " " 1.00-1.50.</p> <p><b>OUR PATTERN SUITS</b> in Pebble Cheviots, Zebelines, Coverts, Venetian, etc., come in all the latest colorings, and, best of all, the styles are exclusive and no two alike you know.</p>	<p>There will be more dress trimmings used this season than for many previous seasons, even the tailor made gowns will receive their share.</p> <p>Two styles of dress trimmings stand out most prominent. The <b>Empire</b>, with it's touch of gold, and the <b>Aplique</b>, which we show in silk and velvet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A VELVET SEASON.</b></p> <p>Dame Fashion must have velvet in some part of her toilet, whether it is the plain or fancy. Panné Velvet is the newest, and the most striking effects are found in the polka-dot patterns.</p>	<p>Our opening is over and we thank our friends and customers for their words of praise and liberal patronage that has helped to make it such a success. We are in fullest readiness to serve you, our hats are to sell, and we are ready to give your order special care.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFANT'S CAPS.</b></p> <p>This line failed to reach us in time for our opening but they are here now, some thirty different styles ready for the little ones.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LADIES' NECKWEAR.</b></p> <p>An elegant line in exclusive styles. <b>New Ready-to-wear HATS Just in.</b></p>

Figure 47. Johnson City Comet, 4 October 1900.

25 October 1900. Johnson City Comet.

"J.W. Cass will move his book store November 1<sup>st</sup> to the Mathes & Harris building on Main street."

## Some January Clearing Prices

At the HART and HOUSTON Store.

<p><b>Fine Dress Goods Reduced.</b> Up-to-date styles only. Our \$9.00 dress patterns now \$6.75 Our \$8.00 " " " 5.75 Our \$7.50 " " " 5.25 Our \$5.00 skirts " " 3.75 Five pieces all wool dress goods 38in wide former price 60c yd, now 39c Three pieces all wool dress goods 36in wide, former price 30c per yd. 23c</p> <p><b>Reductions in Cotton Goods.</b> Imitation French flannel 28in wide was 15c and 18c now 10c 12½ cents outing, now 9c 10 cents outing, now 7c 6½ cents outing, now 5c 12½ cts percale's now 10c 10 cts " now 7c</p>	<p><b>Our Remnant Table</b> Is filled with short pieces of table linin. Embroideries, Laces, Ribbons, Callicos, etc. Odds and ends gathered here and there from all over store.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Prices on Ladies' Capes and Jackets.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMFORT IN THESE.</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>85 cents Comforts, now</td> <td>69 cts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$1.50 " "</td> <td>\$1.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$2.00 " "</td> <td>\$1.50</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Special prices on Blankets.</p>	85 cents Comforts, now	69 cts.	\$1.50 " "	\$1.15	\$2.00 " "	\$1.50	<p><b>Important Millinery Selling.</b> Special reductions on all goods in Stock. Baby's Silk Caps from 50c to 39c " " " " 75c to 49c " " " " 98c to 69c " " " " \$1.25 to 89c " " " " \$1.50 to 99c One lot Ladies' Felt Sailors 50 and 75c quality now 25c.</p> <p><b>Bargains in Shoes.</b> Broker lots in our Ladies' \$3.00 goods marked down to \$2.25. Some special prices on Misses' and Childrens' Shoes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PORTIERS.</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>1 pair Tapestry Portiers was</td> <td>\$3.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>now</td> <td>\$2.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 pairs Tapestry Portiers was</td> <td>\$7.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>now</td> <td>\$5.50</td> </tr> </table>	1 pair Tapestry Portiers was	\$3.75	now	\$2.50	2 pairs Tapestry Portiers was	\$7.50	now	\$5.50
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**REMEMBER THIS:** All reductions are real and we guarantee everything just as represented.

Figure 48. Johnson City Comet, 10 January 1901.

## The HART & HOUSTON Store.

### Opening of Fall Business.

<p><b>New Fall Dress Goods Arriving Daily.</b> We give just a few prices:</p> <p><b>Novelty Mixtures</b> In small neat effects, all wool per yard 30c</p> <p><b>Dress Flannel</b> For children's wear, all wool per yard 30c</p> <p><b>Venetians</b> In the newest fall shades per yard 50c</p> <p><b>Prunella Cloth</b> In black and new fall shades a very popular cloth, per yard 60c</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>Millinery....</b> Our Miss Lightfoot has returned from New York, and her purchases are arriving daily. We will in a day or two show our complete line of</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ready-to-wear Hats.</b> The latest creations for fall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>School Shoes</b> We pride ourselves on our line of children's shoes, and a trial once means a permanent customer, for we sell only solid shoes.</p> <p><b>Our Godman Line</b> has arrived. In them you find a good, solid, serviceable shoe at a moderate price.</p>
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About Sept. 20 we will move to the building now occupied by R. L. & B. Bruner.

Figure 49. Johnson City Comet, 12 September 1901.

19 September 1901. Johnson City Comet.

“Removals... The Hart & Houston store has moved in the room vacated by Mr. Bruner. The room is 160 feet deep and fronts on Main and Market streets, and will give this firm the room they have needed for some time.

Gump Bros. will move into the room vacated by Hart & Houston as soon as they can have some necessary remodeling done. A new recess plate glass front will be put in and other improvements made that will make it an attractive store, to say nothing of the stock these gentlemen will carry.”

2.2.7. Gump Brothers' Men's Clothing Store, here 1901 to perhaps 1923



Figure 50. Johnson City Comet, 12 December 1901.

Spring and Summer

.....Clothing

It will certainly pay you to examine our stock of **Suits, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Hats, etc.,** as we are displaying the most complete, most stylish, and greatest assortment ever shown in the city

**Prices are positively right.**

Will be very glad to show you our stock.

We have a complete spring line of

**— Everything for Boys.**

**GUMP BROS.**

Corner Spring and Main Streets.

Figure 51. Johnson City Comet, 10 April 1902.





# Spring Suits....

If you are thinking about buying a suit of clothes for Spring and Summer, it will certainly pay you to look at our goods before purchasing. Our line of Schloss Bros. & Co.'s celebrated clothing is complete, and we can supply you with the most stylish and best fitting garments made at very reasonable cost. It is worth your while to at least "take a look." We are also displaying the very newest things in Youths' and Children's clothing, Hanan and Bostonian shoes, Stetson and Knox hats, Monarch shirts, etc. ♣ Will be glad to have you call.

GUMP BROS.

Figure 52. Johnson City Comet, 26 March 1903.

**Christmas Gifts**  
**THAT EVERY MAN OR  
 BOY WILL APPRECIATE**

Suit of Clothes	Link Cuff Buttons	Muffler
Overcoat	Fob	Ways Muffler
Bain Coat	Watch Chain	Full Dress Protectors
Necktie	Umbrella	Gloves
Shirt	Cane	Fancy Sox
Shoes	Initial Silk Kerchief	Dress Suit Case
Underwear	Initial Linen Kerchief	Valise
Scarf Pin	Smoking Jacket	Trunk

**PRICES ARE RIGHT**

**Opera House Block      GUMP BROTHERS**

Figure 53. Johnson City Comet, 3 December 1903.

July 1904. Cloaks and Furs.

"The Gump Dry Goods Co. has been newly organized in Johnson City, Tenn. The business starts with \$30,000 capital."<sup>32</sup>

4 May 1905. Johnson City Comet.

"Will Remodel Building. The Jobe heirs will remodel the building on the corner of Main and Spring streets at once. The frame buildings fronting on Spring street will be torn away and a store room erected extending back to the rear of the Summers-Parrott Hardware Company, and will be used by this firm when completed. The opera house will be abandoned and the second floor of that building converted into offices. These improvements will add much to the attractiveness and rental value of the property."

**Look**

At Our Tremendous  
Stock of

FALL SUITS  
CRAVINETTES  
TOP COATS  
OVERCOATS  
SHOES, HATS

In fact, everything to  
wear for Men and  
Boys. The largest  
and best Stock ever  
displayed in the city.

**Gump Bros.**



**SCHLOSS BROS & CO**  
Fine Clothes Makers  
BALTIMORE NEW YORK

PRICES RIGHT.

Figure 54. Johnson City Comet, 12 October 1905.

28 December 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“Changes Among Merchants. Several changes of location will be made by our merchants early in 1906... Frank Taylor will move to the Cargille storeroom.

Gump Bros. will take the room now occupied by Frank Taylor and connect it with the room they now occupy, giving them one of the best storerooms in the city...”

Note: from here on, 108 and 110 East Main Street will be treated as a single address and will be covered in this section.

# *New Clothes for Thanksgiving!*

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Now the time to get your Fall  
clothes. A new SUIT or OVER-  
COAT will double your enjoyment of  
*Thanksgiving Day.*

We have a splendid assortment.  
Give us a look.

## **GUMPS.**

**Suits Made to Measure.**

Figure 55. Johnson City Comet, 21 November 1907.



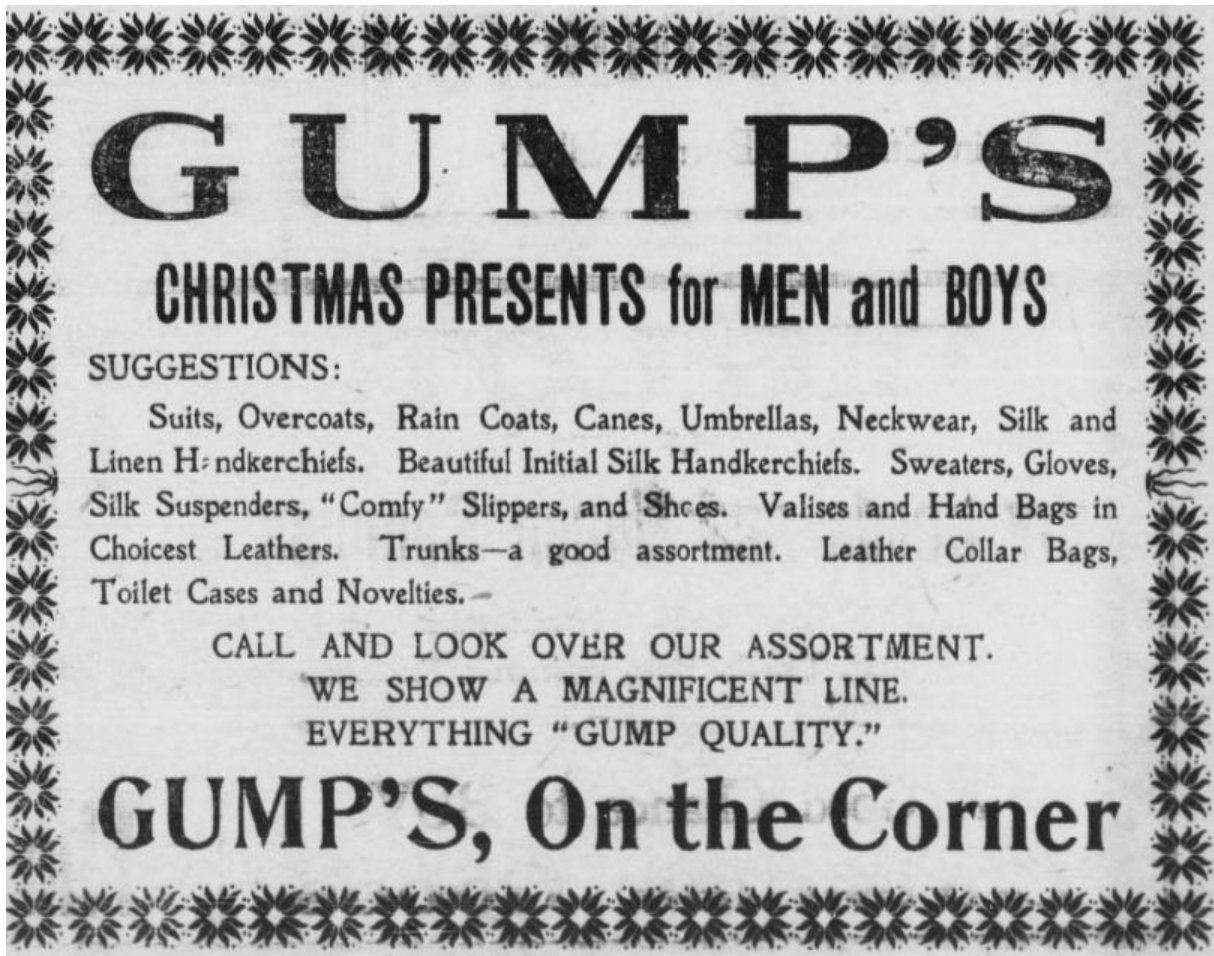


Figure 56. Johnson City Comet, 17 December 1908.

1 July 1909. Johnson City Comet.

"Gump's Re-Building Sale – The First in the History of this Popular Firm and It's a Record Breaker – A page advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Comet will carry good news to many homes in this city where there are men and boys to be shod. For twenty-nine years Gumps has been a household word in Johnson City and vicinity and stood for clothing quality. The business has grown steadily with the town and now has outgrown its quarters, in a sense. In other words the house is going to put on a new front to make a suitable background for the Public Square when the handsome new fountain is placed. Contractor Curtis will begin remodeling the building on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and to give his corps of workmen elbow room this big sale has been inaugurated, the first in the history of this firm. The prices offered are astonishing when it is realized that only the highest class of clothing, furnishings, hats and shoes are carried in stock, advertised by the makers and standard the world over. You don't have to be your own judge to purchase at this sale, the brand on the articles tell the story. This sale will be a big success because the people known from experience that the Gump reputation is behind every article offered in this sale and the price will do the rest."

For later information on the Gump Brothers' store at 108 and 110 and East Main Street, see Section 3.1., below.

2.3. 108 East Main Street, 1884 – 1909  
(Jobe's Opera House Building)

Dr. E.P. Pendleton's Drug Store, 1884 – 1885  
James F. Crumley's Grocery and Confectionery Store, 1885  
Bank of Johnson City, here 1886 – 1888  
M.I. Gump's Clothing and Furnishings Store, here 1888 – 1890  
Gump Brothers Clothing and Furnishings Store, here 1890 – 1901  
Frank Taylor's Dry Goods Store, here 1901 – 1905

2.3.1 Dr. E.P. Pendleton's Drug Store, 1884 – 1885

28 June 1884. Johnson City Comet.

"Dr. Pendleton has opened a magnificent drug establishment in Jobe's new block. Knoxville herself can not show a finer retail drug store. 'How high ish dot.'"

5 July 1884. Johnson City Comet.

"Harr's front and Dr. Pendleton's front in the new Jobe block have been recently painted by Geo. A. Naff. It is the best work we ever saw in Johnson City and convinces us that the General is master of his trade. Geo. Naff needs no better advertisement than his own work."

12 July 1884. Johnson City Comet.

"New Drug Store. – The new drug store of E.P. Pendleton, in Jobe's block is one of the nicest places in town. He has all kinds of drugs and medicines and besides has a splendid assortment of toilet and fancy articles. All of his goods are entirely new, and Mr. Pendleton has showed his fitness for his business by the tasteful arrangement of his goods. Don't take our word for it but call and see for yourself. He is too busy this week to get up an advertisement for The Comet, but will have it ready soon. Then look out."

12 July 1884. Johnson City Comet.

"New Drug Store. E.P. Pendleton wishes to announce to the citizens of Johnson City and surrounding vicinity, that after thirteen years experience as a Druggist, he has opened out in the Jobe Block with a full and complete line of Fresh Drugs (chemically pure). Patent medicines of all kinds, Perfumery, Soaps, Toilet articles, Stationary, French candy, Lamp Goods, Tobacco, and Cigars of the best grade, for which I earnestly desire and solicit your patronage and extend a cordial invitation to one and all, and especially the ladies, to call and examine my new and beautiful stock before purchasing elsewhere. I guarantee no mistakes in compounding. Prescriptions accurately compounded at all hours. Very Respectfully, E.P. Pendleton."

# **PENDLETON'S NEW DRUG STORE**

**IN JOBE'S NEW BLOCK.**

**—(: A FULL LINE OF :)—**

## **Drugs, Chemically Pure,**

**PATENT MEDICINES, PERFUMES, SOAPS, TOI-  
LET ARTICLES, FINE FRENCH CON-  
FECTIONERIES, STATIONARY,  
TOBACCO AND CIGARS.**

**Prescriptions accurately compound-  
ed at all hours.**

**Everything new and of best quality.**

Figure 57. Johnson City Comet, 26 July 1884.  
This advertisement ran until at least 21 February 1885.

8 August 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“George Naff with a new coat of paint has much improved the inside of Pendleton’s drug store.”

11 March 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Pendleton has sold out his entire stock of drugs to Mr. Jones, and will return to Marion, Va., to make that place his future home. Mr. James Crumley will keep a full line of groceries and confectioneries in the room occupied by Mr. Pendleton.”

### 2.3.2. James F. Crumley’s Grocery and Confectionery Store, 1885

28 March 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. James Crumley has moved his stock of Groceries and Confectioneries in the room formerly occupied by Mr. Pendleton.”

11 April 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Dried Beef at J.F. Crumley’s... Baker’s Chocolate... Macaroni and Tapeoka... Chipped Beef... Fresh Cocoanuts... Desiccated Cocoanut... Oranges... Extra Pine apple, Lemon, Strawberry &c... 13lb Carolina Rice for \$1.000... Raw and Cooked Oatmeal...”

18 April 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Dr. Berry’s dental office is in the far room of J.F. Crumley’s store... Some thief entered J.F. Crumley’s store Wednesday night and carried away two boxes of cigars...”

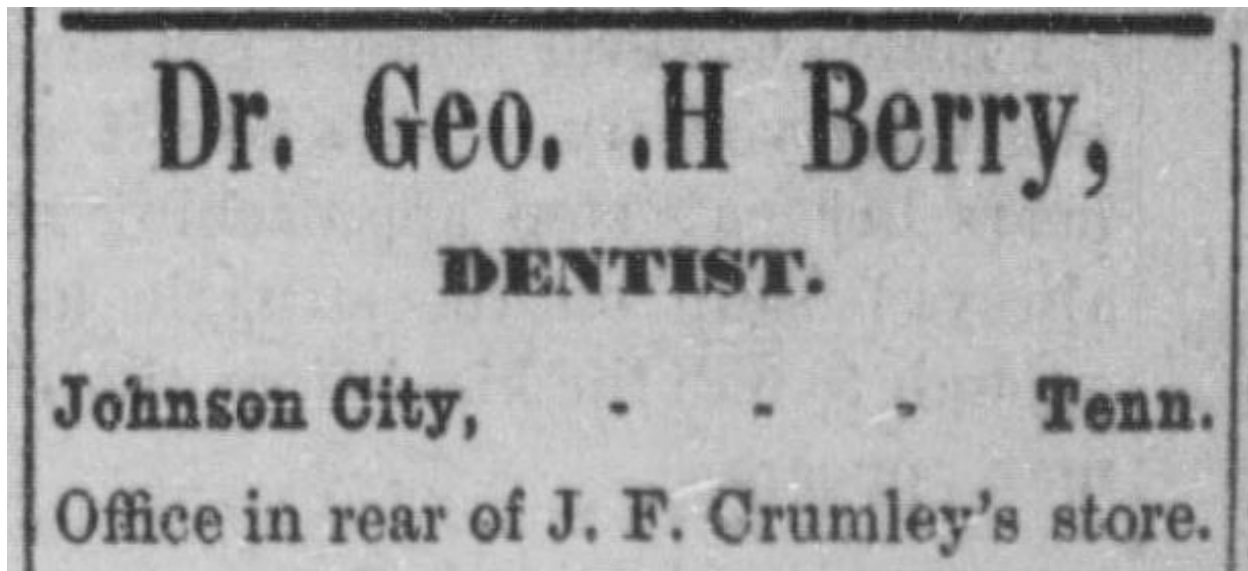


Figure 58. Johnson City Comet, 23 July 1885.  
This advertisement ran until at least 29 October 1885.

27 August 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Wanted by J.F. Crumley eggs! Eggs!! Eggs!!!... J.F. Crumley will pay the highest market price in cash for eggs during the entire egg season...”



8 October 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Jim Crumley has put a large pulpit lamp in front of his store which adds largely to its appearance... Bascom Crumley says Dr. Geo. H. Berry has added a barber shop to his dental office, and makes a specialty of shampooing and dyeing.”

Note: This is the last mention of this enterprise found by the author.<sup>33</sup>

### 2.3.3. Bank of Johnson City, here 1886 – 1888

1 April 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“The Bank. – It is now a settled fact that Johnson City is to have a bank. The following letter from the banking house of Snow & Crandall, Sheldon, Ill., under date of March 15<sup>th</sup>, explains itself:

C.K. Lide, Esq., Johnson City, Tenn., Dear Sir: – Since leaving your town, Mr. Shuler and myself have concluded to open a good, solid bank, with plenty of capital at your city, and expect to have it in operation inside of 60 days.

If it is not too much trouble will you see if there is any residence which can be rented by May 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, also good store room.

We are in correspondence with some Johnson City parties in regard to a room for banking office, and if they do not come to time, would like to learn if room can be had.

We are under obligations to you for so kindly helping us when in Johnson City, and hope to reciprocate when a citizen of your city. Yours resp’y J.E. Crandall.”

6 May 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“The Bank – Messrs. Crandall & Shuler have arrived in Johnson City and have opened the Bank of Johnson City, in the west room under Jobe’s Hall. A fire-proof vault is being erected and inside of it will be placed a splendid Hall’s burglar proof steel safe, with a time lock. The gentlemen who will conduct the banking business come to this community with the highest recommendations. They have plenty of capital and are now ready for business. The bank will be a great convenience to Johnson City and will no doubt prove to be a paying institution.”

13 May 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. J.J. Adams has completed the fire-proof vault for the Bank of Johnson City.”

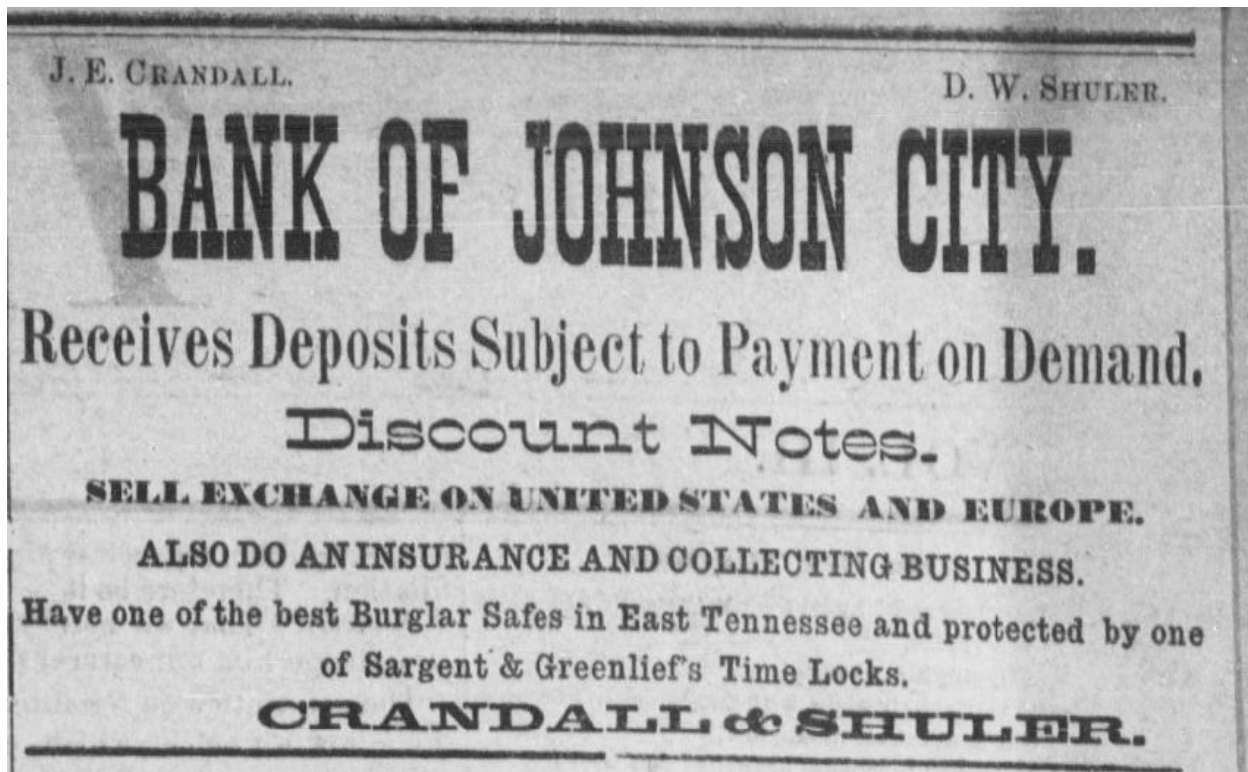


Figure 59. Johnson City Comet, 27 May 1886.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 18 October 1888.

17 June 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“The Bank of Johnson City are putting up new awnings... M.C. Carson has completed a neat job of lettering on the Bank front. Mr. Carson thoroughly understands his business and has been secured to paint a sign for The Comet office.”

5 August 1886. Johnson City Comet.

“The Bank of Johnson City is putting on style. They have just put a handsome wire railing around their counter, and have lately had the room papered and the ceiling decorated. They are still making improvements, and when finished will have decidedly the handsomest and best appointed bank east of Chattanooga. The counter was made by the Johnson City Furniture Co. and is really a marvel of beauty. Messrs. Crandall & Shuler are go ahead young men and have done much for Johnson City since they have been identified with us.”

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Perfectly Safe. It has been rumored in Johnson City for the past week or two that Jobe’s Opera House was unsafe and in consequence the Florence Elmore troop did not get a crowd sufficient to play to the second night they were here. It is not known who started this report nor why it was started, but it is false. It is true the front wall has sprung perhaps an inch but that happened when the building was first built and has become no worse since. It has been pronounced by architects, and men who ought to know, to be perfectly safe and since it held such crowds as

attended the Price and Butler speaking, and similar free entertainments, there should be no doubt about its safety. Mr. Jobe has been very kind to the public and has always let it have the use of his Opera House free, and it is hardly right to circulate such a report without a foundation.”

12 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Manager Ike T. Jobe has had two iron girders put through his Opera House lengthwise and it is now perfectly safe.”

26 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“The Men Who Sell. – A Comet Reporter Finds Something of Interest to Say Concerning Our Business Men... The first Bank in Washington county, Tennessee, opened its doors for the transaction of general banking, in all its branches, in May, 1886.

With ample capital and financiering ability, joined with tact, promptitude and untarnished record, the success of the Bank of Johnson City has been phenomenal. The structure occupied is admirably furnished, and contains one of the best vaults in the State. It is not only roomy but is proof against the fire-fiend and his human accessory, and with Hall’s patent time lock shows the acme of inventive genius and mechanical skill.

The Bank of Johnson City is not only a bank and State depository, but also headquarters for fire and life insurance, representing the most reliable companies in America and Great Britain.

The correspondents of the Bank of Johnson City include the National Bank of Deposit, New York city and the Merchants Bank of Knoxville, institutions of financial strength and wide influence.

Amid the numerous additions to Johnson City, in contemplation, is a bank building, which in elegance, convenience and equipment will be an honor to the ambition of this city and the entire region.

J.E. Crandall, Esq., the President of the Bank of Johnson City, became initiated into banking circles when but seventeen years of age, and he has ably filled positions of responsibility in leading financial institutions in Illinois State. The gentleman possesses not only capital but is an astute, shrewd and safe financier, in whose hands all banking transactions are reliably and promptly dealt with.

Mr. Crandall is thoroughly progressive, and has centered his interests with the wish and the capacity to aid the public weal and develop this country’s resources, he is a man of quick perception and action, and the advantage of his having chosen Johnson City as a home cannot be too highly estimated.

He is the Treasurer of the Johnson City Furniture Company, which will employ the coming season 100 men. He is interested in the Tobacco Works recently established. He owns mineral lands, and is a prominent member of land companies. Mr. Crandall has caused the erection of one of the finest residences in the place, and has given a tangible augury as to the coming greatness of this belt of country.

The Cashier and Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Johnson City are Messrs. H.R. Kenyon and C.D. Fine, respectively, young gentlemen who would grace any position in commercial and social life. With such officers the Bank of Johnson City is bound to become an institution of magnitude and great wealth...”

26 April 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. J.E. Crandall has begun to tear down the old Range building and will erect a handsome bank building in its stead.”

5 July 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“J.E. Crandall is building the most handsome brick yet built. It is on the corner of R.R. square and Main street, the best stand in town, he will move his bank from the Jobe block to this building when completed. It will be a three story brick with two fronts. Mr. Crandall has done as much as any other one man to give our town a substantial growth, since he came among us.”

9 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“The brick work on J.E. Crandall’s bank building has been completed. The building is three stories high and will be the handsomest bank building in East Tennessee.”

20 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“The Bank of Johnson City has moved into its new building on the corner of Main street and Public Square. The building is one of the finest east of Knoxville in Tennessee and would be a credit to a much larger city. It is three stories high, built of pressed brick and is furnished throughout in hardwood. The first floor contains banking room and book store, second has six offices and the third will be fitted up for an Odd Fellow’s hall.”

#### 2.3.4. M.I. Gump’s Clothing and Furnishings Store, here 1888 – 1890

11 October 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“M.I. Gump has moved into the store room in the Jobe Block, lately occupied by the Bank of Johnson City. He is receiving new goods daily and will carry the largest stock of clothing and furnishing goods this fall he has ever carried. His immense fall stock will be in in ten days.”



**G U M P**  
**HAS MOVED HIS STOCK OF**  
**CLOTHING**  
**INTO THE ROOM IN THE**  
**JOBE BLOCK,**  
**LATELY OCCUPIED BY**  
**BANK OF JOHNSON CITY.**

Figure 60. The Johnson City Comet, 18 October 1888.  
This advertisement ran until at least 10 January 1889.

29 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Before going North I will sell all Clothing at greatly reduced prices. Come and see for yourself. M.I. Gump.”

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“C.E. Osborne is laying a concrete pavement in front of the Jobe Block. The new pavement will be ten feet wide and will be the best in the city. Mayor Jobe is one of our progressive citizens and always leads in improvements.”

9 January 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“The people want good serviceable and wearing clothing for the same go to M.I. Gump who has just received a fresh supply of all grades.” This item ran until at least 17 April 1890.

2.3.5. Gump Brothers Clothing and Furnishings Store, here 1890 – 1901

(From 1906 to perhaps 1923, the Gump Brothers occupied both 108 and 110 East Main Street.)

(The period from 1906 to 1909 is addressed in Section 2.2.7., above.)

(The period from 1909 to 1923 is addressed in Section 3.1.1., below.)

24 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“See the advertisement of Gump Bros. in this issue. M.I. Gump has admitted his brother, H.D. Gump, of Trinidad, California, into the firm and between the two they will manage to sell you what you want in the clothing line. Their stock of spring goods is exceptionally large and stylish and has been selected with great care by Mr. M.I. Gump.”



Figure 61. Johnson City Comet, 24 April 1890.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 September 1890.

**PRINCE ALBERT SUITS**  
 IN ALL COLORS.  
 Blue Suits in Flannel Or Serge,  
 IN ROUND OR SQUARE CUT,  
 AT  
**GUMP BROS.,** CLOTHIERS and  
 GENTS' FURNISHERS.

Figure 62. Johnson City Comet, 11 May 1891.

**HARD TIMES. YES, HARD TIMES !**  
 But you can buy a suit of Clothes or Overcoat so cheap from the Old Reliable GUMP BROS., that  
 you will think hard times are gone.

Figure 63. Johnson City Comet, 8 October 1891.

7 January 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Dissolution Notice. The Firm of Gump Bros., M.I. and H.D. Gump is this day dissolved by mutual consent, M.I. Gump retiring. The style of the firm in the future will be Gump Bros. H.D. and L.D. Gump who will assume all liabilities and collect all outstanding accounts. Respectfully M.I. Gump, H.D. Gump, L.D. Gump, Jan. 7, 1892.”

**==“MOTHERS,”==**

**THE SCHOOLS Are Now OPENING.**  
**ARE YOUR BOYS PROPERLY GLAD?**

<b>Prices to Suit the Times.</b>	Call and see our line of <b>YOUTH'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.</b> <small>We have just received a large and attractive line.</small> <hr/> <small>We have also received an elegant stock of</small> <b>MEN'S CLOTHING.</b>	<b>Prices to Suit the Times.</b>
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**GUMP BROS., Opera House Block.**

Figure 64. Johnson City Comet, 30 August 1894.

13 December 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“‘It Will Pay You’ – To examine our stock pf Men’s and Boys’ Clothing if you intend purchasing, also a large line of Children’s Suits, Jersey Cloth, &c. A handsome line of Neckwear and Gents’ Furnishings for the Holidays. Give us a call. Gump Bros.”

**SPECIAL \* PANT \* SALE.**

**\$2.00.**

Pants that sold formerly at from \$3 to \$5 will go at that price. Big assortment. For 10 days only. Call and examine.

**GUMP BROS.**

Figure 65. Johnson City Comet, 9 May 1895.



# For . Men . Only .

**PANTS** \$1.98

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ALL WOOL AND IN VARIOUS COLORS.

We have added SHOES to our stock  
of Clothing and Furnishings. . . . .

Opera House Block.

**GUMP BROS.**

Figure 66. Johnson City Comet, 9 April 1896.

## Men's . . . Underwear

The largest assortment ever brought  
to the city, and at prices *Just Right.*

WE CAN SAVE  
YOU MONEY ON

**SHOES . . . .**

and in fact on everything for men and boys.

Opera House Block.

**GUMP BROS.**

Figure 67. Johnson City Comet, 24 September 1896.

# HOLIDAY .. GIFTS

We still have a full assortment  
of Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs  
Mufflers, Gloves, Neckwear,  
Slippers, and . . . . .

Useful Presents for  
Men and Boys.



Opera House Block.

GUMP BROS.

Figure 68. Johnson City Comet, 31 December 1896.

# SPRING CLOTHING.

\* Our stock of MENS' and BOYS' CLOTHING,  
\* GENTS' FURNISHINGS, Hats, Shoes, Neck-  
\* wear, etc., is now complete. The largest assort-  
\* ment ever brought to the city and at prices that  
\* are **JUST RIGHT.**

Call and examine.

GUMP BROS.,

Opera House Block.

Figure 69. Johnson City Comet, 23 March 1897.

**SOME THINGS WE MEN  
WOULD ACCEPT AS**



# **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

From our wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and  
**SWEETHEARTS.**

We will tell you what they want, also that we fill those  
"wants" exactly, at the very lowest prices.

Walking Sticks,  
Umbrellas,  
Silk Suspenders,  
Silk Mufflers,  
Cuff Buttons,  
Mackintoshes,  
Valises,  
Dress Shirts,

Fine Neckwear,  
"Imperials,"  
Linen Handkerchiefs,  
Silk Handkerchiefs,  
Slippers,  
Overcoats,  
Gloves,  
Hats,  
Boys' Caps.

We would be pleased to have the ladies call and inspect our goods.

# **GUMP BROS.**

**Outfitters for Men and Boys.**

**Opera House Block.**

Figure 70. Johnson City Comet, 16 December 1897.

7 July 1898. Johnson City Comet.

"Sheriff's Land Sale... I will on Saturday, August 13, 1893, at the Court House door in Johnson City, Tenn., during legal hours, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand the undivided interest of Hattie J. Pendleton in the following described real estate of the estate of Tipton Jobe, deceased... A certain house and lot fronting on the Public Square of said town of Johnson City, and known as the Jobe's Opera House building including said Opera House store rooms, etc. Said building bounded on the east by Spring street, on the west by store room known as the Lide storeroom, now owned by John Brabson, on the south by Tipton Jobe home place, on the north by Public Square and Main street." See Section 2.6., below, for the complete text of this document.

# \$3.25

Buys a Good "Clay Worsted" Man's Suit of Clothes,  
with French Facings and Satin Piping.

Our stock of Vestee Suits for the little ones from 3 to 8  
is the most magnificent ever shown here.

Mothers, interested in the appearance of their children,  
will do well to examine these goods. Prices right.

☞ We invite your inspection.

## Gump Bros.,

Outfitters For Men and Boys.

Opera House Block.

Figure 71. Johnson City Comet, 13 October 1898.

# MOTHERS!

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We are showing a great line of Vestees and Kindred Suits for children, 3 to 8, at medium prices. Also Clothing, Shoes, Hats and everything for men and boys of all ages or conditions. Call and investigate.

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## Gump Bros.,

Opera House Block. Outfitters for Men and Boys

Figure 72. Johnson City Comet, 5 October 1899.

19 April 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“Clerk and Master’s Sale of Real Estate. – sell to the highest bidder... All of the property of which the late Tipton Jobe, deceased, seized and possessed, consisting of... the Jobe opera house block on Main and Spring streets, with small store room at end of said block on Spring street; also what is known as the Pendleton House...” See Section 2.6., below, for the complete text of this document.

**\$2.00**

**Pants Sale.** \*

Several hundred pairs of trousers in all varieties, sizes, and colors, to close out at the above price. They are all \$2.50 and \$3.00 values. There is nothing in the lot worth less than \$2.50. Come early and get best choice.

**Gump Bros.,**  
**Outfitters for Men and Boys.**

Figure 73. Johnson City Comet, 19 April 1900.



# Xmas Gifts.

What to buy suitable for a man or boy is frequently a perplexing question. We give below a list from which the most fastidious can select at proper prices.

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Suit of Clothes	Boys Vestee Suits
Overcoats	Boys Reefers
Mackintoshes	Boys Overcoats
Usters	Mufflers
Fancy Vests	Neckties
Shoes	Necktie Mufflers
Pair Slippers	Underwear
Canes	Fancy Socks
Umbrellas	Fancy Shirts
Linen Handkerchiefs	Link Cuff Buttons
Silk Handkerchiefs	Gloves
Initial Handkerchiefs	Hats and Caps

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We especially invite the ladies to call and inspect our stock.

## GUMP BROTHERS,

Outfitters for Men and Boys

Figure 74. Johnson City Comet, 6 December 1900.

**TWO** \* \* \*

**Great Specials**  
**for One Week ONLY**

**250** All-wool spring and medium weight suits of Clothes, all colors, square and round cuts, well lined and fine fitting, at \$6.66--worth \$8.50 to \$10.00. A look will not cost a cent and may save you money.

**44c Shirt Sale** 44 DOZEN  
Percalé Shirts, assorted colors, made with yoke and two detached collars, also with collar attached. **Worth 65c.**

We will include in the above Shirt Sale 25 dozen white laundered and unlaundered shirts. A great opportunity to buy shirts cheap.

We are showing a large line of Summer Underwear, plain and assorted colors, at 25c.

**Examine Our Stock of Shoes.**

**Gump Bros.**  
Outfitters for Men and Boys.

Figure 75. Johnson City Comet, 25 April 1901.

19 September 1901. Johnson City Comet.

"Removals... The Hart & Houston store has moved in the room vacated by Mr. Bruner. The room is 160 feet deep and fronts on Main and Market streets, and will give this firm the room they have needed for some time.

Gump Bros. will move into the room vacated by Hart & Houston as soon as they can have some necessary remodeling done. A new recess plate glass front will be put in and other improvements made that will make it an attractive store, to say nothing of the stock these gentlemen will carry."

## 2.3.6. Frank Taylor's Dry Goods Store, here 1901 – 1905

21 November 1901. Johnson City Comet.

“Removals. Frank Taylor will start the moving van the first of the year by moving into the Opera House block and will occupy the room vacated by Gump Bros.

J.S. Byrd & Co. will move into the room at present occupied by Frank Taylor.”

**Removal Sale!**

ON JANUARY 1, 1902, we will move into the storeroom formerly occupied by Gump Bros., on Main street and Public Square. In order that we may get our goods in this room, it is necessary that we reduce our Mommeth stock in all departments. In some instances we are forced to eliminate some lines altogether. In view of these facts we will make

**WIDE-SPREAD REDUCTIONS**

on our stock until January 1. This is no "faka" but a clear business proposition. We know you can save big money by taking advantage of this sale. In many instances the former price will be cut in two—to say the least big reductions in all departments. Below we call your attention to only a few items.

**Dress Goods**

The knife has gone deep in our Dress Goods. Several pieces all wool goods, formerly sold for 39c, price for this sale . . . 20c  
Six pieces all wool goods, former price 50c, this sale . . . 25c  
Four " " and silk " " 75c, " . . . 35c  
Five pieces Novelty reduced to . . . 10c 12½c

We can only name a few.

**Carpets, Mattings and Rugs.**

This entire line we are compelled to drop.

Carpets we sold at 25c, price for this sale . . . 17c  
" " " 39c, " " " . . . 27c  
" " " 50c, " " " . . . 33c  
" " " 65c, " " " . . . 47c

Big reductions on Mattings, Oilcloths and Rugs.

Prices in keeping with the sale throughout the house. Big reductions in Underwear and Gents' furnishings. We have just received a big stock of Holiday Goods, which will go at same prices. **Don't fail to Take Advantage of this Slaughter of Values.**

Very truly,  
**FRANK TAYLOR.**  
Main Street.  
P. S. - We will make enormous reductions on Ladies' Jackets, Capes and Furs.

Figure 76. Johnson City Comet, 21 November 1901.<sup>34</sup>

16 January 1902. Johnson City Comet.

"In New Quarters. Frank Taylor has moved his dry goods store to the room in the opera house block recently vacated by Gump Bros. He is now comfortably located in his new quarters and will soon have the room filled with a magnificent new stock of goods. He had a large portion of this stock damaged by a recent fire in an adjoining building."

6 March 1902. Johnson City Comet.

"Frank Taylor is in the eastern markets purchasing spring and summer stocks for his dry goods emporium. Frank is a happy buyer, and will make his numerous customers happy when they see the results of his New York trip."

**Frank Taylor's**

**OUR NEW GOODS** are arriving daily. They have been selected with the utmost care and in strict accord with the latest styles and fashions. We have chosen them from the largest and best assortment of the leading markets. We show only those things which are considered correct in quality and fashion. It has always been our aim to make each season better than the preceding one, and we do not hesitate to say we will surpass all previous efforts this season. A visit to our store will convince you of this fact. We have many exclusive styles in the new fabrics for spring and summer.

**Dress Goods and Silks**

This department is full of pretty things for the season. Just another week till Easter, and we have bought many things especially for this occasion. Let us sell you your Easter apparel. Beautiful line of Silk Waists, entirely new; also handsome suits, and an extensive line of Skirtings and Waistings.

**Wash Goods**

Such an endless variety of wash fabrics this goods has never been shown in Johnson City before.

Gingham, new design, 11c  
" lace effect, 15c to 25c  
" silk spot zephyr, 17c  
All colors in linens, 20c  
White Madras for waists, 17c to 50c  
Beautiful "silk tissue" linen, 50c  
All colors satin stripe and lace effect 40c to 65c  
Full stock of P.K.'s, dimities, lawns, grenadine—can mention only a few.

**Shoes**

We are opening our stock of spring footwear this week. Can show you styles and shape in high class footwear that you won't be able to find elsewhere. Our ZEIGLER shoe for ladies, men, and children are especially inviting this season. We are sole agents for the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co.'s goods and will be pleased to have you see this line before purchasing. All sold under a guarantee and must give satisfaction. Of course we have a full stock of cheap goods, and can sell you better goods for \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 than any other house. Our strong point in our shoe department is **Quality**.

**Miscellaneous**

Novelties in back combs, full stock of notions, special things in ribbons, one lot of fancy ribbons worth 25c to sell at 15c, large assortment embroidery and laces, silk and cotton appliques, large stock staple dry goods. The house is jammed full of choice merchandise ready for your inspection.

We will have an opening every morning during the season, except Sunday. The public cordially invited.

**Frank Taylor.**  
Phone 147. Gump's Old Stand.

Figure 77. Johnson City Comet, 20 March 1902.

THIS WEEK has witnessed heavy selling of all Summer Fabrics and other Summer Sundries ❁ ❁ ❁

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*Thin Goods Department*

This department has come in for some very attractive sales. We are endeavoring to keep the stock right up to the standard and will be able to supply your wants for a few days.

We are offering a very pretty Lawn 12-2 cent quality, for only 8 cents.

Special lot Battiste at 10 cents.

Extra quality Dimity at 12-2 cents.

"Florodora Battiste" at 10 cents.

A few of the Silk and Linen Tissues left at 50 cents.

A full stock of the popular things in white goods.

*Ribbons, Embroideries, Lace*

Our business in this department for this season has been nothing short of phenomenal.

Our stock of Ribbons is full, new goods arriving almost every day.

We have the Wide Satin Taffeta's for Sashes and can save you considerable on them.

We are still keeping an attractive line of Embroideries in both Edgings and Insertions.

We will receive a lot of new Laces in a few days.

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OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Is complete and we can save you big money on SHOES.

Give us a chance when you are purchasing.

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Respectfully,

'Phone 147.

Frank Taylor.

Figure 78. Johnson City Comet, 5 June 1902.



New Idea  
Pattern only 10c



New Idea  
Pattern only 10c

## CHRISTMAS NEWS

...FROM...

# The Frank Taylor Store!

THE "Merry Christmas Times" are fast approaching—the season of the year when you make glad the hearts of your friends. Take our advice and do not wait until the last moment to secure your "Christmas Gifts." Be systematic in your purchases. Make out a list of those whom you expect to remember and come to our store and we will supply your wants. Below we mention some of the things you will find in the various departments of our store.

### Dress Goods and Silk Department.

Do you know there is nothing more suitable for your mother, sister or wife for a Christmas present than a nice Silk Waist or a Dress Pattern? Beautiful Silk Patterns - - - \$2.50 to \$3.00.  
Fine Dress Goods in all the new effects in the popular shades, from - - - 50c to \$1.00.

### Household and Furnishing Goods.

Just at this season of the year there are many things needed in the way of house furnishings, any of which will make attractive presents. EXTRA QUALITY WOOL BLANKETS from \$4 to \$5. Fine stock of medium and high priced Comfortables; extra fine Quilts. We have a beautiful stock of TABLE LINENS and NAPKINS purchased especially for our Christmas trade. Also a very extensive stock of fine Towels in the latest styles.

### Miscellaneous.

Things scattered here and there over the store that will make splendid gifts. A very large assortment of Ladies' KID GLOVES, the best grade to be found anywhere.  
Special stock of GOLF GLOVES and Mittens for ladies and misses.  
■ Beautiful Ice Wool Shawl, black and white, \$1.  
Complete stock Fascinators. Large stock ladies' black mercerized Petticoats from \$1 to \$2.50. Splendid value.

### Handkerchief Department.

Never before did we show such an extensive stock of Handkerchiefs. Beautiful Embroidered and Lace Handkerchiefs only 25c. Large assortment Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs 15c. Fine lot to sell for 5c and 10c. Gents' Initial Silk 50c, Gents' Plain Silk 25. Full line Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for men from 10c to 25c.

Do your Holiday Shopping with us and Save Big Money.

## FRANK TAYLOR,

MONEY SAVER,

'Phone 147. 108 Main St.  
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

Figure 79. Johnson City Comet, 11 December 1902.

# Our July \* \* \* \* Clearance Sale

CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.  
We have sold quantities of Wash Goods at big cuts in prices and are still making sweeping reductions. We must close out our entire stock of Summer Goods and we will make low prices do it. \* \* \*



Don't Fail to Take Advantage of This Sale

## Wash Goods Department

7c	All 10c qualities thin goods reduced to . . . . .	7c
10c	12½c and 15c qualities thin goods reduced to . . . . .	10c
15c	All 25c qualities thin goods reduced to . . . . .	15c
25c	All 35c qualities thin goods reduced to . . . . .	25c
35c	All 50c grades thin goods reduced to . . . . .	35c

## Our Shoe Department

See Our Special Values

\$1.00	Our \$1.25 Slippers reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.25	Our \$1.50 Slippers reduced to	\$1.25
\$1.50	Our \$2.00 Slippers reduced to	\$1.50
\$2.00	Our \$2.50 Low-Cuts reduced to	\$2.00
\$2.50	\$3 and \$3.50 Low-Cuts reduced to . . . . .	\$2.50

We are agents for "New Idea" Patterns---any pattern only 10c. Magazine for August now ready---only five cents per copy. Fashion Sheet for free distribution. \*

# Frank Taylor

'Phone 147.

108 Main Street.

Figure 80. Johnson City Comet, 16 July 1903.

WE SELL  
NEW IDEA PATTERNS  
Any Pattern 10c

NEW IDEA PATTERNS  
Are the Best and  
the Cheapest

THE

# FRANK TAYLOR STORE

✿ Fall and Winter have been felt, and no doubt reminded you of many things you will need at once. We have an attractive array of choice merchandise for those who are in need. Look over the items below: ✿ ✿ ✿

## Dress Goods Department

We are keeping our stock full of those items which are specially favored for Fall wear. Just received another lot of the newest effects in Zibelines, Cheviots, Tweeds, Broadcloths and Meltons.

Our stock of medium and low Dress Goods can not be duplicated in the city.

## Underwear and Blankets.

Our stock of Underwear is now up to the standard. Full stock of all grades and sizes. The cold "snap" we had caused us to close out many sizes, but the stock has been replenished and is now complete.

We are showing some extra nice all wool Blankets, full size, at from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per pair. These are the best goods and are worthy of your careful consideration.

## Wraps and Furs.

Our sale of Wraps has been far beyond what we could expect, and why? Because we have the right kind at the right price. Our line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Wraps is complete, and we cordially invite you to inspect them.

A big stock of Furs at very interesting prices.

## Shoe Department.

Our shoe business was never better. We have the Shoe you should buy. Shoes whose wearing qualities can not be disputed. You take no chance when you buy Shoes from us. We are agents for W. L. Douglas Shoes for men and boys, Zeigler Brothers' Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children. We also have some of the best medium-priced lines in America. Examine our Shoe Stock.

Come to see us when you are in need of GOOD GOODS. We sell no other kind. Mail Orders receive careful and prompt attention.

# Frank Taylor

'Phone 147

108 Main Street

Figure 81. Johnson City Comet, 5 November 1903.

1898

# THE FRANK TAYLOR STORE

1904

Business is flourishing at our store; never was trade so good, never was there so many people buying goods at this store. \* JOIN THE PUSH. \* We are exchanging cords of good merchandise for the cash. \* A big stock of the newest and prettiest things at the lowest possible prices. \* \* \*

## Underwear, Blankets, Comforts--Largest Stock in Town at Our Store

Fine Quality Children's Union Suits . . .25c

Extra Heavy Union Suits for Children . .50c

" " " " Ladies . . .50c

Ladies' Vest and Pants, Heavy, Ribbed, Extra Good, .25c

" " " " Fleeced .50c

" All-wool Underwear, Per Garment \$1.00

Full Stock of Men's and Boys' Underwear

Fine all-wool Blankets, 10-4 and 11-4, \$4 to \$6 per pair

Good Cotton Blankets, . . . . . 75c to \$1.25 per pair

Fine Stock Comforts, . . . . . 75c to \$3.00

*Don't fail to examine all the above goods*

**Shoe Department** Our shoe stock is complete in every particular. \* We can sell you good shoes for less than others;

we are offering the best obtainable at the lowest possible price. \* \* \*

**JUST RECEIVED**—A large shipment of W. L. Douglass Shoes for men and boys. Big lot of Zeigler Bros. Shoes for ladies always in stock. Our stock of Children's School Shoes is very large and embraces a number of choice lines. \* We invite you to look over our big stock of Shoes.

**COMPLETE STOCK OF RUBBERS**

108 Main St. **FRANK TAYLOR** 'Phone 147

Figure 82. Johnson City Comet, 10 November 1904.

4 May 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Remodel Building. The Jobe heirs will remodel the building on the corner of Main and Spring streets at once... These improvements will add much to the attractiveness and rental value of the property.”

**1898**      **OUR**      **1905**

**SHOE DEPARTMENT**

Is full of Good Things for hot weather. We have taken extra trouble to have a Complete Stock of Footwear for this time of year. A big assortment of

**White Canvass Shoes and Oxfords**

For Men, Ladies and Children. Plenty of the Bare-Foot SANDALS for the Little Folks. See our

**DOUGLASS and ZEIGLER LINES.**

Don't fail to get your SHOES from us.

**The Frank Taylor Store**

108 Main Street.      'Phone 147.

Agents for New Idea Patterns and R. and G. and W. B. Corsets.

Figure 83. Johnson City Comet, 22 June 1905.



**1898 REMOVAL NOTICE! 1905**

**O**N JANUARY 1st we will move in the NEW CARGILLE BUILDING which is now being fitted up for us. Moving is a BIG TASK at best and in order that we may reduce our stock as low as possible we will make

**GREAT REDUCTIONS**

On all heavy Goods, including Ladies' Misses' and Childrens' Coats, Blankets, Comforts and Ladies' "Ready to Wear Skirts." Many other items will be reduced. Come early and get first choice.

**The Frank Taylor Store**

After January 1st in the New Cargille Building.

Figure 84. Johnson City Comet, 14 December 1905.

By 4 January 1906, the Frank Taylor Store had relocated to 214 East Main Street.

28 December 1905. Johnson City Comet.

"Changes Among Merchants. Several changes of location will be made by our merchants early in 1906...

Frank Taylor will move to the Cargille storeroom.

Gump Bros. will take the room now occupied by Frank Taylor and connect it with the room they now occupy, giving them one of the best storerooms in the city..."

Note: from 1905 to perhaps 1923, the Gump Brothers occupied both 108 and 110 Main East Street. This document will treat them as a single entry, see 110 East Main Street (Section 2.2.7., above) for later information on Gump Brothers.

#### 2.4. Jobe's Hall/Opera House, 1885 – 1905 (Second Floor of Jobe's Block)

Note: the Johnson City Comet contains a considerable number of advertisements for events at the Jobe's Opera House, only a small portion of these have been included in this document.

6 June 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“New Scenery. – Mr. Ike T. Jobe has purchased a magnificent set of scenery for Jobe's Hall from a reliable Chicago firm. The set will contain thirty-six pieces all of which are very handsome. With this scenery Jobe's Hall will be one of the nicest and best equipped in Tennessee.”

9 July 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Ike T. Jobe has received his new scenery for Jobe's Opera House. There are twenty-six beautiful scenes and a splendid drop curtain. The curtain and scenes will be placed in position in a few days and then if you want to see a really elegant town hall, take a look at Jobe's Opera House.”

3 September 1885. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Ike T. Jobe, manager of Jobe's Opera House, informs us he has several good troupes secured for the coming season. The Huntley Dramatic Company will open the season here on the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. This is one of the best troupes that has ever come to this place and ‘Ike’ deserves great credit for the energy and enterprise displayed in securing it. With the new scenery, just received and put in position, we have the largest, handsomest and best equipped Opera House between Lynchburg and Knoxville.”

THE FASHIONABLE EVENT.  
GRAND OPENING AT  
**JOBE'S OPERA HOUSE,**  
BY THE  
**HUNTLY-GILBERT CO.**  
TWO NIGHTS,  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY,  
**SEPT. 28 & 29, 1885.**  
MONDAY,  
**ESMERALDA.**  
TUESDAY,  
VAN, the VIRGINIAN.  
Admission, 35 & 50 cents. No extra charge  
for Reserved Seats, now on sale at J. F.  
Crumley's Store.

Figure 85. Johnson City Comet, 24 September 1885.

10 February 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"The Bristol colored Jubilee Concert Company gave an entertainment at Jobe's Opera House last Monday night. The colored people of the city were out in full force."

9 June 1887. Johnson City Comet.

‘Notice. – The Johnson City Military Volunteers will meet at Jobe’s Hall Thursday night June 14<sup>th</sup>. W.A. Dickinson, Chairman.’

16 June 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“The Johnson City Military Volunteers met Tuesday night in the City Hall and organized by electing Maj. J.J. Weiler, Captain; Ike T. Jobe, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant; C.H. Lyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant; Some thirty or forty names were enrolled and the meeting adjourned until next Monday night when other officers will be elected and a permanent organization effected. In the meantime all persons desiring to enlist can do so by applying to the Captain or Lieutenants.”

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Perfectly Safe. It has been rumored in Johnson City for the past week or two that Jobe’s Opera House was unsafe and in consequence the Florence Elmore troop did not get a crowd sufficient to play to the second night they were here. It is not known who started this report nor why it was started, but it is false. It is true the front wall has sprung perhaps an inch but that happened when the building was first built and has become no worse since. It has been pronounced by architects, and men who ought to know, to be perfectly safe and since it held such crowds as attended the Price and Butler speaking, and similar free entertainments, there should be no doubt about its safety. Mr. Jobe has been very kind to the public and has always let it have the use of his Opera House free, and it is hardly right to circulate such a report without a foundation.”

12 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Manager Ike T. Jobe has had two iron girders put through his Opera House lengthwise and it is now perfectly safe.”

8 January 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Unless Manager Jobe controls the drunkards and hoodlums that gain admittance to the Opera House any occasion, he had better close its doors permanently. The conduct of the rabble last Friday night would have disgraced a beer garden.”

5 March 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“The managers of the Opera House should exercise a little more judgment at the box office. They cannot be too careful about mixing up the people. If they are going to cater to the best patronage, from a social standpoint, they should arrange to protect them from other elements. All well-managed Opera Houses do, why not this one?”

11 February 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Now is the time to strike for a new opera house. A first class opera house will pay. It is now known that Jobe’s is to go out of use as such, since it has been rented to T.E. Hurst & Co., to be used as a millinery department.

Perhaps the last company that will exhibit in Jobe’s opera house for a while, will be the well-known Guy Bros., Minstrels who have showed in the city on two previous occasions with success and with satisfaction to the public.”

26 May 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Harry Gump and John Mathes, two of Johnson City’s most enterprising young men, have leased Jobe’s Opera House, and will run it on an improved plan. They will make many needed changes and will secure the best troupes possible. Johnson City is a good show town, and we trust these clever gentlemen will reap many yellow shekels. – Bristol News.”

9 June 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“The Opera House. The Opera House has been recently leased by Messrs. Harry Gump and Jno. A. Mathes, who at an early date will so reconstruct and change it as to secure the most modern conveniences and the best attractions to be had. The house incomplete and out of repair, is to undergo remodeling. The entrance to the stage is to be changed to the rear and that of the gallery to the outside. The walls are to be repapered and new lighting advantages added, such as electric foot-lights, chandeliers, etc. The house, in fact, will undergo all manners of revision and on these conditions and intentions a number of first-class attractions have already been booked. The young men having the matter in charge deserve much credit and encouragement in their venture, which when completed will be an invaluable acquisition to the city.”

1896. Julius Cahn’s Official Theatrical Guide, Containing Information of the Leading Theatres and Attractions in America.

“Johnson City – Pop., 4,169. Jobes Opera House. Gump & Mathes, mgrs. and bus. mgrs. S.c., 606. Illum., elec. Wiley Porch, stage carp. Width prosc. opening, 20 ft. Height, 14 ft. Depth footlights to back wall, 22 ft. Dist. curtain line to footlights, 2½ ft. Depth under stage, 4 ft. 1 trap, located center. Theatre second floor. Wiley Porch, prop. man. Printing required, 3 stands, 2 3-sheets, 50 1-sheets, 50½-sheets. Wiley Porch, bill-poster.”<sup>35</sup>

9 March 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“Gump Bros. have given up the management of Jobe’s opera house and are no longer interested in the conduct of its affairs.”

4 May 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Remodel Building. The Jobe heirs will remodel the building on the corner of Main and Spring streets at once... The opera house will be abandoned and the second floor of that building converted into offices. These improvements will add much to the attractiveness and rental value of the property.”



2.5. Some of the Enterprises in the Second Floor Offices in Jobe's Opera House Building,  
1885 – 1907

16 May 1885. Johnson City Comet.

"Mr. Tipton Jobe has had two rooms cut off from the rear of his hall, which he intends to rent for offices. A door has been placed at the top of entrance steps which adds much to the appearance of the hall, which is now one of the best in East Tennessee. Our people will have a chance to examine it next week as the closing exercises of Science Hill Academy will be held there."

2 July 1885. Johnson City Comet.

"Insure. – The Mutual Life Insurance Order of Johnson City has established headquarters in one of the splendid new rooms in Jobe's Opera House, and is now ready for business. If you want to insure your life, or if you are even thinking of the matter, write to H.B. Clark, Sec., for pamphlets, blank applications or other information. The company is composed of the best business men of Johnson City, and we know them to be perfectly reliable..."<sup>36</sup>

1 October 1885. Johnson City Comet.

"Isaac Harr, Esq., has moved his law office into the east room in Jobe's Hall. He now has the nicest office in town."

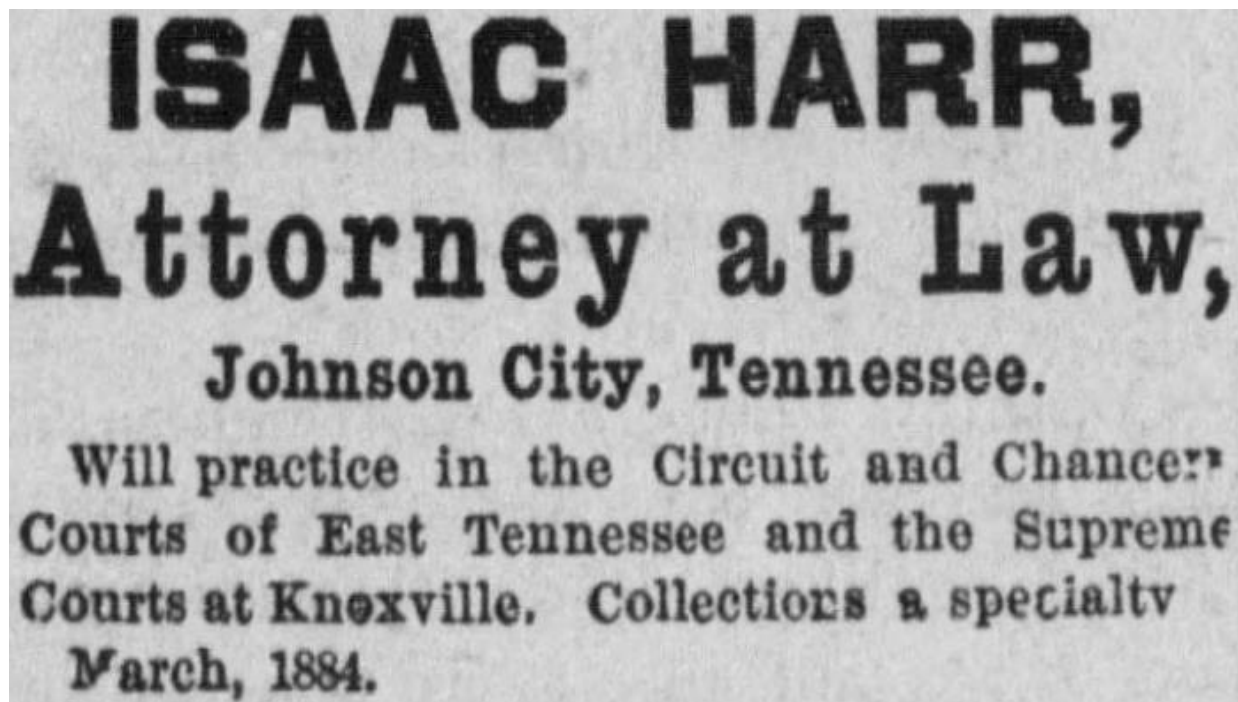


Figure 86. Johnson City Comet, 8 October 1885.

This advertisement ran between 29 March 1884 and 14 March 1889, at least.

26 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Hon. C.C. Collins, one of Elizabethton’s leading attorneys and citizens, has decided to locate in the metropolis of East Tennessee. He has rented an office in the Opera House building, over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store, and is fitting it up for his business office. He will not move his family to the city for some time. Mr. Collins is an able lawyer and a rank but leading Republican. While we have too many of his kind on election day, we need him and his influence, and, therefore, welcome him heartily.”

This Space is Sold to  
**W. G. & J. A. MATHES**  
**REAL ESTATE**  
Agents, Brokers and Dealers  
**OFFICE, NO. 1,**  
**OPERA HOUSE.**  
*Formerly City Recorder's Office*  
Johnson City, Tenn.

Figure 87. Johnson City Comet, 7 November 1885.  
This figure only includes a portion of this advertisement.

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“C.E. Osborne is laying a concrete pavement in front of the Jobe Block. The new pavement will be ten feet wide and will be the best in the city. Mayor Jobe is one of our progressive citizens and always leads in improvements.”



Figure 88. Johnson City Comet, 24 April 1890.  
This figure only includes a portion of this advertisement.

24 July 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“The Knoxville Journal has opened a branch office for upper East Tennessee in Jobe’s Opera House, where subscriptions will be received and advertising contracts made. While the Journal is a Knoxville institution, it recognizes the fact that upper East Tennessee is to be the scene of the greatest industrial developments known to the people of this or any other country and proposes to take an active part in making our resources known to the outside world. The branch office will be in charge of W.D. Peters, who was for a long time city editor on the Journal.”

13 November 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Johnson City Marble Works. The Johnson City Marble Works Company is preparing to commence work on its plant. Mr. Stuart, the President, was in the city a few days last week and informed The Comet that work would commence in fifteen days, and he hoped to have the plant in operation in three months. The capital stock is \$300,000, and the stock books are open at the office of the company in rooms 5 and 6, Opera House. W.R. Rhea is Vice-President, W.M. Christian, Treasurer, and W.J. Palmer, Secretary.”

15 January 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Drs. E.S. Miller, Jr., and W.J. Miller have fitted up rooms Nos. 5 and 6 in the Opera House building for their offices and may be found there during office hours: 7 to 9 a.m.; 12 to 2 p.m.; 6 to 8 p.m.”

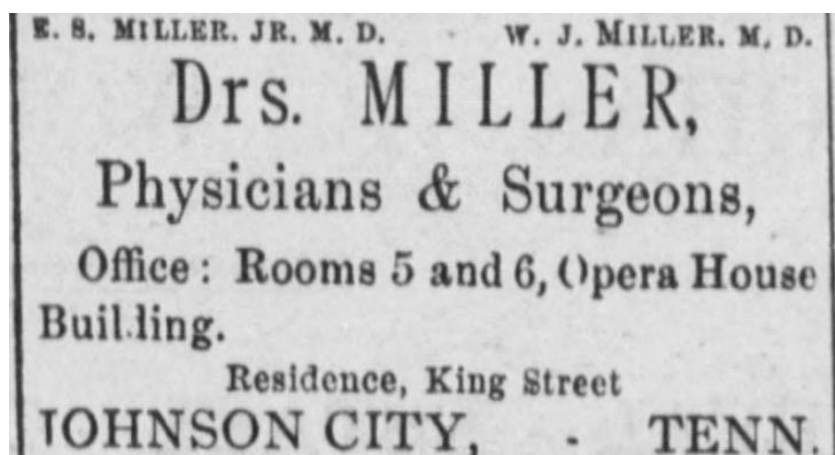


Figure 89. Johnson City Comet, 15 January 1891.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 21 March 1907.

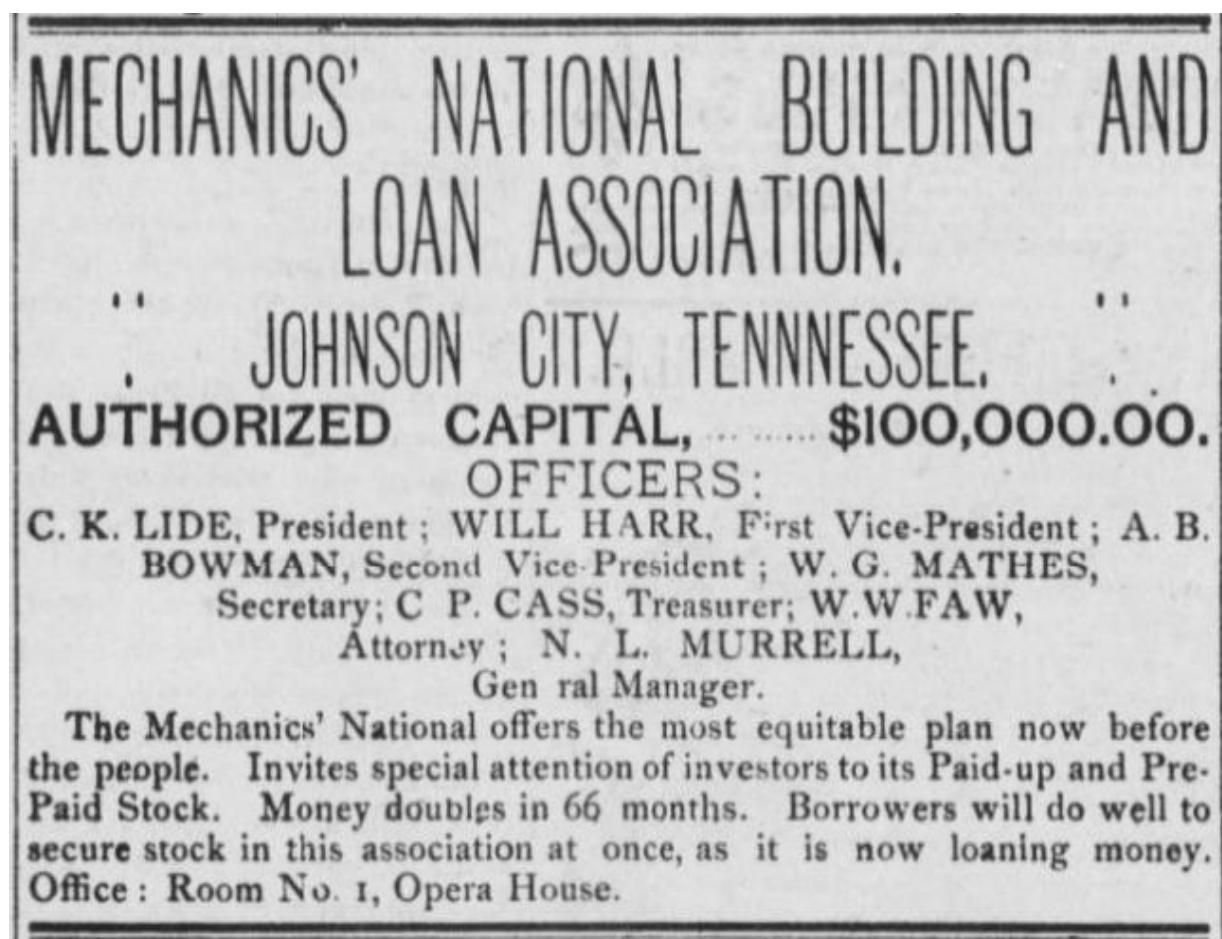


Figure 90. Johnson City Comet, 2 April 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 14 January 1892.

**Johnson City Real Estate Co.**

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**Finest Resident Lots in the City.**

**TERMS EASY.**

Apply to **E. C. REEVES,**  
**or THOS. E. MATSON,**  
**Room No. 4, Opera House.**

Figure 91. Johnson City Comet, 21 May 1891.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 24 September 1891.

**C. G. Mitchell,**  
 Architect, Contractor, and Builder.



Will furnish plans and specifications for all kinds of buildings on short notice.

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Takes contracts for Stone and Brick Work, Plastering, Paper Hanging, Painting, Mantles. All kinds of Cabinet Work

Made to order and repaired.

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Superintending the construction of buildings a specialty.

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Office in Opera House Block

Figure 92. Johnson City Comet, 26 April 1900.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 24 September 1903.



## 2.6. Legal Actions Involving Jobe's Block, 1898 and 1900

7 July 1898. Johnson City Comet.

"Sheriff's Land Sale. – In the Law court of Johnson City, Tennessee. – J.L. Evans & Co., vs. E.P. Pendleton c tux. – By virtue of two venditioni exponas' issued to me by the Clerk of the Law Court for the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> civil districts of Washington County, Tennessee, on May 18, 1893, in the above styled case, I will on Saturday, August 13, 1893, at the Court House door in Johnson City, Tenn., during legal hours, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand the undivided interest of Hattie J. Pendleton in the following described real estate of the estate of Tipton Jobe, deceased, situated in the 9<sup>th</sup> civil district of Washington County, Tennessee, and town of Johnson City, to-wit: A certain house and lot fronting on the Public Square of said town of Johnson City, and known as the Jobe's Opera House building including said Opera House store rooms, etc. Said building bounded on the east by Spring street, on the west by store room known as the Lide storeroom, now owned by John Brabson, on the south by Tipton Jobe home place, on the north by Public Square and Main street. Also one house and lot adjoining same known as the Tipton Jobe home place, said property being bounded on the north by said Opera House and store buildings. Brabson and others, on the west by Meadows' livery stable building and lots adjoining, known as horse and spring lots; on the south by E.T. & W.N.C. track or right of way; on the east by Spring street. Also the aforesaid lots known as horse and spring lots lying south of said Meadows' livery stable and bounded on the west by Buffalo street and lot belonging to King's; south by E.T. & W.N.C.R.R. right of way; on the east by aforesaid Tipton Jobe home place. Also one vacant lot on Northeast corner of Spring and Jobe streets situated on opposite side of Spring street from Tipton Jobe home place and bounded on the north by lot owned by Bowman; east by alley; south by Jobe street; west by Spring street. Also lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and lots No. 13, 14, 15, in block No. 12 of the Jobe addition to the said town of Johnson City. The above described real estate will be sold to satisfy two judgments that J.L. Evans & Co., obtained against E.P. Pendleton and H.J. Pendleton before H.C. Hart, a Justice of the Peace for Washington County, Tennessee, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1892, one for the sum of \$122.89 and one for \$61.53 and the costs of suits, unless aid debts and all costs are sooner paid. This July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1898. J.S. Pritchett, Sheriff, by Geo. F. Campbell, Deputy."

19 April 1900. Johnson City Comet.

"Clerk and Master's Sale of Real Estate. – In the Chancery Court at Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee. John W. Boring, et al. vs. Ike T. Jobe et al. – Pursuant to a decree in above cause, I will on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1900, in front of the Chancery Court House in Johnson City, sell to the highest bidder the property mentioned in said decree and ordered to be sold, to-wit: All of the property of which the late Tipton Jobe, deceased, seized and possessed, consisting of his old homestead and vacant lots lying on both sides of Spring street and along the E.T. & W.N.C. Railroad, the Jobe opera house block on Main and Spring streets, with small store room at end of said block on Spring street; also what is known as the Pendleton House and about one hundred vacant lots in what is known as the Jobe addition, all of said property being in Johnson City, Tenn., or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy the debts decreed to be paid by sale of land.

Said property will be sold upon a credit of six, twelve, eighteen and 24 months, and in bar of all equity of redemption, the purchasers to execute notes for the amount of their bids, with good and approved personal security, with liens to be retained on the real estate to be sold until said notes are fully paid. This March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1900. E.A. Shipley, C. & M. By E.S. Miller, D.C. & M."

2.7. 104 and 106 East Main Street, 1887 – 1909  
(Jobe's Opera House Building)

C.K. Lide & Company Hardware Store, here 1887 – 1894  
(C.C. & C. Railroad Related Offices on the Second Floor, 1887 to at least 1889)

Lide & Odom Hardware Store, 1894 – 1895  
Summers & Barton Hardware Store, 1895 – 1896  
Summers, Barton & Lyle Hardware Store, 1896 – 1897  
Summers, Barton & Parrott's Hardware Store, 1897 – 1904  
Summers – Parrott Hardware Store, 1904 – 1912

2.7.1. The Construction of 104 and 106 East Main Street, 1887

5 May 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"Five store houses are being built in Johnson City. Besides the storerooms being built by J.W. Hunter & Bro., J.C. Campbell, and J.W. Crumley, of which mention has been made in these columns, Ike T. Jobe has commenced a building on Main street, between the bank [of Johnson City] and J.C. Campbells, 40 x 100 feet... These buildings will all be finished in the latest modern style and will be a credit to our town."

19 May 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"Dirt was broken to-day on the Jobe lot between the bank [of Johnson City] and J.C. Campbell's for the erection of a large building to be occupied as a hardware house. The room is 40 feet wide and 100 feet deep, will have a plate glass and iron front, and will be the handsomest building in the city when completed. The Johnson City Foundry and Machine Works will make the iron pillars and door plates for it and J.C. Campbell's store also."

21 July 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"Henderson & Pierce, the tanners, have just finished covering the Jobe building."

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"A Year's Progress. – Buildings and Improvements in Johnson City in Ten Months. – every Citizen Should be Proud of the Record. – There has been No Boom, Only a Determination to go to the Front. – the Secret of this Magic Growth Lies in the Fact That Johnson City is Backed by the Finest Beds of Iron and Coal the World Affords. – The List Embraces Factories, Business Houses and Dwellings Built and Improved. – Below will be found a complete list of factories, business houses and dwellings built and improved in Johnson City since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887. This list has been prepared with great care and is as near correct as possible to get... Business Houses... T. Jobe – [\$] 4,000..."

15 September 1887. Johnson City Comet.

"The Jobe building will be completed this week and will be occupied by C.K. Lide & Co., hardware merchants."

2.7.2. C.K. Lide & Company Hardware Store, here 1887 – 1894  
(C.C. & C. Railroad Related Offices on the Second Floor, 1887 to at least 1889)

29 September 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“C. [Charles] K. Lide & Co., moved their stock of hardware into the new Jobe Block this week. They have now the largest and handsomest store room in the city, and propose to carry the largest line of hardware and cutlery between Lynchburg and Knoxville. These gentlemen are enjoying a large wholesale trade.”

“The most attractive thing in the Comet is C.K. Lide & Co.’s new advertisement. The most attractive thing in town is their new room. The most attractive thing about their store room is the amount of hardware they sell and the extremely low prices at which they sell it.”

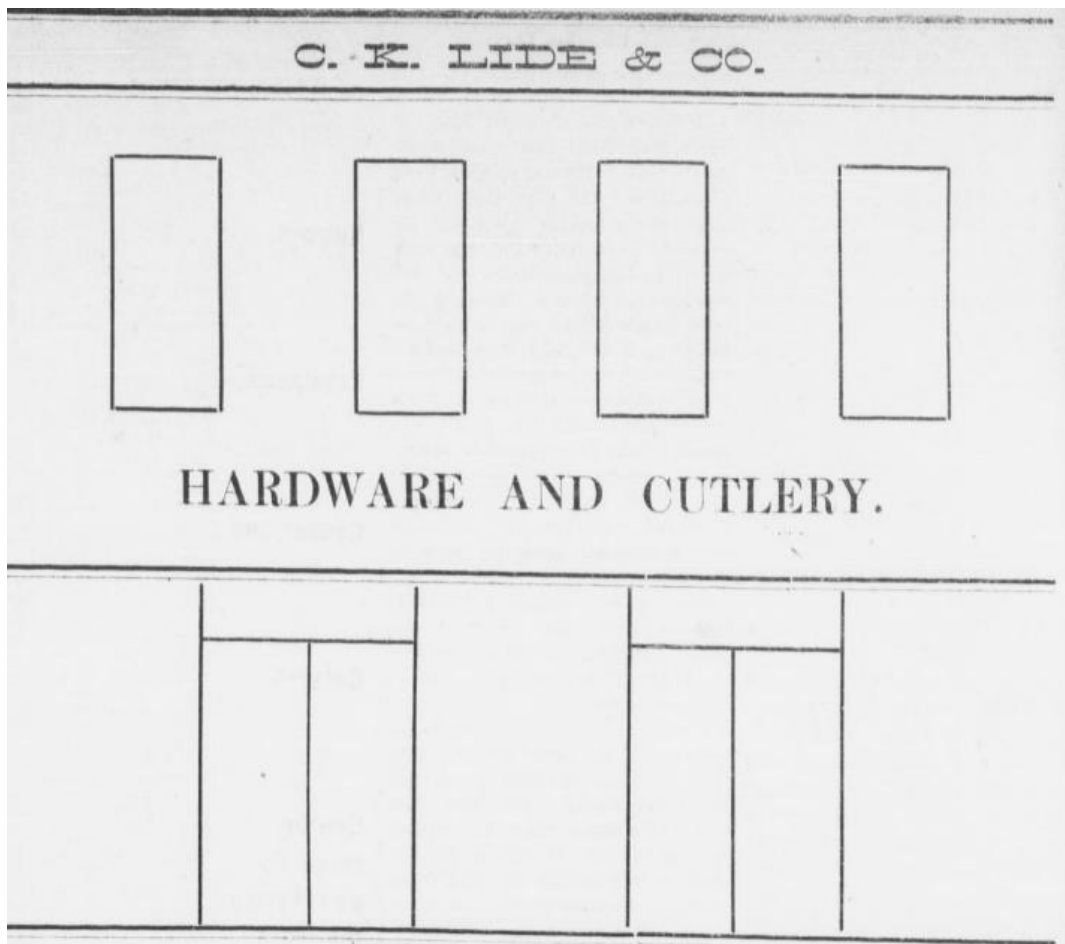


Figure 93. Johnson City Comet, 29 September 1887.  
This advertisement ran until at least 24 November 1887.

29 September 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Buy hardware of C.K. Lide & Co... Sash Doors and Blinds... Axes!... Nails!! old diamond Steel nails... Pure Paints and oils... Burglar locks...” Similar notices ran until at least 2 February 1888.

20 October 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Game bags, powder, shot and shells at C.K. Lide & Co... Guns at Baltimore and New York prices... Headquarters for imported breech loaders... Guns! Guns!! Guns!!! Go to C.K. Lide & Co. for a fine breech loading shot gun, double or single barrel.” Similar notices ran until at least 5 January 1888.

27 October 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“The First Dirt. The Three C’s to Break Dirt in the Breaks of the Cumberland. Col. T.E. Matson, Chief Engineer of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad informs us that work will be commenced on the Three C’s road in the Breaks of the Cumberland within the next ten days. Capt. H.W. Lumsden, of this place will have charge of the construction force and will leave this week for the Breaks.

Messrs. C.K. Lide & Co., our wide awake hardware merchants, have contracted to furnish all the supplies in their line and have ordered a wagon with a capacity of 6000 pounds to be used in hauling steel and powder to the work.

The company will also put a force of hands at work here and work north to the coal fields right away. An engineer corps will be here to locate the line within the next 15 days. Arrangements have also been made to begin work in the Iron mountain tunnel this fall and work through the winter. By beginning the heavy work first this company has shown its familiarity with rail road work and have gained the confidence of the people.”

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“The C.C. & C. Railroad company are fitting up an office over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store, and a private office for Chief Engineer, Col. T.E. Matson. Johnson City is headquarters for the Northern Division and Rock Hill, S.C., headquarters for the Southern Division of this road.”

“Three wagon loads of supplies for the C.C. & C. railroad left Johnson City yesterday morning for the Breaks of the Cumberland. The bill was bought from C.K. Lide & Co. Work will begin in the Breaks as soon as these supplied arrive. The unanimous cry in Johnson City is ‘Let’er go, Gallager.’”

15 December 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“C.K. Lide & Co. have just received another order from the C.C. & C.R.R. company amounting to over \$500. It is for material and supplies to be used at the Breaks of the Cumberland.”

22 December 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Workmen are now at work fixing up the room over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store for offices for the Three C’s railroad company. Entrance will be had by City Hall stairway.”

5 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Hardware. C.K. Lide & Co. have 600 Watauga Valley axes, 5,000 pounds charcoal iron, 300 kegs steel nails and all kinds of hardware at low prices. Don’t fail to get their prices.”

26 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Col. Matson has moved the C.C. & C. engineer corps office into their new quarters over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store.”

5 July 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Three C’s Offices. Col. T.E. Matson, Chief Engineer of the Three C’s Railroad, arrived in the city Sunday night. The work of fitting up the rooms that had been rented for the offices here was completed last week, and since Monday men have been at work moving office furniture, &c., that had been shipped from Rock Hill, S.C., into the new offices. The room over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store has been rented and also the third floor of the real estate building. The road is nearly completed in South Carolina and the office of the Chief Engineer will remain here until the line is built to the Ohio River. The office of the Vice-President, Gen. Wilder, is also here. Gen. will return from New York Saturday and just as soon as some preliminary matters can be arranged contracts for grading will be awarded and work will begin in earnest. The Comet will keep the people posted in regard to progress made and will only give reliable news.’

9 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Attention Farmers. You can buy Oliver Chilled and South Bend Plows and repairs at C.K. Lide & Co... We are agents for the Webster Wagon...”

30 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“The old reliable and non-extinguishable firm of C.K. Lide & Co. are artistically improving their store room. Mr. G.E. Naff is doing the work.”

5 April 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Hoes! Hoes!! Hoes!!! 50 dozen best handle hoes. C.K. Lide & Co... Powder! Powder!! 800 kegs mining powder at Knoxville prices...”

25 April 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Dynamite! Dynamite!! 5,000 lbs. dynamite at Knoxville prices. C.K. Lide & Co...”

22 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“McDonald, Shea & Co., have rented Col. T.E. Matson’s office over C.K. Lide & Co.’s store and are having it fitted up for their headquarters until they can build an office building. Col. Dunavant, manager of the firm, will be here in a few days to take charge and the head book-keeper will be moved to this place.

The attention of contractors is directed to the advertisement of C.K. Lide & Co., in another column. This firm is prepared to furnish goods in their line in any quantity. They make a specialty of railroad and mining supplies, dynamite and blasting powder. Drop in at their store when in the city and see their stock. Mr. Lide will take pleasure in showing you through. He is an experienced hardware man, full of business, and will do all in his power to accommodate you.”





Figure 94. Johnson City Comet, 22 August 1889.  
This advertisement ran until at least 3 April 1890.

29 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“McDonald, Shea & Co. have taken Col. T.E. Matson’s lease on the N.C. Love property and will make it their headquarters. They had rented Col. Matson’s office over C.K. Lide & Co.’s but have turned it back to him. Col. Matson will move into his new dwelling in two weeks and the Love dwelling will be put in shape for office purposes...

Dropping into the hardware house of C.K. Lide & Co., Tuesday we found the head of the firm, C.K. Lide, busy as usual, but just at that time he was occupied in his official capacity as a curator of the Presbyterian Church. He soon finished that duty and devoted a few minutes to the Comet and made our stay very pleasant as he knows so well how to do. His book-keeper was just finishing an invoice for Sexton & Houston, railroad contractors, at Clinchport, Va. Among other things sold them were 300 kegs of blasting powder. The order for powder alone makes quite a nice bill for a Johnson City firm. C.K. Lide & Co., are general southern agents for The King Western Powder Company and the Repauno Chemical Company’s dynamite. They make a specialty of these goods and carry large quantities in stock. Contractors can save money on these goods by buying of C.K. Lide & Co.”

12 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“J.S. Smith, the foreman at A.P. Henderson & Co.’s tin shop wears the ‘jewels’ this week for fast work. He made three dozen 10-quart dutch buckets for C.K. Lide & Co. in two hours and a half. The man that can beat it is yet to be heard from...

C.K. Lide & Co. shipped a car-load of material to Cogan & Laird, Three C’s contractors at Estillville, Va., Tuesday. He also sold Capt. S.D. Dunavant 600 kegs of blasting powder last week. This firm makes a specialty of contractor’s supplies and are doing a fine business.”

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“C.E. Osborne is laying a concrete pavement in front of the Jobe Block. The new pavement will be ten feet wide and will be the best in the city. Mayor Jobe is one of our progressive citizens and always leads in improvements.”

13 February 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Wagons! A car-load of the celebrated Studebaker wagons coming C.K. Lide & Co... Calsomine your rooms and make them beautiful... 100 bushels clover, Timothy orchard and blue grass seed, cheap for cash...”

27 March 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“L.B. Searle, general manager of the Standard Dynamite Co., of Chattanooga, was in the city this week supplying the trade with is goods. C.K. Lide & Co., are sole agents and will keep a large supply of it on hand including caps and fuse. The Standard Dynamite Co., is one of the strongest in the South...”

**HARDWARE!**

Here Yet and have made Arrangements to Stay.

Builders' Hardware, Pure Paints and Oils.

**STUDEBAKER WAGONS.**

Black Diamond Cement.

And we Propose to Give You Bottom Prices on These Goods.

**C. K. LIDE & CO.**

Figure 95. Johnson City Comet, 17 April 1890.  
This advertisement ran until at least 26 March 1891.

**C. K. LIDE & CO.,**  
**WHOLESALE HARDWARE.**  
 Fine Pocket and Table Cutlery,  
 Builders' Hardware, Agricultural Implements,  
 Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnishes, &c.  
**RAILWAY and MINING SUPPLIES.**

Figure 96. Johnson City Comet, 16 April 1891.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 23 April 1891.

**C. K. LIDE & Co.,**  
**WHOLESALE HARDWARE**



Fine Pocket & Table Cutlery,  
**Builders, - Hardware,**  
 AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,  
 PAINTS,  
 OILS, GLASS,  
 VARNISHES, &c

**RAILWAY**  
 AND  
**MINING SUPPLIES.**

Figure 97. Johnson City Comet, 21 May 1891.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 22 June 1893.

22 September 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Read, Reflect, remember! That you are indebted to the firm of C.K. Lide & Co., either by note or account; that the firm will be dissolved October 1, 1892, by C.K. Lide purchasing Mr. W.B. Whiteside’s interest in stock of hardware; that all accounts due and not paid, or closed by note, on or before October 1, 1892, will be placed in the hands of our attorney for collection; that all notes due and past due will also go out for collection, if not paid. We trust you will not force us to sue you. Very Respectfully, C.K. Lide & Co.”

### 2.7.3. Lide & Odom Hardware Store, 1894 – 1895

4 January 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Notice of Lide & Odom Wholesale and Retail Hardware. Johnson City, Tenn., January 4, 1894.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894, a copartnership was formed by C.K. Lide and C.L. Odom, under the firm name of Lide & Odom, as successors to C.K. Lide.

Mr. Odom will continue on the road as traveling salesman for W.W. Woodruff & Co. The general management of the new firm will be under the supervision of C.K. Lide. With greetings of the new year, we are, Yours Truly, Lide & Odom.”

15 February 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Clerk and Master’s Sale of Land. – in Chancery Court at Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee. – R.J. Black, trustee, vs. Ike T. Jobe, et al. – Pursuant to the decree of said Court at its December term, 1893, in the above cause I will on Friday March, 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder in front of Jobe’s Opera House the property mentioned and described in the pleadings and said decree and described as follows: A two story brick building fronting 35 feet on Main street and Public Square in Johnson City, being same now occupied by Lide & Odom as a hardware store.

To satisfy a purchase money note favor of W.F. Young, Clerk and Master, for \$2400.00, executed by Isaac Dougherty as principal and R.C. Rhea surety, with interest from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893, unless said note interest and costs are sooner paid.

#### Terms of Sale.

Said property will be sold for cash in hand, in bar of the equity of redemption. This Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894. W.F. Young, C & M. By C.W. Hodge D C & M.”

2 August 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Read This. Owing to the fact that we need what you owe us, we notify all parties against whom we hold notes and accounts, that we will not continue the credit system. We need what you owe us in paying our bills, and must have it. Please don’t ask for longer indulgence until you have paid up! Will take farm produce on accounts and notes. Yours Resp’y Lide & Odom.”

13 September 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“A choice lot of cigars and tobacco will be found at the City Cigar and Tobacco Stand in C.K. Lide’s hardware store.”

13 September 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“J.E. Harkins has opened up a cigar and fruit stand in C.K. Lide’s hardware store, where you will find a choice lot of cigars, tobacco, candies and melons.”

17 January 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Plow Repairs. Oliver Chilled reduced. Lide & Odom.”

4 April 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Retire. Lide & Odom, the oldest hardware firm in this section, and one of the oldest business houses in the city, have decided to retire from business and have sold their stock to Summers & Barton, also hardware merchants. The new firm will continue the business at the old stand, moving their stock to the Lide & Odom store house. This transaction will take out of the mercantile world of this section one of its most conspicuous figures in the person of C.K. Lide. He has been in business in Johnson City for nearly fifteen years, during which time he has established a reputation as a business man second to none and has proven himself entirely worthy of the confidence placed in him.

He has seen the rise and rest of Johnson City and has always been ready to aid in advancing the city’s interests, and retires from active business life with the respect and confidence of his fellow men and with the best wishes for his future prosperity.”

#### 2.7.4. Summers & Barton Hardware Store, 1895 – 1896

11 April 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Summers & Barton having purchased the Lide & Odom stock of hardware are merging the two stocks and will occupy the Lide & Odom store room on public square.

When Summers & Barton get their two stocks of hardware into the Lide & Odom building they will have the largest stock of hardware and best appointed store in this section.”<sup>37</sup>

18 April 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Summers and Barton, The Hardware Merchants, Having purchased the Lide & Odom stock are now located in the store room formerly occupied by Lide & Odom, and await your demands.”



Figure 98. Johnson City Comet, 13 June 1895.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 July 1895.



J. A. SUMMERS. —:00:— W. J. BARTON.

# SUMMERS & BARTON, GENERAL HARDWARE.

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PAINTS, OILS, WINDOW GLASS, BUILDING MATERIAL,  
 Mastic Mixed Paints   
 Belting, Hose, Cider Mills, Brass Kettles, Apple Parers, and Lawn Mowers  
**SUMMERS & BARTON.**

Figure 99. Johnson City Comet, 1 August 1895.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 9 January 1896.

26 September 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Summers & Barton have field seeds and fertilizer, also the best assortment of hardware in Upper East Tennessee.”

J. A. SUMMERS. W. J. BARTON.

## Summers & Barton,

# HARDWARE and STOVES

Paints, Oils, Window Glass,  
**Building Material,**  
 Mastic Mixed Paints, Cement, Belting, Mining and Mill Supplies, Rope, Field Seeds and Fertilizers.  
 Main Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

Figure 100. Johnson City Comet, 26 March 1896.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 10 September 1896.

2.7.5. Summers, Barton & Lyle Hardware Store, 1896 – 1897



Figure 101. Johnson City Comet, 22 October 1896.  
This advertisement ran until at least 6 May 1897.

13 May 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“If your lawn needs mowing buy a New Departure or Girard Mower from Summers, Barton & Lyle... We are selling Binder Twine. Prices right... Now is the time to paint your house. Everybody uses ‘Mastic Mixed’ Guaranteed... Farmers! Beware of bogus Plow repairs, Summers, Barton & Lyle.”

26 August 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Fruit Jars at Summers, Barton & Lyle’s.” This is the last mention found by the author of “Summers, Barton & Lyle.”

2.7.6. Summers, Barton & Parrott’s Hardware Store, 1897 – 1904

16 September 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Just received, a nice line of guns. Summers, Barton & Parrott.”

23 September 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Farmers can get any grade of fertilizer wanted from Summers, Barton & Parrott... See the air-tight heaters at Summers, Barton & Parrott’s. One will save enough fuel to pay for it in a few weeks.”



**SUMMERS, BARTON & PARROTT,**  
 —Carry the Largest and Most Complete Line of—  
**Hardware, ‡ Stoves ‡ and ‡ Farm ‡ Implements**  
 Between Knoxville and Bristol. If you want anything in their line see them. **GUNS** for sale and rent. The Stove as shown here is the best on the market. We guarantee this, and can furnish you any style you want at a price that suits the purchaser. —It burns anything and is as good of that.

Figure 102. Johnson City Comet, 21 October 1897.

# **We Carry the Best in Our Line.**

<b>"New Triumph" Sausage Mills,</b> (cuts fastest and easiest cleaned)	<b>"Champion" Single-barrel Guns,</b>
<b>"Cole's" Air-tight Heaters.</b>	<b>"Clauss" Shears and Scissors,</b>
<b>"Majestic" Steel Ranges,</b>	<b>"Atkins" and "Disston" Saws,</b>
<b>"Anchor" Stoves,</b>	<b>"B. Worth's" Butcher Knives,</b>
	<b>"Mastic" Paint,</b>
<b>Window Glass and Lard Cans.</b>	

All these brands are guaranteed perfectly satisfactory and you will find us at the old stand.

## **Summers, Barton & Parrott.**

Figure 103. Johnson City Comet, 2 December 1897.



**McCORMICK MACHINERY**

is noted principally for its simplicity, durability and light draft. There is none better. Call at our store and see a sample binder set up. Come and be convinced.

Your friends,

**SUMMERS, BARTON & PARROTT.**

Figure 104. Johnson City Comet, 2 June 1898.  
This advertisement ran until at least 30 June 1898.



**Superior DISC and HOE DRILLS**  
Eight and Nine Hoe or Disc carried in stock.  
**Those having used the Disc Drill will have no other**  
Summers, Barton & Parrott.

Figure 105. Johnson City Comet, 28 July 1898.  
This advertisement ran until at least 11 August 1898.



# WHITE MOUNTAIN **ICE CREAM FREEZERS**

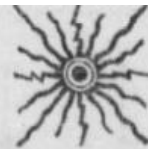
2, 3, 4, and 6 Quart Sizes,  
**CARRIED IN STOCK.**

**Summers, Barton & Parrott,**

Hardware, Stoves and Farm Implements.

Figure 106. Johnson City Comet, 18 May 1899.  
This advertisement ran until at least 1 June 1899.

We have just received another car load of the celebrated



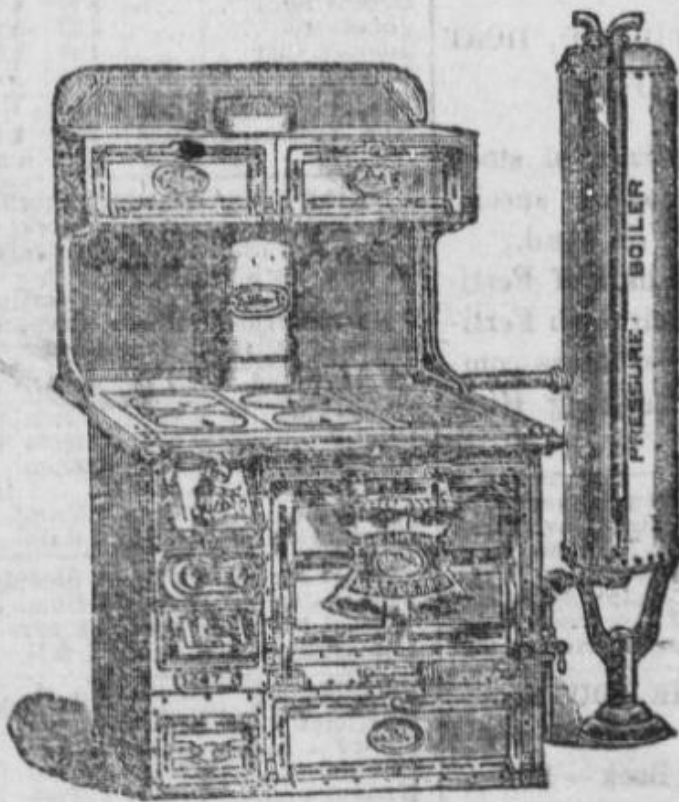
## **"STUDEBAKER" WAGONS**

And can furnish you any size in either high or low wheel with tire 11-2 to 3 inches wide.

**SUMMERS, BARTON & PARROT.**

Figure 107. Johnson City Comet, 8 June 1899.  
This advertisement ran until at least 15 June 1899.

# Beginning NOV. 20, '99,



.....We will give a cooking exhibit to display the many good qualities of the

## *Majestic--- Steel Range.*

.....The exhibit will be given at our store, and will continue from day to day until Friday, the 24th, at 5 o'clock.

.....We invite you to visit us during this week and see the **MAJESTIC** bake biscuits in three minutes. We will serve these with hot coffee. Come and dine with us during this exhibit.



We are offering an inducement for purchasers during exhibit.

## Summers, Barton & Parrott

Main Street.

Johnson City, Tenn.

Figure 108. Johnson City Comet, 16 November 1899.

# Big Car Load



of.. ..  
the.....  
celebrated

## “STUDEBAKER” WAGONS

in this week. All sizes, both high and low wheel, regular and broad  
tires. The name “STUDEBAKER” on a wagon is a guarantee of good  
quality.

Summers, Barton & Parrott.  
*Hardware, Stoves and Farm Implements.*

Figure 109. Johnson City Comet, 4 January 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 18 January 1900.

# We call your attention

To our line of **LAWN MOWERS,**

**Ice Cream Freezers,** (buy the White Mountain—  
everyone guaranteed.

**Water Coolers,** Cultivators, Five-Point Genuine  
Brown Double-Shovel Plows, Oliver Plows, Georgia  
Stocks, Garden Tools, and Poultry Netting.

**Mastic Mixed Paints,** White Lead, Linseed Oil,  
Brushes, Rubber and Leather Belting, Packing,  
Emory Wheels, Lacing Leather, Window and Door  
Screens and Screen Wire.

**Summers, Barton & Parrott,**

**Hardware, Stoves, Farm Implements, Field Seeds.**

Figure 110. Johnson City Comet, 12 April 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 16 August 1900.

# Wholesale Hardware.. AND Retail... Hardware

Sash, Doors and Blinds, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Glass, "Genuine Gandy," Rubber and leather belting, coal and wood heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges, Cement, Lime and building material in general. "Studebaker" Wagons, "Oliver Chilled" Plows.

## Guns and Ammunition--Loaded Shells at 40c Per Box.

We endeavor to carry the best of everything in our line. Come to us for prices.

# Summers, Barton & Parrott.

Figure 111. Johnson City Comet, 15 November 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 10 January 1901.



# Wholesale **AND** Retail... Hardware. **Hardware**

Stoves and Farm Implements,  
' **SPECIALTIES** '

"Oliver Chilled" Plows  
"Studebaker" Wagons  
"Superior" grain Drills  
"Black Hawk" Corn Drills  
"Majestic" Ranges  
"Anchor" Cook Stoves.  
"Coles" Airtight heaters  
"Black Diamond" Cement  
"Portland" Diamond "

Genuine "Gaudy" Belting  
"Bodifield" Leather "  
"Clauss" Razors, Scissors  
"Walden" Pocket Cutlery  
"Mastic" Mixed Paint  
"Berry Bros." Varnishes  
"DeVoes" Colors in Oil  
"Rochester" Nickeled ware  
"Atkins" Thin Back Saws

We can furnish you anything in the Hardware line  
and will be glad to figure with you at anytime.

**Summers, Barton & Parrott.**

Figure 112. Johnson City Comet, 24 January 1901.  
This advertisement ran until at least 21 February 1901.

**Genuine "Oliver Chilled."**  
**PLOWS and Repairs**

O— CAN BE HAD ONLY FROM —O

**SUMMERS, BARTON AND PARROTT.**

We also carry a full line of repairs for the Chattanooga, South Bend and Vulcan Plows.


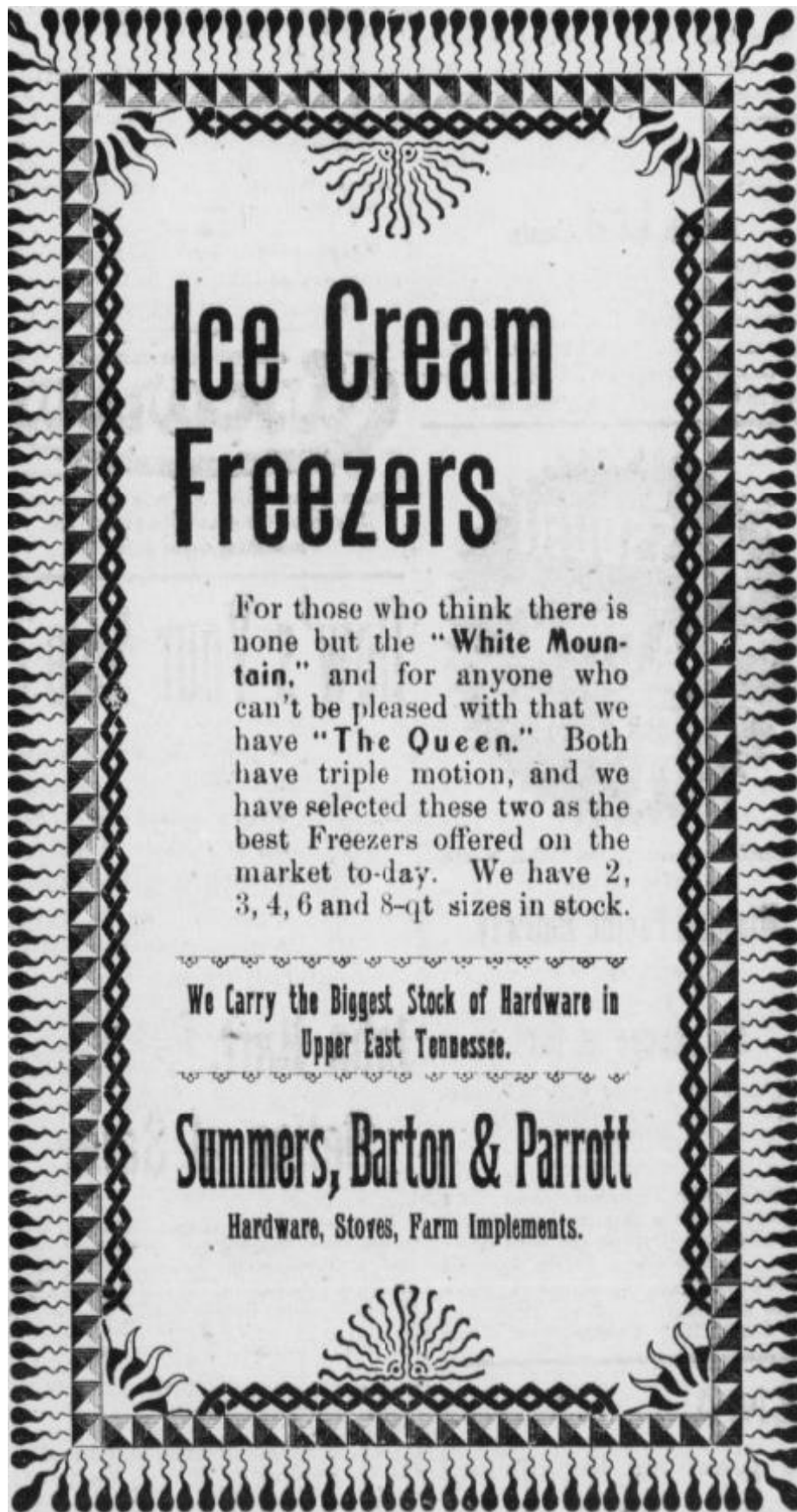
**Summers, Barton and Parrott.**  
**Hardware, Stoves and Farm Implements.**

Figure 113. Johnson City Comet, 1 August 1901.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 28 November 1901.

20 March 1902. Johnson City Comet.

"A Prosperous House. As Johnson City grows so grows the business of Summers, Barton & Parrott, the oldest hardware house in the city. This firm succeeded C.K. Lide & Co., the pioneers in the business, several years ago, and has grown to be one of the largest and strongest hardware concerns in east Tennessee.

In the retail department you will find everything you can think of in the line and always at the lowest possible price. Their line of interior trim for dwellings is exceptionally well selected and includes a large and varied stock at various prices. They also handle the best of everything is farming implements from a garden rake to a threshing machine and carry a full line in stock. The business has grown until it now requires several warehouses to store the stock in the various lines. In fact, few people in the city realize the volume of business done by this firm, although they may see that the mains tore is a hive of industry. For some years the wholesale trade has been given a good deal of attention and now the firm keeps Mr. Parrott almost constantly upon the road and the result is very gratifying. It is one of the most popular and prosperous firms in the city and its continued growth will be a sense of pleasure to all. Its advertisement in this issue will interest you."



# Ice Cream Freezers

For those who think there is none but the "**White Mountain**," and for anyone who can't be pleased with that we have "**The Queen**." Both have triple motion, and we have selected these two as the best Freezers offered on the market to-day. We have 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8-qt sizes in stock.

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We Carry the Biggest Stock of Hardware in  
Upper East Tennessee.

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## Summers, Barton & Parrott

Hardware, Stoves, Farm Implements.




Figure 114. Johnson City Comet, 1 May 1902.  
This advertisement ran until at least 29 May 1902.

5 June 1902. Johnson City Comet.

"Monday Night Blaze. About midnight Monday night fire was discovered in the second story of the building occupied by H.W. Lyle & Co., grocers. The fire department responded promptly and the flames were soon extinguished. What might have been a very serious fire was narrowly averted by good work on the part of the fire laddies. Considerably more damage was done by water than by the fire. Most of the stock of H.W. Lyle & Co. was carried out and saved. The second floor was occupied by the Imperial Chemical Co. and its stock was badly damaged.

Summers, Barton & Parrott sustained the most serious damage by water. They occupy the adjoining building and their shelf hardware was flooded...

The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a cigar stub near the closet on the second floor of the Lyle store."<sup>38</sup> Note: additional information on the Imperial Chemical Company is located in Section 2.7.7.1., below.

Figure 115. Johnson City Comet, 31 July 1902.  
This advertisement ran until at least 11 September 1902.

21 August 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“Supreme Court Decisions. Only two cases from this county were heard at the present session of the court of appeals. They were:

John W. Boring vs. Ike T. Jobe et als. Reversed and decree for complainants...

In the first case the decision has the effect of giving back to the Jobe estate the building and lot known as the Lide store house public square and now occupied by Summers, Barton & Parrott. This building was erected by Ike T. Jobe some years ago and after changing hands several times had become the property of John M. Brabson of Greeneville. It was the contention of plaintiffs that Ike Jobe’s title to the land was not perfect. The case was tried in the chancery court here and they lost, but on appeal to the court of chancery appeals the decision below was reversed. The case now goes to the supreme court for final adjudication.”

STANDARD

# Hardware

At Standard Prices

Is the last-a-lifetime Hardware that is cheapest in the end. Paying less than we charge, is getting less value and half the satisfaction, and buying at a higher price, is paying more than the goods are worth.

We have a large stock and invite your inspection.

## Summers, Barton and Parrott.

Hardware, Stoves and Farm Implements.

Figure 116. Johnson City Comet, 18 December 1902.

This advertisement ran until at least 19 March 1903.



**STUDEBAKER VEHICLES**  
 ARE THE STANDARD OF QUALITY

We received in June two car loads of Carriages, Phaetons and Buggies manufactured by the Studebaker Bros. Manufacturing Company, and our stock at present is such that we can supply just about what you want in this line, and we would be glad to figure with you when in the market.

**Yours Very Truly**  
**SUMMERS, BARTON & PARROTT**

Figure 117. Johnson City Comet, 9 July 1903.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 23 July 1903.

**WILSON HEATERS**

ALL SIZES  
 ALL KINDS

**For Wood and For Coal**

Summers, Barton & Parrott  
**HARDWARE and STOVES**

Figure 118. Johnson City Comet, 24 September 1903.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 11 February 1904.

**Hardware Hardware**  
**Building  Material**


Cements, Lime, Sash, Doors, Fire Brick, &c.  
 — IN CAR LOAD LOTS. CAN FURNISH —

**Anything in the Building Material Line**

required, from the time you drive the first nail  
 till your house is painted

**Summers, Barton & Parrott**

Figure 119. Johnson City Comet, 14 April 1904.  
 This advertisement ran until at least 19 May 1904.



**Always  
In  
Front**

means the best quality all the time. Every piece of lumber in the Studebaker wagon is air-seasoned four to five years; then inspected rigidly before being used.

Selected New England black birch hubs; choice white oak spokes and felloes; the best butt cut, second growth hickory axles; spokes are slope shouldered and driven into the hubs under a hundred tons pressure; ironed and reinforced in every way that will add strength, with refined iron; painted in a thorough and durable manner. That's why the

## Studebaker Wagon

has kept the lead from ox-team days down to the present day. Every Studebaker wagon is made on honor. We sell the Studebaker Wagon because it is the kind that gives satisfaction and makes friends. Come in and look them over. They are made in many styles, from the lightest farm wagon to the heaviest truck or log wagon. Call and get a Studebaker booklet. We want everybody interested in vehicles to have one.

**Summers, Barton & Parrott,**  
Johnson City, Tennessee.




Figure 120. Johnson City Comet, 7 July 1904.  
This advertisement ran until at least 11 August 1904.

15 December 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“Change of Firm. The firm of Summers, Barton & Parrott has been changed, W.J. Barton having sold his interest to Jas. A Summers. The business will now be incorporated as the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co. and continued at the old stand. It is one of the largest wholesale and retail hardware houses in East Tennessee and is enjoying an immense trade in the adjacent territory. The firm is progressive and is constantly increasing the stock in all branches to take care of the rapidly increasing business.”<sup>39</sup>

**Chattanooga Plows**

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**IN CAR LOAD LOTS**

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THE CHATTANOOGA PLOW COMPANY has made more improvements on their Plows within the last five years than any other Plow Company we know of in the world, and the appreciation of this Plow has grown to the extent that the sun never sets on the Chattanooga Plow, for they are distributed over the world.

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**The Chattanooga Steel Beam Plow**

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Is especially adapted to our East Tennessee soil, and the demand for this Plow has increased to the extent that we are enabled to buy them in **CAR LOAD** quantities. We received a car last week and are now in a position to furnish any size plow you want, two horse or one horse, level land or hillside. We carry a Full Line of Repairs, and you can at all times depend on having no trouble in securing Repairs. There is but one size plow bolt used on the entire line of **STEEL BEAM PLOWS**. Ask any of your neighbors how they are pleased with their Chattanooga Steel Beam Plow. We sell them on a guarantee of satisfaction or your money back. Also have a Full Line of Repairs for other Plows, such as “South Bend,” “Vulcan,” “Syracuse,” and “Oliver.” We sell both at Wholesale and Retail, and will appreciate your call for anything you may need in our line.

Your Friends,

**Summers-Parrott Hardware Company.**

Figure 121. Johnson City Comet, 2 March 1905.  
This advertisement ran until at least 23 March 1905.

4 May 1905. Johnson City Comet.

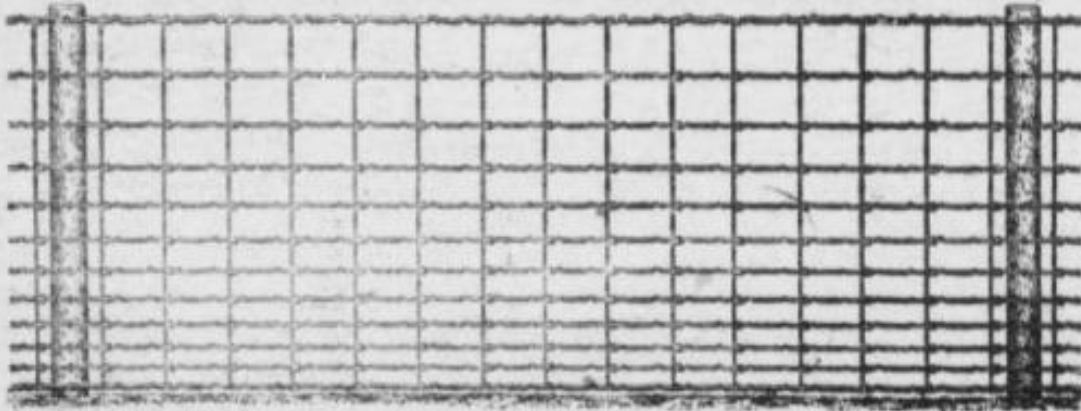
“Will Remodel Building. The Jobe heirs will remodel the building on the corner of Main and Spring streets at once. The frame buildings fronting on Spring street will be torn away and a store room erected extending back to the rear of the Summers-Parrott Hardware Company, and will be used by this firm when completed... These improvements will add much to the attractiveness and rental value of the property.”



Figure 122. Johnson City Comet, 16 November 1905.  
This advertisement ran until at least 21 December 1905.

# Stands Like a Stone Wall

Turns Cattle, Horses, Hogs—Is Practically Indestructible



## AMERICAN FENCE

Buy your new fence for years to come. Get the big, heavy wires, the hinge joint, the good galvanizing, the exactly proportioned quality of steel that is not too hard nor too soft.

We can show you this fence in our stock and explain its merits and superiority, not only in the roll but in the field. Come and see us and get our prices.

We buy AMERICAN FENCE in full car loads, and are therefore in position to give you the benefit of a very low delivery price. Come in and let us figure with you.

**Summers-Parrott Hardware Company**

104-106 Main Street

Figure 123. Johnson City Comet, 1 February 1906.  
This advertisement ran until at least 22 March 1906.



# STOVES.

Some time last summer while the market was low, we anticipated a heavy demand for stoves of all kinds this season, and bought several carloads. Since our purchases stoves have advanced twice. We are glad to say to our customers, that while our sales have been unusually large, our stock is yet well assorted and you may have them at the old price so long as they last.

**Summers & Parrott Hardware Co.**

Figure 124. Johnson City Comet, 31 January 1907.

This advertisement ran until at least 21 March 1907.

Now Is The Time.

Lawn - Mowers and Hose, Screen Windows and Doors, Ice Cream Freezers and Refrigerators, Corn Drills, Plows and Garden Tools, Mastic Mixed Paint by the Car Load. We buy in large quantities direct from manufacturers.

Our Prices Always Right.

**Summers & Parrott Hardware Co.**

Figure 125. Johnson City Comet, 11 April 1907.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 April 1907.

**PALMERS' PATENTED HAMMOCKS**

**\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3 and \$5 each**

*Assorted Colors—Beautiful Designs.*

**SUMMERS-PARROTT, Hdw. Co.**

Figure 126. Johnson City Comet, 4 June 1908.

**BUGGIES  
and  
CARRIAGES ?**

Owing to lateness of season all Open jobs  
and Rubber Tired Vehicles at **REDUCED**  
prices. We sell "ANCHOR" and "LION"  
all guaranteed work.

**Summers-Parrott Hdwe.Co.**

Figure 127. Johnson City Comet, 27 August 1908.

**Swiss Army Repeating Rifle, No. 41**  
**SHOOTS 13 TIMES.**

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Made by the Swiss Government. Cost \$40 each to manufacture in stupenduous quantities, but owing to said Government making a change from a lead to a steel ball, and unheard of sacrifice sale was made, and we were put in position to buy the guns at a price to enable us to offer them at **\$3.75**

Kills at Two Thousand Yards. No Better Gun Ever Made. Guaranteed to be in Perfect Condition.

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**SUMMERS-PARROTT HARDWARE COMPANY.**

Figure 128. Johnson City Comet, 1 April 1909.

Note: See Section 3.2.1., below, for subsequent information on this enterprise.

2.7.7.1. Imperial Chemical Company, by 1902 – 1909  
(Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 104 and 106 East Main Street)

5 June 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“Monday Night Blaze. About midnight Monday night fire was discovered in the second story of the building occupied by H.W. Lyle & Co., grocers. The fire department responded promptly and the flames were soon extinguished. What might have been a very serious fire was narrowly averted by good work on the part of the fire laddies. Considerably more damage was done by water than by the fire. Most of the stock of H.W. Lyle & Co. was carried out and saved. The second floor was occupied by the Imperial Chemical Co. and its stock was badly damaged...

The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a cigar stub near the closet on the second floor of the Lyle store.”<sup>40</sup>

14 August 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“A Home Enterprise. Some time ago the Imperial Chemical Company was organized in this city and it began at once to make flavoring extracts and other non-secret preparations. The extracts are put upon the market in neat packages and are the equal in size of any standard preparations. For purity and strength these home extracts are superior to any sold. It has been the desire of the management to make a piece of goods that would appeal to the good housewife at once as the very best money could buy, because it was realized that there were many excellent preparations upon the market, and to successfully compete with them a better class must be made. To do this no expense has been spared, and that they have been successful is evidenced by the demand for these goods. You will find Imperial Extracts in every grocery store and also in every well regulated household. They are as good as skill can make them and as cheap as money can buy, and it will [be] doing your duty by your town to call for Imperial the next bottle of extract you purchase – and take no other.”



Figure 129. Johnson City Comet, 5 March 1903.  
This advertisement ran until at least 14 May 1903.



Figure 130. Johnson City Comet, 21 May 1903.  
This advertisement ran until at least 8 September 1904.

7 March 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“Charles E. and W.J. Cargille have purchased the Imperial Chemical Co. from Wofford & McCown and will increase the output of extracts and drugs.”

8 August 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“Imperial Flavoring Extracts – Made in Johnson City – used everywhere... We didn’t have to change our formula on account of the pure food law. Imperial Flavoring Extracts have always been up to the standard of purity.” This and similar items ran until at least 11 June 1908.

21 May 1908. Manufacturers Record.

“Paper-box Machinery. – Imperial Chemical Co., Johnson City, Tenn., wants addresses of makers of machinery for filling and sealing paper boxes.”<sup>41</sup>

20 August 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Hunter Galloway is traveling in North Carolina and Tennessee for the Imperial Chemical Co.”

17 September 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Big Street Parade... following merchants, manufacturers, etc., who have agreed to get up floats for the occasion... Imperial Chemical Co...”

21 January 1909. Johnson City Comet.

“Yarborough & Company Incorporated – Manufacturers and Jobbers in Grocers’ Drugs and Imperial Flavoring Extracts, Stationers’ Supplies, Post Cards and Cigars. – The firm of D.R. Yarbrough & Co., successors to the Imperial Chemical Co., have recently incorporated with a capital of \$15,000. The incorporators are: Thad A. Cox, C.E. Cargille, H.W. Pardue, R.T. Tilson and D.R. Yarbrough. D.R. Yarbrough is president and general manager. He is also an expert chemist and has the manufacturing department under his entire supervision.

Their leading speciality is the manufacture of high grade flavoring extracts, which they put up under the name of ‘Imperial’ Flavoring Extracts, and which, on account of its imperial quality, has met with a high degree of success. They also manufacture and put up a complete line of what is termed grocers’ drugs, such as 5 and 10 cent bottles of turpentine, sweet oil, castor oil, glycerine,



paregorie, cholera cure, vaseline, and herbs, etc., in package. This firm carries a full line of stationery and stationers' supplies, toilet soaps, post cards, smokers' supplies in large quantities exclusively for the wholesale trade. Their post card business is one of the largest in this section.

They have four expert salesmen on the road continually and cover a large territory, to-wit: From Roanoke, Va., to Chattanooga; Morristown to Greensboro, N.C; Asheville to Columbia, S.C.; Knoxville to Middlesboro, Ky.; Radford, Va., to Bluefield, W. Va., and all intermediate territory.

D.R. Yarbrough, the president of the concern, came here a little over a year ago and at once became identified with the business interests of the city, became a member of the Commercial Club and otherwise established himself in the ranks of the desirable citizenship class.

Starting on a modest scale to manufacture flavoring extracts, his business, through honest methods and the putting up of good goods, quickly grew to such proportions that he was compelled to reorganize and take in more capital until he has now one of the best equipped plants in East Tennessee."

25 February 1909. Manufacturers Record.

"Filling and Corking Machinery. – D.R. Yarbrough & Co., Johnson City, Tenn., want machinery to fill, cork and label panel bottlers, ½ to 2 oz."42

1 April 1909. Johnson City Comet.

"D.R. Yarbrough & Co. Move Across Town – D.R. Yarbrough & Co. have leased the building on Market street recently occupied by the Richard – Evans Hat Co. and are moving their stock of notions and chemicals into it. This gives the firm more commodious quarters, a thing their growing business demands, bring them over in the business section and enables them to handle their trade with greater satisfaction to all concerned."

2.8. 100 and 102 East Main Street, 1888 – 1909  
(John Harr's Block)

John Harr's Grocery Store, 1888 – 1889  
The Citizens Bank, 1889 – 1890  
Toney & Brown's Clothing Store, 1890 to at least 1892  
European Hotel, 1895 – 1897  
J.B. Whitlow's Grocery Store, by 1897  
T.J. Cox's Grocery Store, 1897  
George R. Brown's Restaurant, 1898 – 1899  
James F. Crumley and H.W. Lyle's Grocery Store, 1900  
H.W. Lyle & Company, here 1900 – 1906  
M.B. McCart's Grocery Store, 1906  
J.B. Worley's Grocery Store, here 1907 – 1908  
John D. Longmire's Store, 1908 apparently to at least 1920

Table 2. Occupants of John Harr's Block (100 and 102 East Main Street), 1888 – 1909

	100 East Main Street*	102 East Main Street
1888	John Harr, grocery store (1888 – 1889)	
1889	The Citizens Bank (1889 – 1890)	
1890	M.A. McFarland, drug store (here 1890 – 1893)	Toney & Brown, clothes store (1890 to at least 1892)
January 1891	Drugs (McFarland)	Dry Goods & Boots & Shoes (Toney & Brown)
1894	Miller Brothers Grocery Store (1894 – 1895)	
1895		European Hotel (1895 – 1897)
May 1897	Grocery (Wilbourne)	Grocery (J.B. Whitlow)
1897	J.B. Worley Grocery Store (1897)	T.J. Cox, grocery store (here 1897)
1898	A.P. Lynch, pawn-broker, (1897 – 1904)	George R. Brown, restaurant (1898 – 1899)
1900		Crumley & Lyle (1900) H.W. Lyle & Company, groceries (1900 – 1906)
April 1903	Clothing, Boots & Shoes (A.P. Lynch)	Grocery (H.W. Lyle & Company)
1906		M.B. McCart's grocery store (1906)
1907	Tranum Brothers, clothing (by 1907 to at least 1916?)	J.B. Worley, grocery, (1907 – 1908)
1908		John D. Longmire, fruit stand, (1908 apparently to at least 1920)
December 1908	Clothing (Tranum Brothers)	Fruit & Candy (John Longmire)

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

### 2.8.1. The Construction of the John Harr Block, 1888

6 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Work was begun Tuesday on John Harr's store house between Jobe's Palace Livery Stable, and the Comet office [at 101 Buffalo Street (S.T. Harris building) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]. It will be built

of brick, two stories high with iron and glass front [occupying 100 and 102 East Main Street], and will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.”

Note: It appears that the S.T. Harris block at 101 Buffalo Street, was built before John Harr’s adjoining block at 100 and 102 East Main Street.

15 November 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“John Harr’s new store house will be completed and ready for occupancy this week. Mr. Harr will move his stock of groceries into it Monday. As the new room is much larger than his old stand he will carry a much larger stock of groceries and provisions. He invites his friends and the public generally to call on him in his new quarters when they want anything in his line.”

#### 2.8.2. John Harr’s Grocery Store, 1888 – 1889

13 December 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Go to Harr’s for your fireworks... The best stock of Holiday groceries at J.E. Harr’s... My motto, the best goods for the least money... Go to J.E. Harr for your Christmas candies... Anything in the way of staple and fancy groceries...”

10 January 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“John Harr, the live grocer, has built a plank walk from the sidewalk in front of his store to the sidewalk near the tank.”

27 June 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Go to J.E. Harr’s for your Fruit Jars, Jelly Glasses, Jar Rubbers, &c... J.E. Harr’s is headquarters for Fruit Jars...” These and similar items ran until at least 5 September 1889.

29 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“John E. Harr has commenced a store house on Spring street. As soon as completed he will move his stock of groceries into it having rented the building he now occupies to W.S. Campbell.”

19 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Jno. Harr has just finished one and is building two other store houses on Spring street.”

19 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“John Harr has moved his stock of groceries from his Main street storeroom to his new storeroom on Spring street. Since leasing his building to W.S. Campbell, he has put up three storerooms on Spring street, or at least he has finished one and two more about completed. The rooms are 25 x 75 feet and make nice storerooms.”

26 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“J.F. McFarland has purchased the stock of groceries and provisions of John Harr and will continue the business in the new Harr block on Spring street. Mr. McFarland is a young business man, but he has the grit and will meet competition.”

### 2.8.3. The Citizens Bank, 1889 – 1890

12 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

The Citizens Bank. How we do grow! In the early part of 1887 a bank was unknown in Johnson City. In May of that year the Bank of Johnson City (now the First National) was started. It did good business, and the town kept growing until May, 1888, when a number of our citizens thought another bank was needed, and to meet that want the Watauga Banking Company began business. Business has continued to increase, and the demand for money has been strong, especially in the last few months, and is increasing daily. As the demand increases, the supply must naturally increase, and recognizing this fact, Mr. F.A. Stratton has associated himself with other enterprising gentlemen and organized the Citizens Bank of Johnson City. The bank has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. F.A. Stratton is the president and J.E. Brading, a young man but an experienced banker from Chattanooga, is the cashier. Mr. Brading comes highly recommended as an honest, straightforward, business man and Mr. Stratton, the president, is one of our most enterprising and progressive young men. He is well and widely known, and his extensive acquaintance will give the bank a prestige it would not otherwise enjoy. Officered as it is, there can be no question about the reliability of the bank. They will occupy the Harr building on Main street, and will build a vault and make other necessary arrangements at once, as they expect to open for business about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. The Citizens Bank will do a discount, deposit and exchange business, and will buy and sell notes, stocks and bonds. The accounts of merchants, manufacturers, business men generally, and individuals, will be solicited, and every facility compatible with sound banking principles will be extended to its patrons. A distinctive and very important feature of this bank will be its savings department. A savings bank is one of the best institutions a town can have, and our people will appreciate the Citizens Bank's efforts to give them a means of saving money they have not heretofore had. The savings department will be a special blessing to the workingmen, but is open to all classes of people. Deposits to the small amount of one dollar are received, and for the benefit of the depositors who will take advantage of this feature the bank will be kept open on Monday and Saturday nights from 6 to 8 o'clock. As the Citizens Bank has distinctive features and operates in a field not covered by any like institution in the city, there is no reason why it will not do a good business from the start. As soon as the bank is ready for business its announcement will appear in The Comet, and you can read the inducements offered by it. We bespeak for the new enterprise a liberal share of the public patronage.”

19 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“The Citizens Bank of Johnson City is rapidly getting ready for business. It is fitting up the storeroom lately occupied by John Harr nicely [also 100 and 102 East Main Street]. A large fire-proof vault has just been completed. J.J. Adams was the contractor. Stratton & Stratton have the contract for the counters, &c. The bank will be ready for business about the first of October.”

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

"The Citizens Bank of Johnson City was opened to-day, and is now ready for the transaction of a regular and legitimate banking business. The bank is located in the Harr building on Main street. A fire proof vault has been built, and it is one of the best in the State. Inside the vault is a large burglar proof safe, made by MacNeale and Urban, and inside the safe is a cash box, also burglar proof and protected by a combination lock. The room has been papered and painted, and an elegant ash counter made by Stratton and Stratton, attracts the eye as you enter the bank. It is a neat piece of work, and marble slabs are inserted in the counter at the cashier's and teller's windows. Everything looks neat and nice and the bank commences business under very favorable circumstances. The bank makes a special feature of its savings department, and for the accommodation of saving's depositors will be open on Monday and Saturday nights, from 6 to 8 o'clock."

THE CITIZENS BANK,

HARR BUILDING, NEXT DOOR TO POST-OFFICE.

This bank has the best of facilities for handling the accounts of merchants, manufacturers and individuals on the most favorable terms.

Makes a specialty of its Savings Department, where interest is allowed on pass-book balances, at four per cent. per annum, when they amount to \$5.00 and remain over thirty days.

Allows a more liberal rate of interest on certificates of deposit running for a longer time.

Affords ample protection against fire and burglars. Keeps open Monday and Saturday evenings.

Figure 131. Johnson City Comet, 10 October 1889.

Note: During the period around 1889 – 1890, it appears that the Johnson City post office was located at 103 Buffalo Street (not actually next door to 100 East Main Street, but two doors west). By January 1891, the post office had relocated to a building on Spring Street, see Map 1.



**THE CITIZENS BANK,**  
HARR BUILDING, NEXT DOOR TO POST-OFFICE.

F. A. STRATTON, President,      J. W. HUNTER, Vice-President,      J. E. BRADING, Cashier.

DIRECTORS :

F. A. STRATTON.....President.  
 J. W. HUNTER.....of Hunter & Brown.  
 J. T. WILDER.....Vice-President C., C. C. R. R.  
 H. S. CHAMBERLAIN, President Roane Iron Company, and Vice-President  
 First National Bank, Chattanooga.  
 H. H. STRATTON.....of Stratton & Stratton.  
 T. M. ALLEN.....Merchant Roan Mountain Station.  
 H. E. DEAN.....Attorney.  
 J. E. BRADING.....Cashier.

    Buys and sells exchange and discounts paper, and receives deposits from  
 merchants and business men on most favorable terms.

    Interest allowed on savings accounts and time deposits.    Open from 6 to 8  
 p. m. on Mondays and Saturdays.

Figure 132. Johnson City Comet, 17 October 1889.  
 This advertisement ran until 7 November 1889.

F. A. STRATTON, President,      J. W. HUNTER, Vice-President,      J. E. BRADING, Cashier

**THE**  
**CITIZENS BANK.**

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.      CAPITAL, \$100,000.

    Receives the accounts of merchants, corporations, and  
     individuals on favorable terms

    Allows a Liberal Rate of Interest on Savings and Time  
     Deposits.

    Keeps Open from 6 to 8 o'clock,  
   On Saturday Evenings.

Figure 133. Johnson City Comet, 17 October 1889.  
 This advertisement ran until 19 December 1889.

3 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“First Semi-Annual report of the Condition of the Citizens Bank – Johnson City, Tenn., at the Close of Business, March 31, 1890...”

24 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Strayed or Stolen. One dark bay Texas pony, saddle and bridle. Pony was taken from scale house in front of Citizens Bank on last night about 9:35. Brand on hip with ‘F.C.’ with half circle over top. Any person returning the same will be suitably rewarded. George R. Brown, Johnson City, Tenn.”

24 July 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown, the wide-awake clothiers of Jonesboro, have decided to move to Johnson City.

They have rented the store room now occupied by the Citizens Bank, and will take possession September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brown has rented Jas. F. Crumley’s new residence on Fifth avenue and will move his family here next month.”

2 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown, the new clothiers, are opening their stock of fall clothing and gents’ furnishings, in the Harr block on Buffalo street, the room recently vacated by the Citizens Bank.

The Citizens Bank moved last Friday into their new quarters in the Harr – Burrow building on the corner of Main and Spring streets. The new bank furniture is the handsomest in East Tennessee, and as soon as the room is finished Johnson City will have one of the best appointed banks in the State.”

#### 2.8.4. 102 East Main Street, 1890 – 1909

##### 2.8.4.1. Toney & Brown’s Clothing Store, 1890 to at least 1892

Note: It appears that Toney & Brown only occupied 102 East Main Street, see Map 1A. From this time going forward, it appears that 100 and 102 East Main Street were always occupied by different enterprises. Consequently, 100 East Main Street will be addressed separately from here on, beginning in Section 2.8.5.

11 September 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“J.M. Brown has moved his family from Jonesboro to Johnson City. He is a member of the firm of Toney & Brown, who will occupy the building now used by the Citizens Bank, with a line of clothing and furnishing goods in a few days.”

2 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown, the new clothiers, are opening their stock of fall clothing and gents’ furnishings, in the Harr block on Buffalo street, the room recently vacated by the Citizens Bank.”

2 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown have a complete line of Dress Shirts, Collars and Cuffs... If you want a good Gum Coat or Leggings, call on Toney & Brown in Citizens Bank building... Toney & Brown have a beautiful line of Scarfs and Ties, which they are selling at extremely low prices... We would be glad to have any one call and see our goods and prices, whether you buy or not. Will take pleasure in showing you through... Toney & Brown desire to state to the people generally that they are now opening up (in the building recently vacated by the Citizens Bank) a new and well selected stock of Clothing, Gents’ Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Valises, &c., which they expect to sell at a close margin for cash.”

9 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“A Bold Burglary. Tuesday night one or more persons entered Toney & Brown’s clothing store through a back window and secured about \$300 worth of goods, including watches, rings, chains, silk handkerchiefs, ties, etc. There is no clue to the theft.”

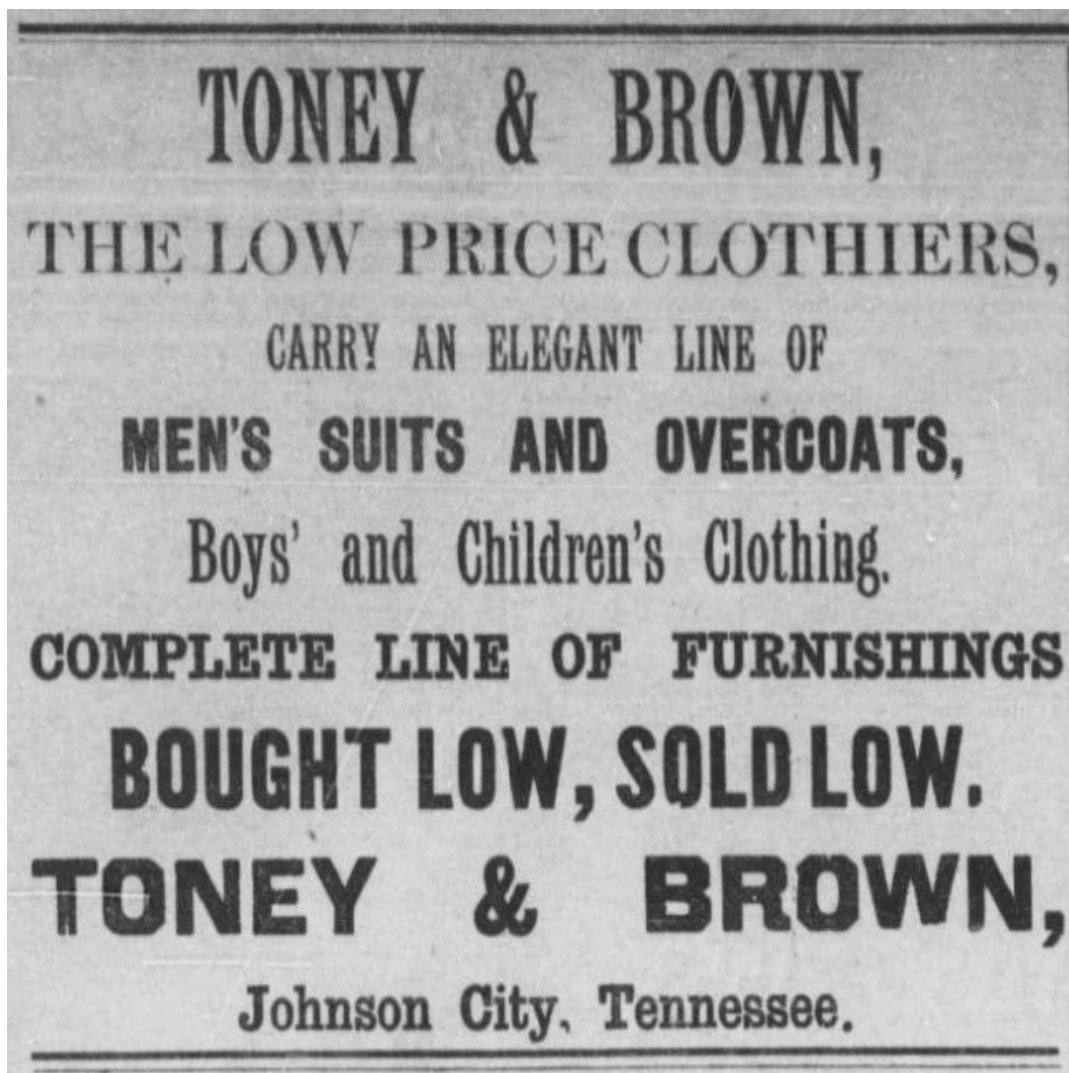


Figure 134. Johnson City Comet, 18 December 1890.

January 1891. The Sanborn Insurance Company map for this area shows that 102 East Main Street was occupied by a “D.G. B. & S.” shop.



Figure 135. Johnson City Comet, 16 April 1891.

22 October 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Stylish business suits in the best grades at Toney & Brown’s... Boy’s clothing from the cheapest to the best... Overcoats in any style or at any price you want... The largest and best assorted line of underwear ever brought to the city at Toney & Brown’s.” This and similar items ran until at least 17 December 1891.

21 January 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“100 overcoats will be closed out at cost by Toney & Brown.”

25 February 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown have bought out J.E. Crockett’s stock of gentlemen’s furnishings, and will continue the business at the present stand. Mr. Crockett will act in the position of salesman for the firm.”

14 April 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Toney & Brown are now receiving the largest stock of Spring and Summer Clothing ever brought to Johnson City... You will find the largest stock, latest styles and lowest prices in Clothing at Toney & Brown’s.”

14 July 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Two of our enterprising boys have set up business for themselves in the little corner near Toney & Brown’s. Earnest & Johnson is the style of the firm.”

Note: The author did not locate any additional information on “Earnest & Johnson”.

26 October 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“If you want good clothing at reasonable prices, go to Toney & Brown’s. They have the largest and best stock of Suits and Overcoats that has ever been brought to Johnson City.”

Note: This is the last mention found by the author that pertains to the operation of this enterprise.<sup>43</sup>

Note: The author did not find any information on any activities between 1892 and 1895 that appeared to be associated with this address.

#### 2.8.4.2. European Hotel, 1895 to at least 1896

18 April 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Lodging at the European Hotel, 25 cents. For ice cream and cake go to Geo. R. Brown’s... For warm meals at all hours go to the European Hotel (old Toney & Brown stand,) Buffalo street, opposite railroad tank.” This and similar items ran until at least 30 May 1895.

9 January 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“On to Erwin. One day last week twenty-seven lumbermen passed through Johnson City on their way to Erwin to get out timber from which several million feet of lumber are to be sawed, as per contract by Gen. Wilder with some giant company. Geo. R. Brown, the European hotel proprietor, was the lucky man who fed this lot of hungry souls.”

7 May 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Best ice cream at Geo. R. Brown’s European Hotel... First class rooms and beds...”

This is the last mention found by the author pertaining to the operation of George R. Brown’s “European Hotel.”<sup>44</sup>

#### 2.8.4.3. J.B. Whitlow’s Grocery Store, by 1897

18 February 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Whitlow Fails. J.B. Whitlow & Co. made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors last night, naming Thad A. Cox as assignee. The assets were given at \$2,500, while the liabilities are placed at \$1,000. The failure was caused principally on account of Mr. Whitlow’s health. He



had built up a big business from a very small beginning and it is to be regretted that he was not able to keep his business going.”

Note: The author did not find any additional information that appears to pertain to J.B. Whitlow’s enterprise at this location, prior to 18 February 1897.<sup>45</sup>

4 March 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“J.B. Whitlow has rented the store room recently occupied by W.H. Leach [at the intersection of Main and Boone streets] and will soon go into business again. After his debts are all paid he will have enough left to begin anew.”<sup>46</sup>

#### 2.8.4.4. T.J. Cox’s Grocery Store, 1897

1 April 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. T.J. Cox has rented the building lately occupied by J.B. Whitlow [at 102 East Main Street], next door to Summers, Barton & Lyle. He has ordered a complete stock of fresh groceries which will arrive about April 6<sup>th</sup>, at which time he will move from his present location into his new quarters, where he will be pleased to serve his customers, old and new, with the best bargain to he had in the city.”

22 April 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“T.J. Cox is now established in his new quarters and has the freshest and nicest line of groceries in the city.”

29 April 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“T.J. Cox makes good country produce a specialty... For fresh oranges, bananas and apples call on T.J. Cox, Main street.”

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 102 East Main Street was occupied by a “Gro.” store.

24 June 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“H.D.G. Cox... is a brother of T.J. Cox, the popular host of the Greenwood hotel and grocer merchant, and came to form a co-partnership with his brother in the grocery business. Mr. Cox is a native of this section but has been in Florida ten years. His family consists of a wife and two children. At present they are living at the Greenwood but will go to housekeeping soon.”

Note: this was the last mention of this enterprise found by the author.<sup>47</sup>

#### 2.8.4.5. George R. Brown's Restaurant, 1898 – 1899

9 June 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“In New Quarters. Geo. R. Brown, the affable and courteous proprietor of Hotel Brown, will soon be in his new quarters on Main street. Mr. Brown is having the building formerly occupied by T.J. Cox [at 102 East Main Street] nicely fitted up, preparatory to running one of the most ‘up-to-date’ restaurants in East Tennessee. All necessary (and some unnecessary) accommodations will be at the disposal of his guests. Mr. Brown has made quite a reputation since he has been engaged in the hotel business, and therefore, needs no commendation. But remember that he will be in his new quarters by Saturday.”

23 June 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“Brown's Restaurant. Brown's new restaurant on public square is the attraction of the city in its line. The room has been admirably and cozily fitted up for the business and Johnson City now has its first genuine, first-class restaurant on American and European plan. He also serves ice cream at all times and has just put in a soda fountain and serves all the up-to-date drinks in elegant style.”

15 September 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“Fresh Oysters at Geo. R. Brown's Restaurant, on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.” Similar notices ran until at least 30 March 1899.

21 December 1899. Johnson City Comet.

“Geo. R. Brown will go out of the restaurant business about December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will spend two or three months in New York. He will be accompanied back by Mrs. Brown and daughter, Miss Kittie.”

#### 2.8.4.6. James F. Crumley and H.W. Lyle's Grocery Store, 1900

22 February 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“New Store. Jas. F. Crumley and H.W. Lyle have opened a grocery store in the store room on Public Square recently occupied by George Brown's restaurant [at 102 East Main Street]. These young men have put in a nice line of groceries, and have a complete line of everything to eat, and no doubt will be glad to have you call and examine their stock. These young men are well known to our people and as they are obeying that scriptural injunction, ‘If at first you don't succeed, try, try again,’ they will merit substantial encouragement.”

# Crumley & Lyle

ARE SELLING

Fresh Tomatoes at 6c per pound.

Cabbage at 2½c per pound.

Large Onions at 2½c per pound.

Navy Beans at 5c per pound.

Lima Beans at 7c per pound.

Breakfast Bacon, 10c, 12c, Kingans' 15c

Fine Hams at 12½c per pound.

Grits at 2½c per pound.

California Evap. Fruits at 10c pound.

Best Coal Oil at 16c per gallon.

Homemade Buckwheat Flour.

Compare these prices with what you  
have been paying for the same  
goods elsewhere.

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WE CARRY A

## Full Line of Groceries,

From the cheapest to the best.

Will be glad to have those interested  
in Groceries to call and get our  
prices on other goods.

AGENTS FOR

## White Lily Flour

And Swan Bros. Vienna Bread.

Respectfully,

CRUMLEY & LYLE,

Figure 136. Johnson City Comet, 1 March 1900.

10 May 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“For a limited time we will pay cash for good laying hens – Leghorns preferred. Crumley & Lyle.” This item ran until at least 28 June 1900.

Note: This is the last mention, found by the author, that relates to the association of James F. Crumley with this enterprise.

2.8.4.7. H.W. Lyle & Company, here 1900 – 1906

See Figure 6.

**H. W. Lyle & co.**

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Successor to Crumley & Lyle.

**Staple and fancy  
GROCERIES.**

**'Phone 93.**

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We will continue in the future, as we have in the past, to sell the best and purest groceries at the lowest possible price.

Thanking you for your very liberal trade in the past, and soliciting a continuance of the same, we are

Yours very truly,

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**

Sept. 20 1900. Public Square.

Figure 137. Johnson City Comet, 20 September 1900.

Our prices are as low all the time as the **Leaders** and **Specials** put out by other houses. In fact will meet any cut prices at any time. So just come along or call up No. 93 and send us your order.

Yours for your grocery business,

**H. W. LYLE & CO.,**

Next to Summers, Barton & Parrott.

Figure 138. Johnson City Comet, 25 October 1900.

# Speaking

Of Rice, we beg to say that we have a barrel of the finest that is grown. Love or money cannot buy better, for it is the best and the price is only

**10 Cents a Pound.**

We are agents for Swan Bros. Bread, and would be glad to have you try our Viena Bread, Rusk Coffee-Cakes, Doughnuts, Cream Puffs, old-fashion Ginger Bread, (and fine cakes of all kinds to order).

**FRESH GOODS** every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

We are running a first-class grocery store and want your trade.

Yours truly,

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**

Figure 139. Johnson City Comet, 21 February 1901.



We will receive our first shipment of

# Fresh Oysters

This week—Friday. The quality will be the best, and the price the same as we sold them all last season.

## 35c QUART

delivered promptly to any part of the city. If you are not already a customer we would be glad to have your trade. The stock of goods we carry, and our methods of conducting our business will please you.

**Telephone 93, H. W. Lyle**

Figure 140. Johnson City Comet, 24 October 1901.



Figure 141. Johnson City Comet, 9 January 1902.

5 June 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“Monday Night Blaze. About midnight Monday night fire was discovered in the second story of the building occupied by H.W. Lyle & Co., grocers [at 102 East Main Street]. The fire department responded promptly and the flames were soon extinguished. What might have been a very serious fire was narrowly averted by good work on the part of the fire ladies. Considerably more damage was done by water than by the fire. Most of the stock of H.W. Lyle & Co. was carried out and saved. The second floor was occupied by the Imperial Chemical Co. and its stock was badly damaged.

Summers, Barton & Parrott [at 104 and 106 East Main Street] sustained the most serious damage by water. They occupy the adjoining building and their shelf hardware was flooded.

The stock of Lynch on the west side [at 100 East Main Street] was slightly damaged and some papers in the law office of J.B. Cox were wet.

The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a cigar stub near the closet on the second floor of the Lyle store.”<sup>48</sup>

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**

...AT...  
**Home**

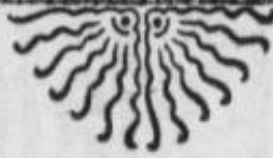
In their Old Stand, on Public Square. We would be glad to have all of our friends call or ring up ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

**'Phone 93**

For anything in the GROCERY line. All kinds of Fresh Vegetables ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

**H. W. Lyle & Co.**  
FANCY GROCERS,  
Public Square,  
**Johnson City.**

Figure 142. Johnson City Comet, 19 June 1902.



# We wish

For all our friends and customers a  
happy and prosperous New Year ❁  
Will you permit us to aid in mak-  
ing it so by furnishing you your  
groceries during the year? ❁ ❁ ❁

Yours to please,

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**


Public Square  
'Phone 93



Figure 143. Johnson City Comet, 1 January 1903.

20 August 1903. Johnson City Comet.

"A new and modern plate glass front is being put in the store room occupied by H.W. Lyle & Co., the grocers on the square."

A stylized graphic of an Edison Phonograph. It features a large, ornate horn at the top, a central body with vertical lines and decorative elements, and a base with several vertical lines. The graphic is framed by a double-line border.

# Edison Phonograph...

For \$1.00 we will bring a latest-improved genuine Edison Phonograph, with large concert horn, to your home (evenings only) and play fifty to seventy-five selections of the latest music, including band and orchestra selections, solos, quartettes, duets, and other music of various kinds. So wonderful and marked have been the recent improvements in the Edison Phonograph that you can hardly believe its reproductions to be the work of a machine.

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**

Figure 144. Johnson City Comet, 3 September 1903.



**Soline Lamp Oil**

**GUARANTEED NOT TO**

**SMOKE,  
SMELL or  
EXPLODE.**

Made From the Finest Pennsylvania  
Crude.

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This oil is made by the Kimble Oil Co., of Knoxville, and is not in the trust, but it can be trusted to give a better light and the housewife more satisfaction than any oil on the market as its use makes lamp cleaning an occasional rather than a daily task. Try a gallon and convince yourself of its good qualities. For sale in this city by

**H. W. LYLE & CO.**

Figure 145. Johnson City Comet, 13 April 1905.  
This advertisement ran until at least 8 February 1906.

Note: The above advertisement, which appeared on 8 February 1906, is the last mention found by the author of this enterprise at this location.<sup>49</sup>

# NEW MEAT MARKET

## OLD MEAT CUTTER.

We are nicely located in the rear of H. W. LYLE & CO'S. GROCERY STORE on the Square, and would be glad to sell you your Meats.

### Of Course Not Alive

But we deliver meat so fresh that it couldn't be fresher without being alive. As a matter of fact meat should hang for at least a day or two to make healthful food, and our modern methods of preserving assure you sweet, tender, juicy and altogether good Meats at all times. **ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY.**



### LOOK AT THESE PRICES:

Best Loin Steak 12 1-2c; Round Steak 10c; Best Roast 8c; Boiling Beef 5c; Pork Chops and Ham 12 1-2c; Side Pork 10c; Sausage 10c.

## J. B. Leonard

PHONE 93.

With. H. W. LYLE & CO.

Figure 146. Johnson City Comet, 19 October 1905.  
This advertisement ran until at least 26 October 1905.

**Great Bargains**

**at McCartt's New Store**

The old stand of H. W. Lyie & Company has been completely overhauled and filled with a brand new stock. Almost all expenses cut out. Everything sold for Cash. No Delivery.

**We make you prices you've never had before.**

20 lbs. Granulated Sugar for	\$1.00
21 lbs. Brown " "	1.00
Arbuckle's Coffee, per pound	15c
Porto Rico " "	15c
Tomatoes, per can	10c
Oil, per gallon	15c
10 Bars Lenox Soap for	30c

**Try our Fine Coffees; also get our prices on Flour.**

Figure 147. Johnson City Comet, 1 March 1906.<sup>50</sup>

13 September 1906. Johnson City Comet.

"Grocery Business Sold. H.W. Pardue has purchased the stock of groceries and produce of M.B. McCartt and will continue the store in the present building for a while. Later the retain stores will be combined."

Note: The author did not find any information on H.W. Pardue actually operating a grocery store at this location.

#### 2.8.4.9. J.B. Worley's Grocery Store, here 1907 – 1908

3 January 1907. Johnson City Comet.

"J.B. Worley and D.W. Patton have purchased the grocery stock in the old McCartt stand from H.W. Pardue and are conducting a first-class grocery store, They have ample experience and will run an up-to-date store."

Note: The author did not find any further reference to "D.W. Patton" pertaining to this enterprise.

9 May 1907. Johnson City Comet.

"Belmont Collett has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery store of J.B. Worley."

# Your Christmas Cakes

## Should Be Ordered Now!

We are local agents for KERN'S FAMOUS BAKERY of Knoxville, and orders for any kind of Cakes given us now will be promptly filled and with the high class goods that has made this bakery famous.

Call at our store and see the list of good things they make and be surprised at the low prices.

We get fresh bread daily from this bakery and fill orders promptly.

Our stock of Christmas Fruits, Candies and Fancy Groceries is complete and our prices are right. All orders carefully filled.

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J. B. WORLEY  
MAIN ST. GROCER

Figure 148. Johnson City Comet, 12 December 1907.

27 February 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Worley, with J.B. Worley, the grocer, is an attractive window dresser and makes the grocery stock look good enough to eat.”

Note: The next reference, found by the author, to “J.B. Worley” and his grocery store appeared in the Johnson City Comet on 12 August 1909.<sup>51</sup> However, on 17 September 1908, the Johnson City Comet ran an article that mentioned “Jno. D. Longmire”, who had occupied the address previously occupied by J.B. Worley and his grocery store, see figures 210, 212A, 213, 214 and 215A. On 30 August 1911, the Johnson City Comet ran an advertisement stating that J.B. Worley had relocated his grocery store to 240 Main Street. It appears to the author that J.B. Worley had moved his grocery store from 102 East Main Street by 17 September 1908 to another unspecified location; however, the author has found no direct evidence to support this.

2.8.4.10. John D. Longmire’s Store, 1908 apparently to at least 1920

See figures 210, 212A, 213, 214 and 215A.

These figures show that John D. Longmire’s store occupied this location.

17 September 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Big Street Parade... following merchants, manufacturers, etc., who have agreed to get up floats for the occasion... John Longmire, fruits...” See Section 3.3.1. for subsequent information on this enterprise.

**Make Your Selections Early**

 We are now putting our immense line of TOYS and CHRISTMAS GOODS on display and it is to YOUR INTEREST to make an early visit to our store and make your selection of toys, etc., and have them laid away for future delivery. We have the LARGEST Stock to select from EVER SHOWN HERE.

**We Make Candy**

Our stock of HOME MADE CANDIES is bound to meet with your approval. It's as good as can be made, and we have a large variety.

Fruits and Nuts in Any Quantity Desired

**JNO. LONGMIRE**  
Main Street      On the Square

Figure 149. Johnson City Comet, 26 November 1908.



2.8.5. 100 East Main Street, 1890 – 1909  
(John Harr's Block)

McFarland & Company/City Drug Store, here after October 1890 to 1893  
Miller Brothers Grocery Store, 1894 – 1895  
Henry Wilbourn's Grocery Store, 1897  
J.B. Worley's Grocery Store, 1897  
A.P. Lynch's Pawn Shop, 1897 – 1904  
Tranum Brothers, Clothing Store, by 1907 to at least 1916

Note: It appears that John Harr's grocery store and The Citizens Bank occupied both 100 and 102 East Main Street from 1888 to 1890. These two enterprises were addressed above in Section 2.8.

2.8.5.1. McFarland & Company/City Drug Store, here after October 1890 to 1893

Note: It appears that the McFarland & Company City Drug Store moved into 100 East Main Street between October 1890 and January 1891. This statement is based on the report that The Citizens Bank moved out of this address in October 1890 and that the earliest firm evidence that McFarland & Company had occupied this address is provided by the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map of this area for January 1891, see Map 1A.<sup>52</sup>

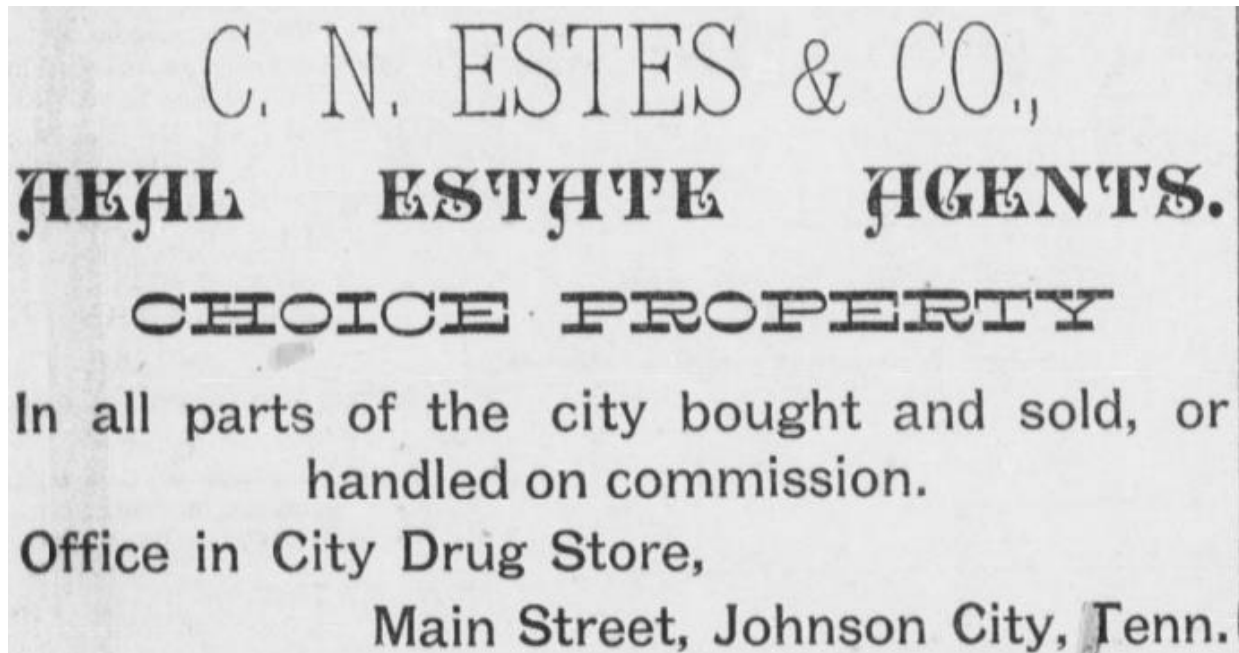


Figure 150. Johnson City Comet, 17 April 1890.<sup>53</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 29 January 1891.

2 October 1890. Johnson City Comet.

"A Scrap of Paper Saves Her Life... She was in the last stages of consumption... On a piece of paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds... Trial Bottles of this wonderful Discovery free at McFarland & Co.'s Drug Store...

Saved from Consumption... Customers finally induced him to try Clarke's Extract of Flax (Papillon) Catarrh Cure. He says: 'The result was 'unprecedented... entirely cured.' It will do the same for you. Price \$1.00. Try Clarke's Flax Soap for the Skin and you will use no other. 25 cents. All of Clarke's Flax remedies are for sale by McFarland & Co...

Eupepsy. This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life... We guarantee that electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use is persisted in, will bring you Good Digestion and oust the demon Dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle by McFarland & Co...

Bucklen's Arnica salve. The best salve in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sores, Tetter, chapped Hands, chilblains, corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale at M.A. McFarland's Drug Store." Similar items ran until at least 6 July 1893.

January 1891. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was occupied by a "Drugs" store, with "Off." On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

12 February 1891. Johnson City Comet.

"For anything usually kept in a first-class drug store, call at McFarland & Co.'s... McFarland & Co., are the leaders in their line, and carry the largest stock of drugs, toilet articles, cigars and tobacco in the city... Prescriptions carefully and successfully compounded at McFarland & Co.'s at all hours... Finest flavored extracts can be found at McFarland & Co.'s at low prices... Drop in at McFarland & Co.'s and get your cigars and tobacco. The best brands always on hand." Similar items ran until at least 9 April 1891.

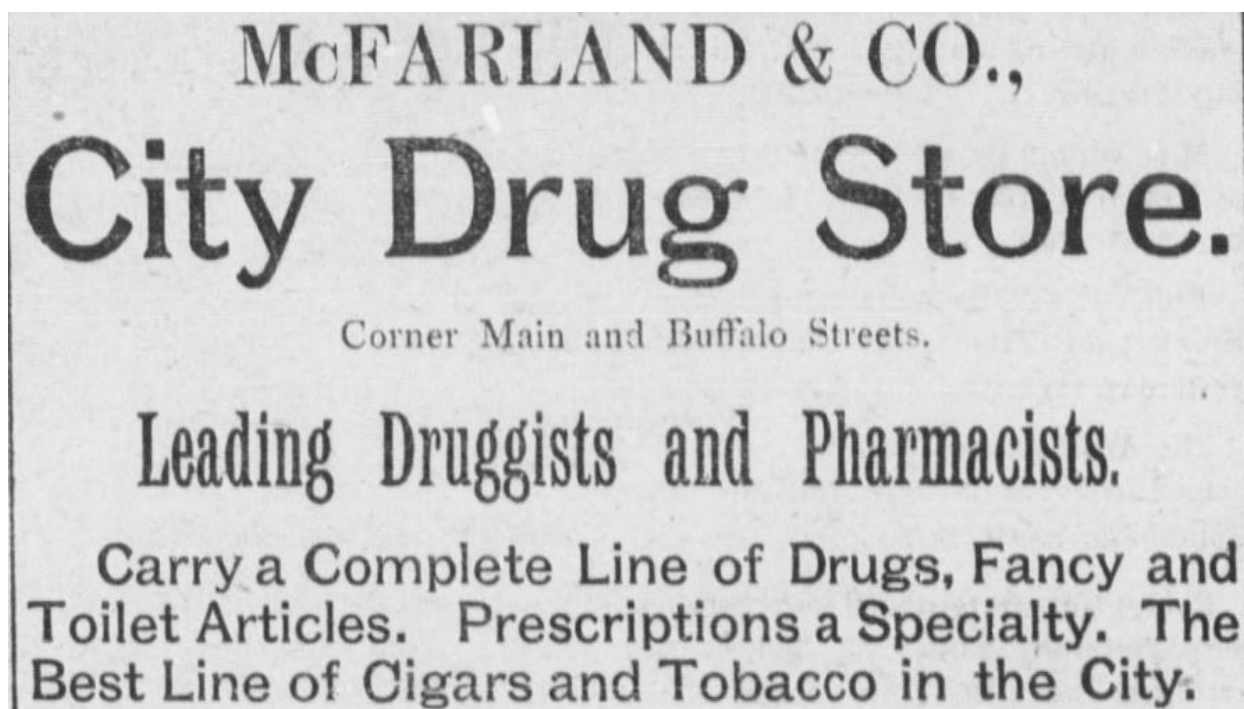


Figure 151. Johnson City Comet, 16 April 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 11 February 1892.

14 July 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“W.T. Gentry has moved his job office from Range & Delaney’s to a room over McFarland’s drug store.” This was the only mention of “W.T. Gentry” in relation to this address, found by the author.

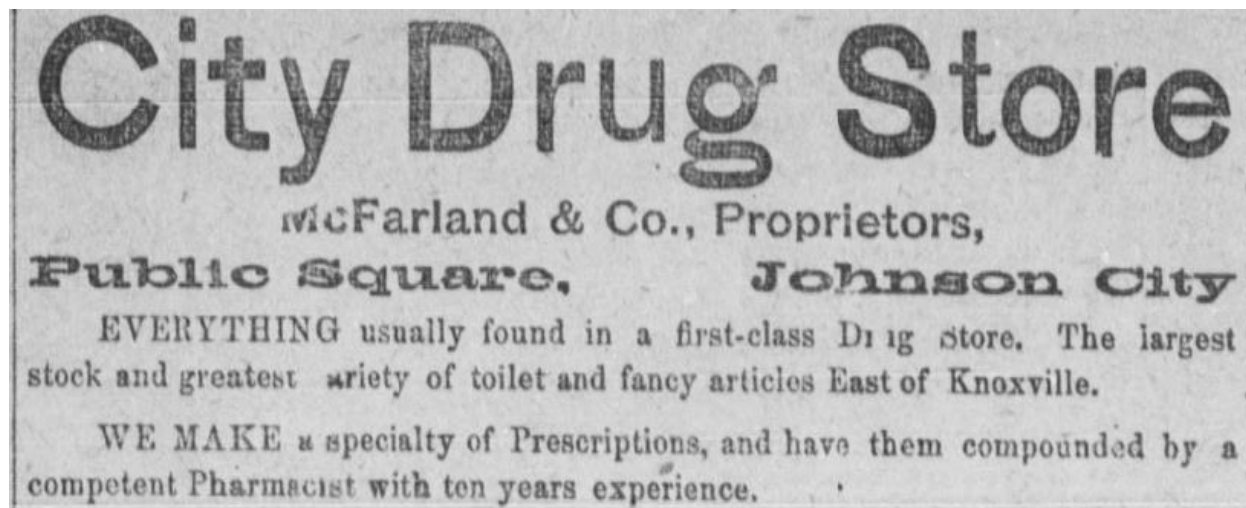


Figure 152. Johnson City Comet, 8 April 1893.<sup>54</sup>

This advertisement ran between 29 September 1892 to at least 15 June 1893.

29 September 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“If you have your prescriptions filled at McFarland & Co.’s, it’s right... McFarland & Co. are exclusive agents in the city of ‘Fiddle and Bow’ cigar... ‘James Choice’ is one of the finest extracts on the market. Manufactured and for sale only by McFarland & Co... Prescriptions go to McFarland & Co.’s for careful compounding as naturally as a duck goes to water... Your prescriptions will be carefully and accurately compounded by a competent pharmacist with ten years experience if taken to McFarland & Co.’s, the oldest druggist in the city. If you need any kind of a toilet brush you can be suited at McFarland & Co.’s... ‘Pears,’ ‘4711-Glycerine,’ ‘Cashmere boquet’ and other popular toilet soaps in any quantity... A complete stock of fresh proprietary medicines can always be found at McFarland & Co.’s and as cheap as any where in the city... In addition to the largest stock of drugs in the city McFarland & Co. carry a complete line of toilet and fancy articles, including the best and most popular soaps and extracts... McFarland & Co. are the smokers’ friend. They carry only the best brands of cigars. Their 5 cent goods include such famous brands as the ‘Fiddle and Bow,’ Amalita,’ ‘Carlito,’ and ‘Tansill’s Punch.’ There are none better on the market.” Similar items ran until at least 17 November 1892.

6 July 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“City Drug Store Removed. The City Drug Store has been removed to the Range storeroom, formerly occupied by the City Shoe Store, next door to the old stand, on Main street.”

6 July 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“We have moved into new quarters, where we propose to adopt the cash system, having found the credit business unprofitable and very unpleasant. And we ask all who owe us to come forward and either pay cash or make some satisfactory arrangements with us. We will wait a reasonable time for this to be done, and those that fail to come in and arrange with us may expect to find their accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. Yours very truly, McFarland & Co.”

#### 2.8.5.2. Miller Brothers Grocery Store, 1894 – 1895

5 July 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“New Store. The Miller brothers have opened a grocery store in the old McFarland stand on the corner of Main and Buffalo streets. It is a nice, fresh, brand new stock of groceries, provisions, canned goods, tobacco and cigars. The firm consists of P.Q., J.R. and W.P. Miller – all good business men of energy, push and integrity.”

29 November 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“For a good 5 cent smoke try ‘Dow’s’ at Miller Bros... Christmas candies – a fine assortment... ‘Lookout’ soap – the best 5-cent bar soap in the city... A full line of fresh canned goods... Everything fresh in groceries... Try a plug of ‘Elegant,’ the best chewing tobacco in the city... Schnapp’s 5 cent and 10 cent chewing tobacco can not be beat... Try a package of those fresh marshmallows, put in ¼ and ½-pound packages...”

3 January 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Coal and Wood. We, the undersigned, beg leave to inform the citizens of Johnson City that we are now ready to furnish them both wood and coal. We keep on hand Pine Mountain, Jellico, Oliver Springs, Big Stone Gap and hard coal. Call and get prices before buying elsewhere. Having the agency for the best coal, we hope to get a large patronage. Leave orders at Miller Bros.’ or Webb Bros.’ store. Prompt attention given. G.A. Heuser & Co.”

Note: this is the last mention of this enterprise found by the author.

#### 2.8.5.3. Henry Wilbourn’s Grocery Store, 1897

20 May 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Business Change. Our clever young friend, Henry Wilbourn, who has been with the grocery house of M. Jackson for the past two years, has purchased from Houston Bros. their stock of groceries and will continue to handle the choicest of goods at the corner of Main and Buffalo streets. Henry is one of our cleverest young citizens and an experienced salesman. We sincerely, hope he will achieve the success he so well deserves.”<sup>55</sup>

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was occupied by a “Gro.” store, with “Off.” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

10 June 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“See Henry Wilbourn before you buy groceries... It is surprising what a good trade Henry Wilbourn is building up... Did you know that Henry Wilbourn is selling groceries very cheap? Give him a call.” Similar advertisements ran until at least 30 September 1897.

19 August 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Partly Paralyzed. The many friends of Henry Wilbourn, the popular grocery dealer at the corner of Main and Buffalo streets, will hear with sorrow that his little daughter continues very ill...”

7 October 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Henry Wilbourn keeps fresh vegetables, meal, flour and everything in a first class grocery store, and sells them cheap. Give him a call.”

#### 2.8.5.4. J.B. Worley’s Grocery Store, 1897

21 October 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“J.B. Worley has moved his grocery store from Market street to the room just vacated by Wilbourn on public square [at 100 East Main Street]. He will be glad to have you call and see him in his new quarters where he will keep everything you want in the grocery line...”

Moved. We have moved our stock of groceries, provisions, etc., from the Harr building on public square, to the Bowman block on Market street under The Staff office, and the room recently vacated by J.B. Worley. Will continue to keep everything you want in the grocery line and will be glad to see you in our new quarters. Respt, Henry Wilbourn.”

Note: The author did not find any additional information on the J.B. Worley store at this location.

#### 2.8.5.5. A.P. Lynch’s Pawn Shop, 1897 – 1904

23 December 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Lynch Hustling. A.P. Lynch, the pawn-broker, has moved his stock of clothing and lady’s capes to the store room on the corner of Main and Buffalo streets [at 100 East Main Street] and having greatly increased his stock in all lines, invites the public to come to see him and get what they want at astonishing low prices. He handles everything in the clothing line and has some rare bargains this week.”



# CUT PRICES AT THE PAWNBROKER'S

## LADIES' CAPES

In Plush, Astrakhan and Beaver and Kersey.

We take this method of informing you and the public generally, that we are offering RARE BARGAINS in Overcoats, Pants, Vests, Shirts, and various other articles of Clothing for Men, Boys', Youths' and Children. Capes, and Jackets NEW and NICE for Ladies, a Specialty.

## OVERCOATS

For Men, Youth and Children. Mackintoshes Cheap.

## CLOTHING FOR ALL SIZES.

Boots and Shoes from childrens' size to No. 14. Hats and Caps—see prices. Shirts for Sunday and everyday.

Pants: Jeans, Bull Dogs, Cashmere, &c. for Men, Boys and Children.

Blankets, Domestic, Toweling, Suspenders, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Spool Thread, Ball Thread.

Paper, Envelopes, Box Paper, School Supplies, Umbrellas, Undershirts, Drawers—Drill and Knit.

Oil Cloth per yard, - - - - - 10c.

Special Inducements on LADIES' CAPES.

# A. P. LYNCH.

Figure 153. Johnson City Comet, 13 October 1898.

5 June 1902. Johnson City Comet.

"Monday Night Blaze. About midnight Monday night fire was discovered in the second story of the building occupied by H.W. Lyle & Co., grocers [at 102 East Main Street]. The fire department responded promptly and the flames were soon extinguished. What might have been a very serious fire was narrowly averted by good work on the part of the fire laddies. Considerably more damage was done by water than by the fire. Most of the stock of H.W. Lyle & Co. was carried out and saved...

The stock of Lynch on the west side [at 100 East Main street] was slightly damaged and some papers in the law office of J.B. Cox were wet.

The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a cigar stub near the closet on the second floor of the Lyle store."<sup>56</sup>

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was occupied by a "Clo., B. & S." store.

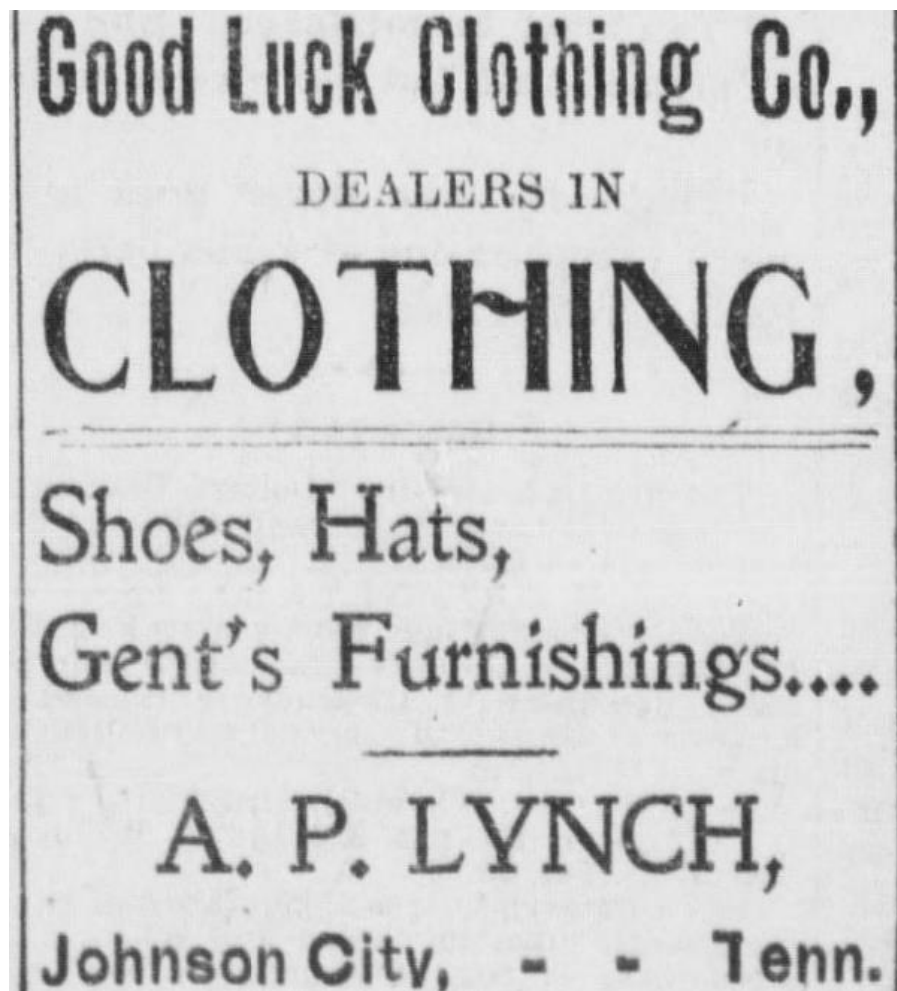


Figure 154. Johnson City Comet, 29 October 1903.  
This advertisement ran until at least 12 November 1903.

# A. P. LYNCH

## CLOTHING

Gents' Furnishings and **SHOES**

An invitation is extended  
To the rich and the poor ;  
**We can accommodate you**  
At two large stores.

"Good goods at low prices"  
Our motto shall be,  
And when out shopping  
You must come and see.  
Suits \$5, 10, 15 and twenty-five,  
And an abundance of  
Furnishing Goods just arrived.

If you can't find the place  
Don't holler aloud,  
For hundreds have found us  
By following the crowd.

**A. P. LYNCH,**  
Johnson City, Tenn.  
Cor. Main and Buffalo Streets.

Figure 155. Johnson City Comet, 17 December 1903.  
This advertisement ran until at least 17 July 1904.

7 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

"A.P. Lynch, one of Johnson City's leading clothiers, has a mammoth ad. in this issue of The Comet, to which your attention is invited. Mr. Lynch is offering some rare bargain clothing, gent's furnishings, etc., and you will save money by getting his prices before purchasing elsewhere."

A. P. Lynch

Good Luck Clothing Co.

A. P. Lynch

\$7,000 STOCK OF CLOTHING INVOLVED

The Prices have gone Lower

Entire Stock of Clothing; Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Pants

Underwear, Overalls, Hose, &c., in great confusion, FORCE and disorder, and must be turned into Cash, at prices that will fill the store with eager buyers. **COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH**

Will not last long at these Prices

Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!

Sunday Shirts worth 50c to 75c and \$1 now 25c 35c

Men's Suits, Regular Price \$15.00	now \$11.50	Men's Suits, Regular Price \$8.50	Cut Price \$6.50
" " " " 12.50	now 9.50	" " " " 7.00	Cut Price 5.00
" " " " 10.00	now 7.50	" " " " 5.00	Cut Price 3.50
		" " " " 4.50	Cut Price 2.85

Work Shirts worth 25c to 50c now 15, 25, 35

Whole Stock to be Turned Into Cash--Everything to Go--Nothing Reserved

Each Day's Attractions Are Greater

Men and Ladies Handkerchiefs 3c

Hot Weather Underwear to Go in This Sale

SHIRT and DRAWERS

AT 15 19 AND 38 CENTS

Hosiery 3c, 8c, 10c and 18c

YOUTH'S and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING 85c \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.85 2.50 3 and 4

MEN'S SHOES

\$3.50 Shoes now	\$2.50
3.00 " "	2.00
2.50 " "	1.85
2.00 " "	1.50
1.50 " "	1.00

Job in Button Shoes 50c While They Last

....Trunks, Trunks at Cost....

LADIES' SHOES

\$2.50 Shoes now	\$1.00
2.00 " "	1.00
1.50 " "	1.00
1.00 " "	.75

Sale Commences Saturday Morning at 8:00 O'clock

PANTS, PANTS, PANTS, that were \$5, 4.50, 3.50, 2.50 7.75, 1.50 and 1.00, Now \$3.50, 2.00, 2.85 1.85, 1.25, 1.00 and .75. Knee pants 15 and 25 cents.

Wanted at once: Active, Experienced Clothing Salesman

A. P. LYNCH, Public Square and Buffalo Street

Figure 156. Johnson City Comet, 7 July 1904.

21 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

"A.P. Lynch, dealer in clothing, etc., filed a petition in bankruptcy Monday. The liabilities are about \$4,000. A.R. Johnson was appointed trustee and will sell the stock as soon as the inventory is completed."

21 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“Notice of First Meeting of Creditors – In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Tennessee, in Bankruptcy. In the matter of Abe P. Lynch, of Johnson City, in the county of Washington and district aforesaid, a bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 1904, the said Abe P. Lynch was duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the United States court room in Knoxville, Tenn., on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 1904, at 9 o’clock in the forenoon, at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Joshua W. Caldwell, Referee in Bankruptcy. Knoxville, Tenn., July 21, 1904.”

Note: A.P. Lynch was also the proprietor of the Piedmont Hotel in 1904.

#### 2.8.5.6. Trnum Brothers, Clothing Store, by 1907 to at least 1916

Note: The author placed this enterprise at this address based on figures 10, 214A, and 215A.

26 September 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“Robert Trnum Married... Mr. Trnum is a member of the firm of Trnum Bros., clothiers...”<sup>57</sup>

17 September 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Big Street Parade... following merchants, manufacturers, etc., who have agreed to get up floats for the occasion... Trnum Bros., clothing...”

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was occupied by a “Clo.” Store, with “Hand Printing” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Note: The “Hand Printing” operation on the second floor appears to have been that of the Johnson City Staff newspaper.

8 July 1909. Johnson City Comet.

“Climbing Burglars – The store of Trnum Bros. was burglarized Wednesday night. Entrance was effected over the front transom and the guests departed by the back door, after having taken \$18.75 in change from the cash drawer and possibly a change of clothing and shoes. No arrests have yet been made.”

15 July 1909. Johnson City Comet.

“Thief is Caught and Confesses. About a week ago Trnum Bros.’ store was robbed of \$19, and some shoes. Sunday night Andy Taylor was arrested on suspicion, and he made confession to the stealing. He stated that two other boys were with him. Their arrest has not yet been made, and their names cannot be obtained.”

Note: See Section 3.4.1. for subsequent information on this enterprise.



2.8.6. Enterprises that Appear to have been on the Second Floor of the John Harr Block,  
1889 – 1890

7 March 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Messrs. Butler and Phillips have opened an engineers office in the [John?] Harr building. Persons wanting reliable surveys and maps made will find it to their interest to give them a call.”

21 March 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Attention is called to the advertisement of Butler & Phillips, civil engineers and architects, which appears in this issue. These gentleman are thoroughly qualified and reliable and will give prompt and personal attention to all work entrusted to them.”



Figure 157. Johnson City Comet, 21 March 1889.  
This advertisement ran until at least 26 September 1889.

Note: It appears that “Butler & Phillips” shared their office (Room No. 1, John Harr Building) with “W.S. Campbell” “Real Estate Agent”, see Figure 158.

28 March 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“W.S. Campbell, of New Orleans, arrived Thursday and has opened a real estate office in room No. 1, Harr Building. Mr. Campbell proposes to handle real estate for what there is in it, and will make things lively. He buys and sells on commission and will give all property placed in his hands his personal and prompt attention. See ad. in this issue.”

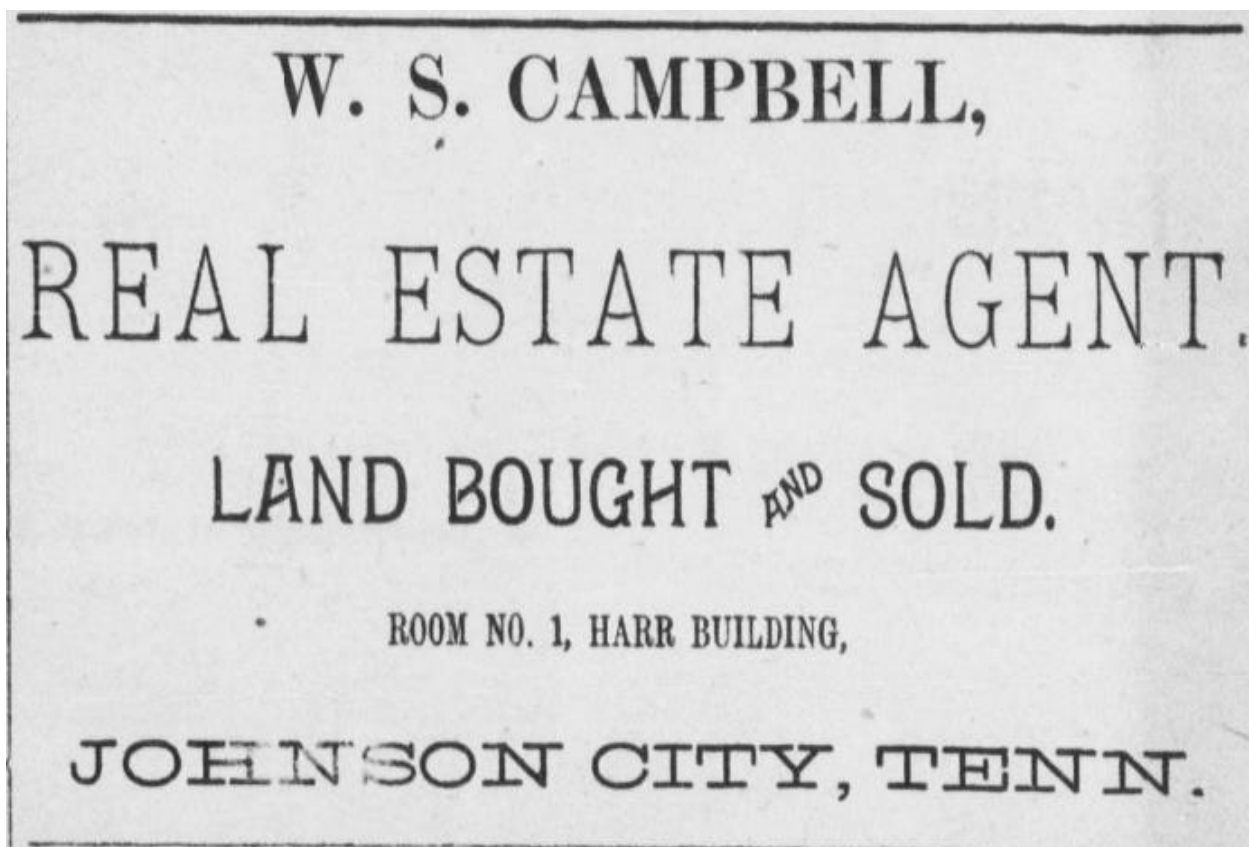


Figure 158. Johnson City Comet, 28 March 1889.

This advertisement ran until at least 13 June 1889.

Note: It appears that “W.S. Campbell” shared his office (Room No. 1, John Harr Building) with “Butler & Phillips” “Civil Engineers”, see figures 157 and 159.

29 August 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“John E. Harr has commenced a store house on Spring street. As soon as completed he will move his stock of groceries into it having rented the building he now occupies to W.S. Campbell.”

19 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Phillips & Butler, civil engineers, have just completed a large map of Johnson City. Blue prints from the original drawing have been made for sale, and a copy now graces the walls of The Comet sanctorum. The work is accurately and nicely done, and the map will be useful in more ways than one, but especially in giving strangers a general idea of the city. The most noticeable feature about the map, other than the crooked streets in some portions of the town, is the difference between the corporate limits now and in 1885 was first incorporated. In 1885 a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile circle enclosed all the ground the city could call its own. An extension was found necessary in 1887, and the circle was extended to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles from a given centre. When the Legislature met in 1889, Johnson City found it needed more room – it was expanding and was liable to burst the belly-band that encircled it. A bill was introduced in the Legislature, and by special act the boundaries were changed from a  $1\frac{3}{4}$  circle to a square three miles wide and four miles long. All the boundaries are

shown on the map, and looking at the present line, it seems almost impossible that Johnson City ever could have been crowded into a ¾ mile circle. Butler & Phillips will furnish the maps, nicely mounted, at a reasonable cost.”

19 September 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“W.W. Faw’s store house on Market street is assuming handsome proportions. When finished it will present an elegant appearance. Butler & Phillips are the architects.”

3 October 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“For Rent. Offices Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, above Citizens Bank in Harr building... Apply to W.S. Campbell, Room No. 1, Harr Building.” This item ran until at least 24 October 1889.

19 December 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Why do you build your house on the wrong lot, when it only costs \$2 each to have them staked out by J.M. Phillips, Civil Engineer.”



Figure 159. Johnson City Comet, 19 December 1889.

This advertisement ran until at least 26 June 1890.<sup>58</sup>

9 January 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. W.S. Campbell, who purchased the copyright of the map of Johnson City from Messrs. Butler & Phillips, has had the map reduced so that it can be carried in the pocket very conveniently. Mr. Campbell has gone to considerable expense to get the map reduced and places it in the power of any one to get a complete pocket map of Johnson City by calling at the book store, for the small sum of 75 cents.”



Figure 160. Johnson City Comet, 30 January 1890.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 September 1890.<sup>59</sup>

Note: This enterprise is placed here because it was “Near Citizens Bank.” It is possible that it was at a different location.



Figure 161. Johnson City Comet, 16 April 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 14 May 1891.

Note: Previously, this enterprise was located in the “Piedmont House Bl’k. (Next door to office of Carnegie Land Company.)”

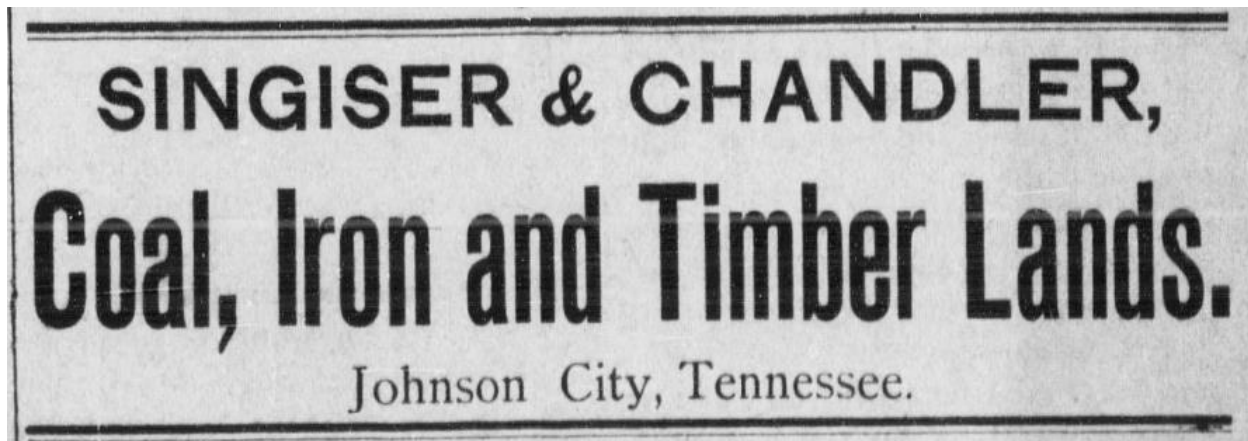


Figure 162. Johnson City Comet, 25 June 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 18 February 1892.

## 2.9. S.T. Harris’s Block, 101 – 107 Buffalo Street, 1888 – 1909<sup>60</sup>

### 2.9.1. The Construction of 101 Buffalo Street, 1888

24 May 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Commenced Work. The contract for building Capt. S.T. Harris’ new store house on the corner of Main Street opposite the Watauga House has been awarded to P.C. Hoss. The building is to be two stories high with a basement and will be occupied by W.R. Lewis as a grocery store and restaurant. The work of digging the basement has already commenced and the building will be pushed with all possible speed.”

Note: This was the only mention found by the author about W.R. Lewis’s grocery store in this location.

5 July 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Capt. S.T. Harris is also putting up another good business house, on Main or Railroad street. It will be a three story building, to be used for a Restaurant, family groceries and offices. Capt. Harris is another man who has done much to build up Johnson City.”

Note: The S.T. Harris building at 101 Buffalo Street was constructed with only two stories.

9 August 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“The iron front has been made and is ready to be placed in position in S.T. Harris new building. The front was made at the Johnson City Foundry and Machine Works.”



Table 3. S.T. Harris's Block (101, 103 and 107 Buffalo Street)

	107 Buffalo Street*	103 Buffalo Street	101 Buffalo street
1887		Built by 1887	
1888			Built 1888, Crawford & Evans, "Beef Market" (1888)
1889		Post Office, 1889 – 1890	
1890	Built in 1890		G.W. Hickey, grocery store (by 1890 to at least 1891)
January 1891	Clothing (not identified)	Barber ("Fashionable Barber"?)	Grocery (G.W. Hickey)
1891		J.D. Macklin's "Fashionable Barber" (1891 to at least 1892)	James H. Hickey, grocery store (1891)
1892			Burris & Jackson, clothes store, (by 1892 – 1894)
1893	Brunswick Café (1893 – 1894?)		
1894	Faucette & Company, groceries (1894) W.I. Burgiss's grocery store, (1894) City Grocery (1894)	Eclipse Barber Shop (by 1894 to at least 1897)	Charles T. Ware, Tailor, 1894
1895	W.P. Cooper & Company, grocery store, (1895) Eugene Earnest, Grocery Store (1895? – 1896)	Eclipse Barber Shop (by 1894 to at least 1897)	George R. Brown's Restaurant (1895 – 1897)
1896	J.M. Depew & Company, Grocery Store (1896)		
May 1897	Vacant	Barber (Eclipse Barber Shop)	Grocery (not identified)

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

Table 3. S.T. Harris's Block (101, 103 and 107 Buffalo Street) (Continued)

	107 Buffalo Street	103 Buffalo Street	101 Buffalo street
1897	Joe Taylor Grocery Store, (1897 – 1899)	Eclipse Barber Shop (by 1894 to at least 1897)	J.B. Whitlow, grocery store (1897)
1898		City Barber Shop (1898 to at least 1916)	Lyle & Barton, grocery store (1897 – 1898)
1900			T.J. Cox, pawn shop, (by 1900 to at least 1901)
1901	C.G. Hannah, Grocery/Dry Goods Store, (1901 – 1902)		
1902	Jas. & O.E. Mahoney's Clothes Store, (1902 – 1903?)		
April 1903	Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes (Jas. & O.E. Mahoney?)	Barber (City Barber Shop)	Grocery (not identified)
1904	Building purchased by W.G. Mathes, Grahl's Grocery Store (here? 1904)	City Barber Shop (1898 to at least 1916)	S.E. Guinn, Grocery, (1904 – 1908)
1905	Mathes, "fitted up for a restaurant" (1905)		
1907	Eureka Restaurant (1907)		
1908			C.C. Bacon, (1908 – 1910 )
December 1908	Restaurant (H.W. Pardue's Café)	Barber (City Barber Shop)	Tobacco (C.C. Bacon)
1909	D.F. Dolan/Dolen's Restaurant, 1909 to at least 1910	City Barber Shop (1898 to at least 1916)	C.C. Bacon, (1908 – 1910 )

2.9.2. 101 Buffalo Street, 1888 – 1909  
(S.T. Harris Block)

Crawford & Evans, “Beef Market,” 1888  
Hickey’s Grocery Store, by 1890 – 1891  
Burris & Jackson, by 1892 – 1894  
Vacant, 1894 (Apparently rented out occasionally as an event venue.)  
Charles T. Ware, Tailor, here 1894  
George R. Brown’s European Restaurant, 1895 – 1897  
J.B. Whitlow’s Grocery Store, here 1897  
Lyle & Barton’s Grocery Store, 1897 – 1898  
T.J. Cox’s Pawn Shop, by 1900 to at least 1901  
S.E. Guinn’s Grocery store, 1904 – 1908  
C.C. Bacon’s Grocery Store, 1908 – 1910

See figures 2A, 3A, 8, 9A, 10, 12A, 14A, and 15.

2.9.2.1. Crawford & Evans, “Beef Market,” 1888

1 November 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“New Beef Market. Messrs. Crawford & Evans have opened a market house in the room in the [S.T.?] Harris Block opposite John Harr’s grocery store. They will keep constantly on hand a supply of fresh meat and fish and vegetables in season. They invite the patronage of the public and guarantee satisfaction. All goods delivered free of charge. Respectfully, Crawford & Evans.”

Note: This item ran until 22 November 1888 and was the only mention of this enterprise found by the author. Also note that this article is vague enough about the location of this enterprise that it is possible that it was located in a completely different place.

29 November 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Johnson City is to have another wholesale store. The new firm will handle candies and confections and occupy the S.T. Harris store room on Railroad street. Particulars later.”

2 May 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“Carpenters are now at work arranging the S.T. Harris store house for a music and book store. It is one of the handsomest business houses in the city and is well suited for such a store. Messrs. Chas. D. Fine and L.A. Calvin will conduct the business. Mr. Fine has built up a large trade here since he opened his book store and his present room is not large enough to hold the stock he is compelled to carry to meet the demand for goods in his line. Having decided to add musical instruments to his stock he was compelled to seek large quarters. The Comet hopes success will follow him in his new room and new business.”

Note: This is the only mention of this enterprise found by the author.

#### 2.9.2.2. Hickey's Grocery Store, by 1890 – 1891

23 January 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“G.W. Hickey presented the Comet with a sack of Golden pippin apples fresh from North Carolina. ‘Uncle George’ sells groceries just below the Comet [2<sup>nd</sup> floor, S.T. Harris building, 101 Buffalo Street] and perhaps below some merchants. Go and see.”

15 January 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Improvements on the Depot... There is a room immediately in the rear of the combination room that is at present used by George Hickey, a grocer, as a chicken coop, coal house and general store...”

January 1891. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Gro.” Store, with “Print’g” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

4 June 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“Announcement. I take this form of informing my friends that I have purchased the stock of Groceries and Provisions of G.W. Hickey and will continue the business at the same store, cor. Main and Buffalo Sts., where I will be glad to see all my friends, and serve them with goods in my line. I expect to run a first class store and sell first class goods for cash, and my prices will be as low as the lowest. Yours Truly, Jas. H. Hickey.”

#### 2.9.2.3. Burris & Jackson, by 1892 – 1894

Note: The rationale for placing this enterprise at this location is particularly weak, for which see 5 April 1894, below.

# READ THIS.

It is to your interest. For the next few days Burris & Jackson will sell the famous Fruit of the Loom brand of muslin @ 8½c. Sales limited to 18 yards to each person.

## 25 Novelty Patterns

in dress goods reduced from \$6 to \$4. These goods are all new and of the latest styles.

## 26 Inch Check Goods At 3¾c and 4c a Yard.

## ❖ White Check Goods ❖

A nice line of Checked White Goods at from 4c to 12c  
A 30 per cent. Reduction.

## TRUNKS.

Our line of Trunks at less than cost.

## Down They Come.

Every pair of men's and boys' boots at or below cost. Come and see for yourselves. We will make you think the tariff is off.

## Rubbers.

We have a fine line of gentlemen's rubbers at 35c and 40c. This is less than cost. Why will you go somewhere else and pay 60 to 100 per cent. more.

We are not offering you these lines of goods at less than cost as a bait, expecting to make it back on something else. Certain lines we wish to close out and we are going to. It is to your interest as well as ours to look at these goods.

## —TO OUR TRADE—

We will take advantage of all discount and give our customers the benefit. All goods marked in plain figures. You will not hear "Being it's you you can have it for less than some one else."

## One Price to All.

We will not have a lot of poor accounts to make good customers pay for. Everything just as represented. If you want good goods cheap call on us.

**BURRIS & JACKSON.**

Figure 163. Johnson City Comet, 17 November 1892.

**LOOK**

At our fine new line of

**PARASOLS**

And

**Umbrellas.**

And while you are looking just gaze on our FANS.  
Just received our

**SECOND SPRING ORDER.**

Fine? Well I should say so. Come and be convinced by seeing.

**BURRIS & JACKSON.**

Figure 164. Johnson City Comet, 20 April 1893.

7 September 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“A.T. Burris, of the firm Burris & Jackson, leaves to day for New York, to buy fall and winter goods. He promises to buy an unusually large stock and will select it with the utmost care and it will be well for you to wait and see their stock before purchasing.”



# JUST ARRIVED

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The very latest styles in Silks, Velvets and dress goods. All we ask is your inspection, and we will convince you that we have more of the latest styles, better qualities, higher grades and more of them, than all other houses of Johnson City combined. These goods were bought

## Cheaper - Than - Ever

before and will be sold at the lowest possible price. For Dry Goods go to the One Price Exclusive Dry Goods House, the only one in the city.

Very Respectfully,  
**BURRIS & JACKSON.**

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Figure 165. Johnson City Comet, 5 October 1893.

14 December 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“Wishing to close out our entire Stock, you can buy everything in our line at a reduction of from 20 to 35 per cent. and thus save that much on every dollar’s worth bought. Come and see us before the stock is broken. Burris & Jackson.”

14 December 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“S.T. Harris is repairing his store house on Buffalo street.”

18 January 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“New Quarters. Mrs. C.E. Crawford has removed her stock of millinery and fancy goods from upstairs over Burris & Jackson’s to the first floor in the Fine building on Main street where she invites her friends and patrons to call when in need of anything in her line.”

22 March 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Notice. Burris & Jackson, having sold out their entire stock and wishing to retire promptly from the business, hereby notify all persons indebted to them to please call and make settlement at once. Burris & Jackson.”

#### 2.9.2.4. Vacant, 1894

(Apparently rented out occasionally as an event venue between March and June of 1894)

5 April 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Strawberries – first of the season – will be served next Tuesday evening by the young Peoples Society of the Baptist Church at Burris & Jackson’s old stand on Main street...

The Young People’s Society of the Baptist Church will serve strawberries and cream next Tuesday evening, April 10, in the S.T. Harris building, Burris & Jackson’s old stand. A cordial invitation extended to all.

A.T. Burris, one of our young business men and formerly a member of the firm Burris & Jackson, merchants, left last Saturday for Kansas City, where he will engage in the mercantile business again. Mr. Burris left many warm friends in this city who will regret that he has gone so far away, but hope that he will pay us a return visit as soon as possible.”

17 May 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“W. Jackson and wife left yesterday for Tama, Iowa, where they will make their future home. Mr. Jackson was for some time in business here with the firm of Burris & Jackson, and he and his estimable lady made many warm friends who are sorry that the parting has come so soon. Tama is the native home of these clever young people, and they are but returning to other friends and relatives. Mr. Jackson will probably go into business with Mr. Burris again at Tama. The Comet wishes them success.”

14 June 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Church Supper. The Young People’s Society of the Southern M.E. church served refreshments Friday night in the old store building at the corner of Main and Buffalo streets.

The supper consisted largely of ice cream and strawberries and mystifying menu. It was well attended and netted handsome proceeds.”

#### 2.9.2.5. Charles T. Ware, Tailor, here 1894

12 July 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Removal. Chas. T. Ware, the tailor, has moved his entire business into the old Burris & Jackson building on Main street.”

23 August 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Spring suits are now in order at Chas. T. Ware’s.”

15 November 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Custom made suits and pants at Ware’s... Leave your measure for a pair of \$3 pants...”

Note: This is the last reference to this enterprise found by the author.

#### 2.9.2.6. George R. Brown’s European Restaurant, 1895 – 1897

28 February 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“George R. Brown has opened a restaurant in the [S.T.] Harris block, on Buffalo street.”

31 October 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Fresh salt water fish received every Friday at George R. Brown’s European Restaurant.”  
This and similar items ran until at least 12 December 1895.

7 November 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Oysters. The only place in the city to get fresh oysters any day in the week is at George R. Brown’s European Restaurant.” This item ran until at least 23 January 1896.

# Have You Heard

That Geo. R. Brown is going to serve Ice Cream, Lemonade, Milk Shakes and other light refreshments every day in the Pavilion at Lake Watausee ?

**WELL, HE IS.**

If you are tired and worried, come out and rest and refresh yourself. Just get on the street cars and you will soon be there. He has Croquet Setts, Swings and other amusements which you are at liberty to use and enjoy free.

## The Johnson City Brass Band

Will give a Concert every Friday evening.

No drunkenness, no swearing, no bad conduct tolerated on the grounds.


**GEO. R. BROWN.**

Figure 166. Johnson City Comet, 4 June 1896.  
This advertisement ran until at least 27 August 1896.

# FRESH OYSTERS



Will arrive at Geo. R. Brown's next Saturday, 12th inst. For sale by the pint, quart or gallon. Served at table to suit customers.

If you want fine oysters come and see me. 

**Fine Line of Cigars Always on Hand.**

Figure 167. Johnson City Comet, 10 September 1896.

26 November 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Pickled pig’s feet at George R. Brown’s.” This item ran until at least 17 December 1896.

17 December 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“The Masonic Lodge had their installation of officers last Tuesday night. After the installation the lodge was treated to an oyster supper at Geo. R. Brown’s restaurant by Robert Burrow, worshipful master and the wardens. It was greatly enjoyed.”



Figure 168. Johnson City Comet, 18 February 1897.

# The Inauguration

Is over, and an early change in the policy of the government may be expected; but Geo. R. Brown will continue to give the best meals in the city for 25 cents. Every thing nice and clean and of the best. Clean beds and rooms. Come and see me.

**GEO. R. BROWN.**

Figure 169. Johnson City Comet, 4 March 1897.

This advertisement ran until at least 3 June 1897.<sup>61</sup>

6 May 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Geo. R. Brown, the popular European Hotel man, is moving his restaurant from the [S.T.] Harris block to the [Will] Harr block [on the northeast corner of Buffalo and Jobe streets] this week. He is remodeling and fitting up a nice, convenient and commodious place in his new home.”

## 2.9.2.7. J.B. Whitlow’s Grocery Store, here 1897


5 August 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“J.B. Whitlow, the popular groceryman, has moved his stock of goods into the [S.T. Harris] building recently vacated by Geo. R. Brown, where he invites his friends and customers to call and see him.”





# WHITLOW & CO.

—Are the People,

And Solicit Your Patronage. ....

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DEALERS IN

**FINE GROCERIES,**  
Fresh Meats, ....  
Fish, and Oysters,

Candies, Tobacco, Cigars,

..... Fancy and Staple Goods.

**COME AND SEE US.**




Figure 170. Johnson City Comet, 30 September 1897.

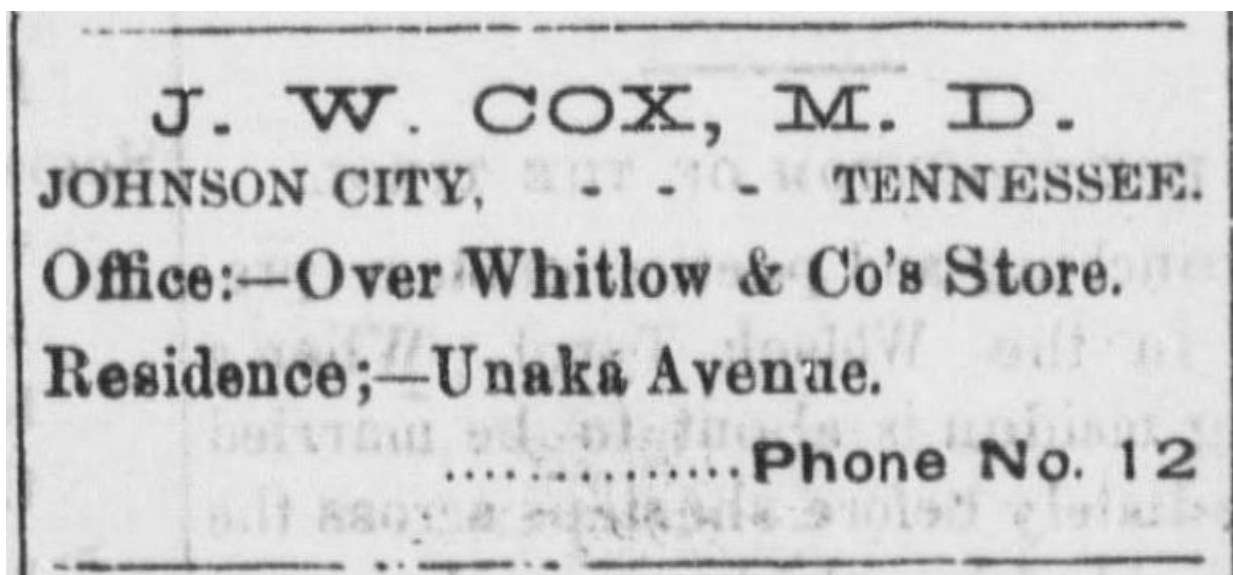


Figure 171. Johnson City Comet, 14 October 1897.

This advertisement ran until at least 7 April 1898, even though Lyle & Barton had acquired this enterprise by 11 November 1897.

4 November 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Whitlow & Co., Closed. Last Saturday morning Goodson & Co., wholesale grocers of Morristown, swore out an attachment against Whitlow & Co and placed his stock in the hands of Constable Strain. At the time the papers were served Whitlow & Co. were making an assignment to W.A. Hunter for the benefit of all creditors. Litigation ensued in the chancery court and resulted in the goods being turned over to the assignee who is now closing up the business. Whitlow & Co., will sue Goodson & Co. for libel and have their representative, Mr. McCorkle, indicted for perjury for falsely swearing out the attachment papers. An interesting lawsuit is promised to say the least of it.”<sup>62</sup>

#### 2.9.2.8. Lyle & Barton’s Grocery Store, 1897 – 1898

11 November 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“New Grocery Store. The Whitlow stock of groceries has been sold by assignee Hunter to J.F. Lyle and W.J. Barton who, under the firm name of Lyle & Barton, will continue the business at the old stand. The new firm took charge of the store Tuesday and after rearranging the stock on hand placed a large order for new goods. They propose to run a first class grocery and feed store and will carry the best of everything for man and beast. There gentlemen need no introduction to our people as both have been in business here for years. They are energetic, up-to-date business men and will make a success of their new undertaking. They are able to buy in quantities sufficient to insure the lowest possible price and will not only do so but will sell accordingly and the public will do well to give them a call.”

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Will not be complete without

\*\*\*\*\* **Fresh Groceries.**

You can get everything you want for the dinner or the dessert, including fruits  
bonbons and new nuts, all fresh, fine and cheap at

**LYLE & BARTON'S.**

(Old Whitlow Stand)

Corner Main and Bufialo Streets.

Figure 172. Johnson City Comet, 18 November 1897.

24 February 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“Lyle & Barton, retail grocers, have moved their stock of goods to the home of John F. Lyle, about two miles West of the city, where they continue business.”<sup>63</sup>

2.9.2.9. T.J. Cox’s Pawn Shop, by 1900 to at least 1901  
The author placed this enterprise at this address based on Figure 3A.

*Cash is king...  
Prosperity cannot  
thrive on credit.*

**Pawn Broker CLOTHING.**  
**You can wear Diamonds or buy**  
**You a Farm**  
**IF YOU WILL TRADE WITH ME.**

**Read the following argument and we'll prove it.**

1st. We sell for Cash!

2nd. We do our own work and have but little expense. We keep no horse and wagon, consequently you do not have to pay your part of the \$5,600.00 that is paid out annually for delivery wagons, neither do you help to support a large number of stylish clerks. If you trade where they sell on credit you do not only pay a big price for your own good credit, but you MUST PAY FOR THE BAD CREDIT of the man who buys and never pays. To prove this, one of my good customers, who has been trading with me for a year, went to my neighbor last week (who sells on credit) and bought an overcoat for \$7.50. I can sell him a better overcoat at my regular prices for \$3.00 and make a handsome profit. So you see he has paid more than 100 per cent for his own good credit, and the bad credit of the man who does not pay at all. We sell new and second-hand clothing, overcoats, coats and vests, odd coats, odd vests, odd pants, overalls, jumpers and overcoats and clothing for boys, and all kinds of underwear—over shirts, suspenders, socks, towels, stationery, baby hoods, fascinators and all kinds of notions. We also sell groceries and buy produce.

Our prices run like this:

Good Jeans Pants, 49c and up; good all wool overcoats, \$1.75 and up; good all wool odd coats, 1.45 and up; 2 spools machine thread—400 yards, for 5c; boss ball thread 2 for 1 cent; Soda, 2½ pounds for 5c; sour pickles, 2½ dozen for 10c; lard, 9c per pound; dressed fish, 4 cents per pound. Remember the place.

**T. J. COX,**  
**Public Square. Johnson City, Tenn.**

Figure 173. Johnson City Comet, 8 November 1900.

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Gro.” Store. The author has not been able to identify this grocery store.

2.9.2.10. S.E. Guinn’s Grocery Store, 1904 – 1908

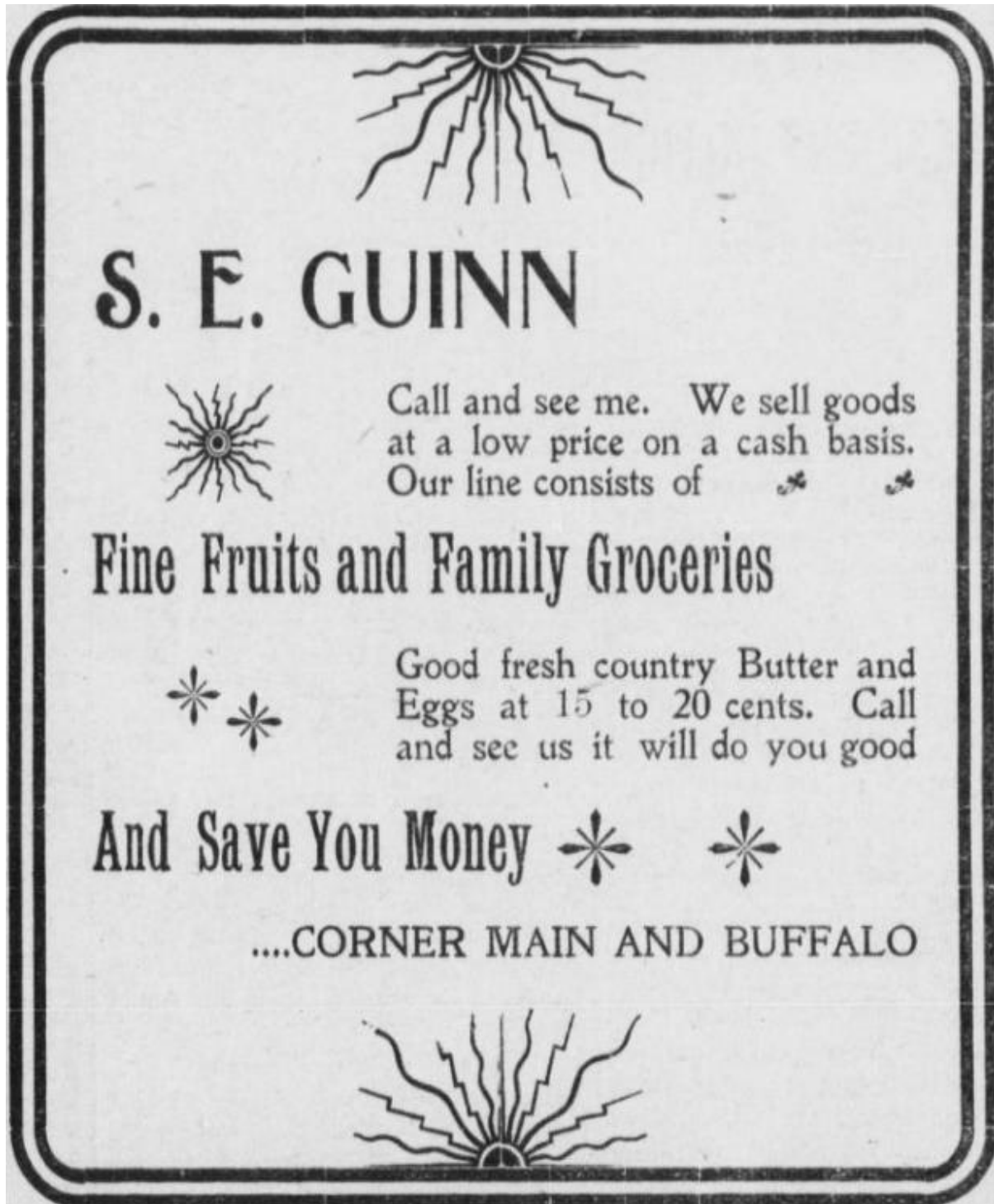


Figure 174. Johnson City Comet, 7 July 1904.

7 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

"Elsewhere in this issue of The Comet will be found the advertisement of S.E. Guinn. Mr. Guinn carries a complete, fresh and up-to-date stock of family groceries. He deserves, and is receiving, a liberal patronage."

28 May 1908. Johnson City Comet.

"Sam E. Guinn Closed. Sam E. Guinn, who has been running a confectionery and soft drink place for some years on the corner of Buffalo street and the square, was closed Tuesday night by his creditors with accounts amounting to about \$1,200 attaching his stock. Other creditors with accounts aggregating \$1,000 filed a general creditor's bill Wednesday in chancery court. The total indebtedness amounts to over \$4,000. The stock of goods and fixtures amount to few hundred dollars."

#### 2.9.2.11. C.C. Bacon's Grocery Store, 1908 – 1910

4 June 1908. Johnson City Comet.

"C.C. Bacon has purchased the Sam Guinn stock and will equip a first-class grocery store at the old stand."

# WINNING HER



## Approval

by cooling her palate, yet warming her heart, is the miracle he's working before our finely-equipped

### Soda Water

Fountain

Good diplomacy and we're always willing to help along. Purest flavors, crushed fruits, health-insuring phosphates, and down-to-zero Soda Water dashed over a lump of Ice Cream of which the gods used to sing. Our Soda Water Fountain's the Mecca for all tired, thirsty mortals. Come in and let us make you happy at 5 cents a smile.

Main and **C. C. BACON,** Buffalo Sts.

Figure 175. Johnson City Comet, 9 July 1908.





Figure 176. Johnson City Comet, 17 December 1908.

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Tobacco” Store.

2.9.3. The Johnson City Comet, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the S.T. Harris Building,  
101 Buffalo Street, here 1888 – 1893

6 September 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Work was begun Tuesday on John Harr’s store house [at 100 and 102 East Main Street] between Jobe’s Palace Livery Stable, and the Comet office [at 101 Buffalo Street (S.T. Harris building) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]...”

Note: It appears that the Comet office moved from the Range block (near the intersection of Main and Spring streets) to the Harris/Campbell building sometime in 1888, prior to September.<sup>64</sup>

23 January 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“G.W. Hickey presented the Comet with a sack of Golden pippin apples fresh from North Carolina. ‘Uncle George’ sells groceries just below the Comet and perhaps below some merchants. Go and see.”

January 1891. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Gro.” Store, with “Print’g” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

16 April 1891. Johnson City Comet.

“The editorial room of The Comet has been enlarged and supplied with electric light since the daily started on its luminous journey through the galaxy of the spheres.”



Figure 177. Johnson City Comet, 25 June 1891.

2 November 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“Down-Town Office. For the convenience of its patrons The Comet has established a down-town office at the book store of Lyle & Co.’s, next door to the postoffice. Copy for advertisements and orders for job work and subscriptions may be left there and receive prompt attention.”

9 November 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“Notice of Removal. The Comet has moved into the Hoss & Hodge building on Market street near Roan street.”

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Gro.” Store, with “Off.” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

2.9.4. Enterprises that Appear to have been Located on the  
Second Floor of the S.T. Harris/John D. Cox Building (101 Buffalo Street), 1898 – 1908

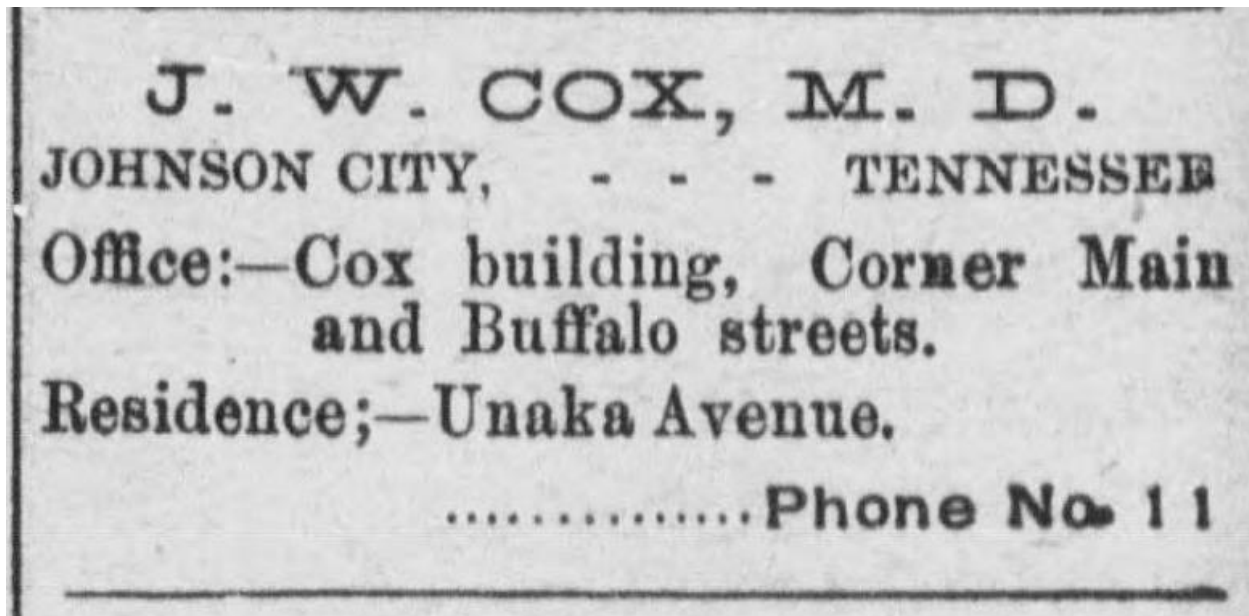


Figure 178. Johnson City Comet, 21 April 1898.  
This advertisement ran until at least 28 July 1898.

Note: On 7 July 1898, the Johnson City Comet included: “Dr. J.W. Cox, Lieutenant Surgeon, 6<sup>th</sup> regiment, U.S. Volunteers, came up from Knoxville Tuesday to visit his family.”

14 July 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“Dr. E.A. Long has moved his office from the Harr-Burrow building to the second floor of the J.D. Cox building on the corner of Main and Buffalo streets, the rooms vacated by Dr. J.W. Cox.”

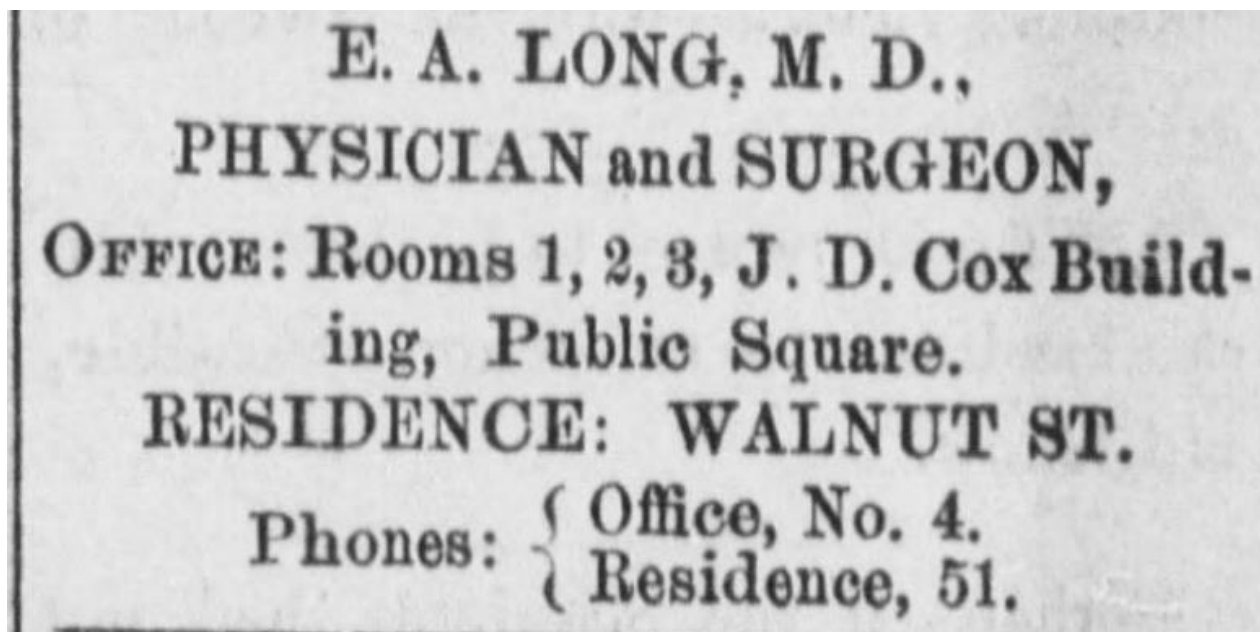


Figure 179. Johnson City Comet, 28 July 1898.

This advertisement ran until at least 23 June 1904.

Dr. Long went into municipal politics shortly after 23 June 1904.

20 October 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“Found at Last – A pressing club where you can take your suits, overcoats, skirts or jackets and have them scrubbed, sponged and pressed at a live-and-let-live price. Membership fee only \$1.00 per month, allowing you the privilege to have one suit cleaned and pressed each week. Call and see us. Experienced help. Satisfaction guaranteed. Johnson City Pressing Club – Public Square – P.J. Zeige, Manager.”

Note: This is the only mention of this enterprise found by the author. It is tentatively placed here since S.E. Guinn also ran a pressing enterprise out of this location in 1908.

19 January 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“New Insurance Business. Bishop & Smith is the style of a new insurance firm that has just recently opened offices in this city in the Cox building. J.W. Bishop was formerly principal of the Belleview school at Knoxville, and has had several years experience in the insurance business. Mr. Smith was for several years president of the Holly Springs Institute in Johnson County. It is a strong firm, represents good companies and is going after business in a legitimate manner.”



Figure 180. Johnson City Comet, 19 January 1905.  
This advertisement ran until at least 20 July 1905.<sup>65</sup>

5 March 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Remember S.E. Guinn’s pressing club, ‘phone 153, prompt delivery.” This item ran until at least 14 June 1908.

#### 2.9.5. Information on the Campbell (?) Building at 103 and 105 Buffalo, 1887 – 1909

Note: it appears that S.T. Harris had acquired this building at some point.

19 May 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Dirt was broken to-day on the Jobe lot between the bank [of Johnson City] and J.C. Campbell’s for the erection of a large building to be occupied as a hardware house...”

Note: The documentary evidence for John C. Campbell owning the building at 103 and 105 Buffalo Street is thin.<sup>66</sup>

2.9.6. 103 Buffalo Street, 1887 – 1909  
(Campbell (?) Building)

Post Office, 1889 – 1890  
“Fashionable Barber,” 1891 – 1892  
Nat Hyder’s Barber Shop, by 1892? – 1898  
City Barber Shop, 1898 to at least 1916

See figures 3A, 9A, and 273B

2.9.6.1. Post Office, 1889 – 1890

26 April 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. J.E. Crandall has begun to tear down the old Range building and will erect a handsome bank building in its stead.” Prior to this, the post office was in the “old Range building”. Consequently, the post office had to have relocated by this time, apparently to the Campbell building on the southeast corner of Main and Buffalo streets.”<sup>67</sup>

4 July 1889. Johnson City Comet.

“‘Uncle Billy’ Rhea and ‘Burr’ Millard turned the postoffice over to their successors, J.M. Martin and D.A. Patton, Monday morning. The smiling faces of the retiring gentlemen will be missed from their accustomed places.”

10 October 1889, the Johnson City Comet included an advertisement that read, in part, “The Citizens Bank, [John] Harr Building, Next Door to Post-Office...” This advertisement ran until at least 7 November 1889.

22 May 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Post-office Hours. Opens 6:50 a.m.; closes 7 p.m... Sundays: Opens 7 a.m.; closes 8... a.m.; opens 11 a.m.; closes 1:50 p.m. Money Orders Hours – Opens 8 a.m. closes 4 p.m. J.M. Martin, P.M.”

4 December 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Geo. W. Smith was a hero for a few minutes last Saturday. A runaway team came bounding toward him from Public Square and when in front of the postoffice he grabbed one of the horses and brought the team to a dead stop in a few yards thereby saving a wreck of vehicles in front of Jobe’s Livery Stable.”

4 December 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Postoffice Moved. The postoffice has been moved into the Harr – Burrow building on Spring street. Postmaster Martin has fitted up a nice office in his new and greatly enlarged quarters, and with the additional lock boxes, is now able to accommodate the public. Johnson City now has a postoffice it need not be ashamed of.”



Note, the Sanborn Insurance Company map of January 1891 for this area indicates that a barber shop was located at 103 Buffalo Street.

#### 2.9.6.2. "Fashionable Barber," 1891 – 1892

Note: Interior photographs of an unidentified barber shop in Johnson City are available in Appendix B.

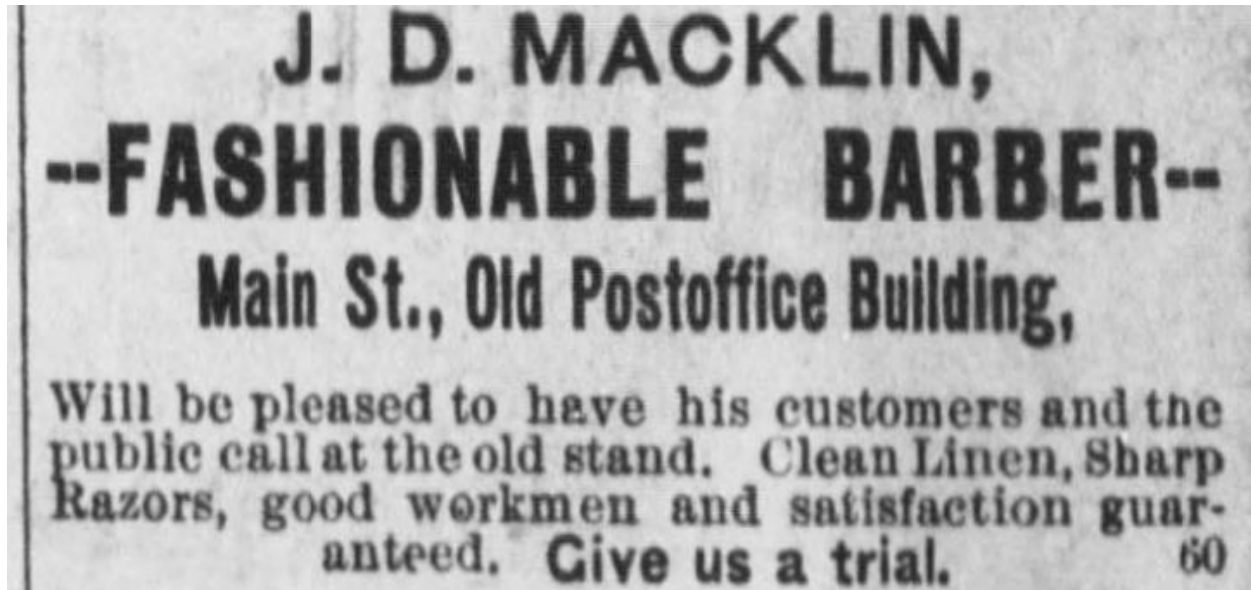


Figure 181. Johnson City Comet, 25 June 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 16 July 1891.

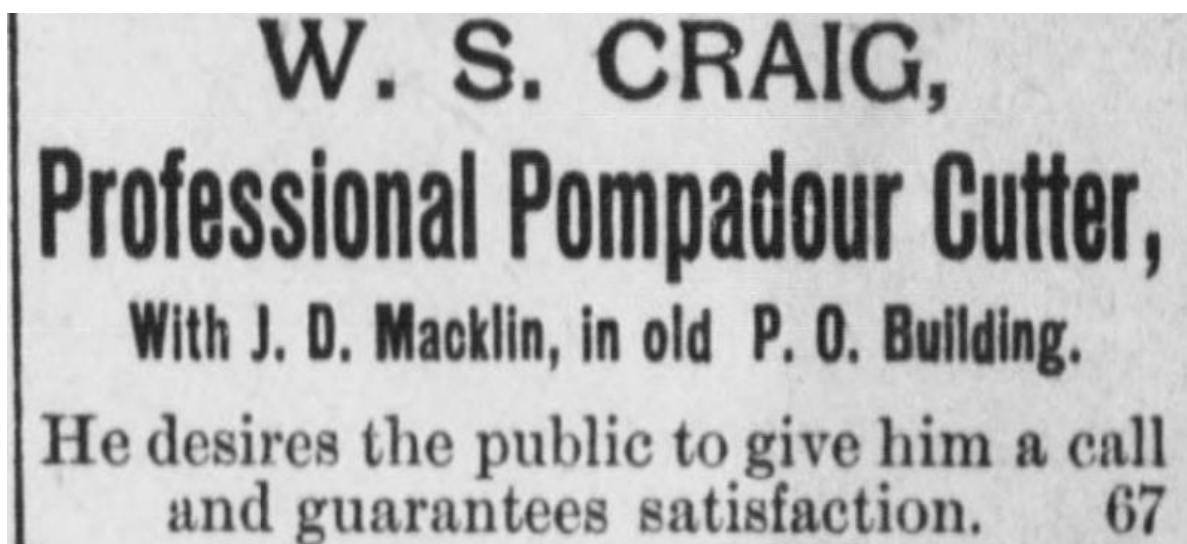


Figure 182. Johnson City Comet, 2 July 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 16 July 1891.

25 February 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“A Change. I have this day bought the Eclipse Barber Shop [in the Crouch Block] of Nat Hyder, and have removed the same to my old stand, and Nat Hyder, the peoples choice can be found with me, also Nat Brewer. Respectfully, J.D. Macklin.”<sup>68</sup>

### 2.9.6.3. Nat Hyder’s Barber Shop, by 1892? – 1898

26 October 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Hurrah for Cleveland and Harrison, Too. But I do not like a picayune. I’m not running a political shop, nor the only white shaving parlors, but whenever you want first class work done just drop into Nat Hyder’s.”

26 April 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Barbers Boycott. Since the election some over zealous Republicans have made an effort to boycott all the barbers in town who failed to vote the Republican ticket. A shop has been furnished rent free to Republican barbers for the alleged purpose of breaking down every tonsorial artist of the Democratic persuasion. This is a piece of gigantic folly and goes to show the smallness of that party in Johnson City. It is not our disposition to do small things like this. but we would just like to see how long a Republican barber could keep his shop open without Democratic patronage. The white Democrats who shave are in the majority by long odds, and since this small matter has been flung in our faces, suppose we hunt up Democratic shops the next time we want to be shaved. The boycott can’t last any longer than the charity of the property owner who furnished the shop free. When he begins to collect rent down goes the Republican shop. The shops of Nat Hyder and Marcus Britton are mighty handy for a Democrat to step into and there are mighty good barbers in there, too.”

10 May 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Nat Hyder, the barber, has acquired new territory. Within the last few days he has completed arrangements by which he has gotten control of the barber shop in Hotel Piedmont. Hereafter that shop will be under his personal supervision, and will be supplied with experienced artists capable of maintaining the reputation Nat has made for high class work in all branches of the profession.” Note: It appears that Nat Hyder operated both barber shops simultaneously.

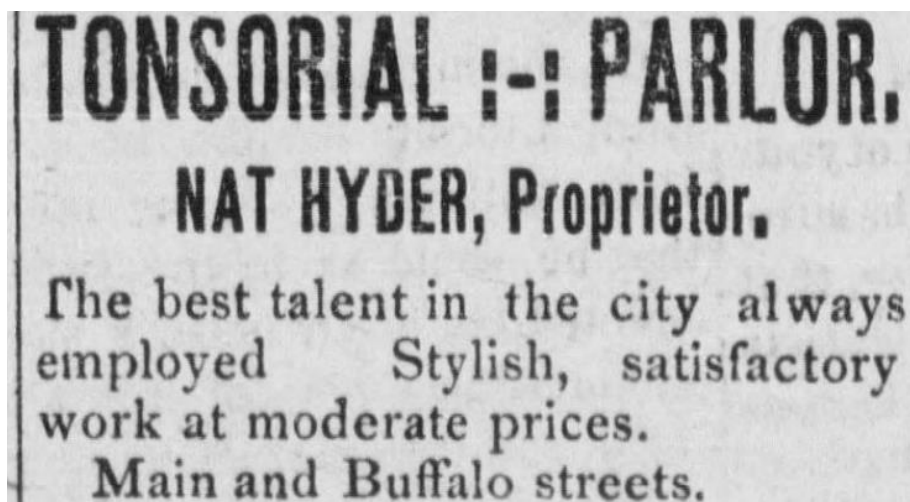


Figure 183. Johnson City Comet, 31 January 1895.  
This advertisement ran until at least 28 April 1898.

5 December 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Two First Class Tonsorialists. I have at last succeeded in securing two of Bristol’s best talent as tonsorial artists, from whom the public need have no fear of getting perfect satisfaction when coming into my tonsorial parlor. Thanking my old friends for past patronage and hoping to gain a more extensive share of the same, I am very respectfully, your obedient servant at the Eclipse, Nat Hyder.”

2 July 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“The Eclipse Tonsorial Parlor is not the only white shop in the city, but it is a first class and decent place for white gentlemen to get tonsorial work done, as it employs the best talent always. Respectfully, Nat Hyder.”

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 103 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Barber” shop.

16 September 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Jno. D. Cox is putting new floors and iron fronts in the Eclipse barber shop and the adjoining store room on the corner of Buffalo and Main streets.”

4 November 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Sam Sherfey, the accommodating boot black at the Eclipse barber shop, went to Virginia last week and married him a wife. Sam has returned and his wife is expected to follow.”

25 November 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“We had a close shave Wednesday – at Nat Hyder’s barber shop.”

26 May 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“Announcement. Nat Hyder desires to announce to his friends that he can now be found at the barber shop of Longly & Grasty, near the Piedmont Hotel. For reasons satisfactory to all concerned he decided not to take a chair at the Watauga bank shop as advertised. He will be glad to have his friends call and see him in his new quarters.”

2.9.6.4. City Barber Shop, 1898 to at least 1916

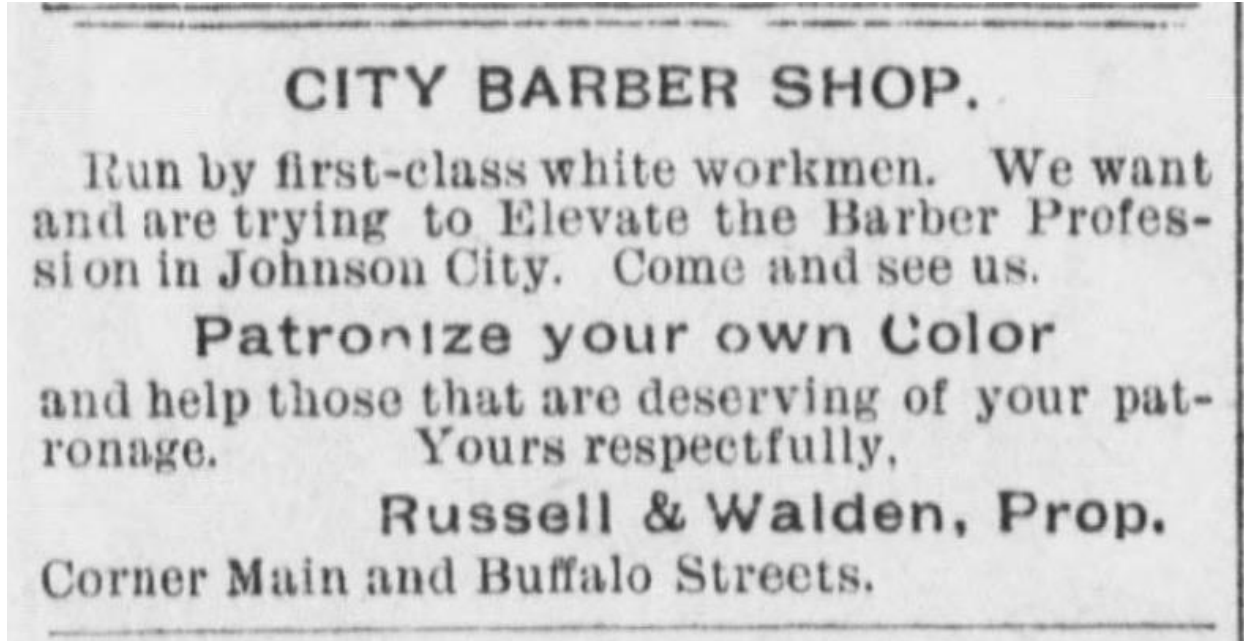


Figure 184. Johnson City Comet, 11 August 1898.  
This advertisement ran until at least 18 June 1903.

19 February 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“New Barber Outfit. The City Barber Shop has been very greatly improved within the last few weeks. The interior has been newly painted and papered, but the greatest improvement is the addition of a handsome mirror case covering the east side of the room. It is made of oak, dark golden finish, and beautifully polished. A fourth chair has been added and it is the latest model with hydraulic movement. The genial proprietors are to be congratulated upon the changes and now have one of the neatest tonsorial parlors in East Tennessee.”

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 103 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Barber” shop.

18 June 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“‘Next!’ C.W. Walden has sold his interest in the barber shop to Dick Hamsch and the firm will now be Russell & Hamsch. Dick is not a stranger here. He has been with the firm for years, and is not only a high class tonsorial artist, but a genial gentleman. They shop has recently been newly equipped and is now one of the best arranged shaving parlors in this section. The new firm will maintain its splendid reputation by employing the best of artists.”

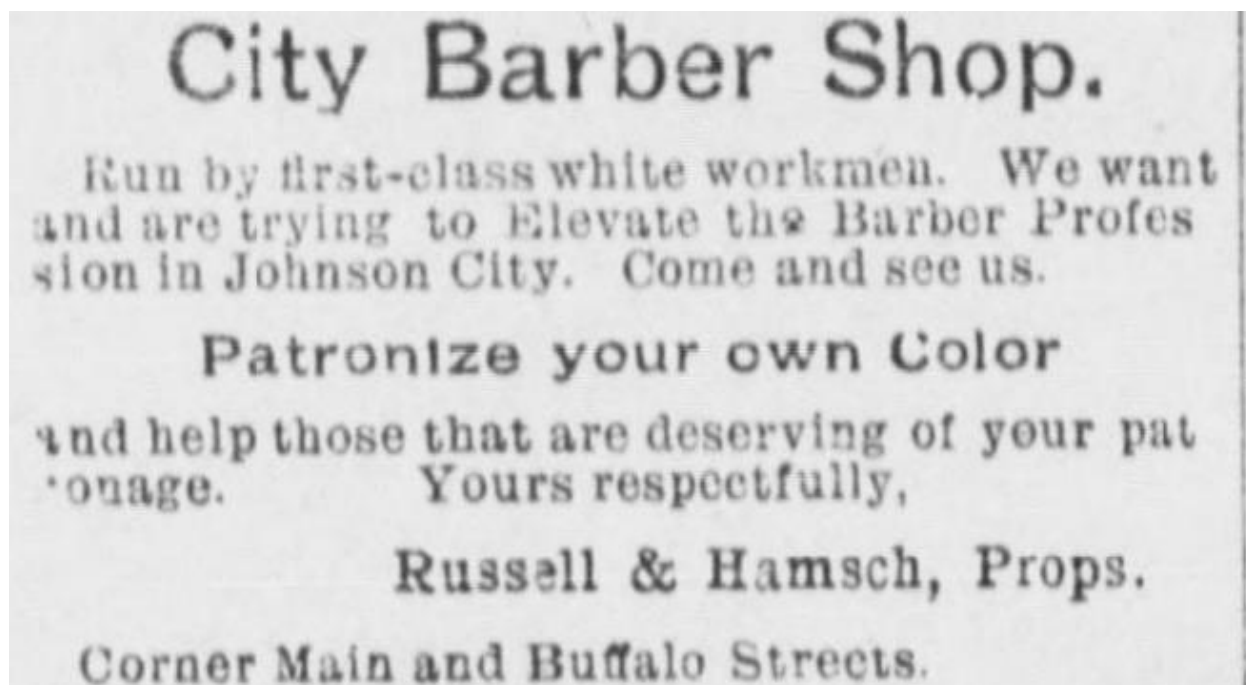


Figure 185. Johnson City Comet, 16 July 1903.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 13 June 1907.

16 July 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“Russell & Hamsch, the barbers, believe that talent is appreciated in their line and the very best barbers are good enough for their patronage. They have recently employed H.A. Smith, of Morristown, and he is now serving in a most satisfactory manner those who occupy the front chair. He is a very gentlemanly artist and will be glad to serve you.”

13 June 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“The City Barber Shop has changed hands, Herbert Russell retiring. The new proprietors are Dick Hamsch, Jim Beals and Tom Dyer. They are all clever fellows and artistic barbers and will enlarge the capacity of the shop at once.”

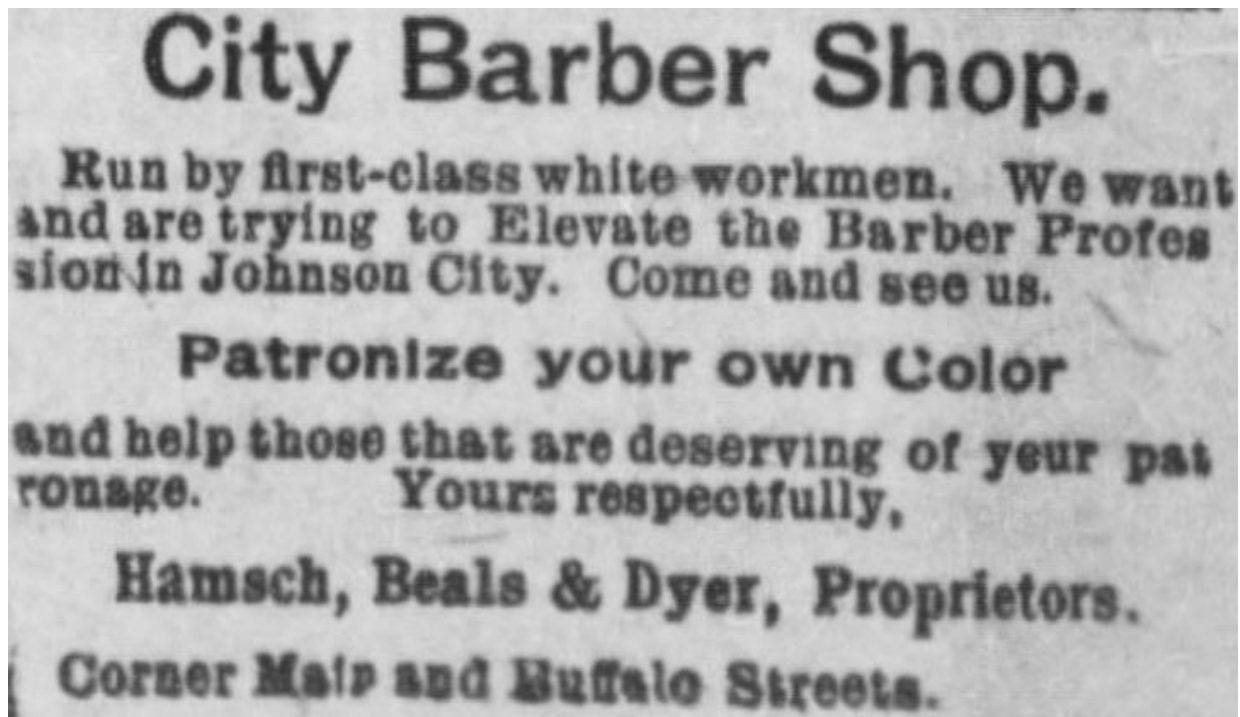


Figure 186. Johnson City Comet, 4 July 1907.  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 27 January 1916.

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 103 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Barber” shop.

#### 2.9.7. 105 Buffalo Street, 1887 – 1908 (Fruit Stand, 1891 – 1920)

January 1891. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit” stand.

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit” stand.

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit” stand.

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit” stand.



2.9.8. 107 Buffalo Street, 1890 – 1909<sup>69</sup>  
(Jobe/S.T. Harris/Joe Taylor Building)

Brunswick Café, by 1893 to perhaps 1894  
Faucette & Company, here 1894  
W.I. Burgiss's Grocery Store, 1894  
The City Grocery Store, 1894  
W.P. Cooper & Company's Grocery Store, 1895  
J.M. Depew & Company, Grocery Store, 1896  
J.B. Taylor's Grocery Store, 1897 – 1899  
C.G. Hannah's Grocery Store, 1901  
Jas. & O.E. Mahoney's Clothes Store, 1902 – 1903?  
Grahls Grocery Store, here? 1904  
Eureka Restaurant, by 1907  
Pardue's Café/Restaurant, 1908  
D.F. Dolan/Dolen's Restaurant, 1909 to at least 1910

See Figure 281.

2.9.9. The Construction of the Building at 107 Buffalo Street

13 February 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Mayor Ike T. Jobe will erect a modern brick block at once near the Palace Livery stable.”

Note: The date stone for this building reads 1888 (see Figure 281). The author cannot reconcile this apparent contradiction.

20 February 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Ike T. Jobe has contracted for the erection of a new livery stable on the site of the present one, but it will run through from Buffalo to Spring street. The building will be 100 feet wide and 240 long, and two stories high.

Ike T. Jobe also contracted for the erection of two store rooms 25 x 100 feet on Buffalo street, adjoining his livery stable. Work will be commenced in a few weeks.”

24 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Started with a Rush. A List of Factories, Hotels, Businesses and Dwelling Houses Completed and Under Construction Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890. – Nearly a Million Dollars Already Spent in Building... Ike T. Jobe, Block Storehouse – [\$] 8,000...”

Note: The author did not find any further information that links Ike T. Jobe to this building.<sup>70</sup>

January 1891. The Sanborn Insurance Company map for this area indicates that this address was occupied by a “Clo.” Store. The author has not identified the clothing store at this address.

Note: The author did not find any information on businesses at 107 Buffalo Street during the period between 1891 and 1893.

#### 2.9.9.1. Brunswick Café, by 1893 to perhaps 1894

30 November 1893. Johnson City Comet.

“We have the best 10 cents cigars and for a good smoke call on us at Cafe Brunswick.”

#### 2.9.9.2. Faucette & Company, here 1894

4 January 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Removal. Faucette & Co. have removed from their old stand on Spring street to the room recently occupied by the Brunswick Cafe near the corner of Main and Buffalo streets, where they will be pleased to meet and continue business with their old patrons and solicit in a business way the addition of new ones.”

8 February 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“A car load of framing lumber for sale cheap, apply to Faucette & Co. Dried Apples, Dried Peaches, Flour and Country Bacon in abundance at the lowest prices at Faucette & Co.’s, Corner Main and Buffalo Sts.” This and similar notices ran until at least 10 May 1894.

29 March 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“The rush of customers last Saturday to Faucette & Co’s store was enough to make any one think Johnson City was on a big boom.”

Note: The last mention of this enterprise at this location appears to have occurred on 10 May 1894.

#### 2.9.9.3. W.I. Burgiss’s Grocery Store, 1894

23 August 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Tellico flour, 50c.; Gold Dust flour, 50c; Belle of Tennessee, 43c; Ivory, 43c; Watauga, 40c. Granulated sugar, 6c.; light brown sugar, 5 c.; Virginia salt, 85c.; bananas, 10c, doz. At W.I. Burgiss’.”<sup>71</sup>

11 October 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“W.I. Burgiss invites you to call and examine his stock of groceries at [Charles N.] Brown Bro’s’ old stand on Main Street”, “formerly occupied by Dulaney & Taggart.”<sup>72</sup>

#### 2.9.9.4. The City Grocery Store, 1894

18 October 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Removed. The City Grocery has moved from the Worley block to where W.I. Burgess formerly kept, just east [actually north] of Snapp & Englesing’s livery stable and right at the head of Buffalo street.”<sup>73</sup>

Note: This is the only reference that the author has found to the “City Grocery” operating at 107 Buffalo Street.



Figure 187. Johnson City Comet. 25 October 1894.

“Public Auction... Store room formerly occupied by W.I. Burgess, next to livery stable...”

#### 2.9.9.5. W.P. Cooper & Company’s Grocery Store, 1895

21 March 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“Cooper & Co., a new firm, are soliciting patronage in the grocery line on Public Square.”

16 May 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“W.P. Cooper has sold his stock of groceries to J.B. Worley.”

Note: It appears that J.B. Worley’s grocery store was in the Crouch Building at this time.

#### 2.9.9.6. Eugene Earnest’s Grocery Store, 1895? – 1896

9 January 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Changed Hands. Eugene Earnest has sold his stock of groceries and confections [?]...” A portion of the image of this article was cut off.

#### 2.9.9.7. J.M. Depew & Company, Grocery Store, 1896

16 January 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Changed Hands Again. The house on Buffalo street, lately operated ‘Gene Earnest, and then transferred to W.P. Cooper, has been purchased by J.M. Depew and Roby Goforth, and is now known under the firm name of J.M. Depew & Co. Roby, the junior member of the firm, is yet a young man, but worthy of his new calling. Mr. Depew, the senior member, is no less worthy of the public’s consideration.”

Note: It appears that this address was occupied, sequentially, by W.P. Cooper, Eugene Earnest, and J.M. Depew & Company.

13 February 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“J.M. Depew & Co. have moved their grocery store from Buffalo street to the corner of Roan and Market streets, Rankin building.”

May 1897. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 107 Buffalo Street was “Vac.”

#### 2.9.9.8. J.B. Taylor’s Grocery Store, 1897 to at least 1899

7 October 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Capt. S.T. Harris sold his storehouse on Buffalo and Main streets Monday to Joe Taylor of Jonesboro for \$2,000 cash.”

Note: It appears that S.T. Harris had, at some time previous, acquired this property, which had been owned by Ike T. Jobe.

22 December 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“It has only been a short time since J.B. Taylor moved to Johnson City from Jonesboro and opened a grocery store, but he is to-day enjoying a lucrative business built and maintained upon correct business principles. He occupies his own building at the corner of Main and Buffalo streets.”

2 February 1899. Johnson City Comet.

“Call for or telephone your wants in the eating line to Joe Taylor. His stock is varied enough to satisfy all... Joe Taylor sells everything in the grocery line and the goods are so good and the price so low that you never have a misery in your stomach or your purse.”

21 December 1899. Johnson City Comet.

“If you want fireworks go to Joe Taylor... You will make a mistake if you don’t go to Joe Taylor for your Christmas groceries and confections... Jos. R. Taylor has a new and fresh stock of groceries and confections, and is supplying the Christmas trade at extremely low prices... Jos.

R. Taylor, the groceryman, knows how to raise hogs as well as to sell groceries. He killed two pigs last week that weighed 787 pounds – one weighed 400 and the other 387. These pigs were on exhibition at his store for several days and created quite a stir among hog raisers. They are the largest killed so far in this county.”

Note: This is the last mention found by the author to the operation of this enterprise. The author did not find any information on any businesses at 107 Buffalo Street between 1900 and April 1901.<sup>74</sup>

#### 2.9.9.9. C.G. Hannah’s Grocery Store, here 1901 to perhaps 1902

4 April 1901. Johnson City Comet.

“C. [Charles?] B. [G.] Hannah has purchased the grocery stock of Joe Taylor and will conduct the business at the old stand. He is a real hustler and will be a prominent factor in business circles.”

3 October 1901. Johnson City Comet.

“Tri-County Fair – Johnson City, Tenn., Oct. 8, 9, 10, 11, 1901. – The 4<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition of the Tri-County Fair Association, will be held on the grounds of the association on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> inclusive. The premium list is in press and will be issued early in August. The list of premiums will be published in The Comet as they are received from week to week. – Premium List... Best Salt-raising Bread baked with White rose Flour, special premium by C.G. Hannah, general merchant, 100 pounds White Rose Flour...”

17 July 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“Gets Nice Appointment. John W. Hunter has been selected by the Cranberry Furnace Company as manager of the commissary to be established here, and is general purchasing agent for both commissaries, here and at Cranberry. The selection of Mr. Hunter for this position shows good business judgment on the part of General Superintendent Sweetzer. Mr. Hunter is an experienced merchant, perfectly familiar with all the markets he will have to visit, and well up on the class of goods he will handle in his new capacity. He has been in business in Johnson City as a general merchant, perfectly familiar with all the markets he will have to visit, and well up on the class of goods he will handle in his new capacity. He has been in business in Johnson City as a general merchant for about twenty years, and only last week sold his stock of [dry] goods to C.G. Hannah. He stated to The Comet that he would leave for the eastern markets next week and would purchase the opening stock for the commissary at this place. Mr. Hunter’s friends will be glad to hear of his good fortune for there is a handsome salary attached to the position.”

#### 2.9.9.10. Jas. & O.E. Mahoney’s Clothes Store, 1902 to perhaps 1903 or 1904

31 July 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“New Merchants. Jas. And O.E. Mahoney is the style of a new firm that has opened a clothing and gents’ furnishing store in the Taylor building on Buffalo street. The gentlemen are from Greeneville and are also conducting a large store in that town. That they are wide-awake business men is demonstrated by their coming to Johnson City, the future metropolis of East Tennessee, and they are going to invite your patronage in a strictly up-to-date manner.”

**\$5,000.00**

**Stock of Clothing,**

**Overcoats,**

Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Valises,  
Blankets, Umbrellas and

**Gent's Furnishing Goods**

TO BE CLOSED OUT

**..AT COST..**

From Today Until Every Dollar's  
Worth of Goods is Disposed of. What  
is left Will be sold AT AUCTION  
to the Highest Bidder the Last Week  
in January.    ❀   ❀   ❀   ❀   ❀   ❀

**Jas. & O. E. Mahoney**

BUFFALO STREET.

Figure 188. Johnson City Comet, 18 December 1902.



Note: This was the last mention of this enterprise found by the author.

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 107 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “D.G., B. & S.” store, with “Telephone” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

14 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“W.G. Mathes has purchased the Joe Taylor store house on Buffalo street next to the livery stable for \$3,500.”

#### 2.9.9.11. Grahl’s Grocery Store, here? 1904

27 October 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“Your ‘phone orders for groceries are promptly attended to at Grahl’s... Got to Grahl’s for everything good to eat. Large stock of groceries and produce always on hand... When you are in doubt about what to buy to eat go to Grahl’s and refresh your memory.”

27 October 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“M. Jackson is selling the best there is in fresh meats at Grahl’s grocery store on the square. He knows how to cut meat to make it tender and does so.”

#### 2.9.9.12. Eureka Restaurant, by 1907

30 March 1905. Johnson City Comet.

“The Mathes building opposite the tank is being fitted up for a restaurant... A large window was broken in the Mathes building on Buffalo street also.”

4 July 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“Caught in the Act. With a studding ante Chief Campbell entered a poker game last Monday night in a room over the Eureka restaurant and he and Assistant Wetson captured five gamblers. The proprietor of the joint sacrificed his table and paid the city \$25, and the other four each put up a \$15 ante and did not ‘call’ for it.”

12 December 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“Notice of First Metting of Creditors. – In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Tennessee, in Bankruptcy. In the matter of E.C. Hunter Bankrupt – In Bankruptcy No. 9

To the creditors of E.C. Hunter, of Johnson City, Tennessee, in the county of Washington and district aforesaid, a bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1907, the said E.C. Hunter was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of its creditors

will be held at the Interstate Building in Bristol, Tenn., on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. A.D., 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Harry H. Shelton, Referee in Bankruptcy, This December 11, 1907."

6 February 1908. Johnson City Comet.

"Circuit Court is in session at Jonesboro, with Judge Tyler presiding... E.C. Hunter, of Eureka restaurant fame, was fined \$50 and cost for gambling."

#### 2.9.9.13. Pardue's Café/Restaurant, 1908

2 January 1908. Johnson City Comet.

"The Utopia. Johnson City is to have a high class cafe and H.W. Pardue, the untiring wonder, is to give it to us. This is sufficient guarantee that it will be true to its name, an ideal cafe in every particular. He has leased the building formerly occupied by the Eureka restaurant and is having it thoroughly overhauled, remodeled, and retouched by the painters and paper hangers.

It will scarcely be recognized when changed by those familiar with the old scenes, Mr. Charlie Mallicote will have charge of the place and those who lodge or dine there will be accorded proper treatment and given the best the market affords, prepared in the highest culinary art. The Utopia will be open in a few days."

Note: The name "Utopia" does not appear to have been used for this enterprise after 2 January 1908. "Utopia" was, however, applied to another café/restaurant owned by H.W. Pardue that was located on East Main Street in the Burrow building, later in 1908 and 1909. Previously, the establishment on East Main Street was known as the "D. & A." (Dugan & Allen) café.

**FOLLOW THE CROWD TO**  
**PARDUE'S CAFE**

Where you get all the good things to eat, the market affords, cooked and served in cleanest possible manner.

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**REGULAR MEALS 25c**

And up. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

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Short orders of Steak, Eggs, Breakfast Bacon, Country Ham, Fish, Oysters and all kinds of

**CALIFORNIA FRUITS,**

Preserves, New Florida Vegetables, Milk, all kinds of Pies, Cakes, Breakfast Foods Etc., served on short notice at reasonable prices.

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**SPECIALTIES:---**The best Coffee in the city, Ice Cream, Soda Fountain, all kinds of Soft drinks. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

Meet your friends here and rest. Use our phone and stationery; you are welcome.

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**LADIES SPECIALLY INVITED!**

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Figure 189. Johnson City Comet, 19 March 1908.



Figure 190. Johnson City Comet, 28 May 1908.  
This advertisement ran until at least 25 June 1908.

11 June 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“Tennessee Editors. – The Boys Who Would Mould Public Opinion Here on a Junket. The Tennessee Press Association came to Johnson City on No. 312 Thursday afternoon and remained in the city until No. 42 took them to Bristol. The party was met at the station by a committee of citizens and taken to Pardue’s Café where luncheon was served. After which they were taken to the Soldiers’ Home on special street cars where several hours were spent admiring the way Uncle Sam prepares the pathway to the grave for his former fighters... returned to the city Friday morning and were taken to Cranberry as the guests of Supt. Hardin, of the E.T. & W.N.C.R.R. Returning they were taken to Hotel Carnegie for luncheon and Mine host Martin prepared and served an elaborate feast. Many of our citizens with their wives dined with them...”

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

\$100.00 in cash to be given by H. W. Pardue to the  
*Most Popular Boys and Girls*  
 under 18 years, getting the largest number of votes.  
 Each person will be allowed one vote for each 25c  
 purchased or paid on account at Store or Restaurant.  
 Contest begins JUNE 1st, 1908, and ending DECEM-  
 BER 24, 1908. Votes to be cast by the Cashier as  
 goods are paid for and account of the results printed  
 every two weeks. Call at Store for further informa-  
 tion, Cards etc.

**H. W. PARDUE**  
 Wholesale and Retail Grocer and Baker

Figure 191. Johnson City Comet, 11 June 1908.

17 December 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“A new granolithic sidewalk is being laid on Buffalo street in front of Pardue’s restaurant.”

31 December 1908. Johnson City Comet.

“H.W. Pardue has sold his Buffalo street restaurant to two brothers from Kingsport, who will take charge January 1.”

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 107 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Rest’r’t.”

#### 2.9.9.14. D.F. Dolan/Dolen's Restaurant, 1909 to at least 1910

7 January 1909. Johnson City Comet.

"D.F. Dolan, of Kingsport, has purchased the Pardue restaurant on Buffalo. W.R. Hawk will act as manager."

Note: See Section 3.5.4.1. for subsequent information on this enterprise.

#### 2.9.10. Enterprises on the Second Floor of 107 Buffalo Street.

##### 2.9.10.1. Peoples' Telephone Company, here 1899 – 1904

27 July 1899. Johnson City Comet.

"Telephone Line Sold. The Nolachucky Telephone Company has sold out [to] the Peoples' Telephone Company of Bristol. Several weeks ago Guy R. Johnson, who owned a majority of the stock in the Nolachucky line, sold out to the Bristol and Greenville companies, and since then a deal has been pending for the balance of the stock. Mr. Albert Parlett, manager of the Peoples Co., came down from Bristol Tuesday, and was closeted with Mr. R.L. Bruner and other stockholders of the Nolachucky for several hours. The result was that a sale was consummated, and the entire plant will pass to the control of the Peoples Telephone Co. on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The new company will purchase property for a central office and will vastly improve the service in every particular. It is possible the old 'Comet' office building [apparently the one at 101 Buffalo Street] near the Southern railroad will be purchased and used for a store house and exchange with a toll station over in the city."

14 September 1899. Johnson City Comet.

"Improving the Service. Mr. A. Parlett, manager of the People's Telephone Co., owners of the Nolachucky line in this city, was in the city several days this week. He contemplates making several improvements in the local service. New and heavier poles are being substituted for the heavy laden ones in the heart of the city and an electric motor has been put in the central office to facilitate 'calling' when connection is made. Now the operator presses a button, heretofore she had to turn a grindstone. The present arrangement is so simple and fast that subscribers can be accommodated now like counting silver dollars. Other improvements are to be made at once and The Comet confidently predicts that in a short time Johnson City will have the most complete telephone service in the State, and any effort to put in a second telephone exchange will meet with a merited rebuff."

7 December 1899. Johnson City Comet.

"Improving the Line. Manager Parlett, of the Bristol Telephone line has a force of hands at work in the city, extending and straightening the line. Applications for telephones are received almost daily and the subscribers have become a necessity and a 200 drop board will be put in. A direct metallic line will be put up to Bristol and this will improve the service more than anything that could be done. This company can be depended upon to give the subscribers the best possible service."



11 January 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. A. Parlett, manager of the Bristol Telephone Company, was down from Bristol yesterday on business. This company is now rebuilding their line in this city, putting in fifty foot poles and putting in ten pin arms. Subscribers are coming in more rapidly than can be accommodated at present, but the company is making every possible effort to get equipment and hopes to accommodate all parties in a short time.”

1 February 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. A Parlette, manager of the Bristol Telephone Company, has been in the city this week with a gang of men putting up new telephone poles throughout the central portion of the city. When the new switch board is put in at the central station in this city a complete metallic circuit system will be adopted and the ‘phone talk will be very much more distinct. A metallic circuit is two wires to each telephone, positive and negative, the latter for the return current, and no ground wire.”

15 March 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“Manager A. Parlett, of the Bristol Telephone Company, was in the city this week. Arrangements are now being made to put the ten-pin cross arms upon the 50 foot poles recently set throughout the city. When that is done and the new metallic circuit completed the business will be very much improved.”

1 November 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“Arrived at Last. The long looked for new switch board for the Bristol Telephone Company has arrived and has been installed. There are 150 drops upon the board and room for as many more. It is one of the latest boards and gives to Johnson City as perfect a service as it is possible for a town to have.”

3 April 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“Repairing the Line. The Bristol Telephone Company has decided to overhaul its entire system in our city limits and a force of linemen are now at work every day the weather will permit. New poles are being erected where needed and all wires drawn more tightly to prevent crosses and are properly insulated. It is the intention of the company to give perfect service and it will spare no money to do so.”

3 September 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“Action Postpones. The application of the Cumberland Telegraph and Telephone Co. for a franchise to build an exchange in Johnson City came up on final reading in the city council Thursday night. After considerable discussion action was postponed until the first Thursday in November. The Bristol Telephone Company, now operating an exchange in the city, entered into an agreement to improve the service by putting in a new switch board and supplying a metallic circuit to all patrons who are willing to pay \$2.75 and \$1.65 per month for business and residence ‘phones respectively.”

17 September 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“Will Get New Quarters. A. Parlett, manager of the Bristol Telephone Co., was in the city Tuesday. He is arranging to move the exchange in this city into more commodious quarters and will install a new switch board and put in other necessary apparatus to give Johnson City as good telephone service as the price charged will warrant. Metallic circuits will be installed when requested by 50 subscribers under permanent contracts.”

24 September 1903. Johnson City Comet.

“Hard at Work. The Bristol Telephone Co. has a large force of hands at work in different parts of the city putting its lines in proper shape and arranging to run cables from central about ten blocks each way. Lead-covered cables carrying about 200 copper wires will be used. This will practically eliminate the mass of wires in the center of the city. The company is working in good faith and as rapidly as possible in order to get the outside work done before the cold weather sets in. The service has already been greatly improved and when the new switch board is installed there will be no more cause for complaint.”

28 July 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“The Telephone System. The telephone service in Johnson City is being greatly improved. The line has practically been rebuilt throughout the city and a mile or more cable strung each way from the office to distribute the wires through the city without clouding the streets. A number of ‘phones have been put on a metallic circuit and it is such a great improvement others are willing to stand the slight increase in rental and will make a change for the better. The office has been moved to the Faw building on Market street, and a new and modern switch board installed and other improvements made that tend to give us an up-to-date telephone system. Manager Parlette was down from Bristol this week looking over the work, he is to be congratulated upon the present condition of affairs and should feel encouraged by the increased patronage the company is receiving daily.”

## 2.10. The Livery Stable on Buffalo Street, by 1884 – 1908

Ed Harr’s Stable, by 1884 – 1887

Jobe’s Palace Livery Stable, 1887 – 1892

Snapp & Englesing’s Livery Stable, by 1894 – 1895

Palace Livery Stable, 1895 – 1906

Note: the author did not locate any images of this facility.

### 2.10.1. Ed H. Harr’s Livery Stable, 1884 – 1887

15 March 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Prominent among the wide awake irrepressible young men of this end of the State are those who make the trio under the firm name of Harr Bros., Will alias Bill Arp. Ed the livery man,

and John the evangelist, all worked themselves up in business through difficulties that would blanch the cheeks of less courageous men, and have conquered circumstances. To-day they stand among the first and best business men in Johnson City or any other city. They deserve the good will and patronage of the people.”

12 April 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Ed Harr, the livery man, is breaking his two young mules. The mule is a curious animal. He has four legs – one on each corner. There are several kinds of mules. There is the big mule, the little mule, the government mule, and the muley cow – the government mule has the most cheek, but the muley cow’s the thing for milk. The mule is the best kicker but the muley cow is the best butter. The mule never dies. Ed Harr’s mules are little but they can kick a chew of tobacco out of your mouth before you can say Jack Robeson.”

31 May 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Dissolution. The copartnership which existed between us has been by mutual consent, this day dissolved. Will Harr continuing the merchantile business, E.H. Harr the livery business.

All parties indebted to Harr Bros. must call at once and settle up their accounts, as it is very necessary the old business be closed up.

Thanking the people for their patronage, we are very truly, Will Harr. E.H. Harr. Johnson City, May 22, 1884.”

13 September 1884. Johnson City Comet.

“Died. – It is our painful task to chronicle the death of one of our best and most prominent citizens. Ed H. Harr, Master of the Johnson City Masonic Lodge, and Sheriff elect of Washington county, breathed his last at high 12, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1884... He came to Johnson City in 1876 and went into business as a member of the firm of Harr Bro’s. As a citizen, Ed. Harr was honored by all. He was honest, industrious, generous and kind. As a business man he was noted for his push and fair dealing...”

#### 2.10.2. Jobe’s Livery Stable, 1887 – 1892

4 August 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Ike T. Jobe has purchased the livery stable and business of Mrs. L.C. Harr and will continue the business. Mr. Jobe is too well known in this section to need comment. He is alive, energetic young man and will push his business. He proposes to keep the best runouts in East Tennessee and his prices will be as reasonable. His stable is on Main street just in the rear of the Piedmont House.”



Figure 192. Johnson City Comet, 25 August 1887.

This advertisement ran until at least 18 July 1889.

3 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“A Year’s Progress. – Buildings and Improvements in Johnson City in Ten Months. – every Citizen Should be Proud of the Record. – There has been No Boom, Only a Determination to go to the Front. – the Secret of this Magic Growth Lies in the Fact That Johnson City is Backed by the Finest Beds of Iron and Coal the World Affords. – The List Embraces Factories, Business Houses and Dwellings Built and Improved. – Below will be found a complete list of factories, business houses and dwellings built and improved in Johnson City since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887. This list has been prepared with great care and is as near correct as possible to get... Ike T. Jobe, livery stable – [\$] 150...”

24 November 1887. Johnson City Comet.

“Jobe the livery stable man, studies to please the people... Call at Jobe’s livery stable for hacks, and feed your stock. Special rates to farmers... The only first-class Livery Stable in Johnson City is Jobe’s Palace. Call and be treated right... Drummers do not fail to call on the old drummer for hacks, buggies, &c. Jobe tries to please you... Jobe’s Livery Stable does business on a square and legitimate plan and gives you the worth of your money. Call and be convinced.” Similar advertisements ran until at least 12 January 1888.

5 January 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Ike Jobe, the livery man, is building an addition to his livery stable for hacks and buggies.”

16 February 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“W.A. Dickinson is laying pipes to supply the Hoss House with water from the reservoir. Ike Jobe’s livery stable, McFarland’s drug store, post-office and the Comet office will also be supplied from the same source.”

26 April 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Jobe’s Livery stable has been lightning-rodded.”


28 June 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Electric Lights. Promptly at eight o’clock last Friday night the electricity was turned on for the first time and for Johnson City night was turned to day. Few people were aware that everything was in readiness and were very much surprised at the first appearance of light. The private Arc light at Jobe’s Livery stable was the first light to light and remain burning and therefore attracted the largest crowd. All the stores in the city have agreed to take lights and are being wired to take lights as fast as possible.”

11 October 1888. Johnson City Comet.

“Mr. Ike T. Jobe has greatly improved his lot on Spring street by tearing down his old stable... Ike Jobe received a handsome double buggy this week. It has a white frame, and will look real ‘elegant’ behind his premium blacks.”

**CALL AT JOBE'S LIVERY STABLE**  
FOR



**THE BEST BUGGIES. THE BEST HORSES.**  
**THE HANDSOMEST TURNOUTS.**  
**CAREFUL AND ATTENTIVE DRIVERS.**  
**W. C. SNAPP, - Manager.**  
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

Figure 193. Johnson City Comet, 25 July 1889.  
This advertisement ran until at least 19 March 1891.

20 February 1890. Johnson City Comet.

"Ike T. Jobe has contracted for the erection of a new livery stable on the site of the present one, but it will run through from Buffalo to Spring street. The building will be 100 feet wide and 240 long, and two stories high.

Ike T. Jobe also contracted for the erection of two store rooms 25 x 100 feet on Buffalo street, adjoining his livery stable. Work will be commenced in a few weeks."



20 February 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“H.C. Yost, of Greeneville, was in the city last week. Mr. Yost is the manager of the firm of Yost & Carter, carriage makers, and it is speaking the truth to say that he is one of the best workmen in East Tennessee... He has just finished a handsome carriage for Jobe’s palace livery stable in this city. Jobe only handles the best and this is the most elegant turnout he has. Its strength and durability is guaranteed by H.C. Yost’s brand, for his vehicles are pronounced the best wherever they are known.”

17 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“To say that Ike Jobe’s livery stable is not keeping pace with the times would be sufficient grounds for a libel suit if the good-humored mayor had time to conduct a law-suit. He is constantly putting in new rigs but his latest addition is the greatest of all and the latest thing out. It is a Kensington, is handsomely finished and when Manager Snapp sends it out behind either of his fine span of horses it is the ‘slickest turnout’ in town.”

24 April 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Started with a Rush. – A List of Factories, Hotels, Business and Dwelling Houses Completed and under Construction Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890. – Nearly a Million Dollars Already Spent in Building. – Ike T. Jobe, Livery Stable – [\$] 6,000...”

18 December 1890. Johnson City Comet.

“Insurance Rates. Last week the town was looked over by representatives of the leading insurance companies [apparently Sanborn] doing business here. A careful survey was made and the gentlemen decided to raise the rate very materially after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are several reasons for their decision. In the first place, the city has no fire department and will not have a water works for two or three months; and again, there are two or three frame buildings in the fire limits that are considered very hazardous and for these reasons the town is rated as 4<sup>th</sup> class. When these buildings, viz.: Jobe’s livery stable, the Crouch and Hart buildings and the E.T., V. & G.R.R. freight and passenger depots are removed as they will be in another year, and the water works are in operation, the town will be raised to the 2d class. With the exception of the buildings above mentioned the business portion is practically composed of first-class risks and it is hardly fair for a person to have to pay a high rate of insurance on good property because a building is located near it that is not insurable at all or marked extra hazardous.”



Figure 194. Johnson City Comet, 16 April 1891.  
This advertisement ran until at least 18 February 1892.

21 July 1892. Johnson City Comet.

“Big Excitement at Jobe’s livery stable. The Washington horses are being caught. It takes a hundred men to catch one horse.”

Note: The author did not find any information on the operation of the livery stable on Buffalo Street between August 1892 and January 1894.

### 2.10.3. Snapp & Englesing’s Livery Stable, by 1894 – 1895

4 January 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Billy Snapp says that the livery business is increasing very perceptibly. This is a splendid sign of approaching good times.”

8 March 1894. Johnson City Comet.

“Early Morning Fire. – Phillips’ Saloon and Pool-Room Rifled [?] by fire and Water. Fire broke out about 2 o’clock Tuesday morning in a two-story wooden building belonging to W. [William] O. Phillips on Railroad street near the Piedmont Hotel... At one point it looked as though the entire block of buildings was doomed to destruction, which, had the flames not ben subdued, would have greatly endangered the Hotel Piedmont and the livery stable of Snapp & Englesing.

Our fire company deserves great credit for the efficient work, which was done in the most systematic way, playing the streams where they did their duty most effectively..."

7 June 1894. Johnson City Comet.

"Shot at Henry. Saturday night, May 26, Henry Butler, a colored hand at Snapp & Englesing's livery stable, was sitting down to eat his supper, someone fired a shot in at a broken window, terribly enraging Henry and frightening his wife badly..."

18 October 1894. Johnson City Comet.

"Removed. The City Grocery has moved from the Worley block to where W.I. Burgess formerly kept, just east of Snapp & Englesing's livery stable and right at the head of Buffalo street."

#### 2.10.4. The Palace Livery Stable, 1895 – 1906

28 March 1895. Johnson City Comet.

"The attention of the reader is called to the advertisement of the Palace Livery Stable in this issue. Mr. W.C. Snapp, the jovial manager, is making ample preparation for the approaching season in the way of new and handsome turnouts and equipages, and will be able to cater to the most fastidious trade as well as to supply the demand for substantials in the way of drummers' turnouts for cross country trips. This is the old Jobe stable and is well known to our people and the traveling public generally."

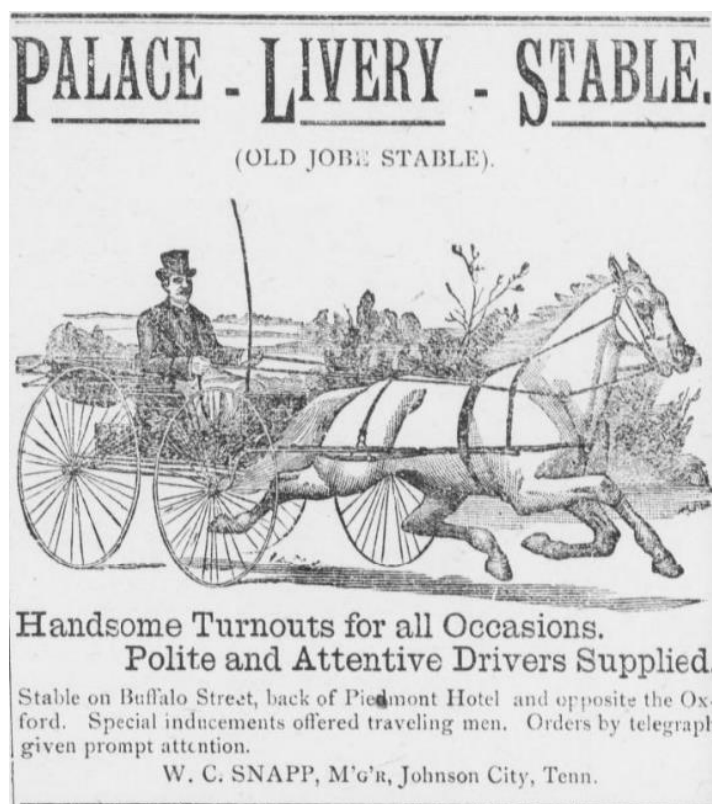


Figure 195. Johnson City Comet, 28 March 1895.  
This advertisement ran until at least 19 March 1896.

25 April 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“W.C. Snapp, the popular liveryman has recently received a new line of vehicles for the summer season and is prepared to accommodate the boys with the best turnouts on the turf.”

19 September 1895. Johnson City Comet.

“‘In it’ to Stay. Our big-hearted and jovial liveryman, W.C. Snapp, informs us that he is in the livery business for keeps and is not at all lonesome now that he is running the only livery stable in the city. And that he is running it is evidenced by the new turnouts that are appearing upon our streets daily. They are the handsomest that money can buy and would be a credit to any city. The stable is on Buffalo street, opposite the Piedmont house.”

23 April 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Sanders & Co. have added a new surrey to their stock of vehicles. The rig is a beauty and shows up in fine style when on the road. Manager Snapp has a correct eye to business, as usual.”

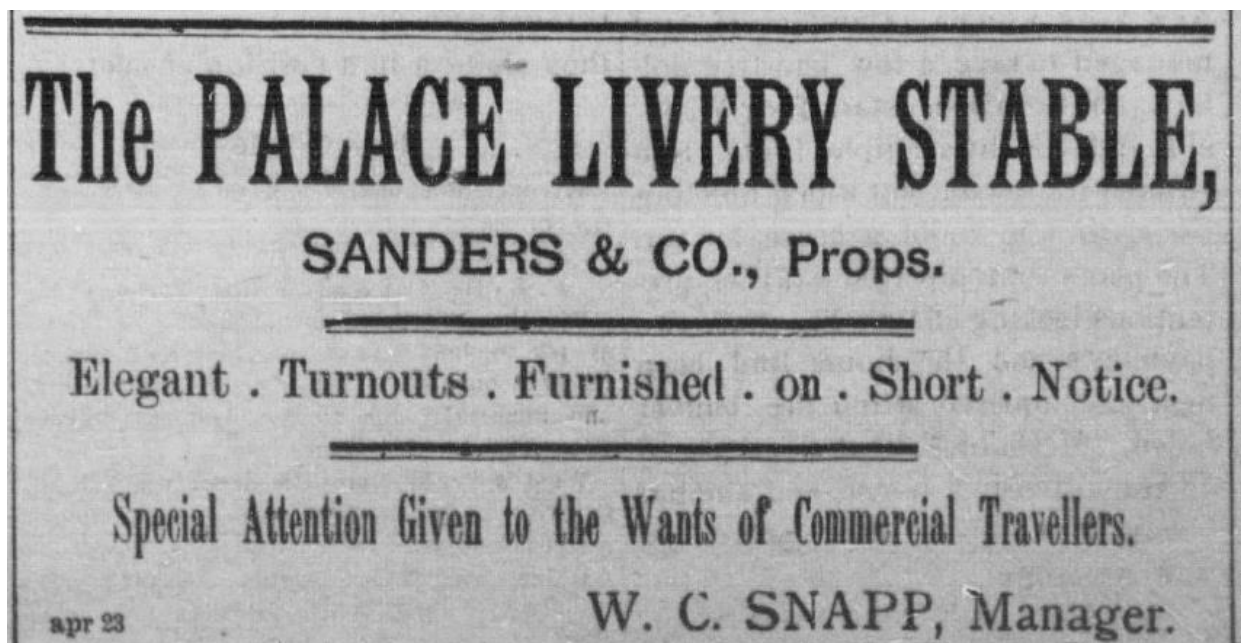


Figure 196. Johnson City Comet, 23 April 1896.  
This advertisement ran until at least 16 September 1897.

24 September 1896. Johnson City Comet.

“Hon. Gus Bowers of Boone’s Creek was in town yesterday. Gus is a free silver champion and fears no goldbug on earth. He and Mr. E.E. Brannon, the Ohio wind mill man ‘locked horns’ in front of Snapp’s livery stable and drew a crowd of 100 in about three minutes. Those present say that Gus smothered his antagonist most beautifully. Gus is a Bryan republican and can tell why he has taken issue with his party.”

28 January 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“New Stable. Taylor & Co. have leased the old Snapp stand and will open up a first class livery and feed stable the first of next month. The firm is said to be composed of Chas. Taylor and John H. Faucette.”

13 May 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Sanders & Snapp, the well known liverymen, have moved their stable back to the old stand on Buffalo street and are ready to be more accommodating to than patrons than ever.”

2 September 1897. Johnson City Comet.

“Dissolution Notice. The firm of Sanders & Co. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by W.C. Snapp. The business of the old firm will be wound up by Jno. Sanders. John Sanders, W.C. Snapp. Sept. 1, 1897.”

**The PALACE LIVERY STABLE,**

**W. C. SNAPP, Proprietor.**

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Elegant . Turnouts . Furnished . on . Short . Notice.

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Special Attention Given to the Wants of Commercial Travellers.

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Figure 197. Johnson City Comet, 2 September 1897.  
This advertisement ran until at least 21 September 1899.

26 May 1898. Johnson City Comet.

“The Horse sale. C.E. James, of Chattanooga, contractor for the government to buy horses, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and immediately proceeded to buying horses at Snapp’s livery stable. Out of one hundred and fifty horses inspected, the government purchased only four.”

27 October 1898. Johnson City Comet.

"John Crow Assaults George Campbell. About 10:30 yesterday morning John Crow assaulted Geo. Campbell in W.C. Snapp's livery stable. Campbell was standing talking to friends when Crow walked up behind him and struck him over the head with a breast yoke, making an ugly and painful wound over the right eye. Campbell was staggered but soon recovered and knocked Crow down with his fist..."

28 September 1899. Johnson City Comet.

"The Palace Livery Stable Sold. W.C. Snapp, the robust and jolly proprietor of the Palace Livery Stable has sold the stock and good will to J. Raymond Lyle. The deal was consummated yesterday and Mr. Lyle is in charge today. He will give the business his personal attention and will keep up with the procession in every particular."

# PALACE Livery Stable.



Having recently purchased the entire outfit, good will, &c, of W. C. Snapp's livery, feed and sale stable, of this city, I am soliciting the trade of the general public in this line, and assure you any orders given me will receive careful and prompt attention.

Very truly  
'Phone 53. **RAYMOND LYLE.**

Figure 198. Johnson City Comet, 25 January 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 22 February 1900.



22 February 1900. Johnson City Comet.

“New Agency. Capt. Henry Lyle, of the Palace Livery Stable, local agent of the Plano Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, has received an assortment of this celebrated company’s machines, and has them on exhibition in the vacant lot in rear of the Palace stable. He will be pleased to have any and all who need such articles to call and examine for themselves. The Plano Company are makers of the Jones Chain Drive Mower which The Comet proposes to give to the most popular farmer, as per plan published on first page of this paper.”

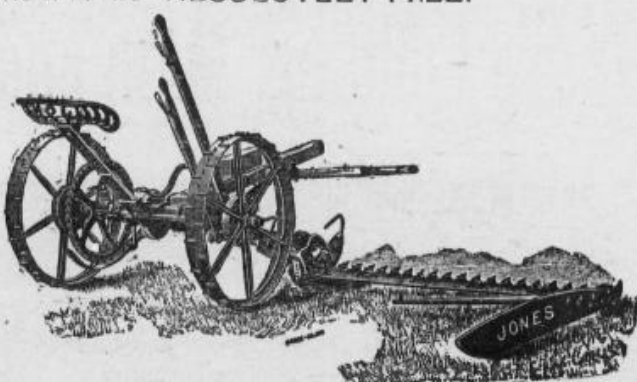
Note: Henry Lyle had died by 17 October 1901, according to the Johnson City Comet of that date.

**Valuable Machine Free!**

*THE COMET will give away, absolutely free, on May 25th, 1900, a Jones Chain Drive Mower, of any cut, to the most popular farmer in either Washington, Carter, Sullivan or Unicoi county.*

**Contest to be Decided by Ballot.**

The advantages of having improved farm machinery can not be overestimated. A good Mower is one of the best money-savers and money-makers of all improved machines, but many of our industrious farmers do not feel able to make the necessary outlay of money. THE COMET offers them a chance to secure a complete high-priced Mower **ABSOLUTELY FREE.**



**OUR PLAN** Every person who pays his subscription to THE COMET (either as renewal, past due, or new subscription) is entitled to twenty (20) votes for each dollar so paid—forty votes when \$2.00 is paid, 60 votes when \$3.00 is paid, and so on—and the holder can cast his ballots for himself or any farmer friend he may choose in either of the three counties named. The votes will be counted and published each week up to Thursday, May 24th, 1900, when the contest will be closed and this splendid machine awarded to the person for whom the greater number of votes are cast, and the result published in THE COMET. The ballots will be deposited at this office in a box provided for the purpose and securely locked.

The Mower is now on exhibition at the Palace Livery Stable, the agency in this section for the makers, the Plano Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Ill. See and examine this machine, come and pay your subscription and enter this great free contest.

Figure 199. Johnson City Comet, 15 March 1900.  
This advertisement ran until at least 3 May 1900.

25 July 1901. Johnson City Comet.

“New Liveryman. S. [Sam?] R. Taylor has purchased the Palace Livery Stable of Lyle Bros., and is conducting business at the old stand. Mr. Taylor is from Rogersville Junction and is a brother of Alderman W.L. Taylor. He needs no other recommendation to the Johnson City public.”

17 April 1902. Johnson City Comet.

“S.R. Taylor is meeting all demands for a first-class livery stable in this city. He has recently added two new carriage teams and they are genuine beauties and thoroughbreds. He has also received several of the new buggies and a new carriage of the latest and best make. He is in Jobe’s old stable and can supply any want in his line.”

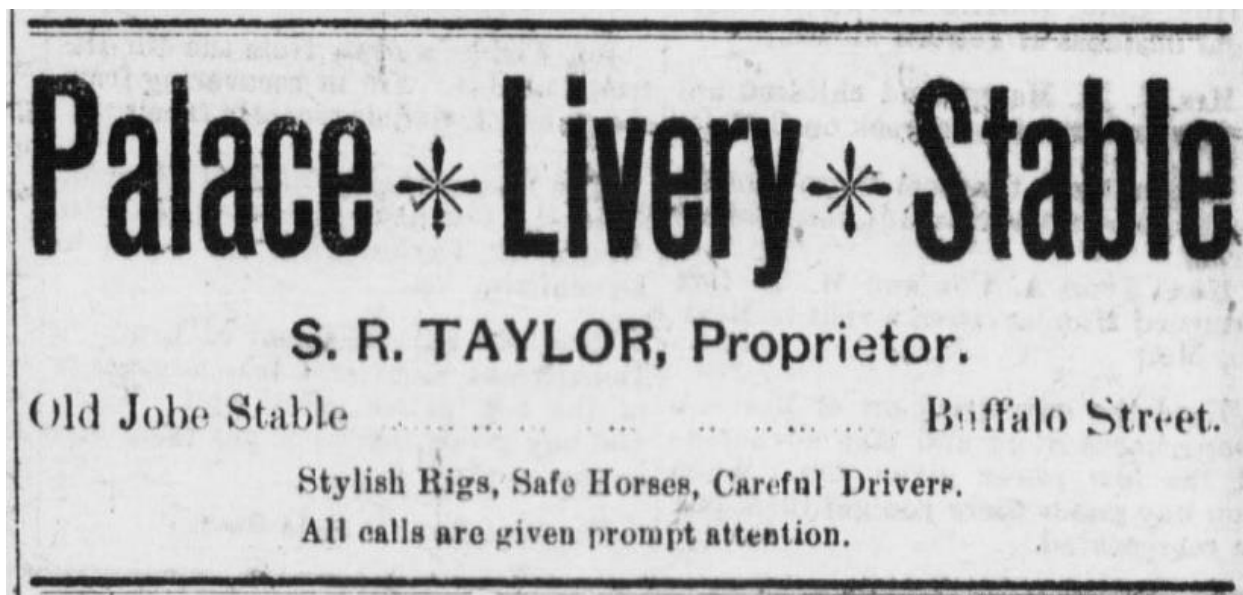


Figure 200. Johnson City Comet, 17 April 1902.  
This advertisement ran until at least 4 December 1902.

April 1903. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area included: “S.R. Taylor. Livery.”

22 September 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“S.R. Taylor is one of the most popular liverymen this town has ever known has decided to go to South Carolina to reside and has sold his lease upon the stable he occupies to W.T. Givens, the proprietor of the city stables. Mr. Taylor will take with him to his home a large part of his stock and vehicles and will also carry with him the best wishes of a number of friends for his continued success. He will get away during October.”

15 December 1904. Johnson City Comet.

“Returned to Johnson City. S.R. Taylor has decided to return to Johnson City and will remove his family from Morristown to this place later. He will re-enter the livery business and will occupy the stable he recently sold to Mr. W.T. Givens, around the corner on Buffalo street. Mr. Taylor is an experienced livery man and was doing a nice business when he decided to sell out and go to Morristown. He will materially increase the present equipment and will purchase some of the handsomest rigs the city has ever seen. The friends of Mr. Taylor and family will be glad to hear of this decision. They had no business to leave here.”

1 March 1906. Johnson City Comet.

“Livery Stable Moved. S.R. Taylor has moved his livery business to the Carter stable on West Market street and he is now better able than ever to take care of his rapidly growing trade. He has one of the best appointed and best equipped stables in East Tennessee and prides himself upon supplying turnouts for all purposes. His new equipages for 1906 will include many handsome rigs and they will be drawn by thoroughbreds.”

23 August 1906. Johnson City Comet.

“The old Jobe stable has been sold to a company of gentlemen composed of J.A. Summers, L. Armbrust, Guy L. Smith, W.G. Mathes and Isaac Harr.”

26 September 1907. Johnson City Comet.

“J.E. Brading and Geo. T. Wofford have purchased the old Jobe livery stable lot from Mrs. Meadows for \$6,000.”

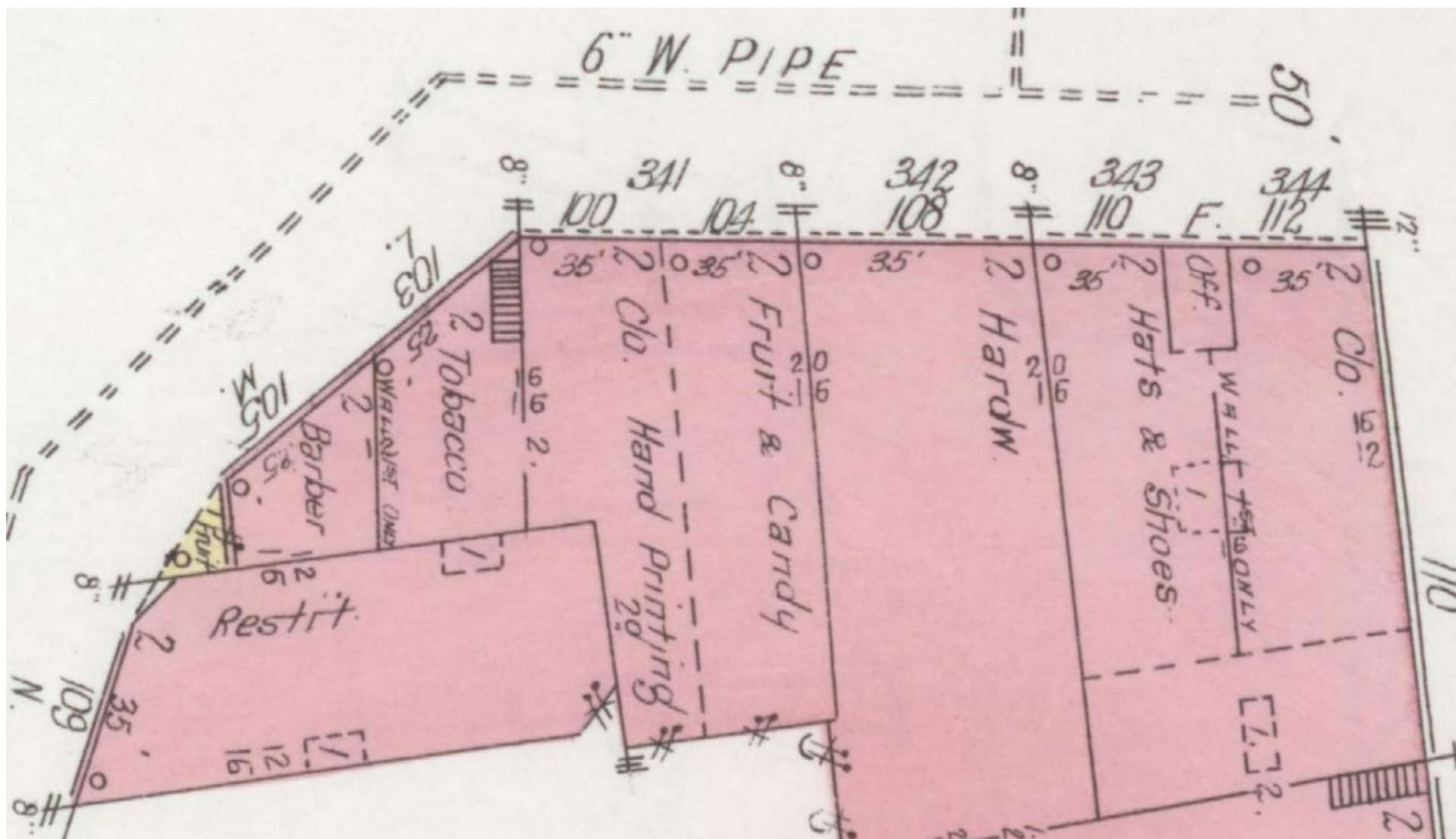
Note: This is the last mention of this livery stable, found by the author.

December 1908. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that the Palace Livery Stable had been removed.

9 May 1912. Johnson City Comet.

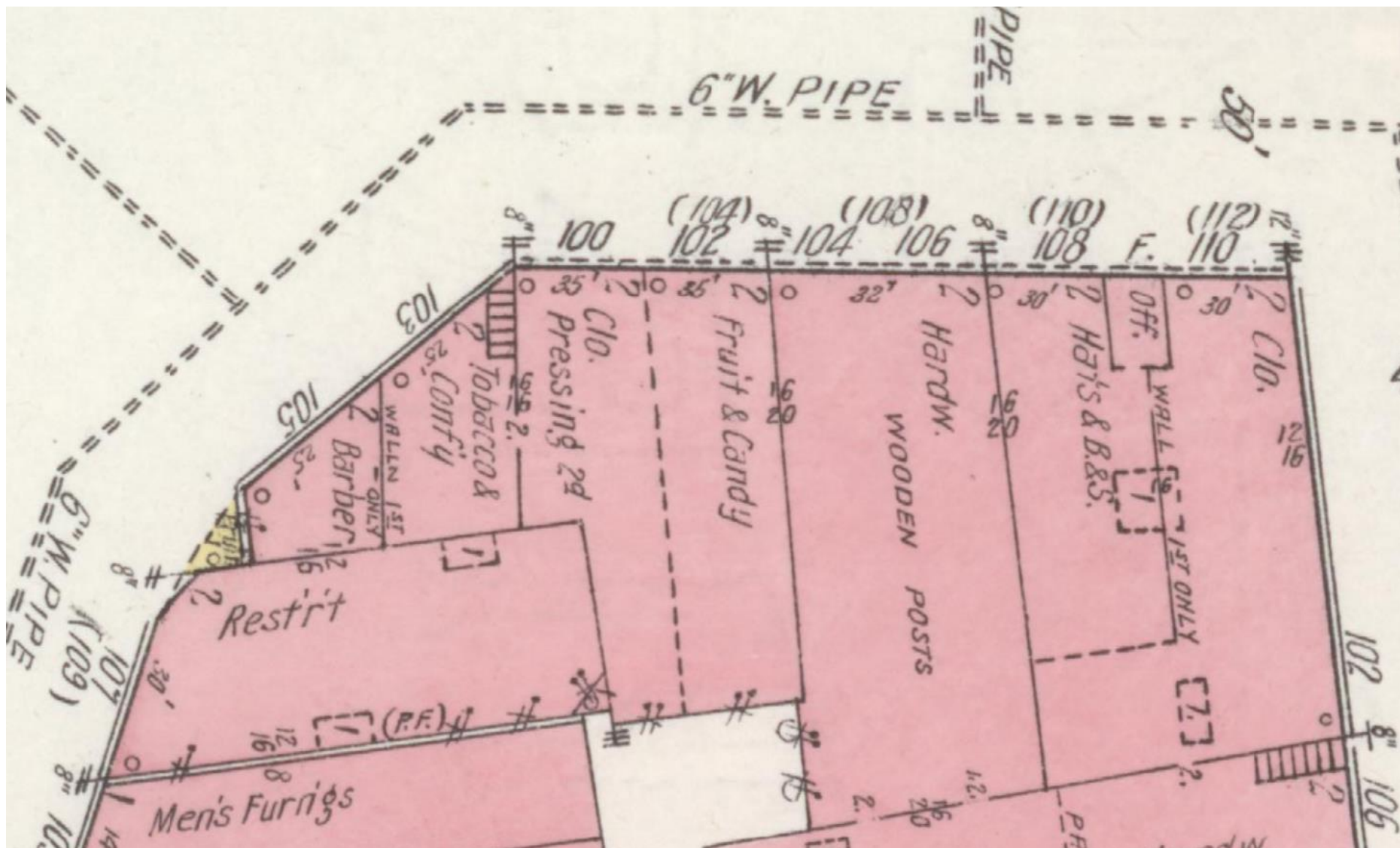
“New Buildings on Buffalo Street. J.E. Brading and Geo. T. Wofford have decided to cover their lots on Buffalo street with store houses and have let contracts for the erection of the buildings. The work of excavating the foundations is being pushed rapidly.”

3. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1909 – 1923  
(After the completion of the new façade on Gump Brothers)  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)



Map 4A. (reproduced here for convenience). The Jobe block, December 1908.





Map 5A. The Jobe block, July 1913.







Figure 201. From left to right, the Hart & Houston Annex (119 and 121 Public Square, 1910 – 1914), Tunnell's Studio (here from 1908 to at least 1921), the Unaka National Bank, the drug store on the southeast corner of Main and Spring Street, Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street, with its post-1909 façade) and Summers – Parrott hardware store (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1904 – 1912). Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1910 – 1912.<sup>75</sup>



Figure 201A. A detail of Gump Brothers, with its post-1909 façade.



Figure 202. From left to right: Gump Brothers with its new façade that was remodeled in 1909, and the Summers – Parrott hardware store, at this location from 1904 to 1912. The sign above the “Summers – Parrott Hardware Co.” sign appears to read “Retail Department”. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1910, but no later than 1912.<sup>76</sup>



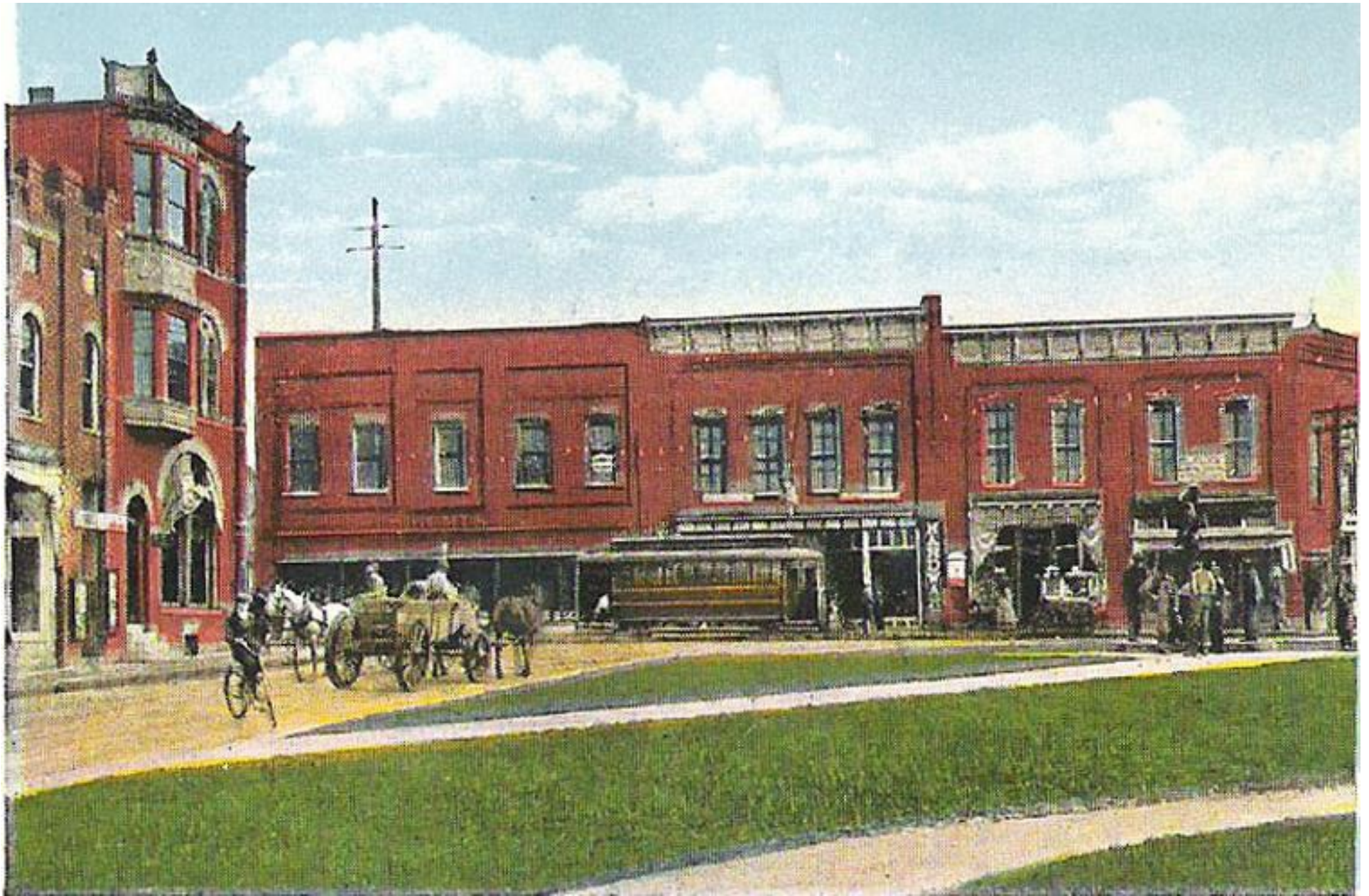


Figure 203. "Fountain Square," note the dark green color of the trolley, with yellow/gold trim, the presence of the fountain on the square and that Gump Brothers has its post-1909 façade. Consequently, this image dates to 1909 – 1922.<sup>77</sup>



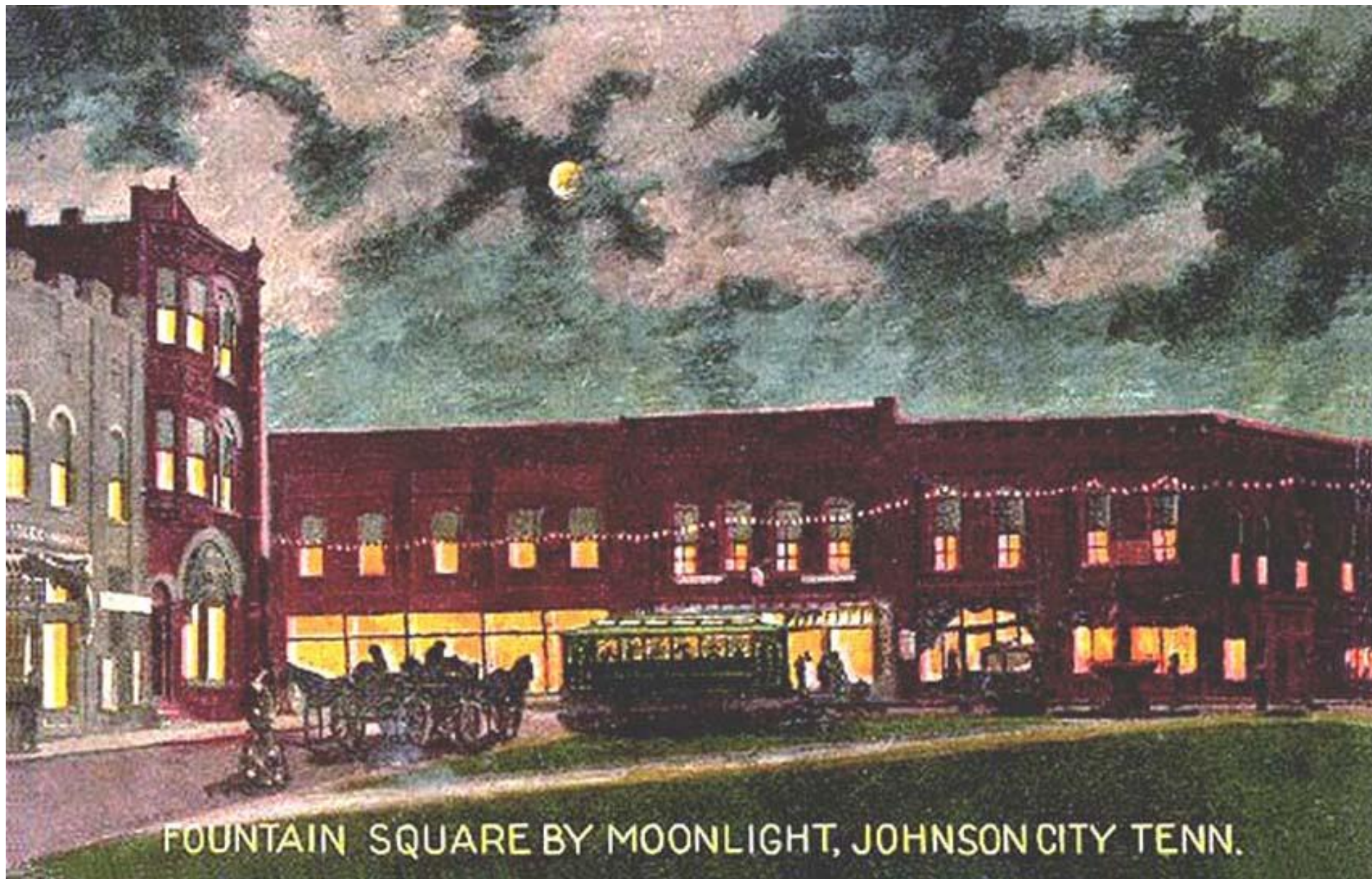


Figure 204. Night version of the postcard, above.<sup>78</sup>



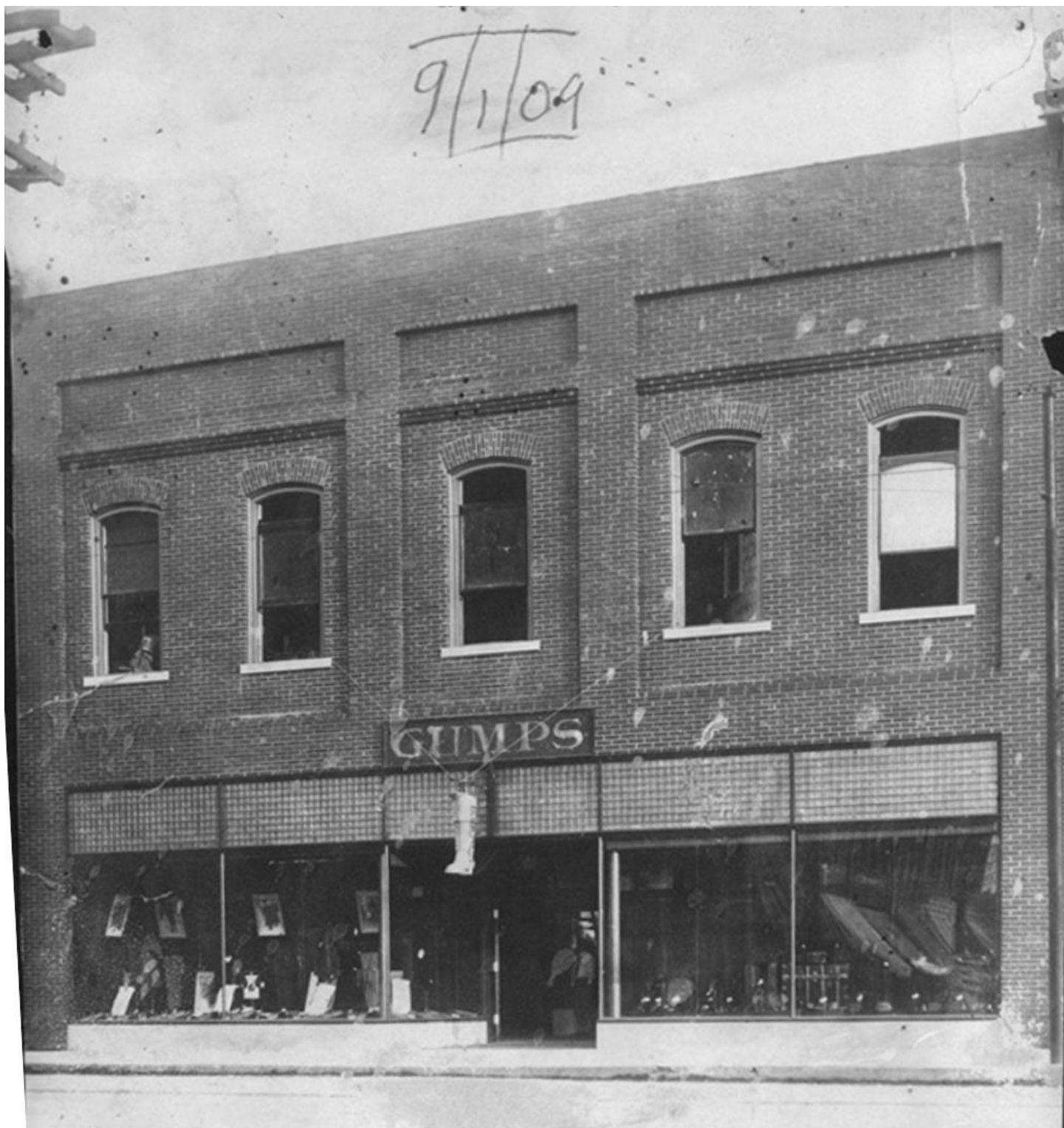


Figure 205. "Gumps Storefront," with its new façade, annotated 1 September 1909.<sup>79</sup>

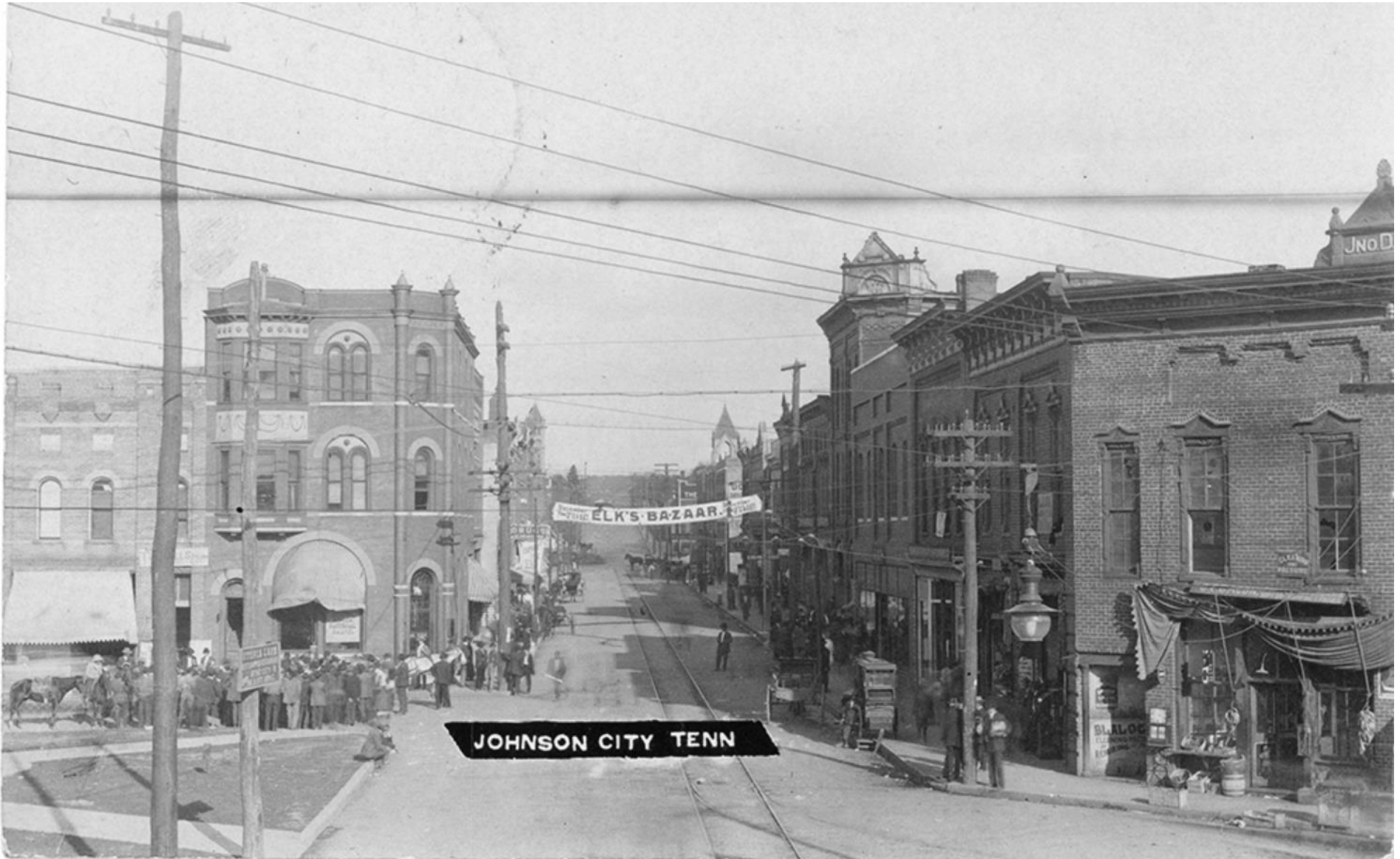


Figure 206. “Main Street Elks Bazaar,” postmarked 1 December 1909. The portion of Main Street depicted in this image was paved between July and October 1908. Note the trolley tracks and the presence of C.C. Bacon on the right (101 Buffalo Street, 1908 – 1910), as well as that the square has been improved with walk ways and grass (also 1909) and that the façade on Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street) has been remodeled (1909). The Johnson City Comet, 18 November 1909, included: “Wait and Watch for Elk’s Bazaar – Dec. 7 to 11 Inclusive – A Great Feast in Store for You.” Consequently, this photograph appears to date to late 1909.<sup>80</sup>



Figure 207. “Central Business District...”, note that this image appears to be the same as that in Figure 206 with a wider field of view, but with less resolution.<sup>81</sup> Note that the sign at 119 Fountain Square (on the left) appears to match that of the Estes Bargain House (here 1907 – 1909).



Figure 206A. A detail of C.C. Bacon in late 1909, with the sign by the second-floor window reading “Cleaning and Pressing”. Note the “Jno. D. Cox” sign on top of the building (added after 1901 (perhaps by 1906) to at least 1909). Also note that the sign to the left of C.C. Bacon appears to read in part: “Blalock... Cleaning...” (which appears to have been on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 100 East Main Street, by 1909 to until perhaps 1913 or later).



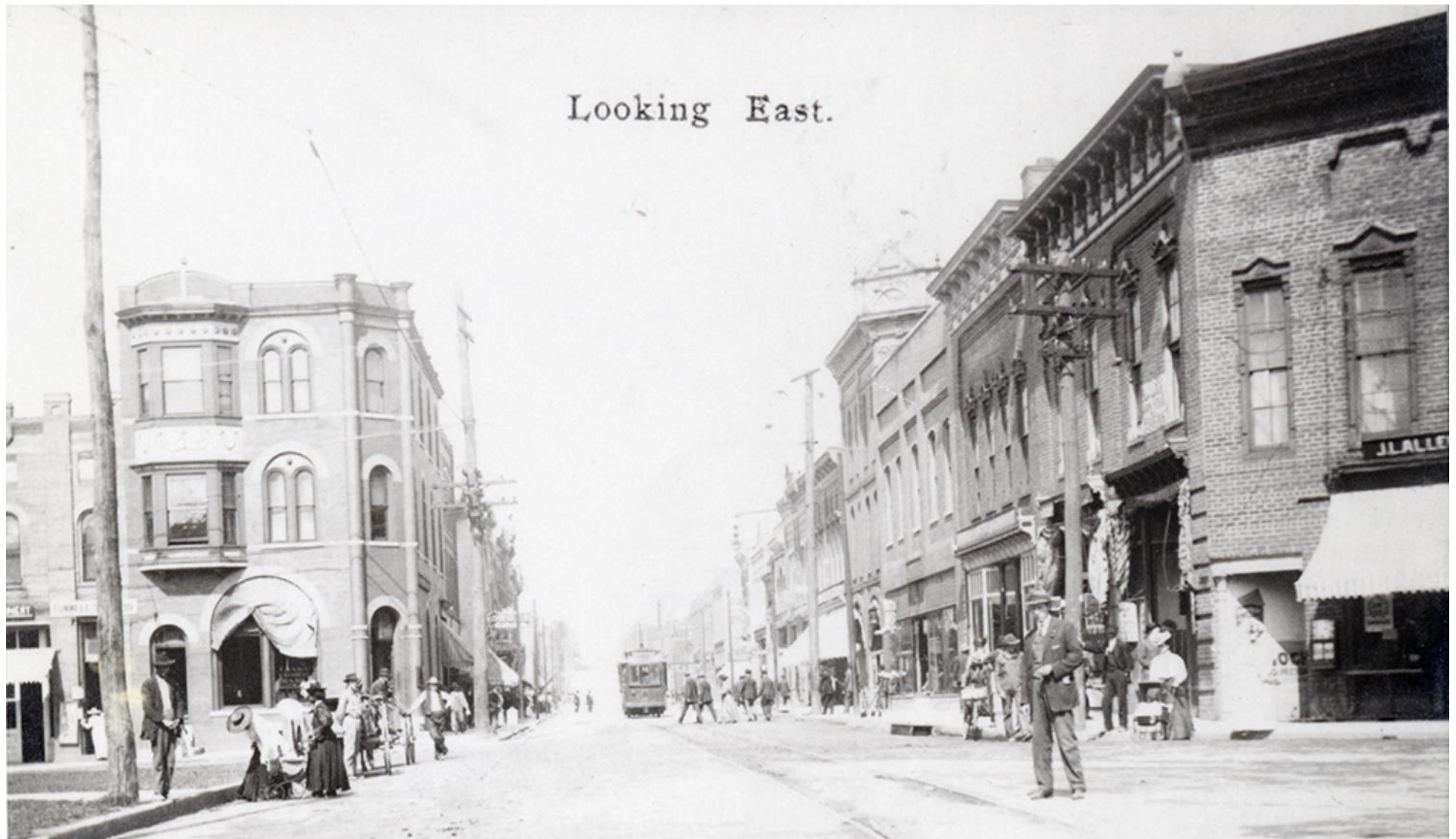


Figure 208. From left to right, note the partially visible sign on 121 Fountain Square (which reads “nery”) indicating that Hart & Houston are the current occupants (here 1910 – 1914), Tunnell’s Studio (here 1908 to at least 1921), the trolley on Main Street, Gump Brothers (with its post-1909 façade), and J.L. Allen (101 Buffalo Street, 1910, the Sanborn Insurance map for 1913 shows that this address was still occupied by “Tobacco & Conf’y”, so, perhaps J.L. Allen remained in business here to 1913 or later), on the right. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1910 – 1914.<sup>82</sup>



Figure 208A. A detail of the J.L. Allen store. Note what appears to be signs for “Blalock... Cleaning...” to the left of J.L. Allen and between the two 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows of 100 East Main Street. This enterprise appears to have been at this location by 1909 and to have remained there until perhaps 1913 or later.





Figure 209. “Main Street, July 4, 1910”. Note, from left to right in the Crouch Block, the Hart & Houston Annex (here 1910 – 1914) and Tunnell’s Studio.<sup>83</sup>

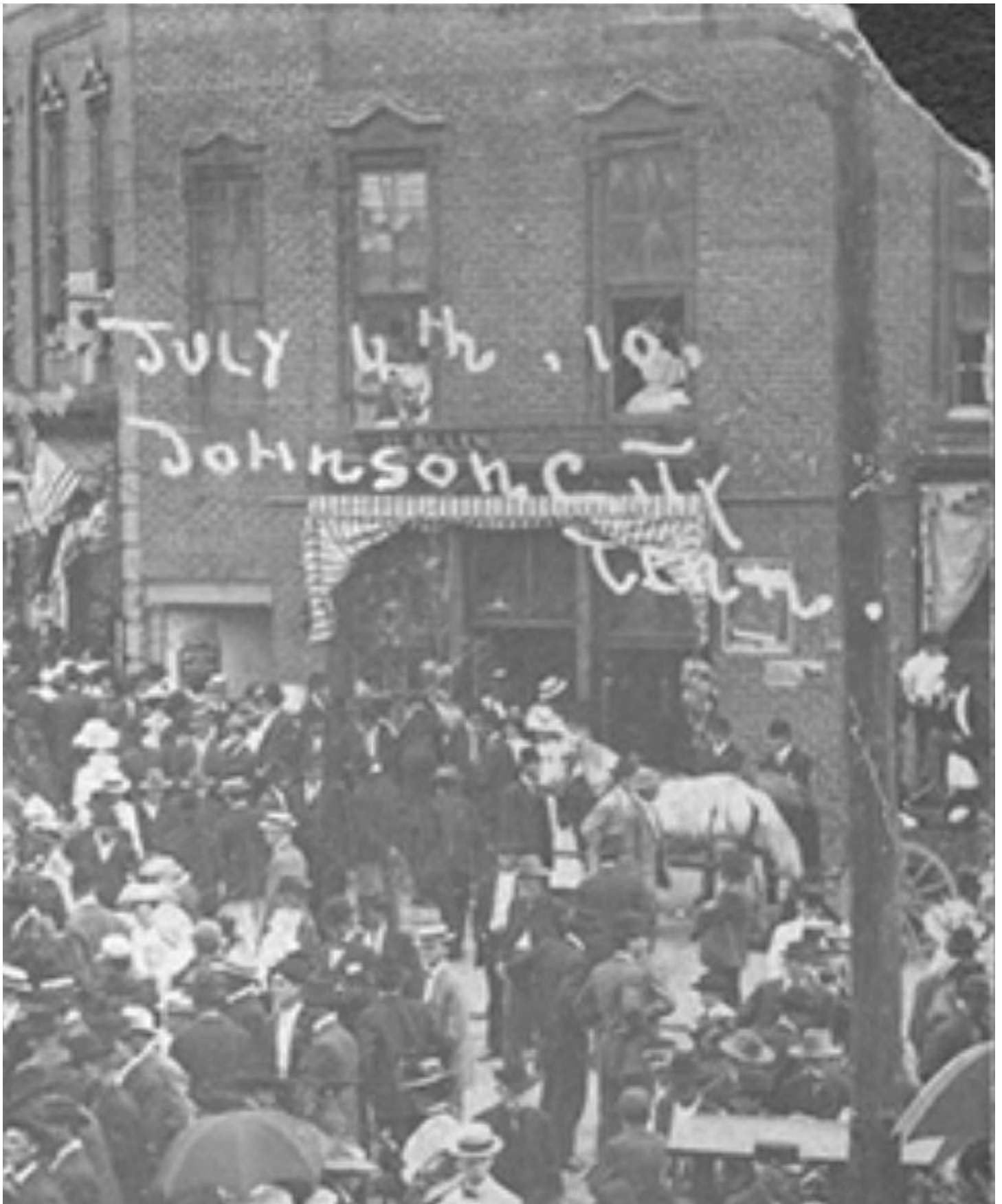


Figure 209A. A detail, note the sign on 101 Buffalo Street, above the awning, that appears to read "J.L. Allen". Also note that the City Barber Shop is partially visible on the right edge of this image from 4 July 1910.





Figure 210. “Main St. Johnson City...” postmarked 29 September 1910.<sup>84</sup> Note the remodeled Gump Store, Summers – Parrott Hardware Co., and J.D. Longmire. Historian L. Thomas Roberts captioned this image: “just prior to Summers-Parrott Hardware (104 – 106, second building on the right) moving to their new location on Buffalo street. The third building on the right at the corner of Spring Street is Gump Brothers (108 – 110), which sold men’s clothing in this location from about 1880 to 1921).” However, this enterprise was at 108 and/or 110 East Main from 1888 to, perhaps, 1923.





Figure 211. "Rare Early Color Postcard – Main Street", postmarked 30 August 1911. Note that Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street) has its post-1909 façade. Consequently, this image appears to date to 1909 – 1911.<sup>85</sup>





Figure 212. Note the trolley, the post-1909 façade on the Gump Brothers store (108 and 110 East Main Street), and the “Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Co.” (at 104 and 106 East Main Street from 1912 to 1914). Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1911 – 1914. Also note that the retracted awning on the building at 102 East Main Street, to the right of “Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Co.” appears to read “J.D. Longmire” (here 1908 apparently to at least 1920).<sup>86</sup>



Figure 212A. A detail.





Figure 213. “J.D. Longmire and Wife: Grocery...” Note the “102” over the door and between the bananas. Also note the partial vertical sign on the left that appears to read “Hardware” and the “TR” on the right, which is almost certainly for Trantum Brothers. Finally, it appears that the entrance to this store has been modified, compare with Figure 6. The J.D. Longmire store was at this location from 1908 apparently to at least 1920.<sup>87</sup>



Figure 214. From left to right in the Jobe Block, Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street, with its post-1909 façade), the Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company (104 and 106 East Main, 1912 – 1914), the John D. Longmire store (102 East Main, 1908 apparently to at least 1920), and the Trnum Brothers' "Gents Furnishings store (100 East Main Street, here by 1907 to at least 1916). Also note the sign that reads "Blalock" Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing" (by 1909 to until perhaps 1913 or later), as well as the trolley switch for Buffalo Street, in the foreground. This image appears to date to 1912."<sup>88</sup>



Figure 214A. A detail.



Figure 215. Main Street, looking east.<sup>89</sup> In the Jobe Block (from left to right): Gump Brothers clothing store (108 and 110 East Main Street, with its post-1909 façade, here to perhaps 1923), “Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co.” (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1912 – 1914), “J.D. Longmire” (102 East Main Street, 1908 apparently to at least 1920), and “Tranum Bros. Gents Furniture” (100 East Main Street, 1907? to at least 1916). Note the sign between the two second story windows above Tranum Brothers, which appears to read “Blalock... Cleaning/Pressing and Repairing” This enterprise appears to have been at this location by 1909 and to have remained here until perhaps 1913 or later. Consequently, this image dates from 1912 to perhaps 1914. Note the trolley track.



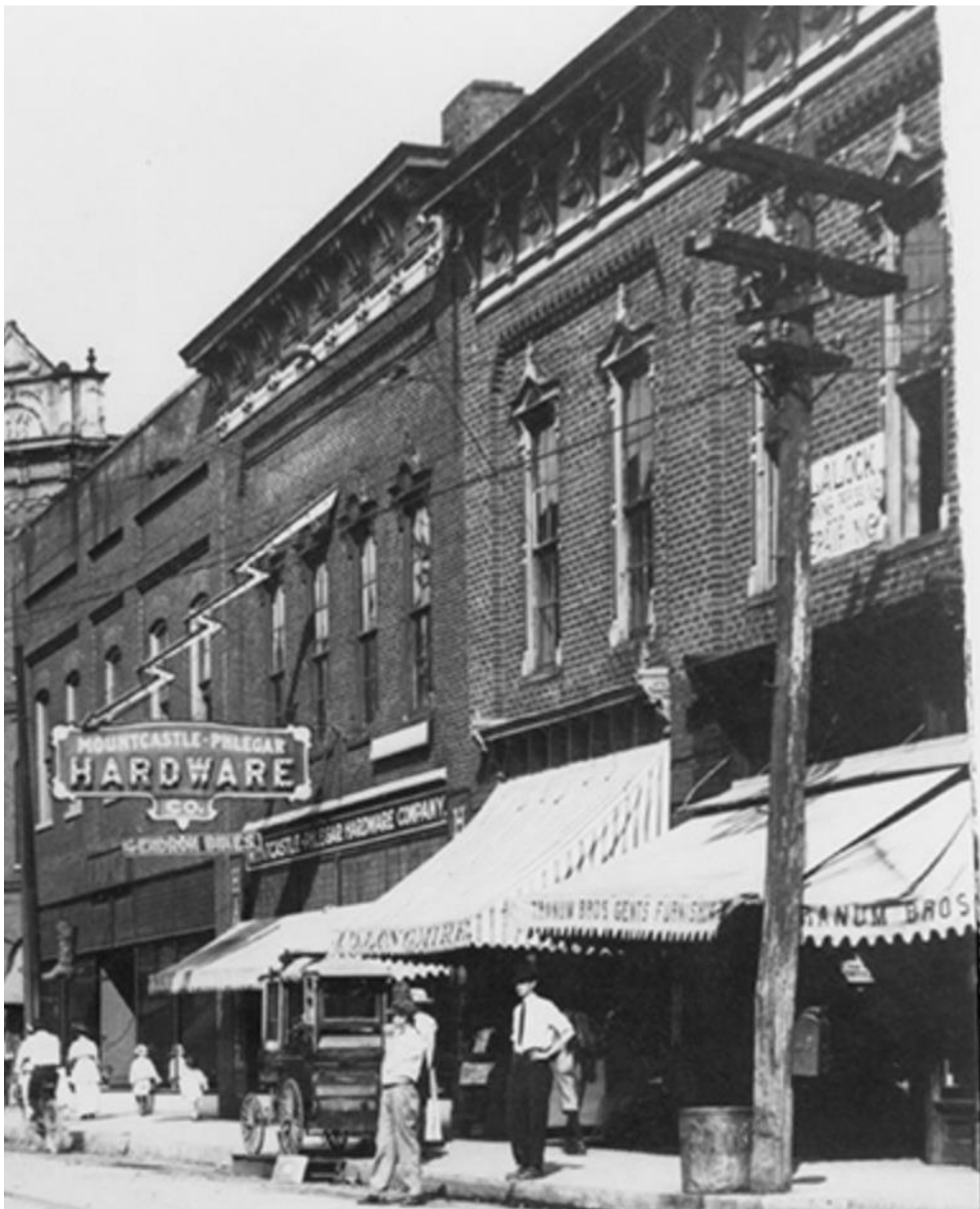


Figure 215A. A detail.

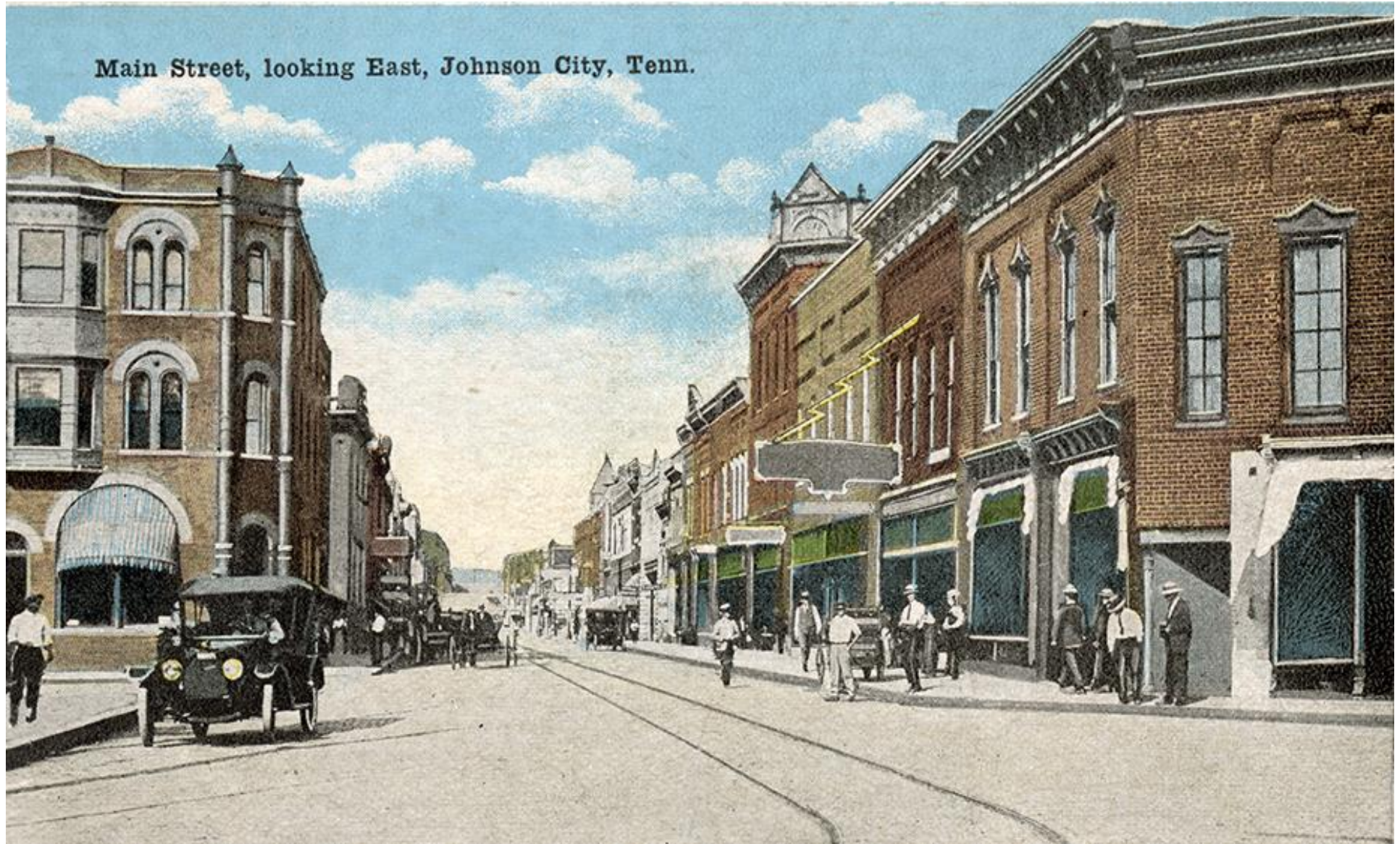


Figure 216. “Main Street Looking East”.<sup>90</sup> This image appears to date to 1912 – 1914.





Figure 217. This appears to be a photograph of the parade of “Ringling Brothers’ World’s Greatest Show” before their performance in Johnson City on 25 September 1914. Note that the sign has been removed from the Crouch Block (on the left) for Hart & Houston, indicating that they had recently made their September 1914 move to a new location. Also note Tunnell’s Studio (here from 1908 to at least 1921) and the “Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Co.” sign on the right (104 and 106 East Main Street 1912 – 1914). Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 25 September 1914.<sup>91</sup>



Figure 218. “Downtown Johnson City, Tenn., 1920”. Note on the left side of this photograph that the sign of the Savoy Drug Company has not been added to the old Unaka National Bank building, indicating that this photograph was taken in 1923 or earlier. Also note on the right side of the image: the Unaka & City National Bank (built in 1921), Gump Brothers (108 and 110 East Main Street, at both addresses 1906 to perhaps 1923), and the Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware” store (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1919 – 1923). The building occupied by Gump Brothers was demolished by 1923 to make room for the new Tennessee National Bank building. Consequently, this image appears to date to 1921 – 1923. Also note the trolley tracks.<sup>92</sup>



Figure 219. An undated, low-quality detail of a circus parade, with the S.T. Harris Block along Buffalo Street in the background. It appears that the front façades of 101 and 103 Buffalo Street are visible in this image. Note the south side of the Arlington Hotel on the left. This photograph is from the same collection as Figure 217, and thus may date to 25 September 1914.<sup>93</sup>



Figure 220. “Crowd Gathering (End of World War I)...” The building on the left is at 100 East Main Street, which had been occupied by the Trnum Brothers to at least 1916. A sign on the left side of the image reads “White House Restaurant” and appears to be at 101 Buffalo Street. The Comet office, near the center of this image, moved from 108 Buffalo Street to 106 Buffalo after 1913. This photograph appears to date to early 1919.<sup>94</sup>

3. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1909 – 1923  
(After the construction of the new façade on Gump Brothers)  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)

Table 4. Occupants of Jobe's Block, 1909 – 1923

	104 & 106 East Main Street*	108 East Main Street	110 East Main Street
1912	Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company, (1912 – 1914)	Gump Brothers, men's clothing (here 1909 to perhaps 1923)	
July 1913	Hardware (Mountcastle – Phlegar)	Hats & Boots & Shoes (Gump Brothers)	Clothing (Gump Brothers)
1914	Mountcastle-Summers Hardware Company (1914 to at least 1917)	Gump Brothers, men's clothing (here 1909 to perhaps 1923)	
1919	Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company, Hardware and Sporting Goods Store, 1919 – 1923		
February 1920	Hardware (Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company)	Boots & Shoes (Gump Brothers)	Clothing (Gump Brothers)
1923	Anderson Hardware Company, 1923 – 1924	Gump Brothers, men's clothing (here 1909 to perhaps 1923)	

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

3.1. 108 and 110 East Main Street, 1909 – 1923  
(Jobe Block)

3.1.1. Gump Brothers' Men's Clothing Store, here 1901 to perhaps 1923

30 September 1909. Johnson City Comet.

"Gumps. – Clothing and Gents' Furnishings. The care which our people exercise in the matter of dress has come to be one of the best known factors, and one which has probably impressed all travelers about the appearance of our people, and this is a very gratifying state of affairs. Messrs. L.D. & H.D. Gump, who handle clothing and gents' furnishing goods, will tell you that they can sell nothing but the very best brand of goods, and that even of the best brands they must have a large and complete selection if they are to please the critical patronage which they have built up for themselves 'among people who care.' Messrs. Gumps are located at Main street where they have been handling clothing, etc., for a number of years, and where they have one of the finest stores in the South.

This firm have by their care and attention to orders the good quality of goods which they handle and the sterling business principles that have actuated them in their dealings built up for themselves a business patronage second to none in the retail clothing business in East Tennessee. No pains are spared in picking out their stock to get the best which the market can afford, and special care is also taken to see that the goods are so displayed as to win the prompt attention of all who enter the store or pass their windows, which always have something new and stylish in sight.



Everything which can come under the name of men and boys' clothing and furnishing goods is handled by this firm, and the stock of everything is of the best grade and most stylish cuts and fabrics. Hart, Schafner & Marx, also Schloss Bros. & Co. clothing are handled; Stetson & Young hats, Regal and Hanna shoes, etc., etc.

Messrs. L.D. and H.D. Gump are two of our best known business men and highly thought of citizens. They are always to be found behind movements which tend to make this a more advanced community and can be depended on for their support always."

**Christmas Presents**

**At GUMPS**

We are displaying, this year, the most beautiful line of Gifts suitable for Men and Boys, that we have ever shown and that is saying a great deal.

To begin with a fine Hart, Schaffner & Marx SUIT or OVERCOAT would be most acceptable

We have the most complete line of Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes ever shown in the city. The prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$7.50

Combination Tie, Socks and Handkerchief in fancy Christmas boxes, also fancy boxes of Suspenders, Socks and Ties, a beautiful variety. 50c to \$1.50.

A varied line of the following articles, which we will enumerate, hoping it will act as a suggestion, if in doubt what to buy:

Gloves, Neckties, Handkerchiefs, Neck Tie Holders, Trunks, Bags, Umbrellas, Canes, Mufflers, Underwear, Sweater Coats, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Regal Shoes, Hanan Shoes, Stetson Hats, Corduroy Riding Breeches, Puttle Leggings

Call While the Assortment Is Complete

**GUMPS**

Figure 221. Johnson City Comet, 16 December 1909.

Buy Your Xmas Gifts for Men and Boys from

# GUMPS

## We Give Some Suggestions

Pullman Slippers	Auto Gloves
All kinds Felt Slippers	Gloves of Leather and Wool
All kinds Leather Slippers	Suit Cases      Bags
All kinds Handkerchiefs	Rain Coats

## NECKWEAR

COMBINATION SET

Sets of Ties, Sox and Handkerchiefs

## Silk Sox, Smoking Jackets

## Bath Robes, Caps

Umbrellas	Collar Bags
Canes	Silk Mufflers
Fancy Vests	Woolen Mufflers

# GUMPS

Figure 222. Johnson City Comet, 12 December 1912.

**GUMPS**

**SEVENTIETH**

***Semi-Annual Clearance Sale***

**BEGINS**

***Friday, July 16th***

***CLOTHING: 25 per cent Reduction***

***OXFORDS: 20 per cent Reduction***

Figure 223. Johnson City Comet, 15 July 1915.

**GUMPS'**

**Clothing, Shoes for Men and Boys.**

Figure 224. Johnson City Comet, 7 December 1916.

G U M P S

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In Johnson City

THIRTY-NINE YEARS

Selling

CLOTHING FOR MEN and BOYS

RIGHT.

Figure 225. Old Hickory, 1919.<sup>95</sup>



Figure 226. Old Hickory, 1920.<sup>96</sup> A similar advertisement appeared in 1921.

### 3.2. 104 and 106 East Main Street, (Jobe Block)

Summers – Parrott Hardware Company, here 1904 – 1912

Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company, here 1912 – 1914

Mountcastle – Summers Hardware Company, 1914 to at least 1917

Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company, Hardware and Sporting Goods Store, 1919 – 1923

Anderson Hardware Company, 1923 – 1924

#### 3.2.1. Summers – Parrott Hardware Company, here 1904 – 1912

30 September 1909. Johnson City Comet.

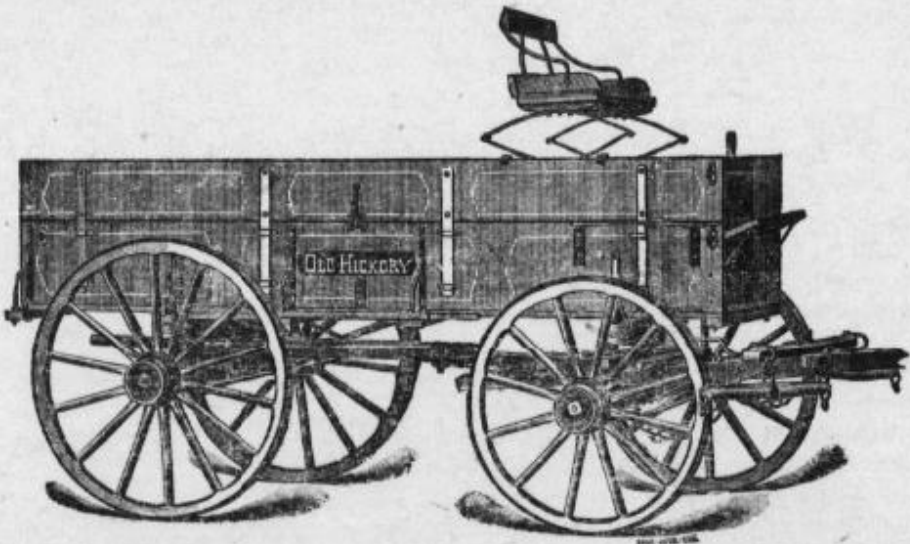
“Summers – Parrott Hardware Company – The city of Johnson City has gradually increased in all lines of work in the past few years, but we dare say all will agree with us when we state that the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co., wholesale dealers in hardware, guns, sporting goods, ammunition, farming implements, mill supplies, doors, sash, blinds, paints, oils, glass, builders’ supplies, etc., is one of the finest examples of high degree of perfection to which all manner of business enterprises have been brought to this city.

This firm established their business in 1893, and incorporated in 1895 for \$100,000, and now have a business exceeding \$400,000 annually. In addition to their office and store room on Main street, several warehouses are mentioned. An area of 50,000 feet floor space is occupied. Twenty-seven people are employed, of whom four of them are traveling salesmen covering the territory of East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Western North Carolina.

It is a pleasure to mention those firms which are interested in the material growth of our town and State, and among these the Summers-Parrott Hardware Company take a prominent position, both from its financial and moral strength and the position which it has held among the leading establishments of the city. They are without any doubt one of the leading and largest in their lines in East Tennessee or this section of the country, and have earned their reputation by upright business methods and dealings they have had with our people and high-class manner they



have met all demands on them. The firm is officered as follows: Messrs. J.A. Summers, president; H.R. Parrott, vice-president; J.P. Summers, secretary and treasurer. They are public spirited gentlemen, who work for the general good of their locality and support all movements of this character, which put before the craving public facts concerning the many resources offered by their city and county."



*In order to make room for other goods we are offering the following wagons at about cost, some at less than cost and carriage*

One	2 3-4 inch	low wheel	cast skein	Old Hickory	complete	\$62 00
Six	3 inch	low wheel	cast skein	Old Hickory	complete	65 00
One	3 1-4 inch	low wheel	cast skein	Old Hickory	complete	67 50
Two	3 1-2 inch	low wheel	steel skein	Old Hickory	complete	75 00
Four	3 1-2 inch	low wheel	cast skein	Old Hickory	complete	72 00
One	3 3-4 inch	low wheel	steel skein	Old Hickory	gear	75 00
Four	3 1-2 inch	low wheel	steel skein	Unaka	complete	68 00
Two	3 3-4 inch	low wheel	steel skein	Unaka	gear	80 00

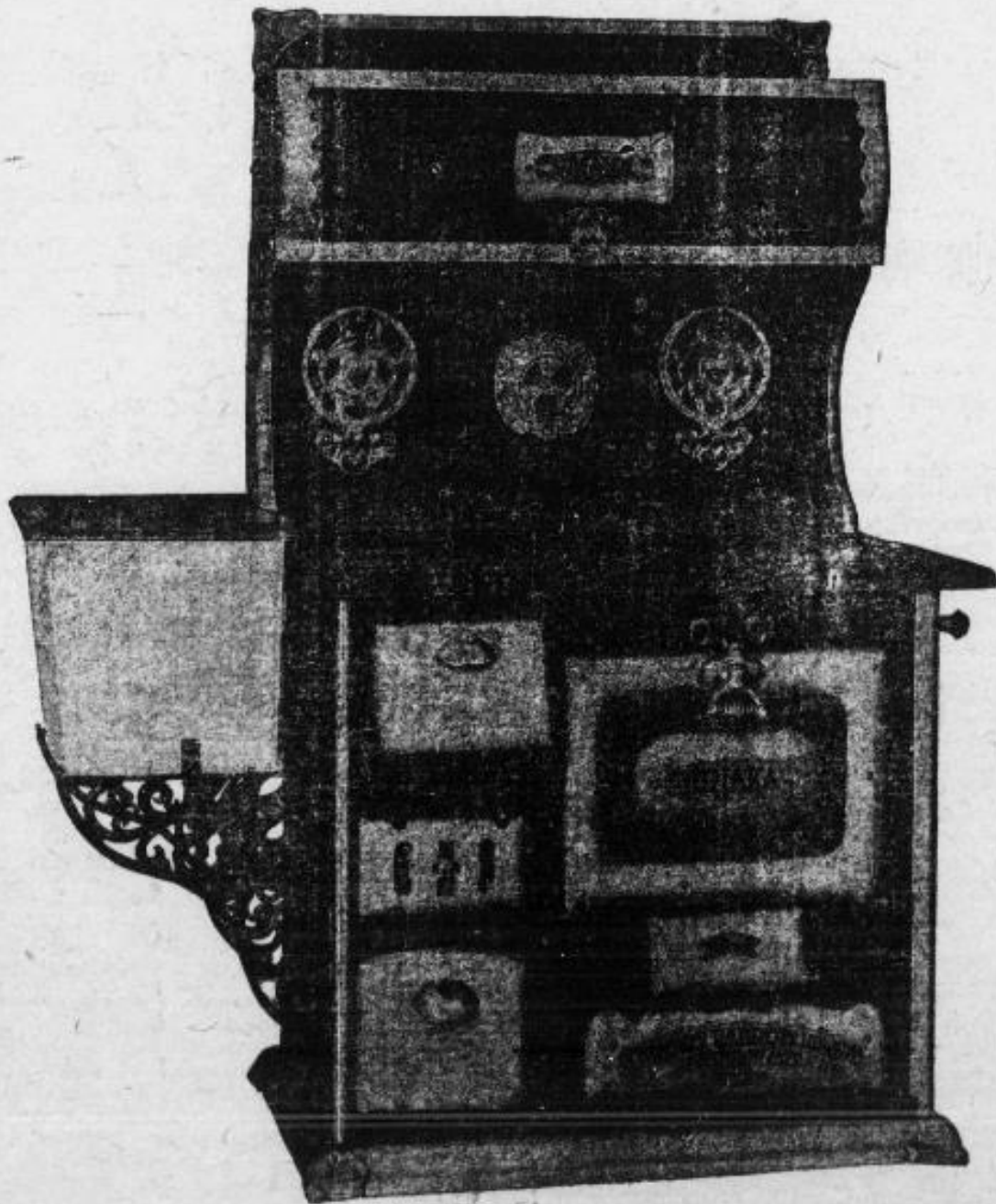
We call attention that these wagons are all complete including bed, brake and spring seat, except the 3 3-4 inch which is complete gear including brake. Will sell any of above, gear only, \$12.50 to \$15.00 off. We are only offering these prices for a short time, not exceeding 30 days, and only apply to stock on hand. Prices are for CASH. Interest will be charged for any time

**Summers-Parrott Hardware Company**

Hardware, Stoves, Vehicles, Paints      Railroad, Mill, Builders, Contractors Supplies

Johnson City, Tennessee

Figure 227. Johnson City Comet, 28 April 1910.



We have just received the second car of "Unaka" Ranges since March 1st of this year. There were 66 of these ranges in the first car, also 66 in the last car. This "Unaka" is the best Range to be had for the price, and our customers are finding it out. You can't fool "the people" and we always feel complimented to have our judgment in the selection of our wares vindicated by the support of "the people."

**Summers-Parrott Hardware Co.**  
**Hardware and Stoves**

Figure 228. Johnson City Comet, 1 December 1910.

# **Special Offer On VEHICLES**

## **FOR JUNE ONLY**

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On July the First we take our annual inventory. In order to reduce our usual large stock of buggies, stan-hopes, surreys, etc., we will sell you any job now on hand at wholesale cost.

You are invited to inspect our line which is sampled at our retail store on Main street.

Every vehicle we sell is guaranteed for one year against defective workmanship and material. It will be a pleasure to show you what we have on hand.

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**SUMMERS-PARROTT  
HARDWARE - COM ANY**

Figure 229. Johnson City Comet, 15 June 1911.

**FREE DEMONSTRATION**

# **FARMING WITH DYNAMITE**



Drawn from actual photograph

Stumps blasted out into firewood.



Drawn from actual photograph. Ten months later—\$800.00 worth of celery per acre.

**Come and learn the modern, quick, cheap and  
safe way to use the giant force of dynamite to**

**Remove Stumps and Boulders. Plant Trees. Dig Ditches.  
Break Up Subsoils and Make Old Farms Produce Big Crops.**



**RED  
CROSS DYNAMITE**

**Will Be Demonstrated on the Farm of**

**W. Z. Harshbarger, 1 mile east  
of town, November 15th, 10 a. m.**

**Red Cross Dynamite is sold by**

**Summers-Parrott Hdw Co.,**

Figure 230. Johnson City Comet, 9 November 1911.

3.2.2. Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company, here 1912 – 1914

11 January 1912. Johnson City Comet.

“Summers – Parrott Hardware Company – The wholesale department of our business has grown to the extent that it requires our undivided time and attention. Not being able to give the retail end of our business the attention this important feature of it required, we felt that our retail customers could be served to better advantage by an organization that could give them their entire time.

We have sold and transferred to the Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company our stock at the Main street store room, and after this date the Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Company will have charge of the business, moving the stock from their old stand into the room we have occupied for so long as a retail hardware store.

As we shall do an exclusive wholesale business after this time, we have transferred with the stock our good will in the retail business, and ask our old friends and customers to give the new organization the same hearty support they have given us.

You are no doubt acquainted with the gentlemen composing this firm and it will be useless for us to make further mention of them other than to assure you of the same courteous attention and treatment from them that we have at all times endeavored to give you.

We desire to express our gratitude and appreciation of the support our friends have given us in this business and which made it possible for us to build up the business to the point where we could sell hardware at wholesale. Summers – Parrott HWD. Co.”<sup>97</sup>

**Largest Retail Hardware Store**  
— IN EAST TENNESSEE —

We wish to announce the purchase of the retail stock of the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co., who have decided to devote their entire time and attention to the wholesale business. We are now moving our stock into the building occupied by the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co., fronting Public Square and Spring street, and will have there the largest and best assorted stock of

**HARDWARE**

in this entire section We wish to thank our friends who have supported us in the past, and ask that they continue to call on us at our new stand. To the customers of the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co., we wish to promise the same courteous treatment and attention that was given them by the old firm, and trust they will give us the opportunity of demonstrating our desire to please them.

**Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co.**

Figure 231. Johnson City Comet, 11 January 1912.

1 February 1912. Manufacturers Record.

“Tenn., Jonesboro – Hardware. – Mountcastle – Phlegar Hardware Co. Incorporated with \$30,000 capital stock, by F.K. Mountcastle, W.C. Phlegar, George M. Hyder, G.C. Lee and S.C. Williams.”<sup>98</sup>



**They  
Are  
Coming**



Flies are disease carriers.  
Live and breed in all kinds of filth.  
Infect food and drink by germ laden feet.  
Each female fly can lay 150 eggs.  
Screens should be used to keep them out.

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**In Fact Almost Here.**

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We have a well assorted stock



of Screen Doors and  
Windows. Any price  
you want. Come in and  
give us your order now

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**Mountcastle - Phlegar  
Hardware Company**

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Figure 232. Johnson City Comet, 11 April 1912.

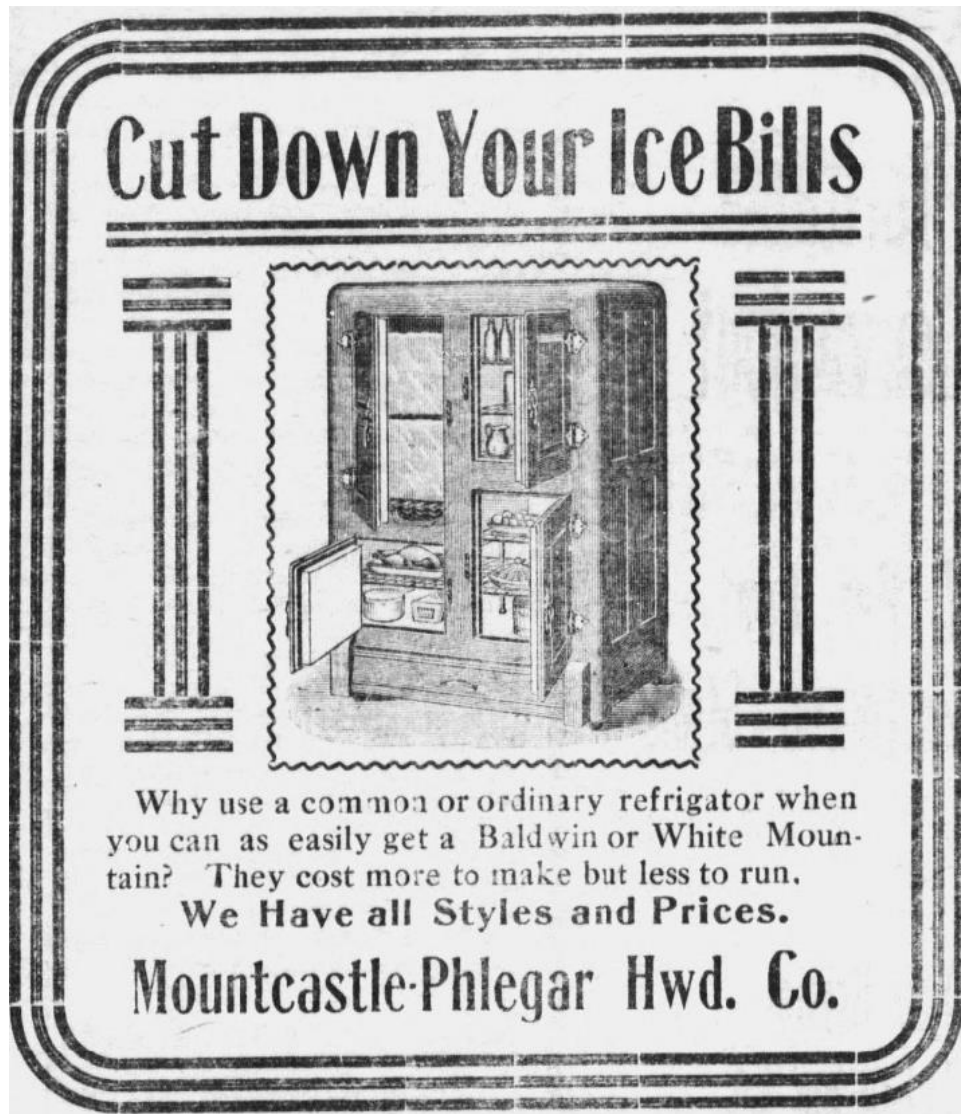


Figure 233. Johnson City Comet, 30 May 1912.

9 August 1912. The Hardware Reporter.

"A Hardware Store That is Worth While – We are pleased to show herewith an interior view of one of Tennessee's best retail hardware stores, that of the Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co., Johnson City. The store, as shown, has a frontage of 36 feet and a depth of 88 feet. As may be noted the arrangement is modern and attractive. There are twelve 8-foot show cases of the latest type extending to the floor. The problem of how to use the selling helps sent out in such profusion by jobbers and manufacturers seems to have been pretty well solved in this store. This may be noted by the number of special show and display cases and hangers in evidence. In addition to a complete line of general hardware and sporting goods, they carry stoves, paints, oils and varnishes, glass, cement, field fencing, etc. They specialize on Oliver plows. While theirs is the only exclusive retail hardware store in the city there are a number of dealers handling some parts of the line. This situation makes them entirely familiar with the meaning of the word 'competition.' In addition to a floor space of 11,780 square feet at their main store, they have a warehouse, 20 x 123 feet, located on the Southern Railway tracks. The officers of the company are: F.K. Mountcastle, president; W.C. Phlegar, vice-president and treasurer; T.H. O'Brien, secretary. There are few cities in any section of the country of like population that can boast of so complete a hardware store. The population of Johnson City is under 5,000."<sup>99</sup>



Figure 234. "Interior View of the Store of Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co., Johnson City, Tenn.," by August 1912.<sup>100</sup>

## We Are Headquarters For Summer Hardware

  
SCREEN DOOR

  
FIRELESS COOKER

  
LAWN MOWER

  
OIL STOVE

  
ICE CREAM FREEZER

  
WATER COOLER

Refrigerators, Lawn Mowers, Lawn and Garden Hose, Lawn Sprinklers, Fireless Cookers, Steam Cookers, Oil Stoves, Hammocks, Porch Swings, Cream Freezers, Water Coolers, Screen Doors and Windows, Fly Swatters, Fishing Tackle, Baseball Goods, Lawn Tennis Goods, Electric Irons, Bicycles and Bicycle Repairs. Call and examine our line and ask for prices.

  
STEAM COOKER

Our prices are reasonable and in keeping with the quality of the goods. A pleasure to show goods.  
We will give our very best judgment to phone orders and orders by mail.

**104-106 Main St.**

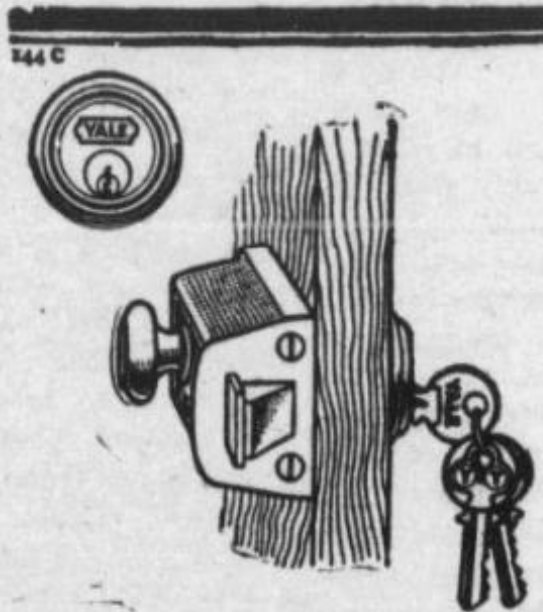
**Johnson City, Tenn.**

  
BICYCLE

# MOUNTCASTLE-PHLEGAR HARDW'RE CO

Figure 235. Johnson City Comet, 18 June 1914.

# Yale Locks



There *is* something new under the sun. It's the new No. 44 Yale Deadlocking Night Latch.

*A latch* when the door is closing.

*A deadlock* when the door is closed.

Ask us for an interesting folder about it. Or better, call and let us show you the sliding "protector" on the latch bolt and you will see for yourself how far this latch is in advance of *all* others—in security, convenience and quality.

## Mountcastle- Phlegar Hdw. Co.

Figure 236. Johnson City Comet, 24 September 1914.

3.2.3. Mountcastle – Summers Hardware Company, 1914 to at least 1917

31 December 1914. Johnson City Comet.

“W.C. Phlegar Retires from Hardware Firm. – W.C. Phlegar has sold his interest in the Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co., to Jas. A. Summers and will sever his connections with the firm Jan. 1, 1915. The charter will be amended so that the corporation will hereafter be the Mountcastle-Summers Hardware Co., with Mr. Summers in personal charge. Mr. Phlegar has acquired a block of stock in the Summers-Parrott Hardware Co., and will be associated with it hereafter.”



Figure 237. Johnson City Comet, 15 March 1915.



# Mountcastle-Summers Hardware Co., Hardware and Building Materials.

Figure 238. Johnson City Comet, 7 December 1916.

5 April 1917. Johnson City Comet.

“Ross Smalling son of J.H. Smalling, has accepted a position with the Summers-Mountcastle Hardware Com. Mr. Smalling is one of the very nest young men in this section and will be glad to meet his friends.”

28 June 1917. Johnson City Comet.

“Joe Summers of the Mountcastle – Summers Hardware Co., was looking after business in Bristol one this week.”

15 November 1917. Johnson City Comet.

“Schedule XIII – Statement of Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable – June 30, 1917... Mountcastle – Summers Hardware Co. – [\$] .50...”

Note: This is the last mention found by the author of this enterprise.

3.2.4. Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company, Hardware and Sporting Goods Store,  
1919 – 1923

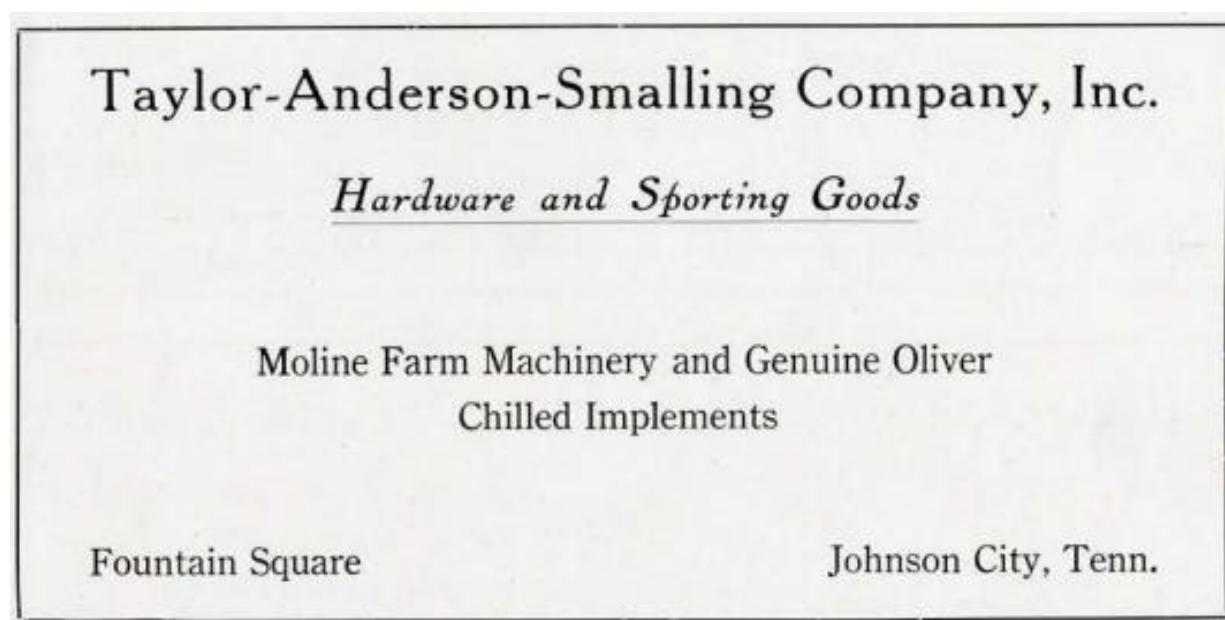


Figure 239. Old Hickory, 1919.<sup>101</sup>

August 1919. Southern Hardware and Implement Journal.

“Johnson City, Tenn. – The Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 by J.W. Lacy, R.T. Smalling, B. Taylor, J.E. Anderson and D.H. Taylor. This concern will handle general hardware, stoves and farm machinery.”<sup>102</sup>

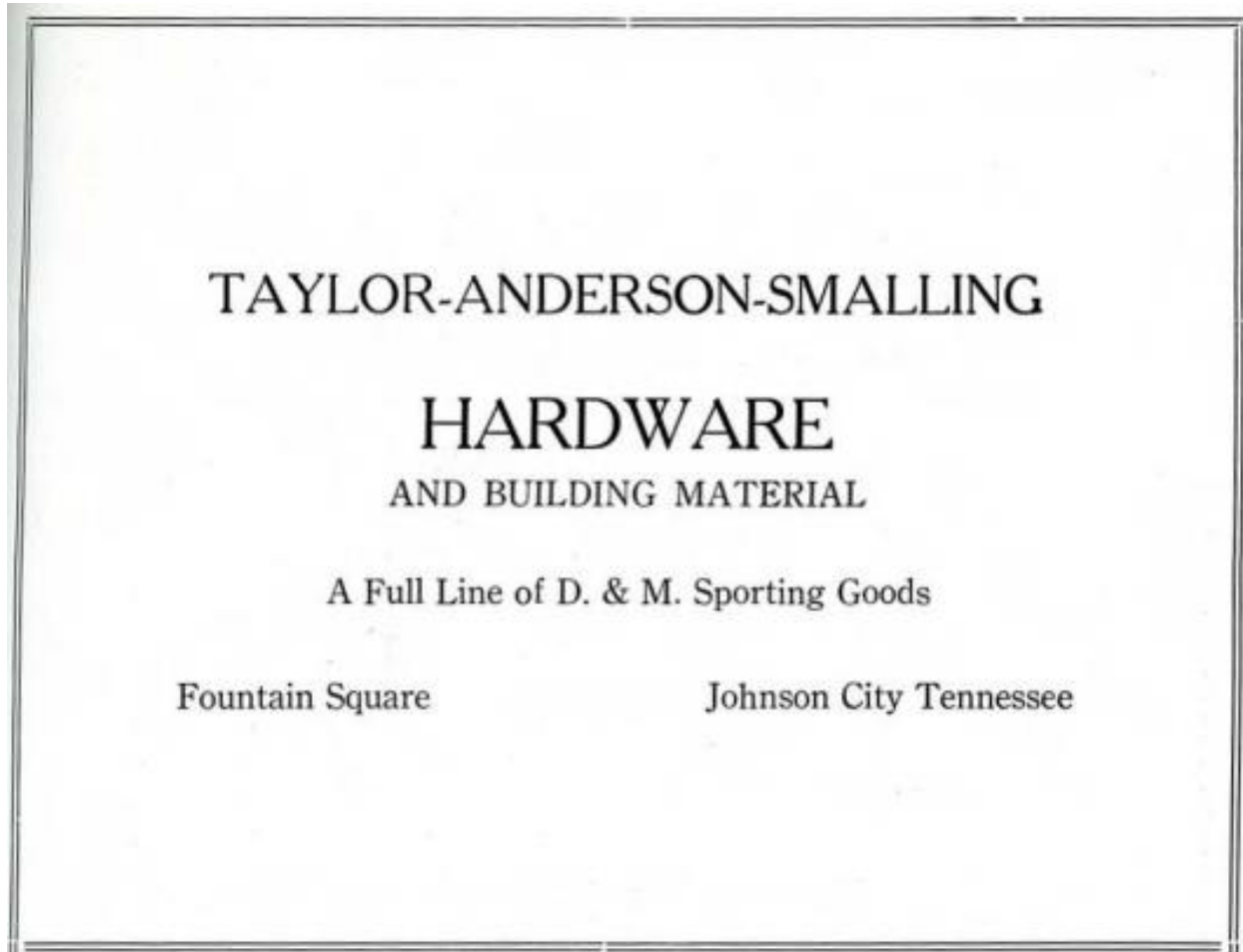


Figure 240. Old Hickory, 1920.<sup>103</sup>

# **Taylor-Anderson-Smallling Co., Inc.**

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**Everything in Sporting Goods  
Hardware and Farm  
Machinery**

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**FOUNTAIN SQUARE  
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**

Figure 241. Old Hickory, 1921.<sup>104</sup>

## **TAYLOR - ANDERSON - SMALLING CO.**

### **HARDWARE**

**MOLINE FARM MACHINERY and OLIVER IMPLEMENTS**

**PAPER ENSILAGE CUTTERS**

**MAJESTIC RANGES**

**YALE BUILDERS' HARDWARE**

**COMPLETE LINE OF SPORTING GOODS**

**Fountain Square**

**Johnson City, Tenn.**

Figure 242. Old Hickory, 1922.<sup>105</sup>

3.2.5. Anderson Hardware Company, 1923 – 1924

31 March 1923. American Artisan and Hardware Record.

“Tennessee. The Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Company at Johnson City, have changed hands. John E. Anderson and his four brothers have purchased the interests of the Taylor Brothers and other stockholders, and the new firm will be known as the Anderson Hardware Company.”<sup>106</sup>

**ANDERSON : HARDWARE : CO.**  
Incorporated

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Successors to  
**Taylor - Anderson - Smalling Company, Inc.**

THE VERY BEST IN  
***H a r d w a r e***  
***Sporting Goods***  
***M a c h i n e r y***

□

Our sporting goods and athletic equipment is specified by the foremost schools and colleges in this section. The best equipped teams always come to us to be supplied. Liberal discount on all athletic supplies is given to schools and colleges.

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104-106 WEST MAIN STREET : : : JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

Figure 243. Old Hickory, 1923.<sup>107</sup>

January 1924. Hardware World.

“\$4210 Remington Window Prize Awards Only Part Benefit of Contest... After the four capital prize winners, the next four windows selected and awarded \$25 prizes were the following: Anderson Hardware Co., Johnson City, Tenn...”<sup>108</sup>

Note: This is the last mention found by the author to this enterprise.

### 3.3. 102 East Main Street, 1909 – 1923 (John Harr’s Block)

#### 3.3.1. John D. Longmire’s “Fruit & Candy” Store, 1909 apparently to at least 1920

23 December 1909. Johnson City Comet.

“Be sure and call on J.D. Longmire for all kind of fresh homemade candies, made fresh every day... See J.D. Longmire for your homemade candies, fruits and nuts for Xmas.”

5 January 1911. Johnson City Comet.

“Longmire’s Fruit Stand is Visited by Robbers – The fruit stand of John Longmire was entered Sunday night by burglars, who attempted to break open the safe with an axe, but finding it too hard to crack abandoned it and took the loose change out of the cash drawer and such articles of fruit and candy as they desired. It is predicted the officers will have a ‘sweet’ time capturing the robbers.”

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 102 East Main Street was occupied by a “Fruit & Candy” store.

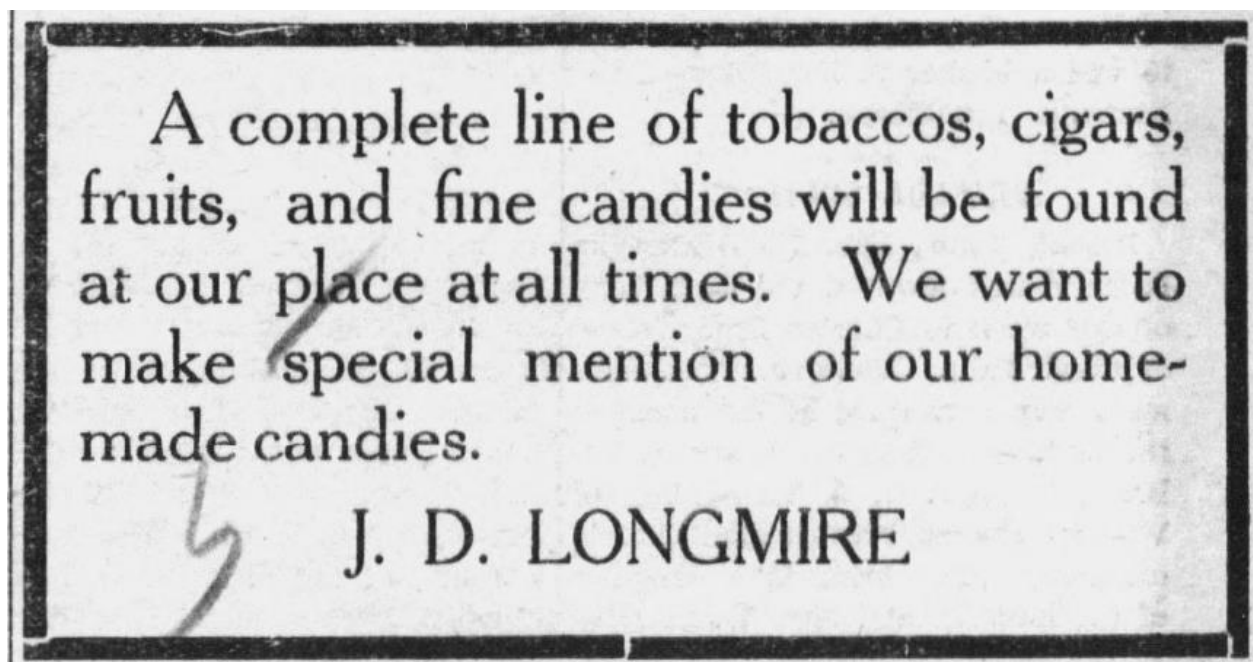


Figure 244. Johnson City Comet, 17 and 24 February 1916.<sup>109</sup>



February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 102 East Main Street was occupied by a “Conf’y & News” store.

Note: The author did not find any information on businesses at 102 East Main Street between 1920 and 1923.

#### 3.4. 100 East Main Street, 1909 – 1923 (John Harr’s Block)

Tranum Brothers’ Clothes Store, 1909 to at least 1916  
Gregory Drug Company, here 1920 – 1928

Table 5. Occupants of John Harr’s Block, 1909 – 1923

	100 East Main Street*	102 East Main Street
July 1913	Clothing (Tranum Brothers)	Fruit & Candy (John D. Longmire)
February 1920	“To be Drugs” (Gregory Drug Company)	Confections & News (John D. Longmire?)
1920	Gregory Drug Company, 1920 – 1928	

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

##### 3.4.1. Tranum Brothers’ Clothes Store, 1909 to at least 1916

9 June 1910. Johnson City Comet.

“Saturday Night Robberies in City – Robbers held a high carnival in Johnson City Saturday night. How many were on the rampage and who they were is what Johnson & Ewald will give \$100 to know.

Jim Blalock’s pressing club [2<sup>nd</sup> floor 100 and 102 East Main Street] was entered and several suits of clothing that had been neatly cleaned were pressed into service. The pressing club of J.A. Love was also entered and some new suits he had ordered for parties were taken, regardless of style and fit.

The large wholesale store of Johnson & Ewald was also entered and several hundred dollars worth of shoes and notions secured.

Officers are working on several clues and it is believed that the parties will soon be under arrest.”

Note: The author did not find any more information on “Johnson & Ewald”, or “J.A. Love”.

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was occupied by a “Clo.” Store, with “Pressing” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

28 September 1916. Johnson City Comet.

“D.K. Trantum, of Trantum Bros., has returned from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Chicago, where he purchased an extensive stock of goods for immediate shipment.”

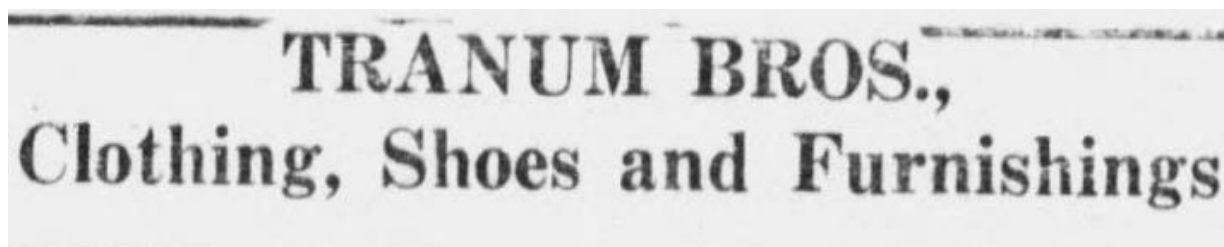


Figure 245. Johnson City Comet, 7 December 1916.

### 3.4.2. Gregory Drug Company, here 1920 – 1928

February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 100 East Main Street was labeled “to be Drugs”.

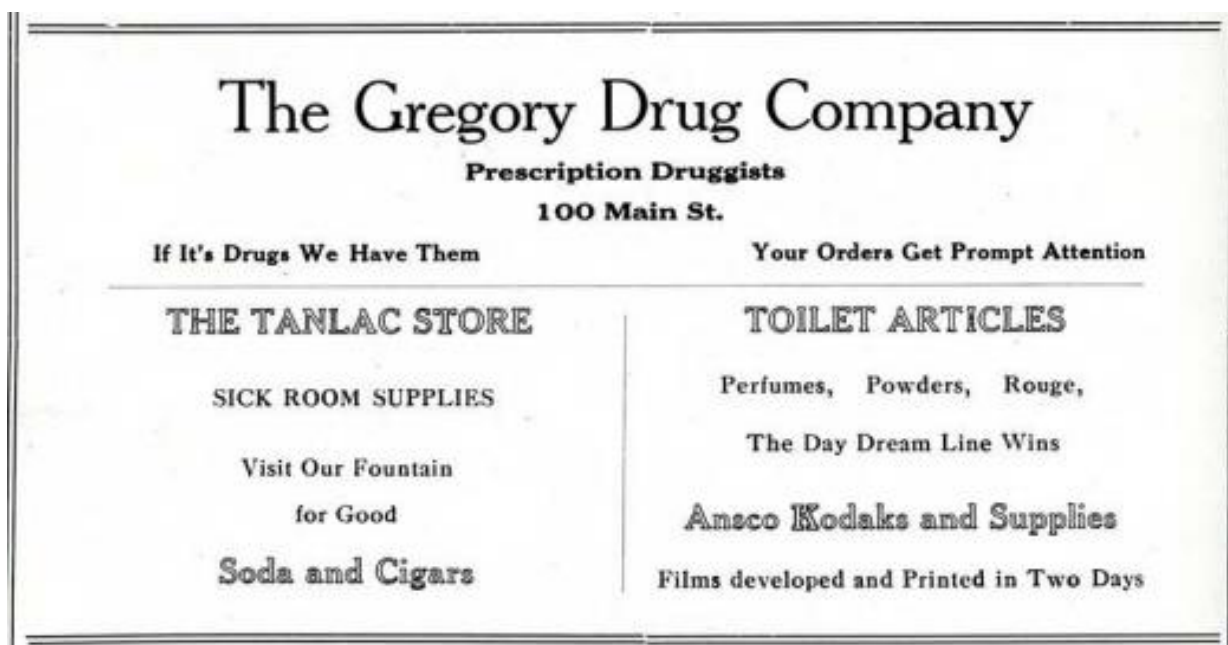


Figure 246. Old Hickory, 1920.<sup>110</sup>

June 1920. The Southern Pharmaceutical Journal.

“Johnson City, Tenn. – The Gregory Drug Company of this city has recently moved from Spring and Main to a new location at Main and Buffalo streets. The building has been remodeled and new fixtures installed.”<sup>111</sup>

Table 6. “Directory of Industries Inspected, with No. Employes... Washington County – Johnson City”, for the Year Ending 31 December 1920.<sup>112</sup>

Style of Firm	Business	No. Employes			
		Over 16		Under 16	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Gregory Drug Co.	Retail Drug Co.	2	1		

# GREGORY DRUG COMPANY

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NUNNALLY'S and ELMER'S  
*Candies*

THE PLACE TO MEET  
YOUR FRIENDS

Sodas and Cigars

Get the Normal Car Here  
on The Even and  
Half Hour

Try Our Free Delivery Service

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100 MAIN STREET

Figure 247. Old Hickory, 1923.<sup>113</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 1924.

### 3.5. S.T. Harris's Block, 101 to 107 Buffalo Street, 1909 – 1923

Table 7. S.T. Harris's Block (101, 103 and 107 Buffalo Street)

	107 Buffalo Street*	103 Buffalo Street	101 Buffalo Street
1909	D.F. Dolan/Dolen's Restaurant, 1909 to at least 1910	City Barber Shop (1898 to at least 1916)	C.C. Bacon, 1908 – 1910
1910			J.L. Allen, 1910 to perhaps 1913 or later
July 1913	Restaurant (Dolan/Dolen's?)	Barber (City Barber Shop)	Tobacco & Conf'y (J.L. Allen?)
1919			White House Restaurant By 1919
February 1920	Clothing, Boots & Shoes (not identified)	Barber (City Barber Shop?)	Restaurant (White House Restaurant?)

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

#### 3.5.1. 101 Buffalo Street, 1909 – 1923 (S.T. Harris Block)

J.L. Allen's Grocery Store, 1910 to perhaps 1913 (but no later than 1920)  
White House Restaurant, by 1919 to at least 1920 perhaps

##### 3.5.1.1. J.L. Allen's Grocery Store, 1910 to perhaps 1913 (but no later than 1920)

24 March 1910. Johnson City Comet.

"J.L. Allen has purchased a half interest in the business of C.C. Bacon and will have charge of the store during the absence of Mr. Bacon from the city this summer."

Note: The author did not find any further mentions of "J.L. Allen."

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a "Tobacco & Conf'y" Store.

3.5.1.2. White House Restaurant, by 1919 to at least 1920 perhaps

February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 101 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Rest’r’t.” This appears to have been the “White House Restaurant”, see Figure 220.

3.5.2. 103 Buffalo Street, 1909 – 1923  
(Campbell (?) Building)

3.5.2.1. City Barber Shop, apparently to at least 1920

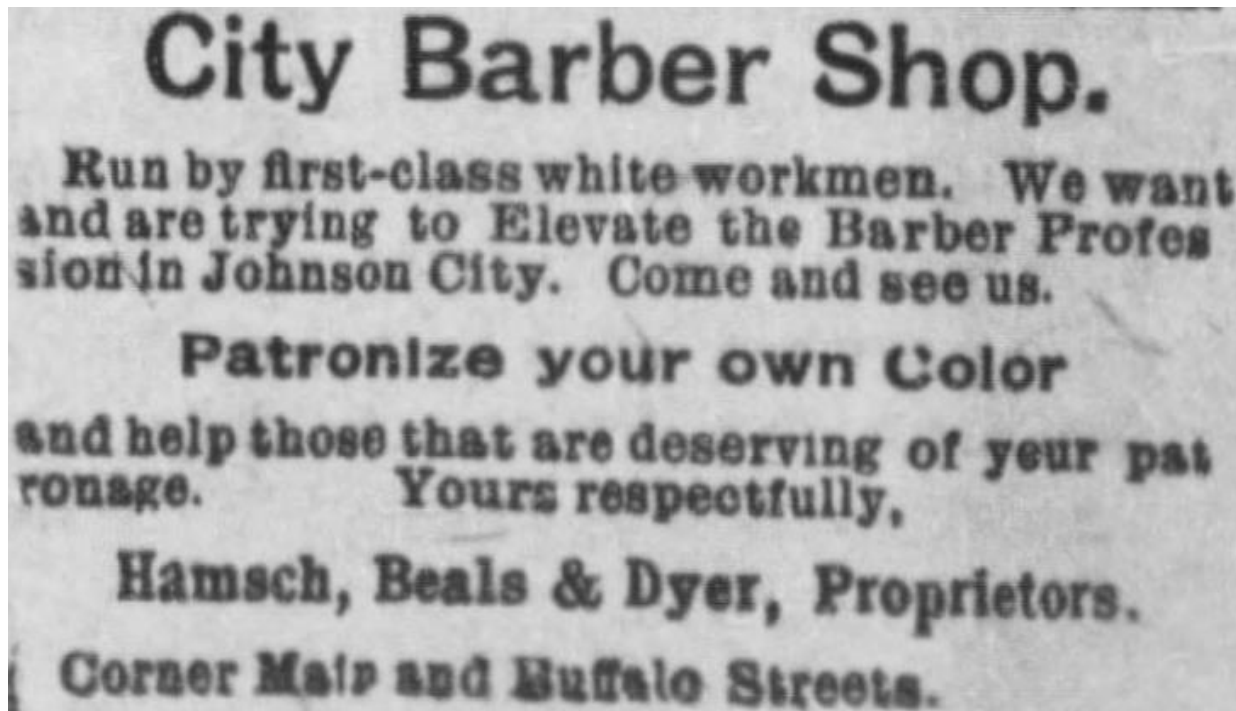


Figure 248. Johnson City Comet, 4 July 1907.

This and similar advertisements ran until at least 27 January 1916.

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 103 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Barber” shop.

February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 103 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Barber” shop.



3.5.3. 105 Buffalo Street,  
(Campbell (?) Building, Fruit Stand in 1913 and 1920)

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit” stand.

February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 105 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Fruit Stand”.

3.5.4. 107 Buffalo Street, 1909 – 1923  
(Jobe/S.T. Harris/Joe Taylor Building)

3.5.4.1. D.F. Dolen/Dolan’s Restaurant, here 1909 to perhaps 1915 (but no later than 1920)

31 March 1910. Johnson City Comet.

“Dolen’s Restaurant Opens today After Having Been Made Over and Much Improved – Dolen’s Restaurant after having been closed for the past two weeks for the purpose of being remodeled will re-open today.

Mr. Dolen has changed the interior completely having repapered and painted it.

The room is made larger by moving the kitchen to the second story and installing an elevator from the rear up to the kitchen and by moving the lunch counter near the wall.

He has installed a large steam warming chest at a cost of \$225.00 and this has been placed in the rear end of the dining room near the elevator.

Prism glass has been put in the front of the building and this will give an abundance of light.

Automatic cigar boxes have been put in and this will save the time of a clerk at the cigar case. By depositing 5 cents, the machine releases a cigar which has not been handled by no one except the cigar manufacturer.

Mr. Dolen stated to a Comet reporter that the expense of remodeling the interior of the building had cost in the neighborhood of \$100.00, but he is better equipped to handle the growing trade than ever before.”

7 April 1910. Johnson City Comet.

“D.F. Dolen, the manager of Dolen’s cafe, is confined to his room with sickness.”

2 March 1911. Johnson City Comet.

“Who is who No Longer a Secret – Here They are with the Goods – Prominent Business Men – They are the Real Thing, a Bunch of Pushing and Progressive Business People... Dolan’s Cafe...”

30 November 1911. Johnson City Comet.

“D.F. Dolen, the well-known restaurateur, and Miss Sidie Davidson will be married this afternoon in the First M.E. church...”

July 1913. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 107 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Rest’r’t.”

25 March 1915. Johnson City Comet.

“Non-Resident Notice – Swift & Company vs. D.F. Dolan. Before J.W. Crumley, J.P. for Washington County, Tennessee. In this case, it appearing by affidavit that the defendant D.F. Dolan, is Justly indebted to the plaintiff, and is a non-resident of the state, so that the original process of law cannot be served on him, and an original attachment having been levied on his property, it therefore ordered that publication be made in the Comet, a newspaper published in the City of Johnson City, for four consecutive weeks, commanding the said D. F. Dolan to appear before me, or some other Justice of the Peace, at my office in Johnson City, Tennessee, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1915, and make defense to said suit against him, or it will be proceeded with ex parte. This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1915. J.W. Crumley, Justice of the Peace.”

February 1920. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area indicates that 107 Buffalo Street was occupied by a “Clo., B. & S.” store.

Note: The author has not been able to identify this enterprise.

2003. “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”.

“107 Buffalo Street... historically the New York Bargain House, currently vacant.”<sup>114</sup>

4. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1923 – Present  
(After the construction of the Tennessee National Bank at 108 and 110 East Main Street)  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)

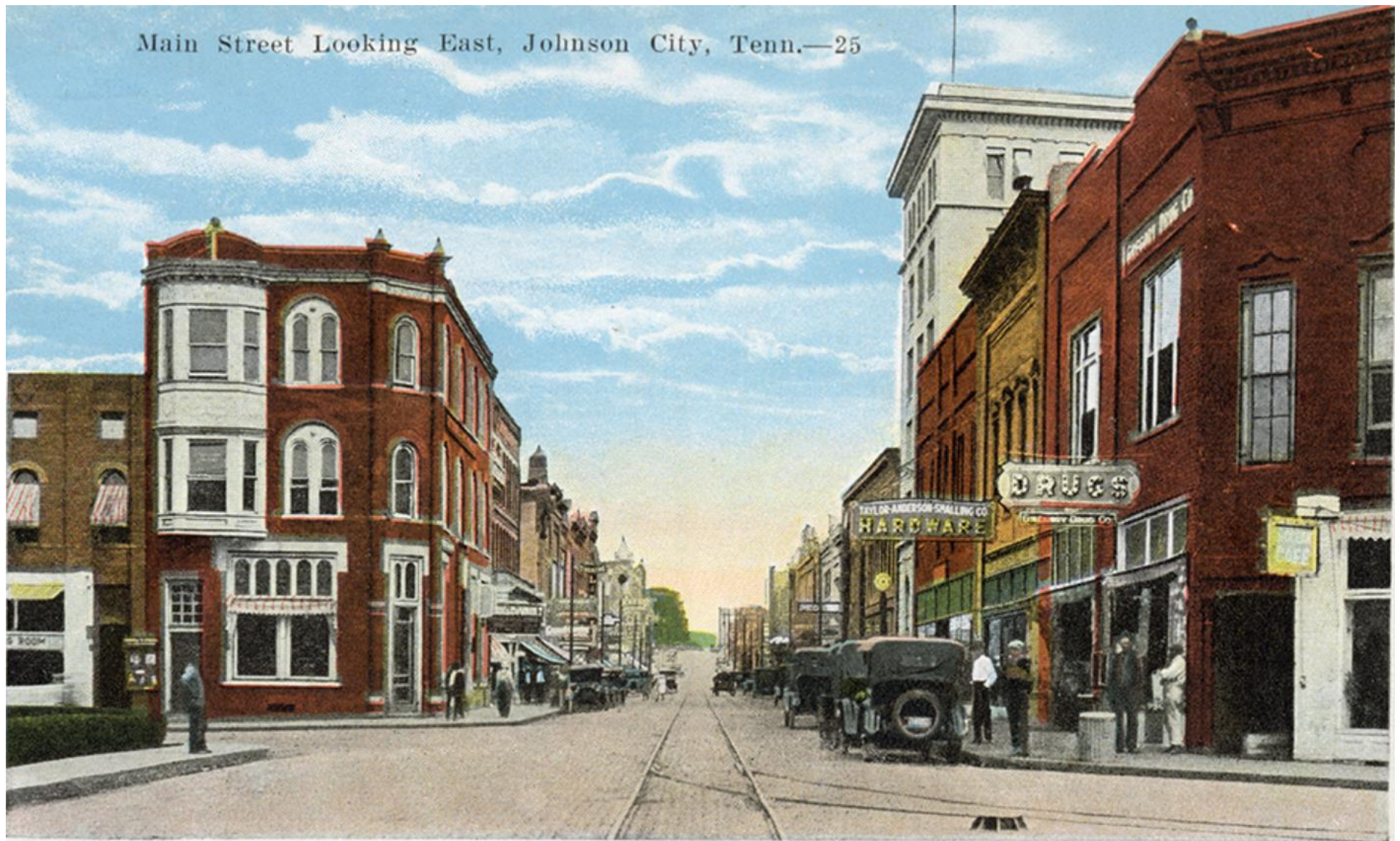


Figure 249. “Main Street Looking East”. Note the Busy Bee Restaurant (117 and 121 Fountain Square, 1915 to at least 1928), the old Unaka Bank Building (no “Savoy” sign, which was added in 1923), Unaka and City National Bank building (built in 1921), Gump Brothers (at 108 and 110 East Main Street until perhaps 1923), Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1919 – 1923), an unidentified enterprise (102 East Main Street), the “Gregory Drug Co.” (100 East Main Street) and “Café” (101 Buffalo Street). Note that the buildings at 100 and 102 East Main Street have new façades, which were apparently remodeled in 1922.<sup>115</sup> Consequently, this image appears to date to 1922 or perhaps early 1923.





Figure 249A. A detail. Note that sign at 101 Buffalo Street appears to read “Clean Café”.



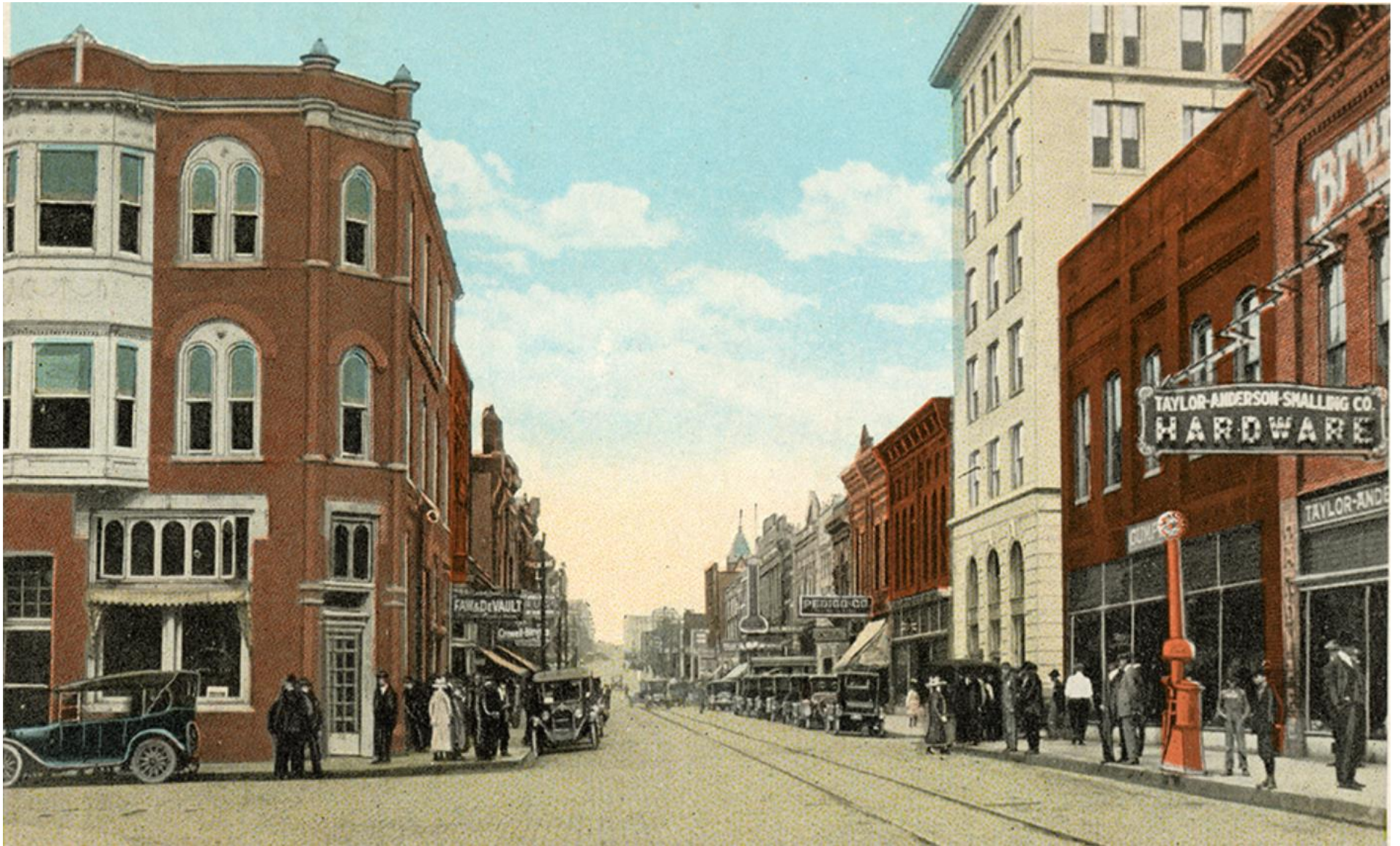


Figure 250. “Main Street Looking East”, note the old Unaka Bank Building (no Savoy sign, which was added in 1923), Unaka and City National Bank building (built in 1921), Gump Brothers (at 108 and 110 East Main Street until perhaps 1923), and Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1919 – 1923). Consequently, this image appears to date to 1921 to perhaps early 1923.<sup>116</sup>



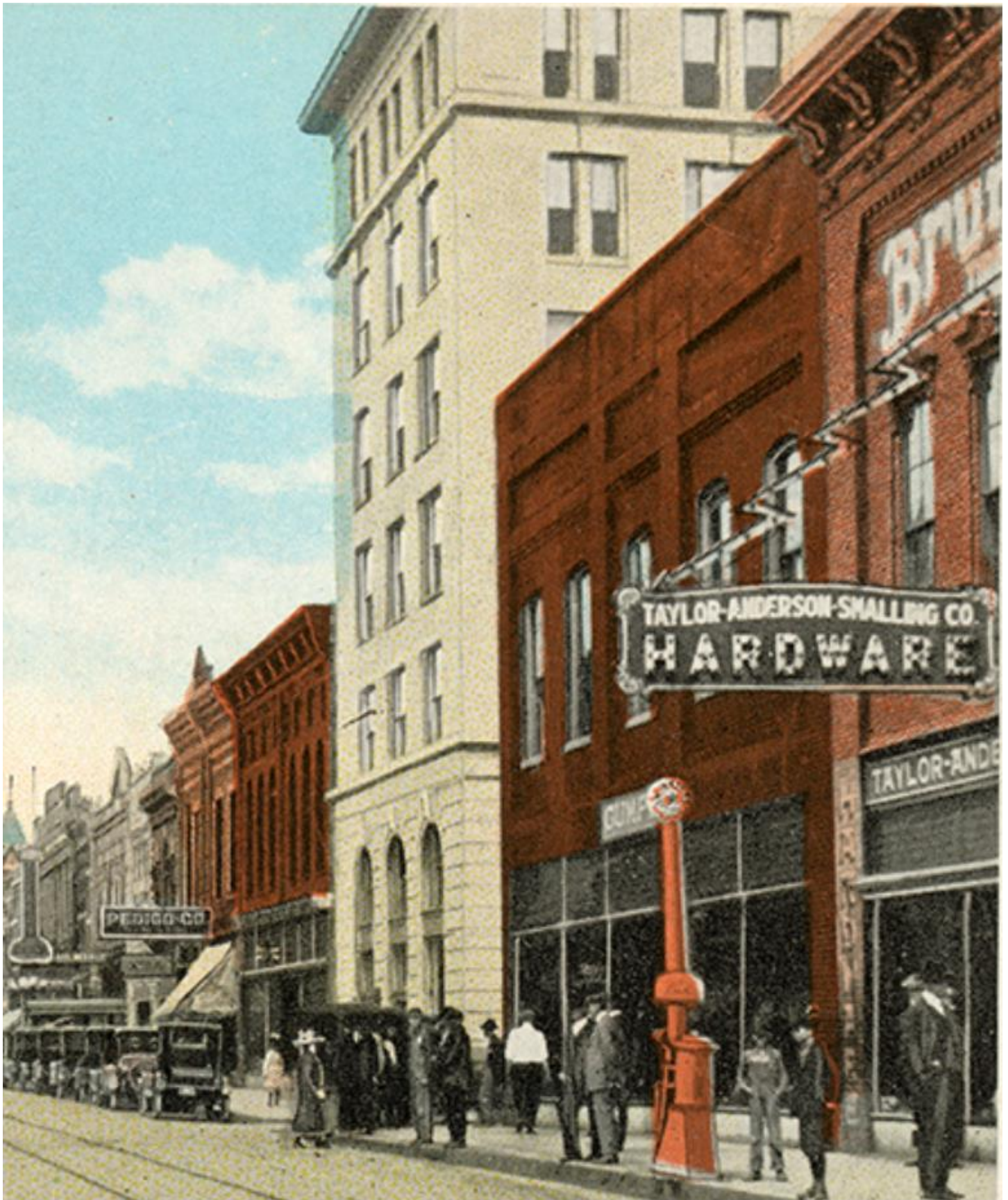


Figure 250A. A detail, note the interesting sign painted above the second-floor windows of Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware shop, as well as the unusual mechanism on the sidewalk.



Figure 251. “Downtown Johnson City Street Scene”.<sup>117</sup> Note that the Savoy Drug Company has apparently occupied the old Unaka National Bank building (1923 – 1927). Across Main Street are the Unaka and City National Bank (built in 1921), the Tennessee National Bank (108 and 110 East Main Street, built in late 1923), apparently the Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware store (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1919 – 1923), an unidentified enterprise (102 East Main Street), Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (100 East Main Street, by 1932 to at least 1978), and another unidentified enterprise (101 Buffalo Street). The banner across Main Street that appears to read in part “Welcome AMRA...” Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1923.





Figure 251A. A detail.



Figure 252. From left to right: the “Savoy Drug Co.” (1923 to 1927, in the old Unaka National Bank building), the Unaka and City National Bank (built in 1921), the Tennessee National Bank (built in late 1923 or early 1924, 108 and 110 East Main Street), “Taylor – Anderson – Smalling Co. Hardware” (104 and 106 East Main Street, 1919 – 1923), an unidentified enterprise (102 East Main Street) and Gregory Drug Company (100 East Main Street, 1920 to 1928). Note the new façades on 100 and 102 East Main Street, as well as the trolley switch for Main and Buffalo street. Consequently, this image appears to date to late 1923.<sup>118</sup>





Figure 252A. A detail of the Jobe Block. The sign on the right appears to read: “This is Neds Juice Headquarters” and the banner on the Gregory Drug store appears to read “... Juice Headquarters”.

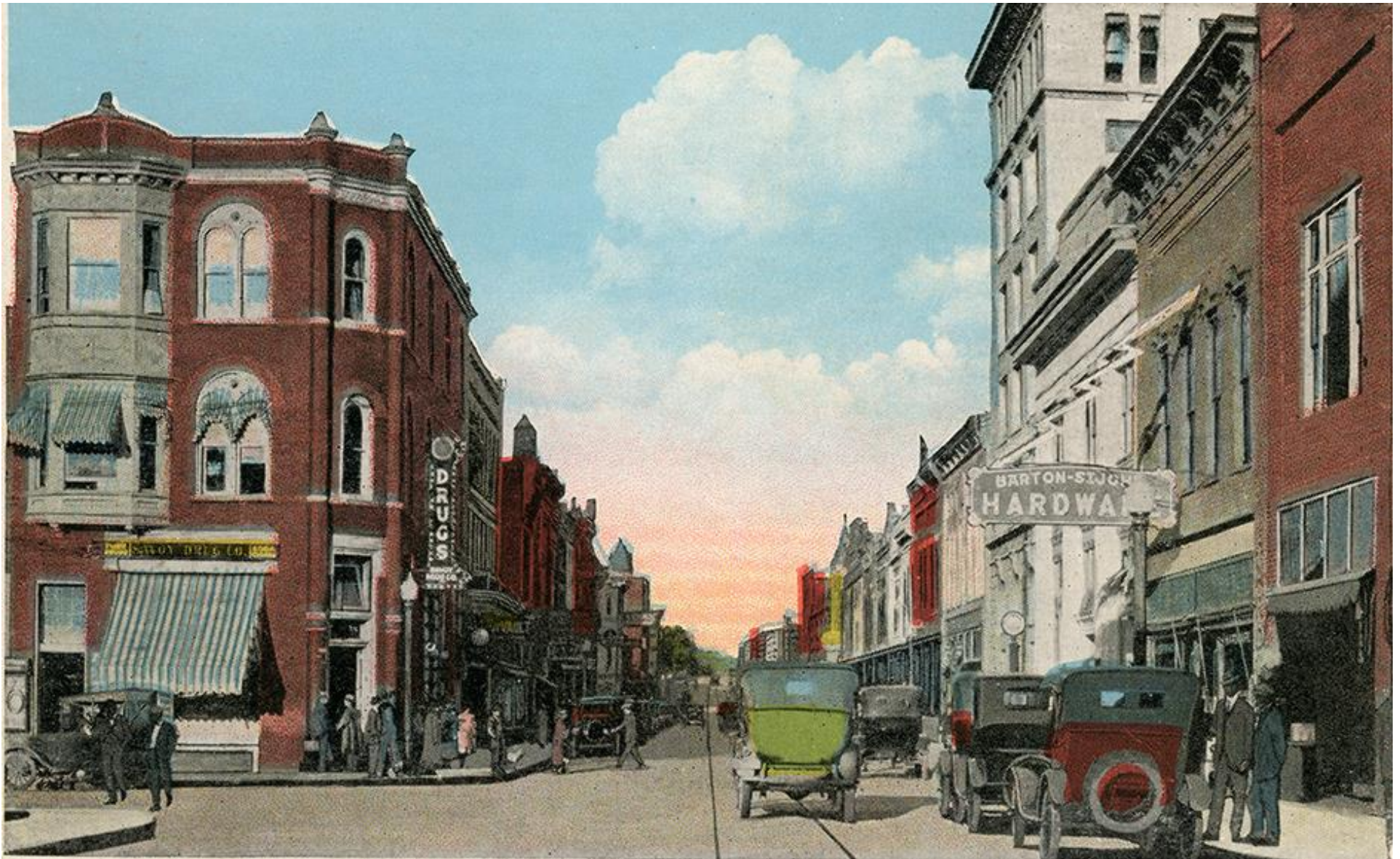


Figure 253. “Main Street, Johnson City, Tenn.” From left to right, the Savoy Drug Company (1923? To 1927, in the old Unaka National Bank building). Across the street: the Unaka & City National Bank (built in 1921), the Tennessee National Bank building (built in late 1923), the Barton – St. John Hardware store (here at 104 and 106 East Main Street, by 1925 to 1926) and the unmarked building on the right with a new façade (remodeled in 1922, 102 East Main Street). Consequently, this image appears to date to about 1925 to 1926.<sup>119</sup> Note the trolley track.





Figure 254. "Spring Street", looking south, with the Unaka and City National Bank on the left (built in 1921) and the Tennessee National Bank on the right (built in late 1923).<sup>120</sup>

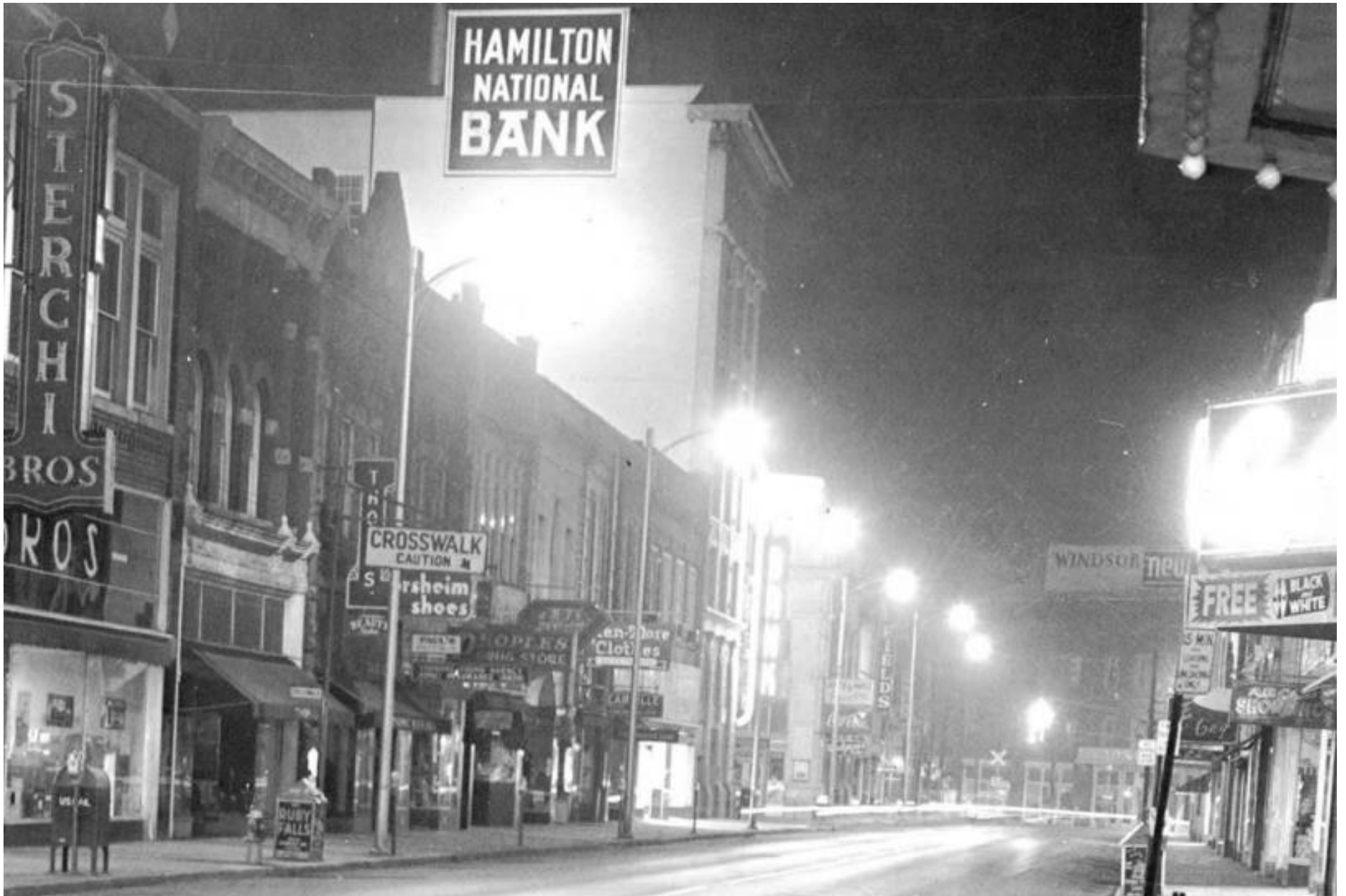


Figure 255. This photograph looks west along Main Street toward the Hotel Windsor, which is visible in the background. This photograph was taken by 1963.<sup>121</sup>



Figure 255A. A detail, note the Jones – Vance Pharmacy (1931? – 1960? 1963?, 110 East Main Street) in the old Tennessee National Bank building. Also note “Field’s” on the left and the Hotel Windsor in the background.



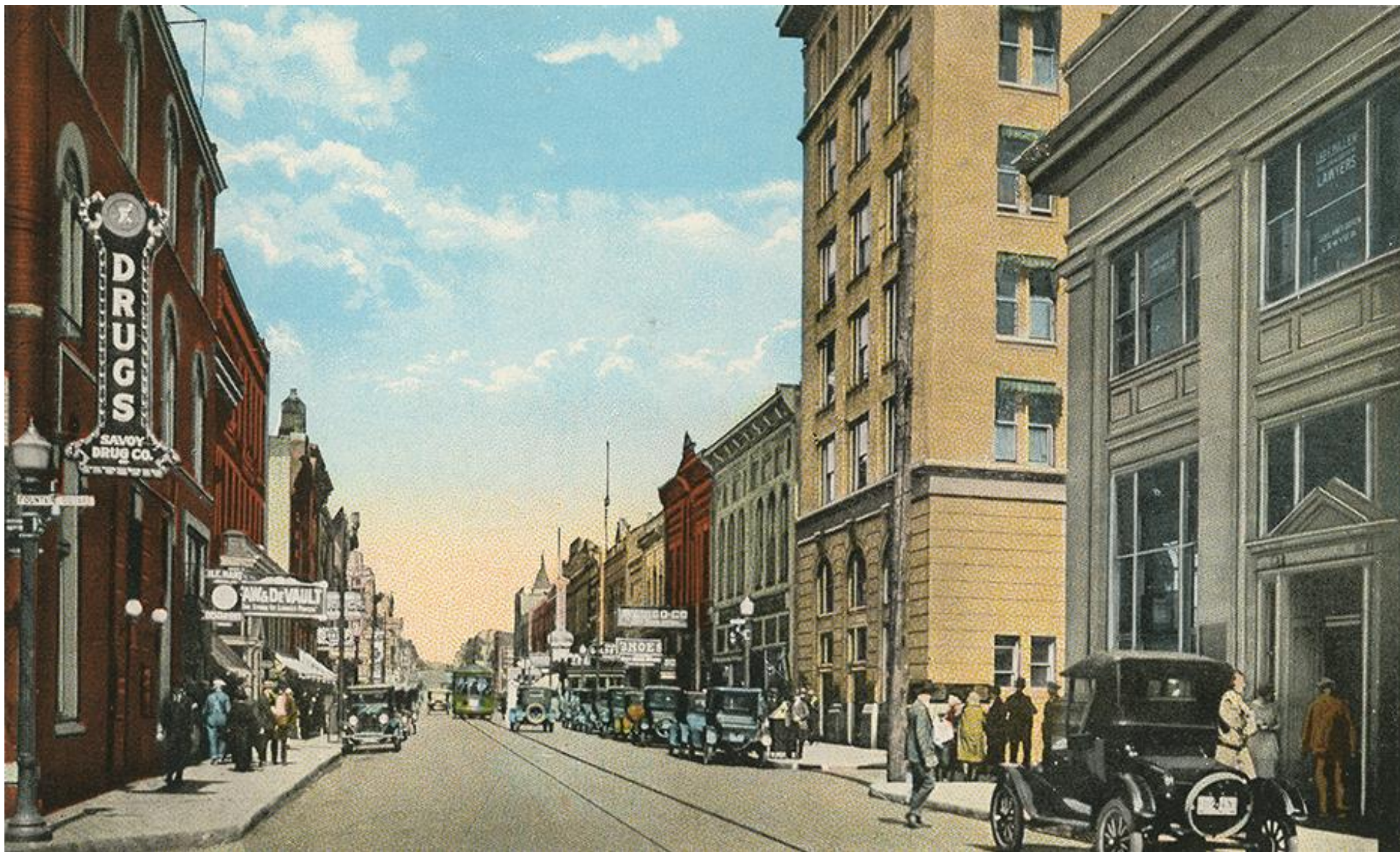


Figure 256. “Main Street, Looking East”. Note, from left to right, the “Savoy Drug Co.” (1923 to 1927, in the old Unaka National Bank building), a green trolley car, the Unaka and City National Bank (the tan building on the southeast corner of Main and Spring streets, built in 1921) and Tennessee National Bank (108 and 110 East Main Street, built in late 1923). Consequently, this image appears to date to 1923 – 1927. The sign on the second-floor window, above the entrance to the Tennessee National Bank, appears to read in part “Lee F. Miller... Lawyers.”<sup>122</sup>



Figure 257. “Tennessee National Bank, corner East Main and Spring Streets,” built in late 1923 at 108 and 110 East Main Street, in the place previously occupied by Gumps. Note the trolley track in the foreground, which indicates that this photograph was taken by 1931. The building at 104 and 106 East Main Street (with signs reading “Hardware” and “Ba...”), on the right side of this image appears to be occupied by Barton – St. John Hardware Company or Barton Hardware Company (both here 1925 to perhaps 1928). Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1923 – perhaps 1928.<sup>123</sup>





Figure 258. A recent view of the side of the building facing Spring Street, previously occupied by the Tennessee National Bank, now occupied by the “Jones and Vance Restaurant”. Note the old Unaka National Bank building on the right side of this photograph.<sup>124</sup>





Figure 259. "The Tennessee National Bank", 108 and 110 East Main Street.<sup>125</sup>



Figure 260. The Tennessee National Bank, by 1926.<sup>126</sup>



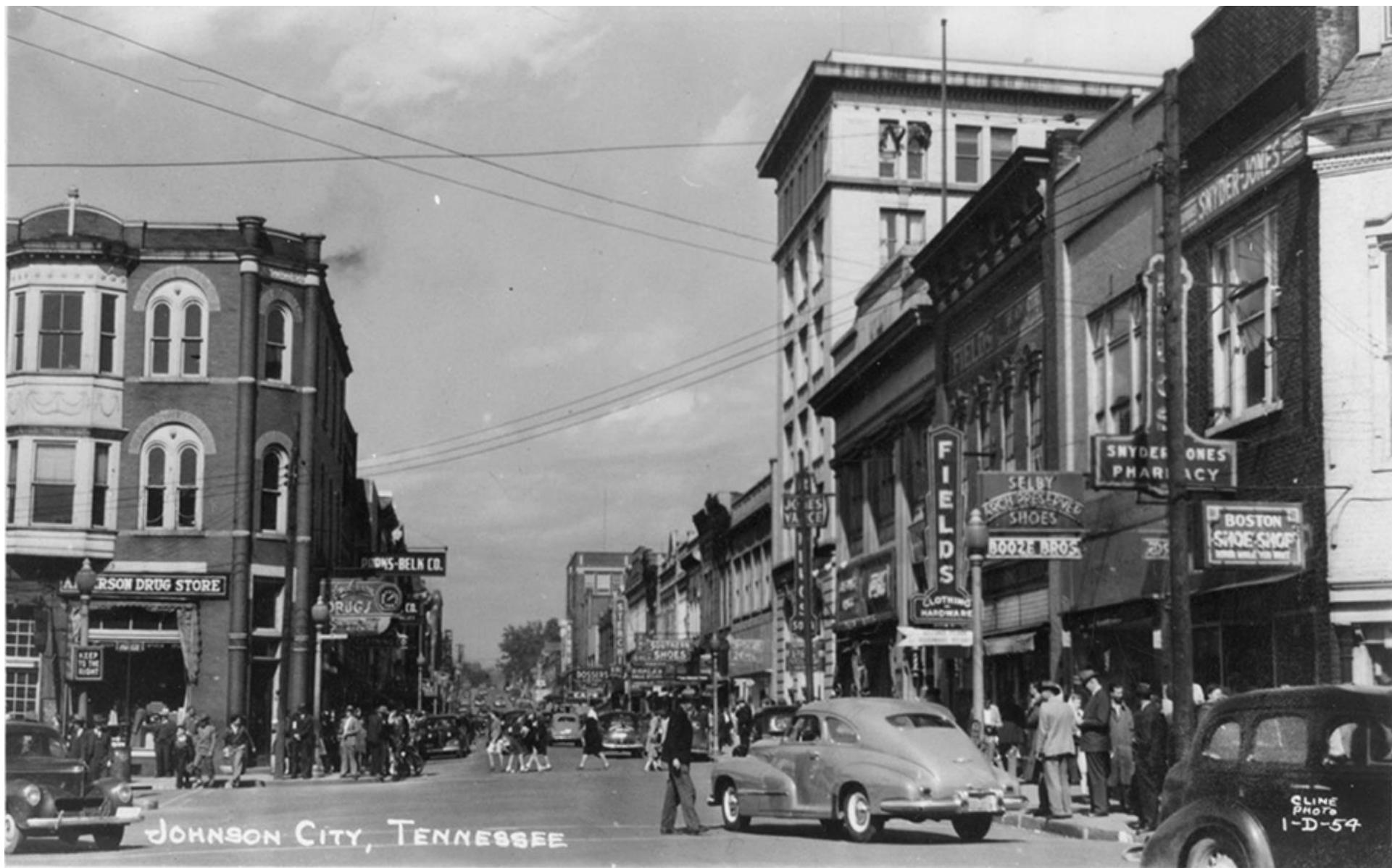


Figure 261. From left to right: Anderson Drug Store (in the old Unaka National Bank building), Jones Vance drug store (110 East Main Street, 1931? – 1960? 1963?), “Fields Clothing and Hardware” (104 and 106 East Main Street, by 1934 to at least 1963, note the sign painted above the second-floor windows), “Booze Bros.” shoe store (“Selby Arch Preserver Shoes” at 102 East Main Street, 1941 to 1948), Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (100 East Main Street by 1932 to at least 1978), and “Boston Shoe Shop” (101 Buffalo Street). Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1941 to 1948.<sup>127</sup>



Figure 261A. A detail, note that the roof line of the S.T. Harris block has been modified, compare with figures 3A, 9A, and 206A.



Figure 262. “Johnson City 1947”. The Mecca Restaurant (here by 1941 to at least 1950), is on the left. Note that the old Unaka National Bank building still has its bay windows (apparently removed about 1961) and that there is not a jewelry store at 121 Fountain Square (added by 1957). In the old Jobe Block, there are signs up for Fields (here by 1934 to at least 1963, but retains its old façade), “Booze Bros.” shoe store (at 102 East Main Street, 1941 to 1949), the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (by 1932 to at least 1978), and the Boston Shoe Shop.<sup>128</sup>





Figure 262A. A detail, note what appears to be a barber's pole on the right edge of this image.





Figure 263. "Main St. Looking East, Johnson City, Tennessee", postmarked 21 June 1948. This appears to be a colorized picture postcard version of Figure 262.<sup>129</sup>





Figure 264. This 1949 image depicts in the Jobe Block, from left to right, the Jones Vance Pharmacy (in the old Tennessee National Bank building at 110 East Main Street, 1931? – 1960? 1963?) and “Fields” (104 and 106 East Main Street, by 1934 to at least 1965, note the “new” façade on this building).<sup>130</sup>



Figure 265. “The Langston High Band”.<sup>131</sup> Note that the bay windows remain on the old Unaka Bank (which appear to have been removed between 1959 and 1961), the Congress Barber Shop (here by 1958 to 1961?), and the Ed Mottern Jewelry store (by 1958 to 1961 or early 1962). In the Jobe Block, note the Jones – Vance drug store (in the old Tennessee National Bank building, 1931? – 1960? 1963?), the Fields store (here by 1934 to at least 1963), the Calfee & Swann photography store (1949 to at least 1961), and the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (by 1932 to at least 1978). Consequently, this image appears to date to 1958 to 1961.



Figure 265A. A detail.



Figure 266. A float from the 1957 E.T.S.U. homecoming parade. Note Fields (104 and 106 East Main Street, by 1934 to at least 1965), “Calfee and Swann Inc.” “Everything Photographic” (102 East Main Street, 1949 to at least 1961), as well as the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (100 East Main Street, by 1932 to at least 1978) in the left background. Also note what appears to be a shoe store (at 101, and apparently 103, Buffalo Street) in the right background, perhaps still the Boston Shoe Shop.<sup>132</sup>



Figure 266A. A detail.





Figure 267. From left to right, note the Ed Mottern Jewelry store (by 1958 to 1961 or early 1962), as well as the Anderson drug store. Also note that the bay window has been removed from the old bank building, which appears to have occurred between 1959 and 1961). In the Jobe Block, note the Jones – Vance drug store (in the old Tennessee National Bank building), the Fields store (here by 1934 to at least 1963), the Calfee & Swann photography store (1949 to at least 1961), and the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (by 1932 to at least 1978). Consequently, this image appears to date to 1959 to 1962.<sup>133</sup>



Figure 267A. A detail.



Figure 268. "Canine Rivalry", "1955 – 1965".<sup>134</sup>



Figure 268A. A detail, note the interesting display at 108 East Main Street (in the former Tennessee National Bank building on the right; regrettably, the author cannot make out what the sign says). Also note that the sign at the right, apparently for Fields', appears to read in part "Boys' Clothes"; as well as the signs of the "Jones – Vance" store, on the left.



Figure 269. “Business Section – Johnson City, Tenn.” Note the Anderson Drug store in the old Unaka Bank building, as well as the Jones – Vance Drug store at 110 East Main Street (here 1931? – 1960? 1963?), and “Fields” at 104 and 106 East Main Street (here by 1934 to at least 1963).<sup>135</sup>





Figure 270. "Street Scene – Johnson City, Tenn." Note the Anderson Drug store in the old Unaka Bank building, as well as the Jones – Vance Drug store at 110 East Main Street (here 1931? – 1960? 1963?), and "Fields" at 104 and 106 East Main Street (here by 1934 to at least 1963).<sup>136</sup>



Figure 271. A postcard, postmarked 3 July 1965. Note the Anderson drug store in the old Unaka Bank building, the Fields store (by 1934 to at least 1963, 104 and 106 East Main Street), and the Calfee & Swann photography store (1949 to at least 1961, 102 East Main Street). Finally, note that the Jones – Vance Pharmacy occupies 110 East Main Street (the Tennessee National Bank building, 1931? – 1960? 1963?). “Photograph by Joyce L. Haynes”.<sup>137</sup>



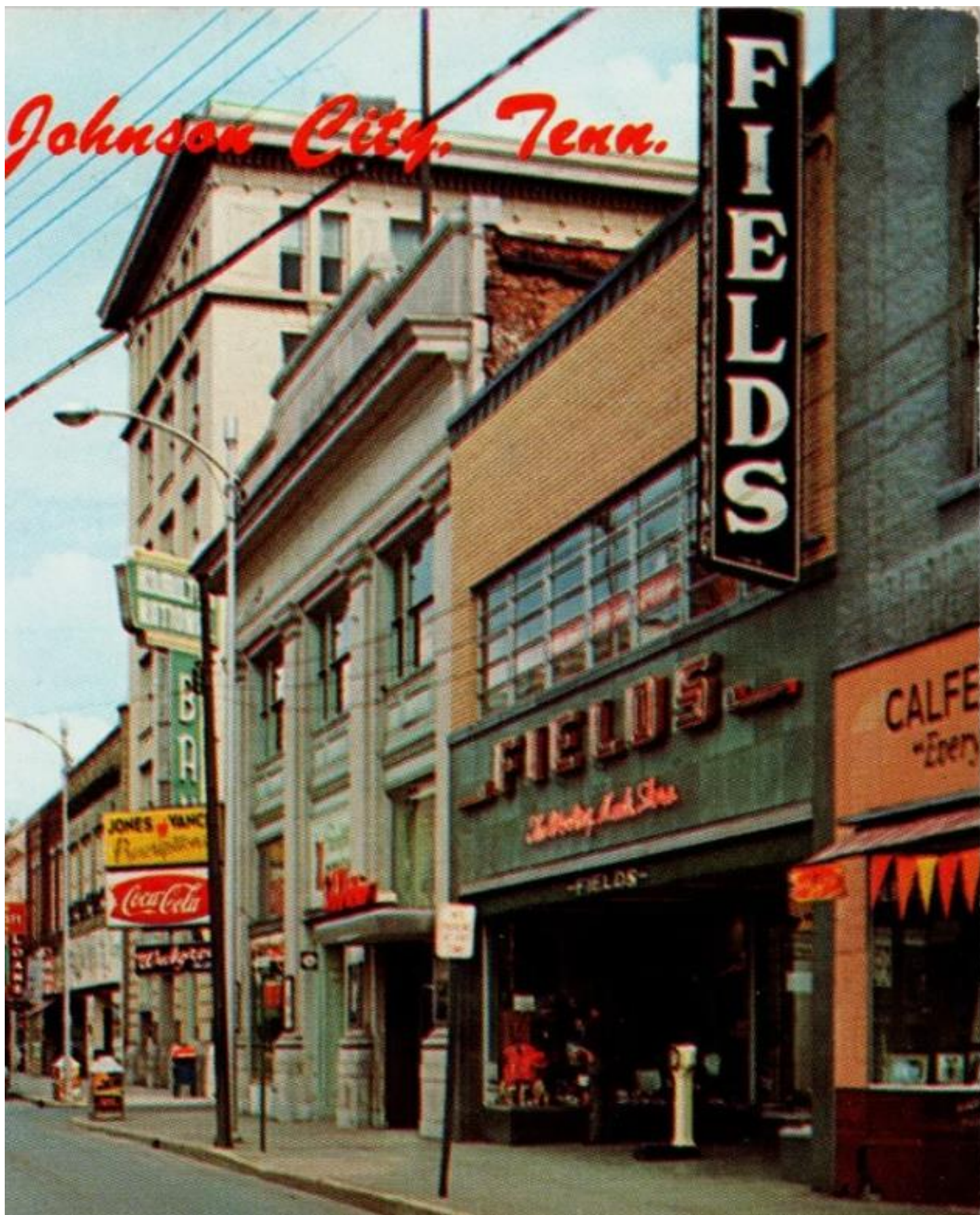


Figure 271A. A detail.



Figure 272. A close-up of the signs on the old Tennessee National Bank building at 110 East Main Street.<sup>138</sup>





Figure 273. A view looking east along West Main Street toward the S.T. Harris Block on Buffalo street. Note Hotel Windsor on the right.<sup>139</sup>





Figure 273A. A detail, note in the S.T. Harris Block (from left to right): “Ed’s Town House” (101 Buffalo Street), the “Ideal Barber Shop” (103 Buffalo Street), and the facility previously occupied by the “fruit stand” to its right (105 Buffalo Street); as well as the “Royal Crown Cola” “the fresher refresher” sign. The corner of Ike Jobe’s two-story brick building at 107 Buffalo Street is also visible, just to the left of the Hotel Windsor. This image appears to date to the early to mid-1960s.



Figure 273B. Another detail.



Figure 274. Note that the sign of the Congress Barber shop has been removed from 119 Fountain Square and appears to be on the ground in front of the store. Also note the Ed Mottern Jewelry store (here by 1958 to at least 1961), as well as the Anderson drug store, which has a new sign. Finally, note that the bay window has been removed from the old bank building. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to 1961. Also note that the Calfee & Swann photography store (here 1949 to at least 1961) has been replaced by an unidentified “Loans” enterprise. The sign above “Ed’s Town House” appears to read “Royal Crown – Best by Taste Test.”







Figure 275. “Political Rally – 1950s”. Frank G. Clements (Democrat) ran for governor of Tennessee in 1952 and 1962. He won both times, serving from 1953 to 1957 and from 1963 to 1967. Note that the old Unaka National Bank building still has its bay windows. Also, Fields’ façade had been remodeled (which appears to have occurred between 1947 and 1949). Consequently, this photograph dates to 1952.<sup>140</sup>





Figure 275A. A detail.



Figure 275B. A detail of the Jobe Block. From left to right: the former building of the Tennessee National Bank (108 and 110 East Main Street, built in 1923), Fields (104 and 106 East Main Street, by 1934 to at least 1963), Calfee and Swann (photography store, 102 East Main Street, 1949 to at least 1961), and Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (100 East Main Street, by 1932 to at least 1978).



Figure 276. Note that the bay windows have been removed from the bank building (apparently done between 1959 and 1961). The Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (here by 1932 to at least 1978) is still present at 100 East Main Street. Also note that the “Ed’s Town House” sign does not appear to be present under the “Royal Crown Cola – Best by Taste Test” sign. The building at 102 East Main Street, which previously held the Calfee & Swann photography store (here 1949 to at least 1961) appears to have a different sign and, perhaps, a new occupant. Consequently, this photograph appears to date to between 1961 and 1965.<sup>141</sup>

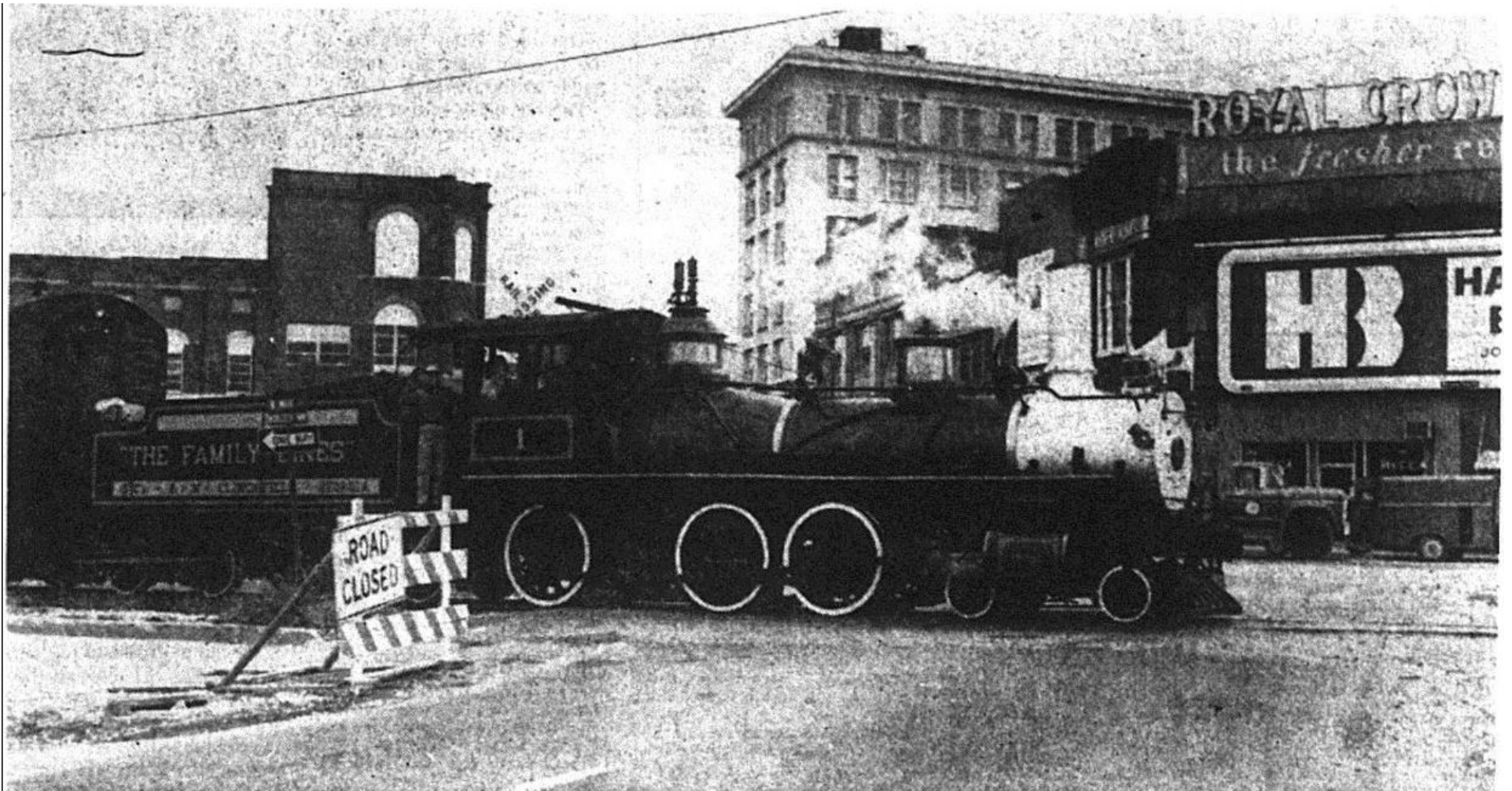


Figure 277. “Old No. 1 – And when’s the last time you saw a steam locomotive going through Fountain Square on the Southern Railway tracks? But that was the scene yesterday...” “The Johnson City Press dated August 29, 1975.” Note the “HB” sign painted on the old S.T. Harris block on Buffalo Street. Also note that the “Royal Crown Cola” sign has been changed to read “the fresher refresher”?<sup>142</sup>





Figure 278. "Looking south across Main Street on Fountain Square are 1978 Science Hill High School Juniors posing in front of the Dandelion Fountain in downtown Johnson City."<sup>143</sup> Note that 104 and 106 East Main Street is no longer occupied by Fields, the sign appears to read "Dollar General Store". Also note the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy is at 100 East Main Street (by 1932).





Figure 279. In this relatively recent photograph, the old Unaka National Bank building appears to be occupied by “Best Blueprint”. The building at 104 – 106 East Main Street (in the old Jobe Block and once occupied by Fields, here by 1934 to at least 1963) has a new façade. While the window of the building on the right (101 Buffalo Street) has a sign in the window that appears to read “Me-ca”, perhaps indicating that the name “Mecca Restaurant” had been revived.<sup>144</sup>



Figure 280. A modern (May 2018) image from Google Maps of the Jobe Block and the John Harr Block. Visible, from left to right, is the Unaka and City National Bank building (constructed in 1921), the Tennessee National Bank building (constructed in 1923, 108 and 110 East Main Street), the building formerly occupied by the Fields store (104 and 106 East Main Street, with a remodeled façade), the building formerly occupied by the Calfee and Swann photography store (102 East Main Street) and the building formerly occupied by the Snyder – Jones Pharmacy (occupied in this image by the “Main Street Title Company, 100 East Main Street). In this image, the buildings at 102, 104 and 106 East Main Street are occupied by the “Law Offices – Herndon, Coleman, Brading & McKee – 104 East Main”.





Figure 281. A modern (January 2024) image from Google Maps of the S.T. Harris Block on Buffalo Street. Visible, from left to right, is the Korean Taco House at 101 Buffalo Street (built in 1888 and frequently used as a grocery store), 96 Kickz Boutique at 103 Buffalo Street (built in 1887 and frequently used as a barber shop), 105 Buffalo Street (apparently unoccupied at the time this photograph was taken, this space was typically used as a fruit stand), and 107 Buffalo Street (built in 1888? (according to the top of the structure) and apparently unoccupied at the time this photograph was taken, this facility was used by a variety of enterprises, including as a restaurant: the Eureka (1907), H.W. Pardue's Café (1908), and Dolan's (1909 to at least 1910). However, note that the Johnson City Comet appears to indicate that Ike Jobe had this building constructed in 1890.

4. The Jobe Block and Adjacent Buildings, 1923 – Present  
(After the construction of the Tennessee National Bank at 108 and 110 East Main Street)  
(100 to 110 East Main Street and 101 to 107 Buffalo Street)

Jobe's Block, 1923 – 1963

	104 & 106 East Main Street*	108 East Main Street	110 East Main Street
1923			Tennessee National Bank, 1923 – 1931
1925	Barton – St. John Hardware Company, 1925 – 1927		
1927	Barton Hardware Company, 1927 to no later than 1930		
1928		Congress Barber Shop, by 1928 to at least 1939	
1931			Jones – Vance Pharmacy, 1931? – 1960? 1963?
1934	Field's Army Supply Store, by 1934 to at least 1963		

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area.

4.1. 108 and 110 East Main Street, 1923 – Present<sup>145</sup>  
(Tennessee National Bank Building)

4.1.1. Tennessee National Bank, 108 and 110 East Main Street, 1923 – 1931

April 1923. Bankers Monthly.

“Tennessee National, Johnson City, Builds – Contract has just been let for the erection of the new banking home of the Tennessee National Bank, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The building, which will cost more than \$100,000, is to be erected, in the heart of the business district of the city and will cover a space, 50 by 90 feet. Construction work is to begin within the next sixty days, and the structure is to be completed by December.

The exterior is to be of light grey, carved Bedford stone, on a granite base, with typical American bank front, with inset windows to main banking floor and mezzanine, and engaged columns reaching practically the entire height. The main banking room will have a ceiling more than twenty feet in height, with mezzanine floor around the entire room, and the interior fittings will be largely marble and brass.

The arrangement for the banking room is along the most modern lines, with unit system for bookkeepers and tellers, enabling the handling of the greatest volume of business with convenience and efficiency. The vaults are to be of impenetrable construction, and protected by the most modern and intricate burglar alarm system.”<sup>146</sup>

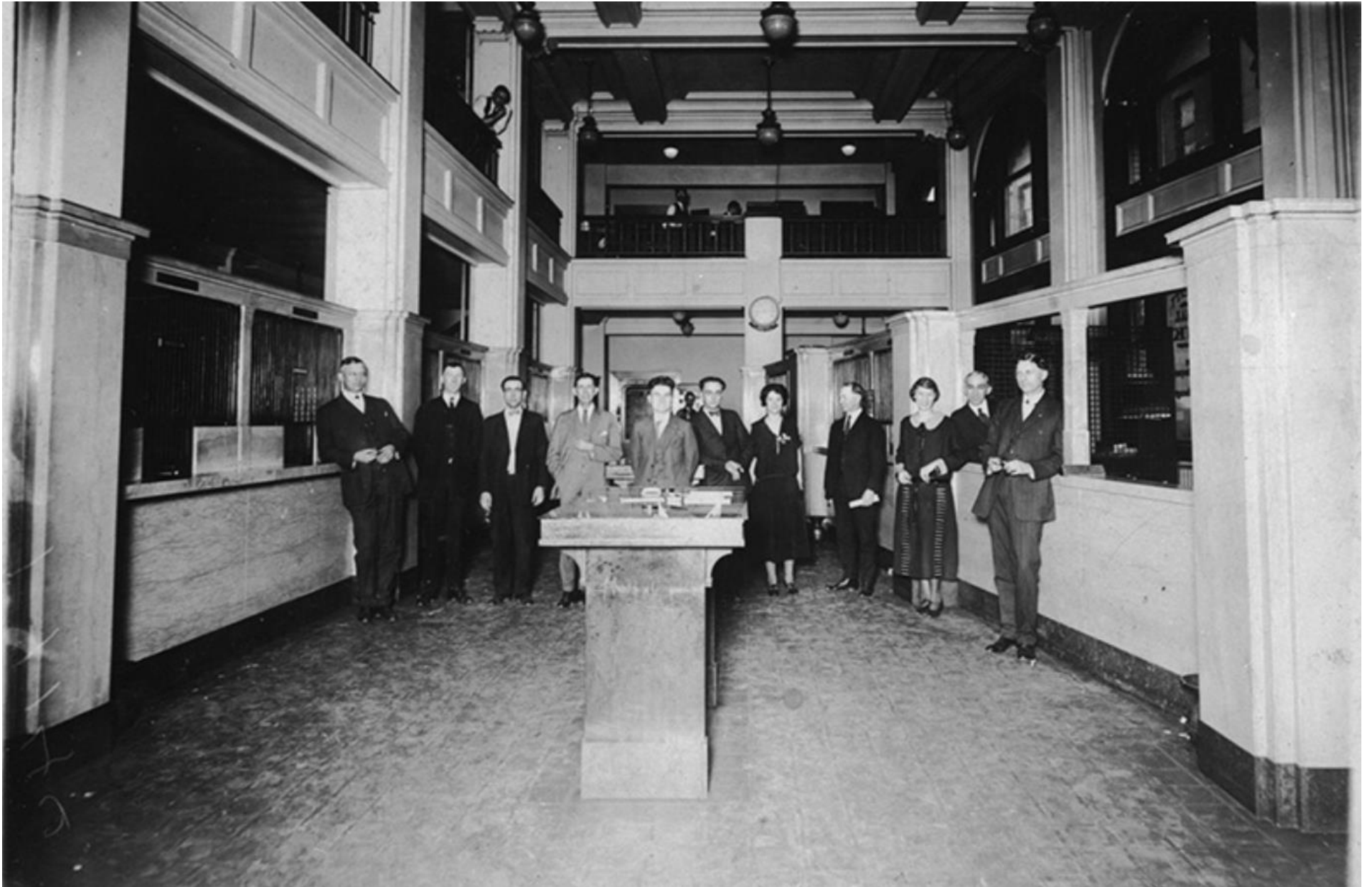


Figure 282. "Johnson City Bank Interior".<sup>147</sup> This image seems to match the description of the "main banking floor" of the Tennessee National Bank at 108 and 110 Est Main Street, see Figure 283.



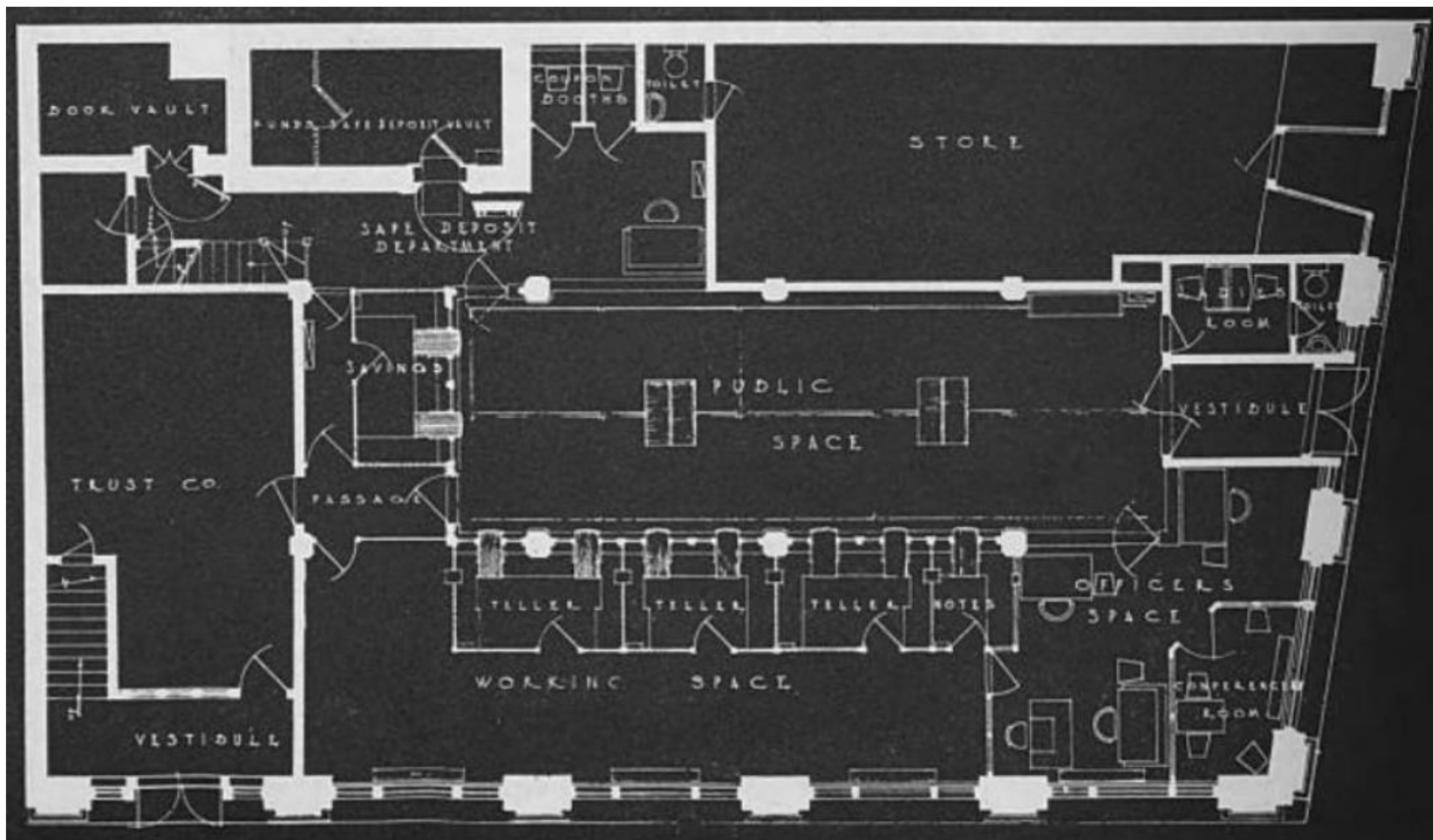


Figure 283. "The Tennessee National Bank, Johnson City, Tennessee, also rents a store and several offices. Its trust department has a special entrance on the side street."<sup>148</sup>

June 1923. Bankers Monthly.

“Erecting a Monumental Building that Pays Half its Cost, You can combine your institution with rentable stores and offices and still have a handsome architectural unit structure in which the bank dominates, by Noble F. Hoggson, President, Hoggson Brothers, Bank Architects and Constructors, New York City... Another example of a bank which is paying for its monumental building by renting a certain amount of space is the Tennessee National Bank, Johnson City, Tennessee with \$1,608,000 in deposits. This bank has secured a building on a corner and has all the advantages of an exclusive building plus a material annual income the portion of the building devoted to rentable space. The monumental architecture gives the building a distinctly bank appearances which makes it stand out from the other buildings on the street, and the entrance to its offices, though situated on the main thoroughfare, does not detract from the bank entrance. In the case of this bank, there is a small store on the first floor to be rented and ten offices on the second floor.

The lobby of the Tennessee National Bank is unusually narrow, owing to the space taken up by the store, but it is long enough to give a desirably impressive effect. Between the vestibule and the store is a ladies’ small writing room. On the other side of the vestibule are the officers’ quarters with a conference room adjacent. At the left of the lobby are the tellers’ windows, one for the note teller and six for the paying and receiving tellers. At the far end of the lobby are two special windows for savings, with the safe deposit department, including vault and coupon booths at the right.

As the Tennessee National Bank is one of those national banks which have recently taken over the functions of a trust company under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act it was necessary to find additional space to take care of the trust department. This space was successfully provided by a section in the rear of the building having a separate entrance on the side street. There is also a passage from the lobby between the tellers’ cages...”<sup>149</sup>



"Unto him that hath it shall be given."

Why? The successful man is trusted because he has made a success. People come to him and speak well of him and send others to him.

No man in any walk of life can afford not to prosper; and this he can surely do if he saves regularly a part of the money he makes and puts it in the bank and makes his **BALANCE GROW**.

WE WILL WELCOME YOUR ACCOUNT

**TENNESSEE NATIONAL BANK**

**Resources - 2 1-3 Million Dollars**

Figure 284. Old Hickory, 1923.<sup>150</sup>



THE SPIRIT OF GOOD SERVICE—

*Whether your business brings you to a teller's window or an officer's desk, you will find every person connected with this bank eager to make your transaction a pleasant and satisfactory one.*

TENNESSEE NATIONAL BANK

JOHNSON CITY, : : : : TENNESSEE

Figure 285. Old Hickory, 1924.<sup>151</sup>

YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

We invite new accounts from corporations and business firms, also personal checking accounts of men and women.

You will find here the spirit of accommodation, with modern methods of progressive banking. Call and see us at any time in regard to opening an account.

TENNESSEE  
NATIONAL BANK

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

Figure 286. Old Hickory, 1925.<sup>152</sup>



**TENNESSEE NATIONAL BANK**  
**JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**

City, County, State, and United States Depository, Designated Depository  
 for the Mountain Branch National Soldiers' Home

Figure 287. Old Hickory, 1926.<sup>153</sup>  
 This advertisement ran until at least 1929.

September 1931. Moody's Manual of Investments...

"Unaka & City National Bank (Johnson City, Tenn.): Chartered under National Bank Act in 1901. Absorbed the Tennessee National Bank of Johnson City in Sept., 1931..."<sup>154</sup>

4.1.2. Jones-Vance Drug Company, 110 East Main Street, 1931? – 1960? (1963?)

1931 – 1960. "Jones-Vance Drug Company Was a Credit to the City and the Proprietors".

"One piece of exciting news in 1912 was the opening of Jones-Vance Drug Company at 121 Buffalo at Tipton... City directories reveal that Jones-Vance moved to 110 E. Main between 1928 [almost certainly in 1931 or later, after the Tennessee National Bank was absorbed by the Unaka & City National Bank] and 1935 on the site formerly occupied by Gump's clothing emporium (downstairs) and Jobe's Opera House (upstairs) and later the Tennessee National Bank. While few residents can remember the Buffalo Street store, many can recall the impressive Main Street one. The business remained in that location until its demise in 1960."<sup>155</sup>

Note: Figure 255A, which shows the Jones – Vance Drug store at 110 East Main Street, was published in 1963, perhaps indicating that it remained in business until at least 1963.



**JONES VANCE  
DRUG STORE, Inc.**

Corner Main and Spring St.  
Johnson City, Tenn.

**SODA AND LUNCHEONETTE  
Kodaks and Supplies—Sundries**

We Carry a Complete Line of  
Toilet Articles

**MAKE OUR STORE YOUR  
MEETING PLACE**

**Phone 5126**

Figure 288. The Chalk Line, 1934.<sup>156</sup>

This and similar advertisements ran until at least 1936

**Jones-Vance Drug Store  
Inc.**

*Only the Best*

**MAIN AND SPRING STREETS**

Figure 289. The Buccaneer, 1938.<sup>157</sup>

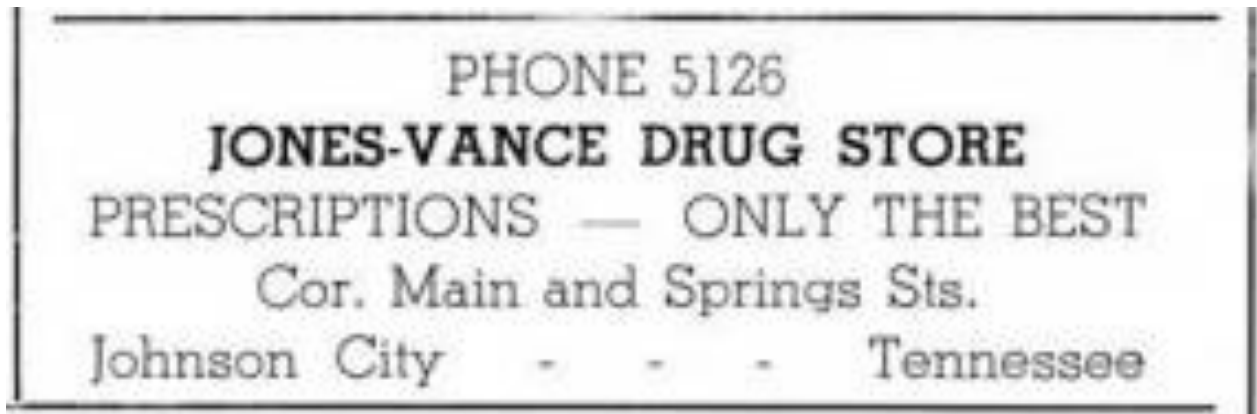


Figure 290. The Buccaneer, 1940.<sup>158</sup>

The Jones-Vance Drug Store also ran advertisements between 1943 and 1954.

#### 4.1.3. The Johnson City Comet Newspaper on the Second Floor of 110 East Main Street?

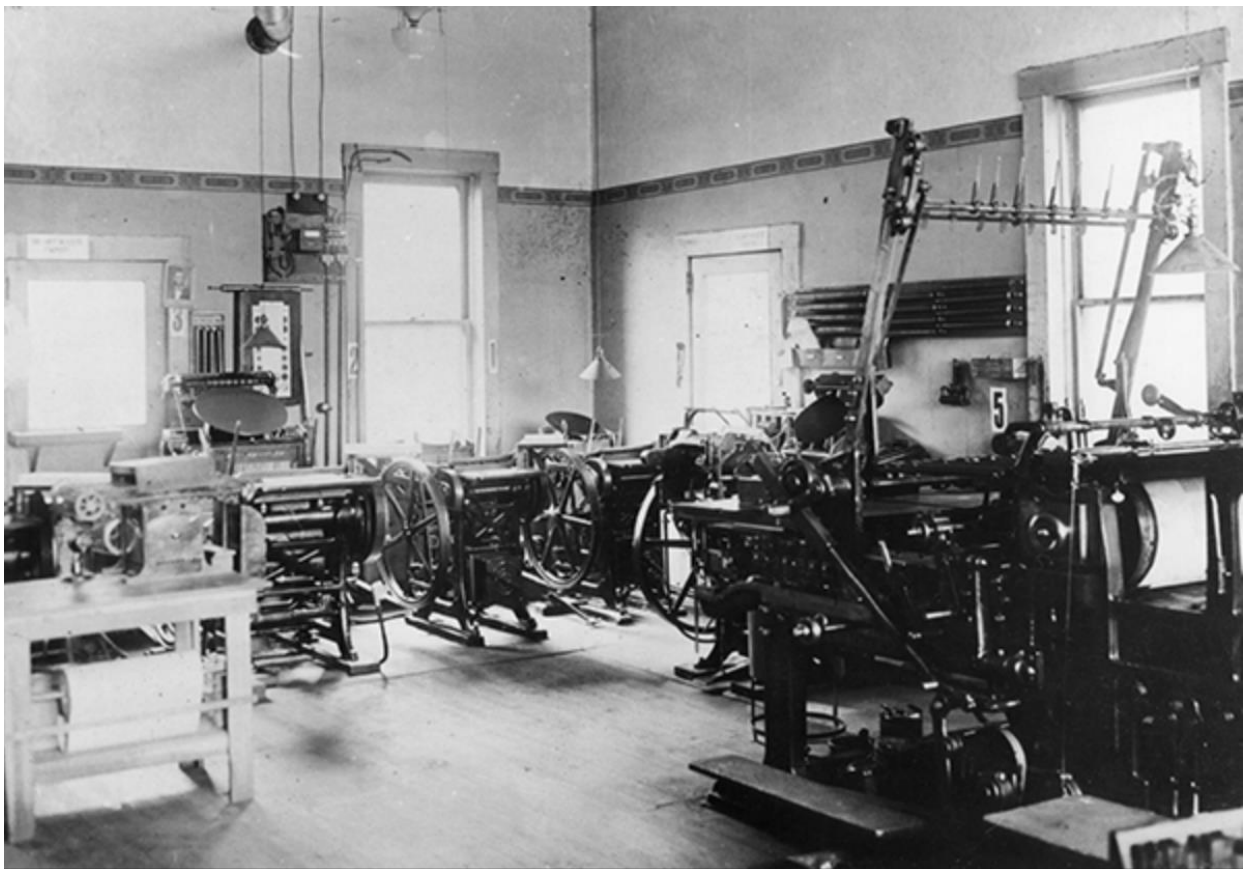


Figure 291. “Old ‘Comet’ newsroom, upstairs Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets”, undated. Note that the “Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets” occupied the Tennessee National Bank building at 110 East Main Street from no earlier than 1931 to perhaps 1960 or 1963.<sup>159</sup>



Figure 292. “Old ‘Comet’ newsroom, upstairs Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets”, undated. Note that the “Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets” was in the Tennessee National Bank building.<sup>160</sup>

Note: The Johnson City Comet appears to have stopped publishing a newspaper at some time in 1918. The last issue available through the Library of Congress, available online through “Chronicling America,” was published on 5 October 1918. It is possible that they continued in business as simply a printing company, however, the author did not find any evidence that this was the case. Consequently the claim that they occupied the second-floor of a building that was constructed in 1923 may not “add up”.

4.1.4. Congress Barber Shop, 108 East Main Street, by 1928 to at least 1939

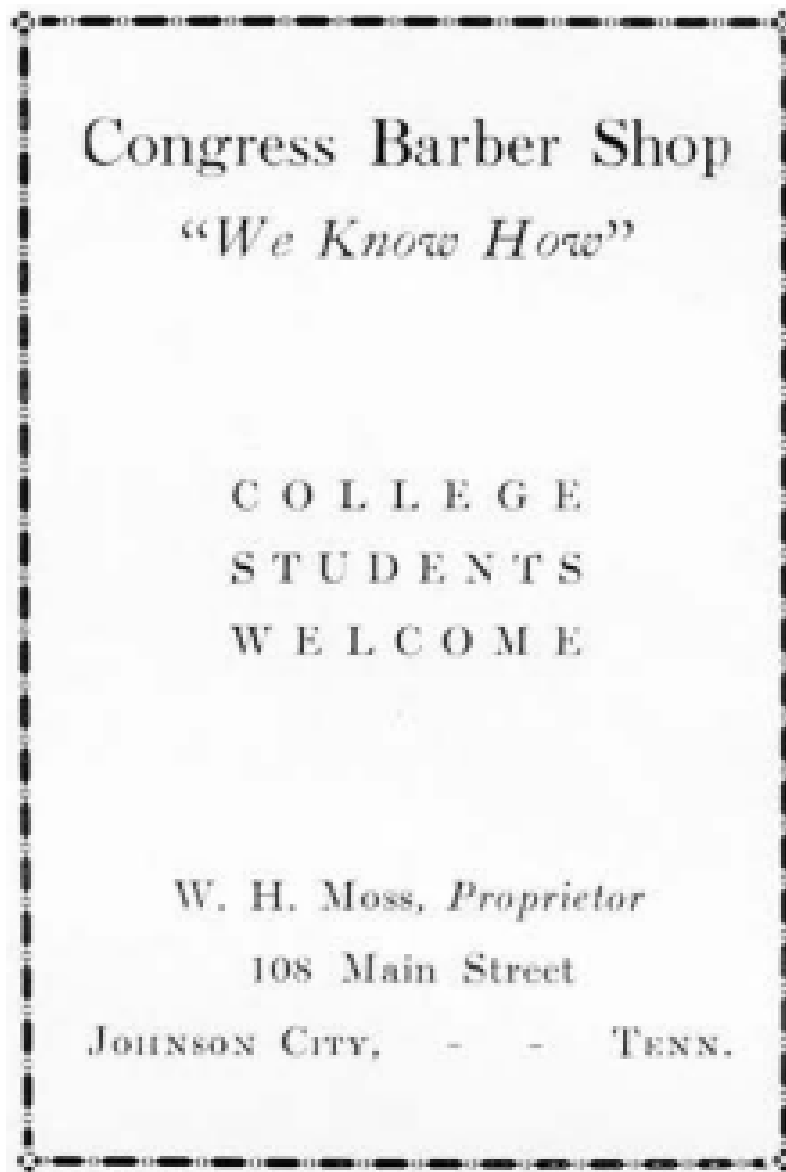


Figure 293. Old Hickory, 1928.<sup>161</sup>

Note: 108 East Main Street is in the Tennessee National Bank building.

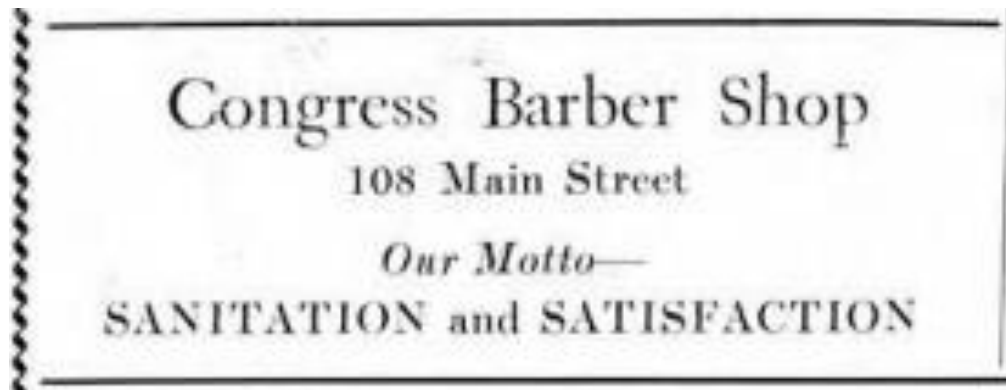


Figure 294. The Buccaneer, 1937.<sup>162</sup>

This or similar advertisements ran until at least 1939.

4.2. 104 and 106 East Main Street, 1923 – Present<sup>163</sup>  
(Jobe Block)

Barton – St. John Hardware Company, 1925 – 1927  
Barton Hardware Company, 1927 to no later than 1930  
Field's Army Supply Store, by 1934 to at least 1963

4.2.1. Barton – St. John Hardware Company, 1925 – 1927



Figure 295. Old Hickory, 1925.<sup>164</sup>



# Sale and Demonstration of The Great Majestic Range Starts Monday, April 5

LASTS ONE WEEK ONLY



You Are Cordially Invited  
To Attend Our Exhibit and Sale of  
Great Majestic Ranges

A Representative from the factory  
will give FREE with each range  
sold during this week your choice  
of either a fine white porcelain  
enamel kitchen table, or your  
choice of a set of beautiful copper  
or enameled cooking utensils.

THIS WEEK ONLY

## The New Majestic Range

On your choice of a range depends to a great extent the comfort of the household for many years. Care in selecting the one that gives the best service will be repaid with satisfaction on every day of those many years. Consider well the cooking and wearing qualities, the fuel economy and appearance of the range you buy. Remember that it is a lasting purchase---you are buying for a long time.

The Great Majestic is a range with a reputation that generations of users have given it. Your neighbors have tested its qualities and will tell you that all claims for it are true. Today there are more Majestics giving superior service in the kitchens of America than any other make of range.

# Barton-St. John

## Hardware Company

"ON THE SQUARE"

Figure 296. Johnson City Chronicle, 4 April 1926.<sup>165</sup>



Figure 297. Old Hickory, 1927.<sup>166</sup>  
A similar advertisement ran in 1926.

August 1927. Hardware World.

“The Barton Hardware Co., of Johnson City, Tennessee, succeeds the former Barton – St. John interest...”<sup>167</sup>

1930. Marvyn Scudder Manual of Extinct or Obsolete Companies.

“Barton Hardware Co., Johnson City, Tennessee, Charter cancelled February 23, 1928.”<sup>168</sup>

#### 4.2.3. Field’s Army Supply Store, by 1934 to at least 1963

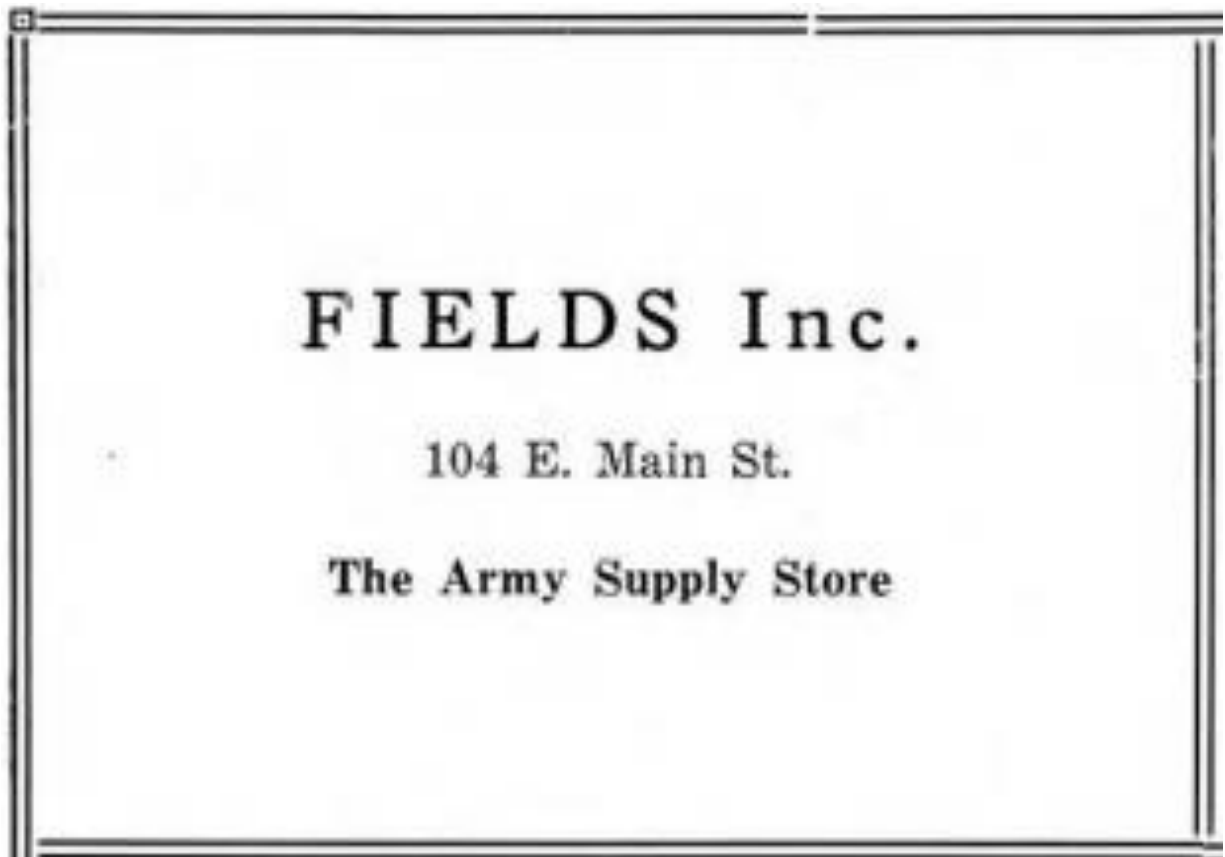


Figure 298. The Chalk Line, 1934.<sup>169</sup>



Figure 299. The Buccaneer, 1940.<sup>170</sup>



Figure 300. The Buccaneer, 1946.<sup>171</sup>

2003. "Johnson City Commercial Historic District".

104 and 106 "East Main Street... historically Fields 'The Working Mom's Store,' currently Herndon, Coleman, Brading, & McKee Law Office..."

#### 4.3. 100 and 102 East Main Street, 1923 – Present (John Harr's Block)

Table 8. Occupants of John Harr's Block, 1923 – 1948

	100 East Main Street*	102 East Main Street
1920	Gregory Drug Company, 1920 – 1928	
1928	Waggoner Drug Company, here? 1928 to at least 1930	
1932	Snyder – Jones Pharmacy, 1932 to at least 1978	
1941		Booze Brothers' Shoe Store, 1941 – 1948?
1948		Calfee and Swann's Photography Store, 1948 to at least 1961 (S.H. Kress also at 102 E. Main Street, 1950 – 1951)

\* Addresses are based on the 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map for this area. Information in table rows that include a month and a year are taken from the corresponding Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map.

4.3.1. 102 East Main Street, 1941 – 2003<sup>172</sup>  
(John Harr's Block)

Booze Brothers' Shoe Store, 1941 – 1948?  
Calfee and Swann's Photography Store, 1948 to at least 1961  
(S.H. Kress also at 102 East Main Street, 1950 – 1951)

Note: The author did not find any information on the businesses at 102 East Main Street between 1923 and 1941.

4.3.1.1. Booze Brothers' Shoe Store, 1941 – 1948?

1941. Boot and Shoe Recorder: The Magazine of Fashion Footwear.

"New Store at Johnson City – Johnson City, Tenn. – E.R. and R.C. Booze, doing business as Booze Brothers, opened a new shoe store here, on Fountain Square. The store building is modern in every detail, with in-direct lighting, air conditioning featuring an interior color scheme of blue and pink. The store has the first 'Hercu-lite' glass in the city. Several lines of moderate priced shoes are offered. R.C. Booze, coming to Johnson City from Stanton, Va., is an experienced shoe man with twelve years' experience with the shoe department of Miller-Rhodes Richmond, Va., being shoe buyer for nine years for this firm. J.W. Herbert, associated with the new store, has had many years experience in local shoe stores..."<sup>173</sup>



Booze Bros.  
East Tennessee's Most Beautiful Shoe  
Store

Figure 301. The Buccaneer, 1942.<sup>174</sup>  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 1950.

Note: It appears that the Calfee & Swann photography store had occupied 102 East Main Street by 1948. Perhaps the Booze Brothers had moved to a different location or had paid for this advertising in advance.





Figure 302. The Buccaneer, 1944.<sup>175</sup>

4.3.1.2. Calfee and Swann's Photography Store, 1948 to at least 1961  
(S.H. Kress also at 102 East Main Street, 1950 – 1951)

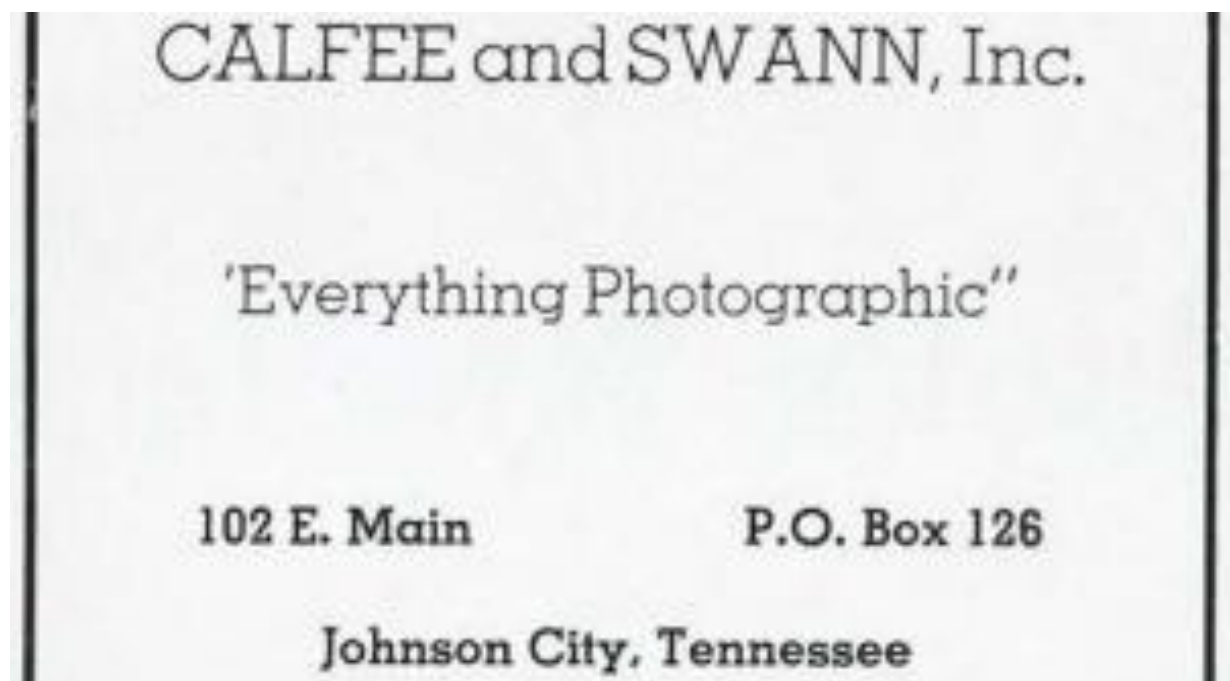


Figure 303. The Buccaneer, 1948.<sup>176</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 1951.

May 1949. Popular Photography.

“Johnson City – Calfee and Swann, Inc., 102 East Main Street...”<sup>177</sup>

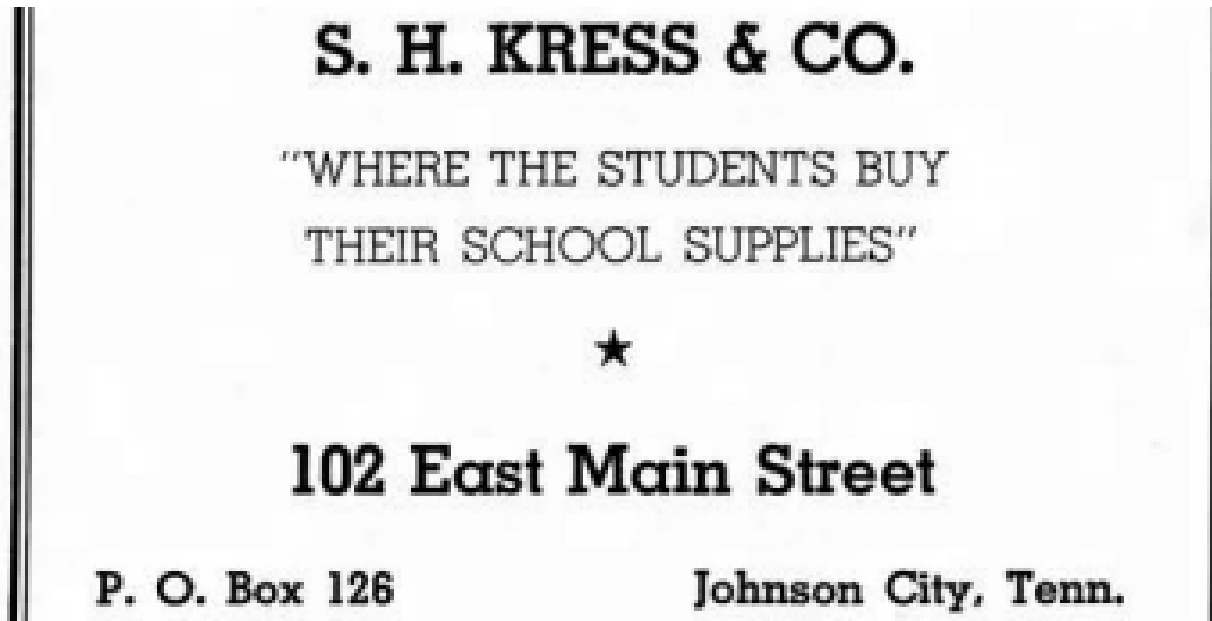


Figure 304. The Buccaneer, 1950.<sup>178</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 1952.

Note that S.H. Kress is listed as being at the same address as Calfee & Swann, Inc., in 1950 and 1951.

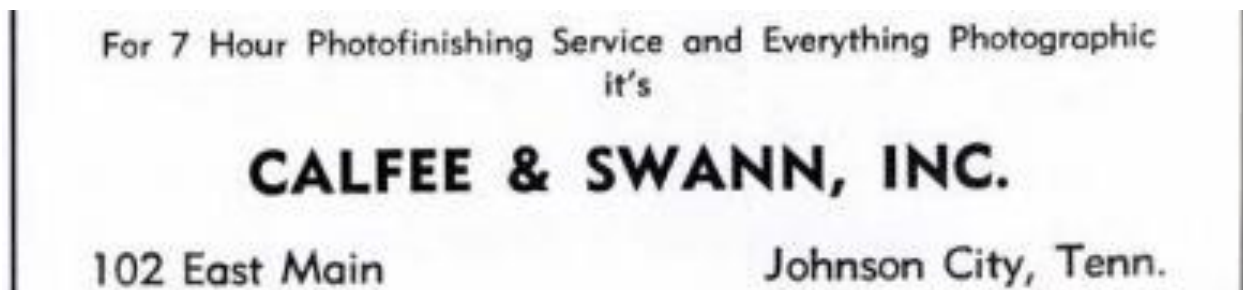


Figure 305. The Buccaneer, 1955.<sup>179</sup>  
This and similar advertisements ran until at least 1961.

2003. “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”.

“102 East Main Street... historically Calfee & Swann Photography Store, currently Herndon, Coleman, Brading, & McKee Law Offices...”

4.3.2. 100 East Main Street, 1923 – 2003  
(John Harr's Block)

Gregory Drug Company, by 1920 – 1928  
Waggoner Drug Company, here? 1928 to at least 1930  
Snyder – Jones Pharmacy, 1932 to at least 1978

4.3.2.1. Gregory Drug Company, 1920 – 1928

**G R E G O R Y**  
**DRUG COMPANY**

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NUNNALLY'S and ELMER'S  
*C a n d i e s*

THE PLACE TO MEET  
YOUR FRIENDS

Sodas and Cigars

Get the Normal Car Here  
on The Even ond  
Half Hour

Try Our Free Delivery Service

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1 0 0 M A I N S T R E E T

Figure 306. Old Hickory, 1923.<sup>180</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 1924.

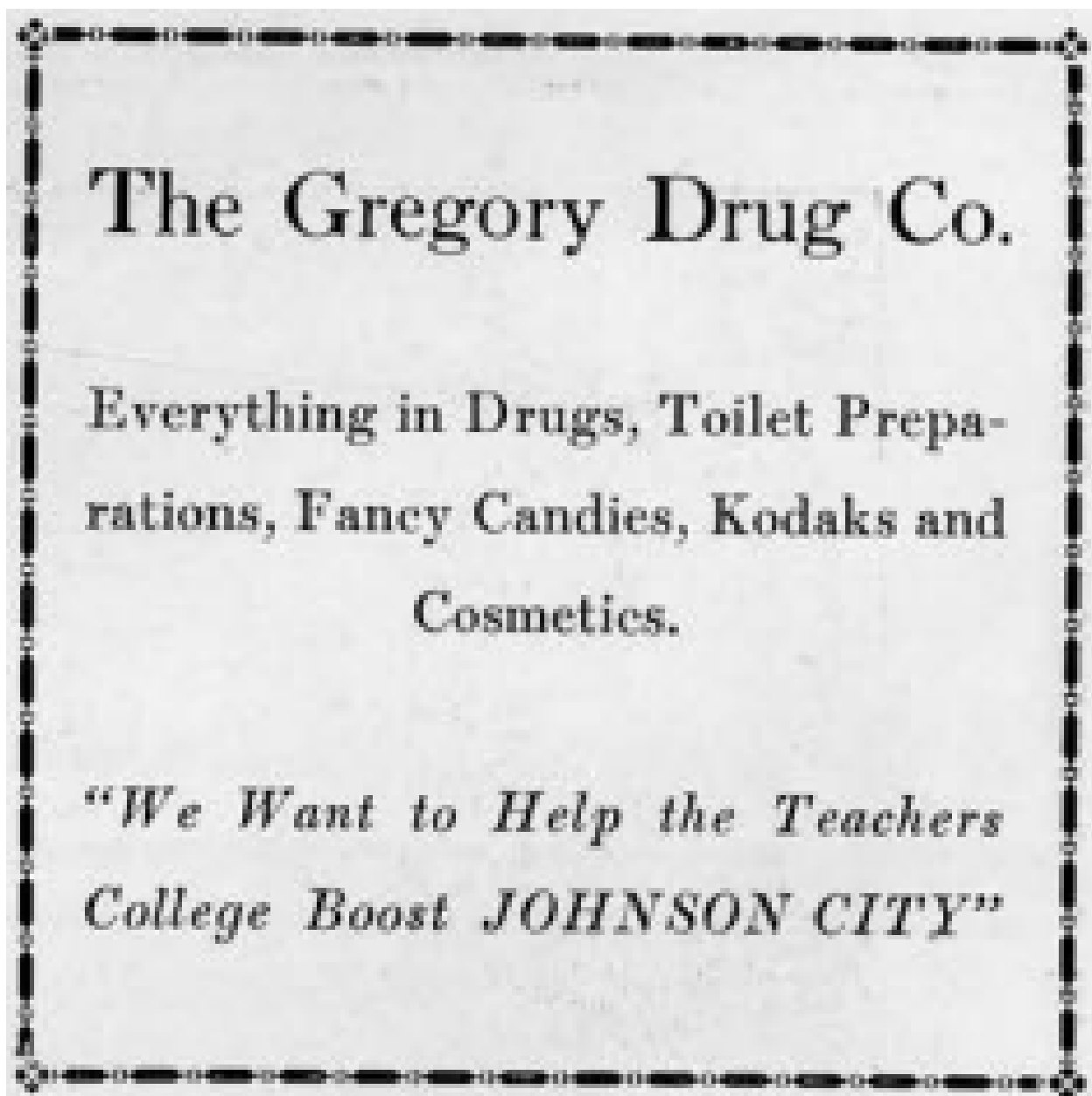


Figure 307. Old Hickory, 1927.<sup>181</sup>

4.3.2.2. Waggoner Drug Company, here? 1928 to at least 1930

15 March 1928. The Practical Druggist.

"Hugh M. Waggoner, of Maryville, recently purchased the Gregory Drug Company, Johnson City, after managing the store for four months."<sup>182</sup>

Compliments of

# Waggoner Drug Company

Best and Most Complete Stock in Town  
Johnson City's Prescription Store

**AGENTS FOR:**

Whitman's Candy—  
Nunnally's Candy—  
Guerlain's Perfumes—  
Houibant's Perfumes—  
Cairo's Famous Jasmin—  
Gabilla's Non Cheri—

Figure 308. The Chalk Line, 1930.<sup>183</sup>  
Presumably, this enterprise was located at 100 East Main Street.



4.3.2.3. Snyder – Jones Pharmacy, 1932 to at least 1978

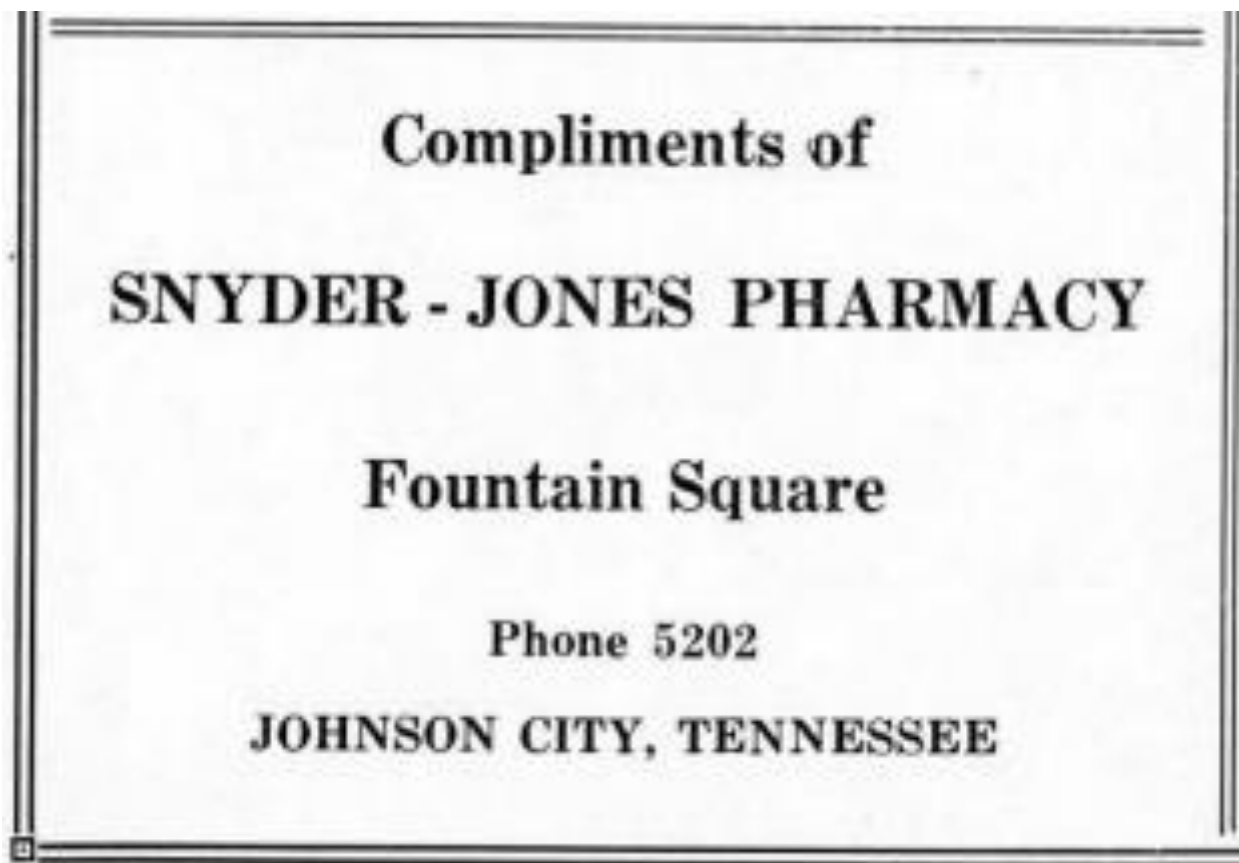


Figure 309. The Chalk Line, 1932.<sup>184</sup>

This and similar advertisements an until at least 1953.

Note: "The Snyder Family has been in the pharmacy business for over 75 years. Beulah Snyder was the founder with Snyder-Jones Pharmacy, which was in downtown Johnson City."<sup>185</sup>

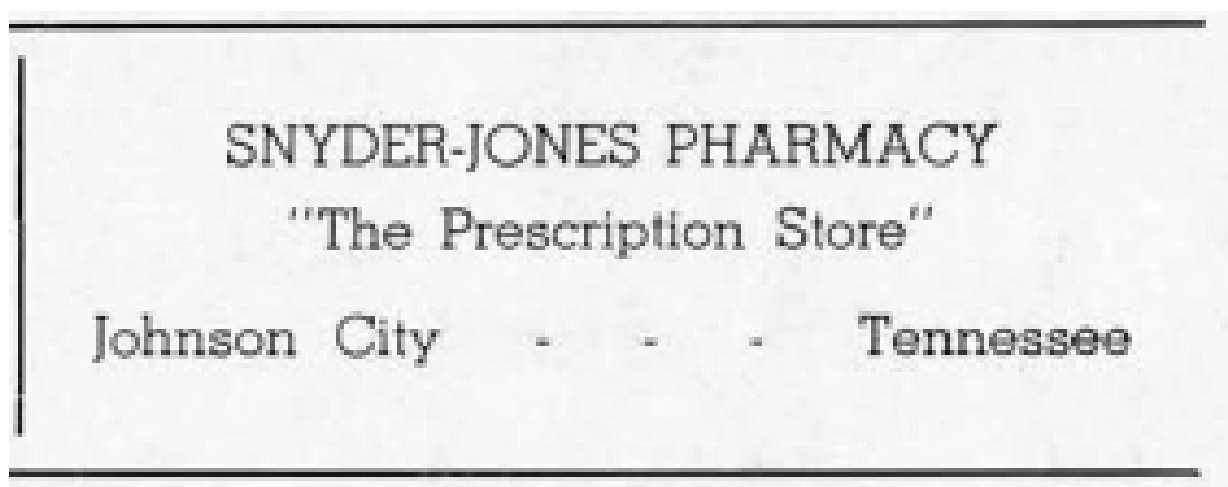


Figure 310. The Buccaneer, 1939.<sup>186</sup>

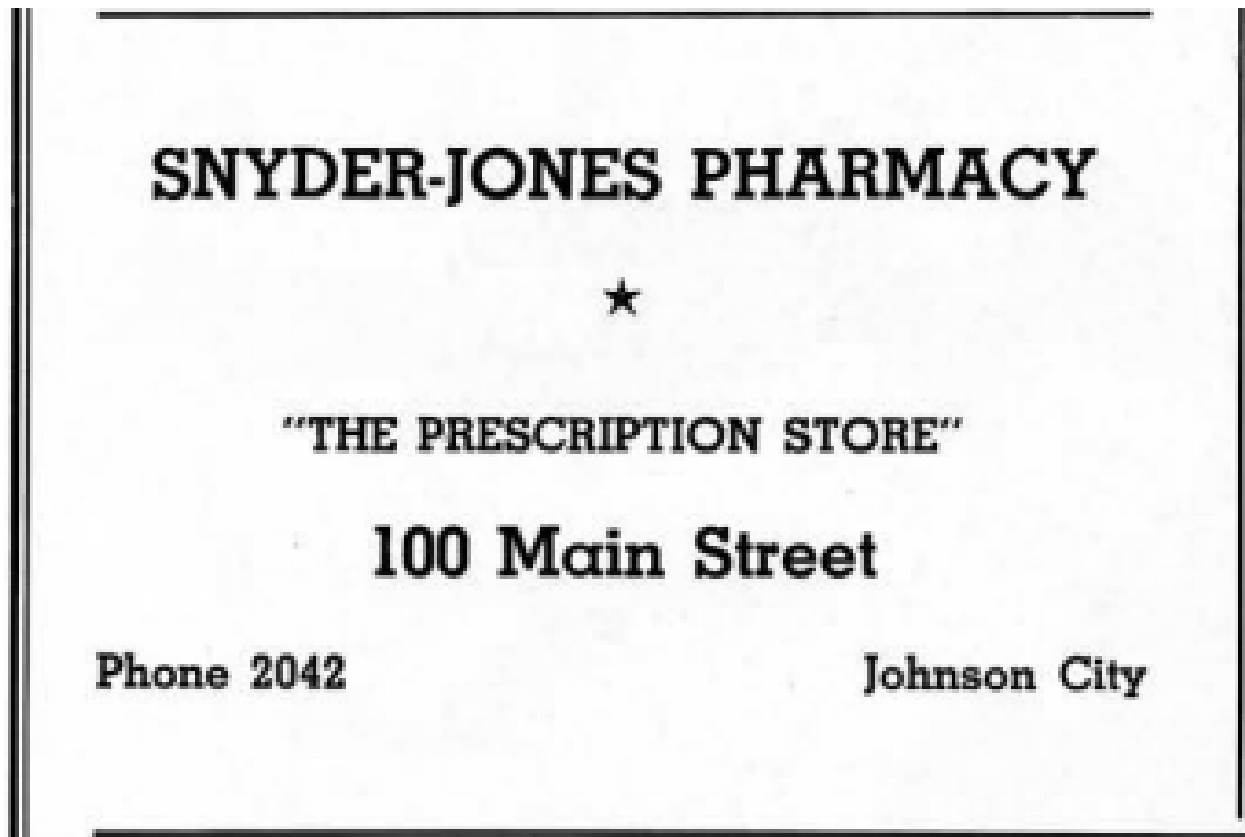


Figure 311. The Buccaneer, 1950.<sup>187</sup>

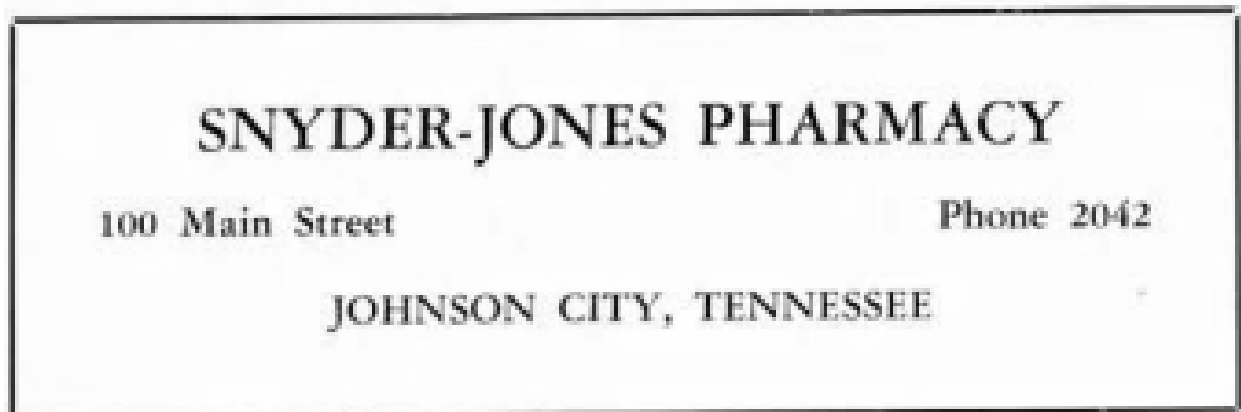


Figure 312. The Buccaneer, 1954.<sup>188</sup>  
This advertisement ran until at least 1955.

2003. "Johnson City Commercial Historic District".

"100 East Main Street... historically Snyder-Jones Pharmacy, currently Main Street Tile."<sup>189</sup>

#### 4.4. S.T. Harris's Block, 101 to 107 Buffalo Street, 1923 – Present

##### 4.4.1. Ed's Town House, by 1962 to at least 1964

1962 – 1964. “Bob Cox's Yesteryear.”

“A Look Back at Ed's Town House – The downtown Johnson City I fondly remember in the 1950s – 60s was a lively place especially on Saturdays. Between 1962 and 1964, I was a full-time student at ETSU with a part-time job at Frick's Music Mart (403 S. Roan).

I planned my campus schedule each weekday so I could finish my classes by early afternoon and work at the store until closing time at 5:00. I drove downtown usually before 1:30, parked in the municipal lot and grabbed some lunch at one of the many downtown restaurants before reporting for work. In 1964, there were 73 cafes and restaurants in Johnson City with 17 of them within walking distance of Fountain Square.

My favorites were Byrd's [in the Summer Building, by the Southern Railway passenger station], Dinty Moore's and Ed's. While I ate at all three over time, it was Ed's Town House that regularly captured my business. I was usually half-starved upon entering the establishment that was located directly across from the old City Bus Station. Ed occupied the former site of the Boston Shoe Shop.

The proprietor, Everett 'Ed' Gass, an Elizabethton resident, was a tall blond middle-aged man with a flattop haircut. He opened up for breakfast at the crack of dawn and closed in late afternoon after the lunch crowd had dwindled. There was not enough activity in the downtown area to justify his staying open after mid-afternoon. While Ed served the customary burger and fry fare, it was his daily 'Special' that attracted me. His offering included one meat, two vegetables, bread and a drink of choice. The food was unusually good and reasonably priced at less than two dollars, equating to about two hour's pay. His hamburgers were equally scrumptious as they were cooked on a flat grill.

The restaurant was small with six to eight tables and a long counter with stools along the left. I usually occupied a seat at the counter. By the time I arrived, the dinner crowd had pretty much moved on. From time to time, I came in late to find that the daily 'Special' was depleted, prompting Ed to fix me a delicious meal from scratch.

Gass was a super guy and really appreciated my business. He employed two helpers who waited on customers leaving cooking chores to the boss. Occasionally, the health inspector was there prompting Ed to nervously pace the floor. I frequented Ed's Town House for over two years. After enrolling at the University of Tennessee, I sporadically dropped in on Saturday to eat with him. On one visit, I regrettably found the Town House door closed and padlocked; Ed had gone out of business.

I often think back on this restaurant with much fondness, perhaps because I was a famished university student when I entered his place of business each day. Ed's tasty daily gastronomic 'Specials' are firmly deposited in my yesteryear memory bank.”<sup>190</sup>

2003. “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”.

“101 [as well as 103 and 105] Buffalo Street, currently Rick's Hair and Hole in the Wall.”<sup>191</sup>

4.4.2. 103 Buffalo Street, 1923 – Present  
(Campbell (?) Building)

4.4.2.1. John Martin Barber Shop, by 1947 to 1948

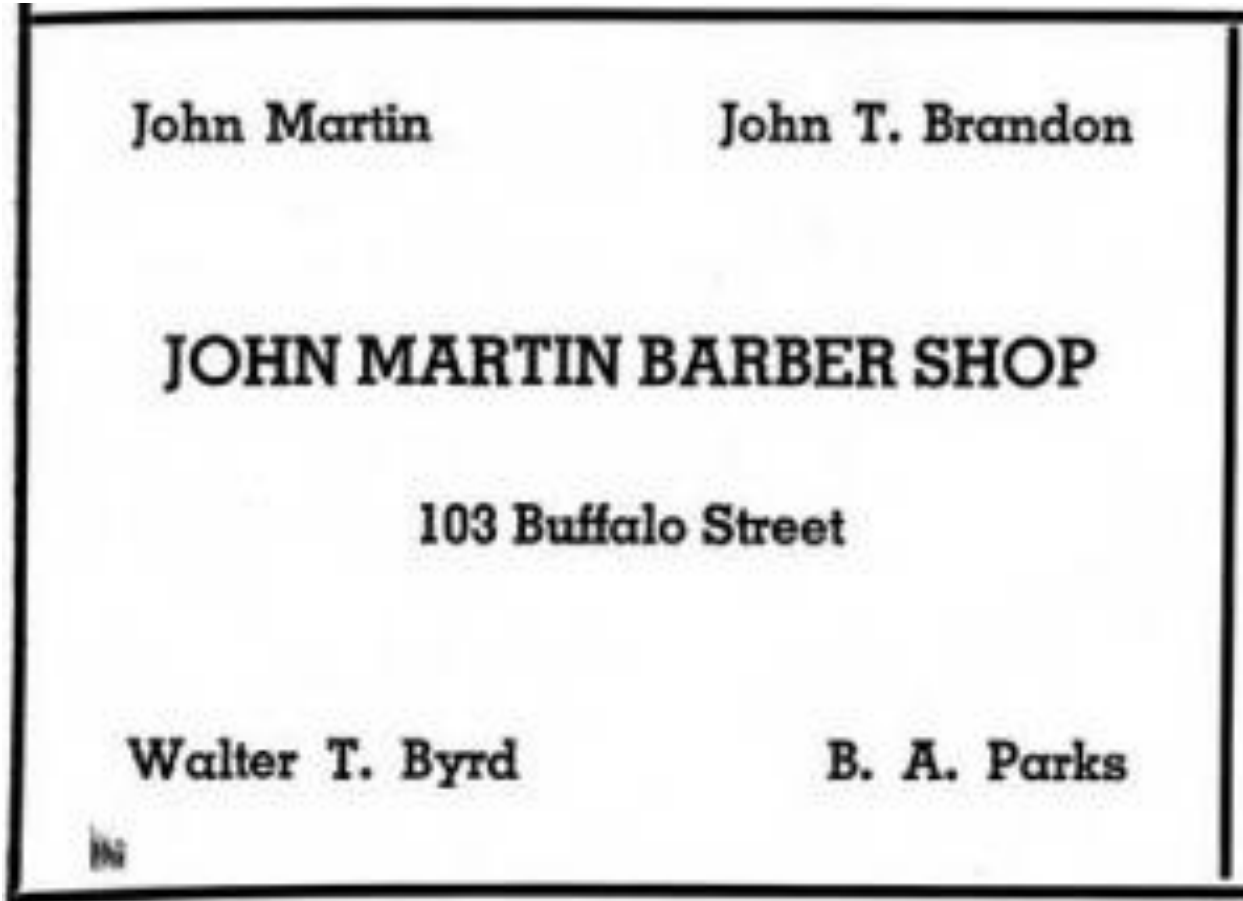


Figure 313. The Buccaneer, 1947.  
This enterprise had moved to 121 Buffalo Street by 1948.<sup>192</sup>

Appendix A.  
Map Legends and Abbreviations

KEY	
<div> <div> <div>3</div> <div>NO. OF STORIES</div> </div> <div> <div>x</div> <div>SHINGLE ROOF</div> </div> <div> <div>•</div> <div>COMPOSITE ROOF</div> </div> <div> <div>○</div> <div>SLATE OR TILE ROOF</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>STEAM BOILER</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>WINDOWS " SHUTTERS</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>STABLE</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>I</div> <div>FIRE WALL 6 IN. AB. ROOF</div> </div> <div> <div>H</div> <div>" " 12 " " "</div> </div> <div> <div>III</div> <div>" " 18 " " "</div> </div> <div> <div>FRAME PARTITION</div> </div> <div> <div>OPENING &amp; IRON DOOR</div> </div> <div> <div>WINDOW IN 1<sup>ST</sup> STORY</div> </div> <div> <div>" 1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup> "</div> </div> <div> <div>" 2<sup>ND</sup> &amp; 4<sup>TH</sup> "</div> </div>
<div> <div>COUNTING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT WHILE LOOKING TOWARDS BUILDING</div> <div> <div>DOY REPRESENTS OPENING</div> <div></div> </div> </div>	
<div> <div>B'LD'GS COLORED YELLOW ARE FRAME</div> <div>" " RED " BRICK</div> <div>" " BLUE " STONE</div> <div>" " GREY " IRON</div> <div>" " BROWN " ADOBE</div> <div>" " GREEN " SPECIALS</div> </div>	
<div> <div>MARKED (CL) ARE CLOTH LINED</div> <div>(5) (19) INDICATE RELATIVE HEIGHTS</div> <div>ALTERNATE STREET NO'S ARE ACTUAL</div> <div>CONSECUTIVE " " " ARBITRARY</div> <div>BROKEN LINE NEAR B'LD'G - WOOD CORNICE</div> <div>SOLID " " " METAL "</div> </div>	

Figure 314. Map Legend for January 1891.<sup>193</sup>



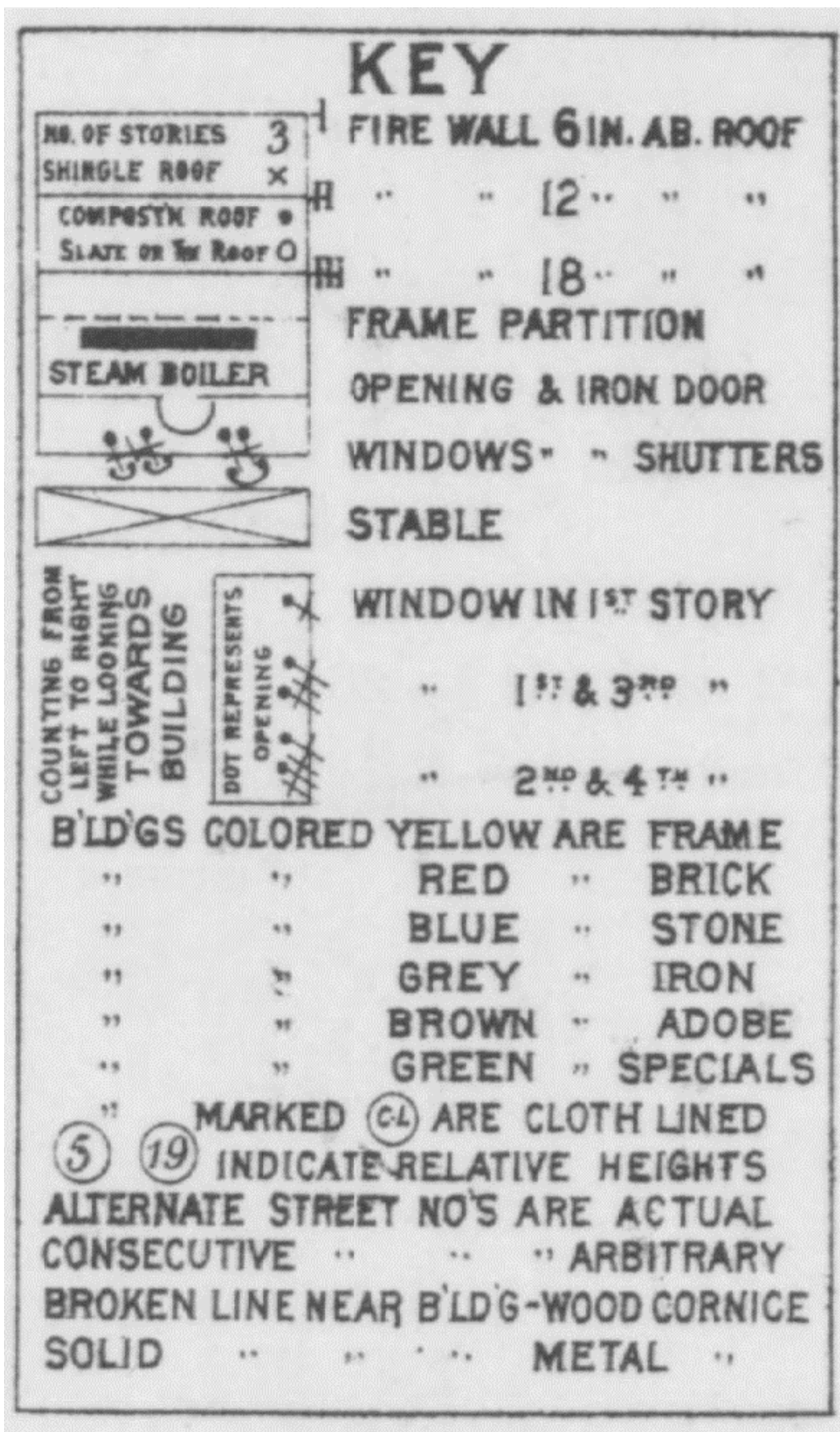


Figure 315. Map Legend for May 1897.<sup>194</sup>

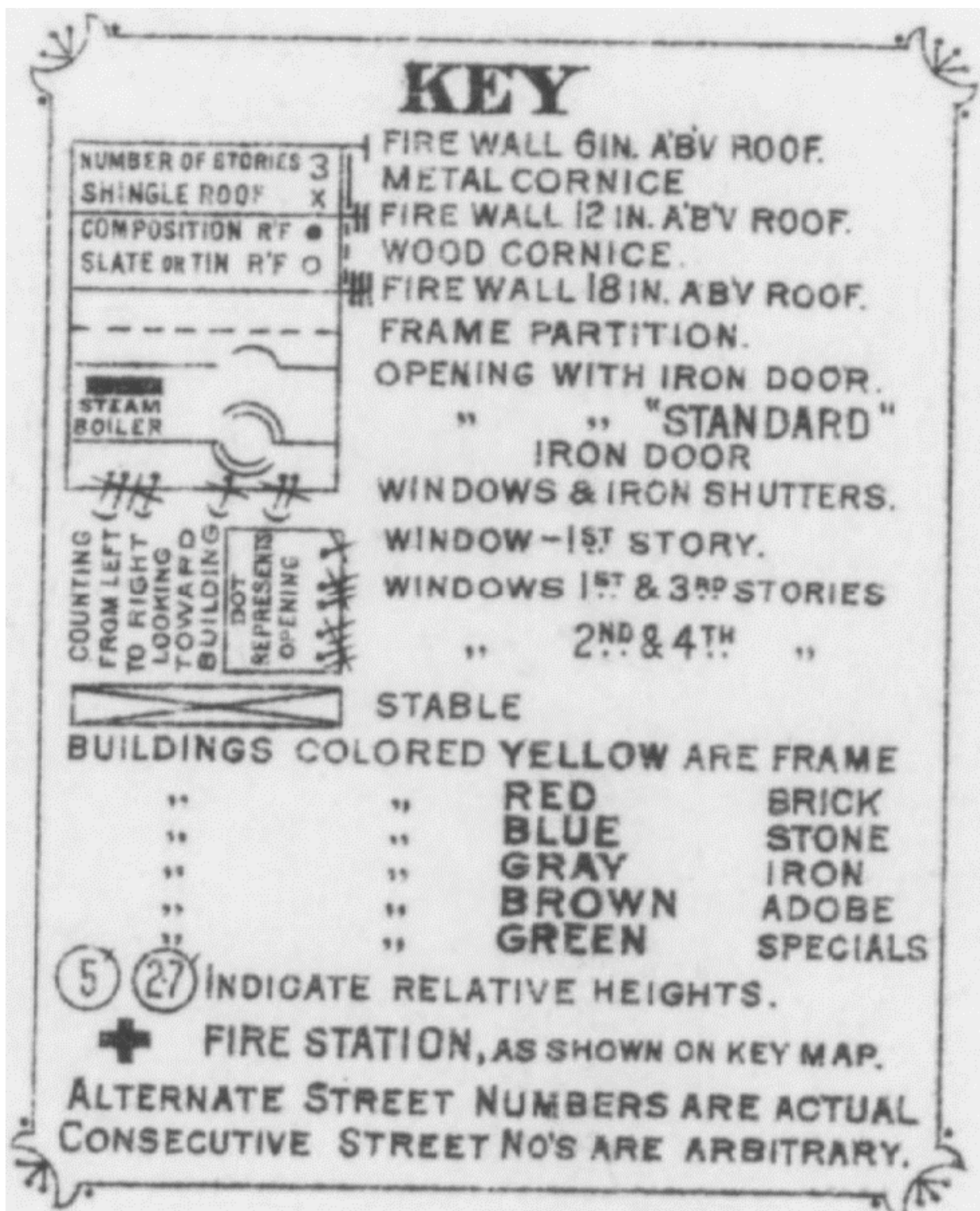


Figure 316. Map Legend for April 1903.<sup>195</sup>

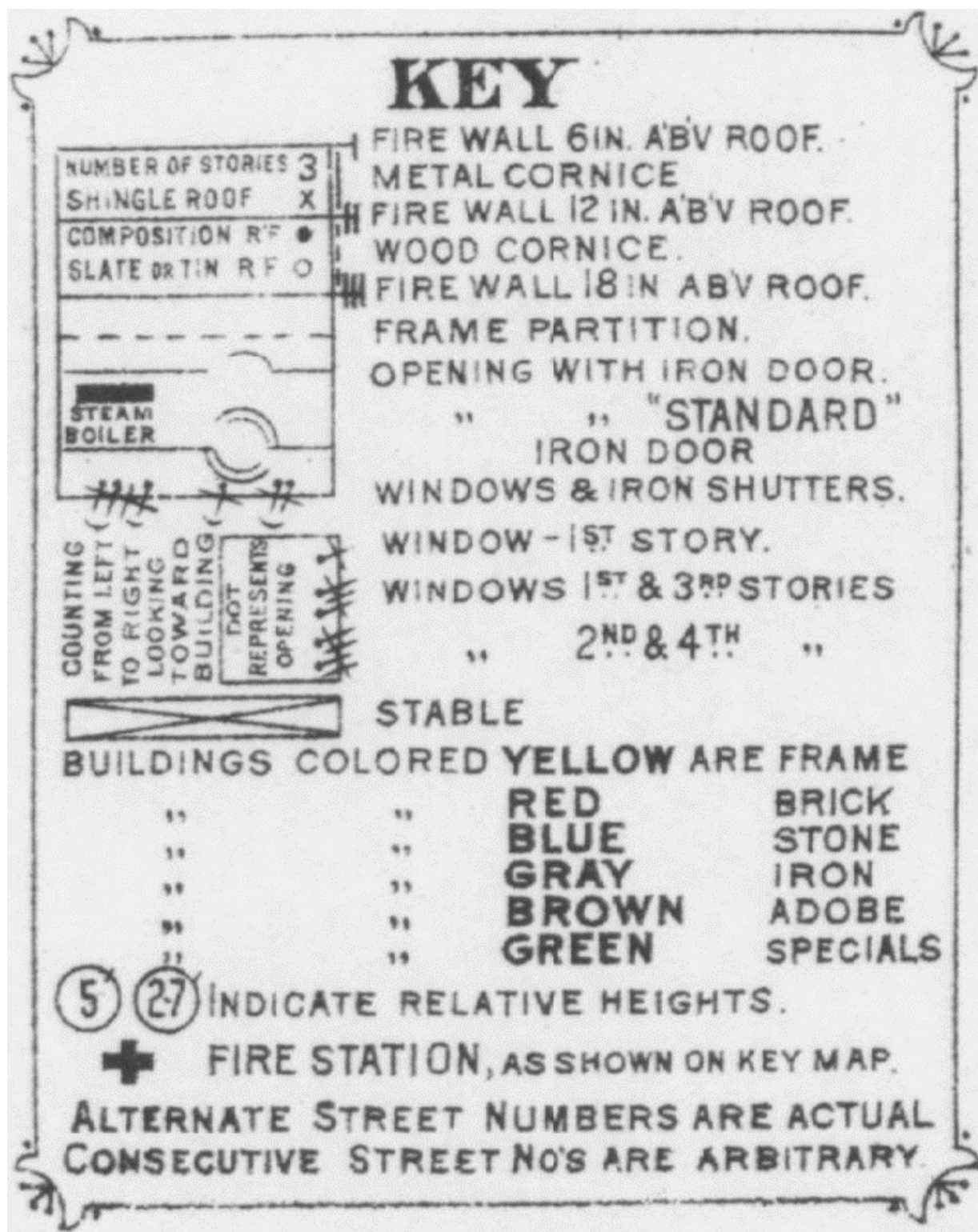


Figure 317. Map Legend for December 1908.<sup>196</sup>

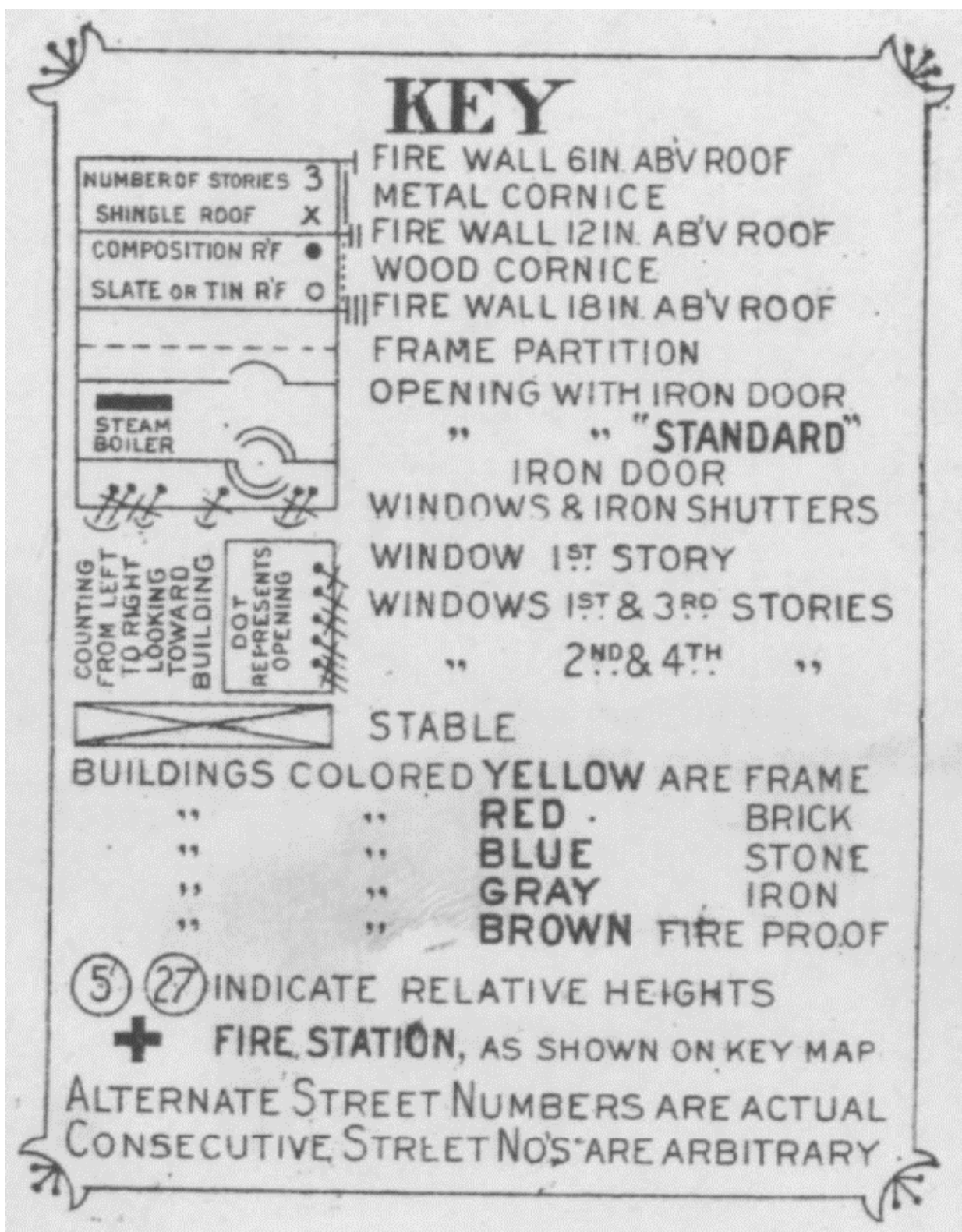


Figure 318. Map Legend for July 1913.<sup>197</sup>



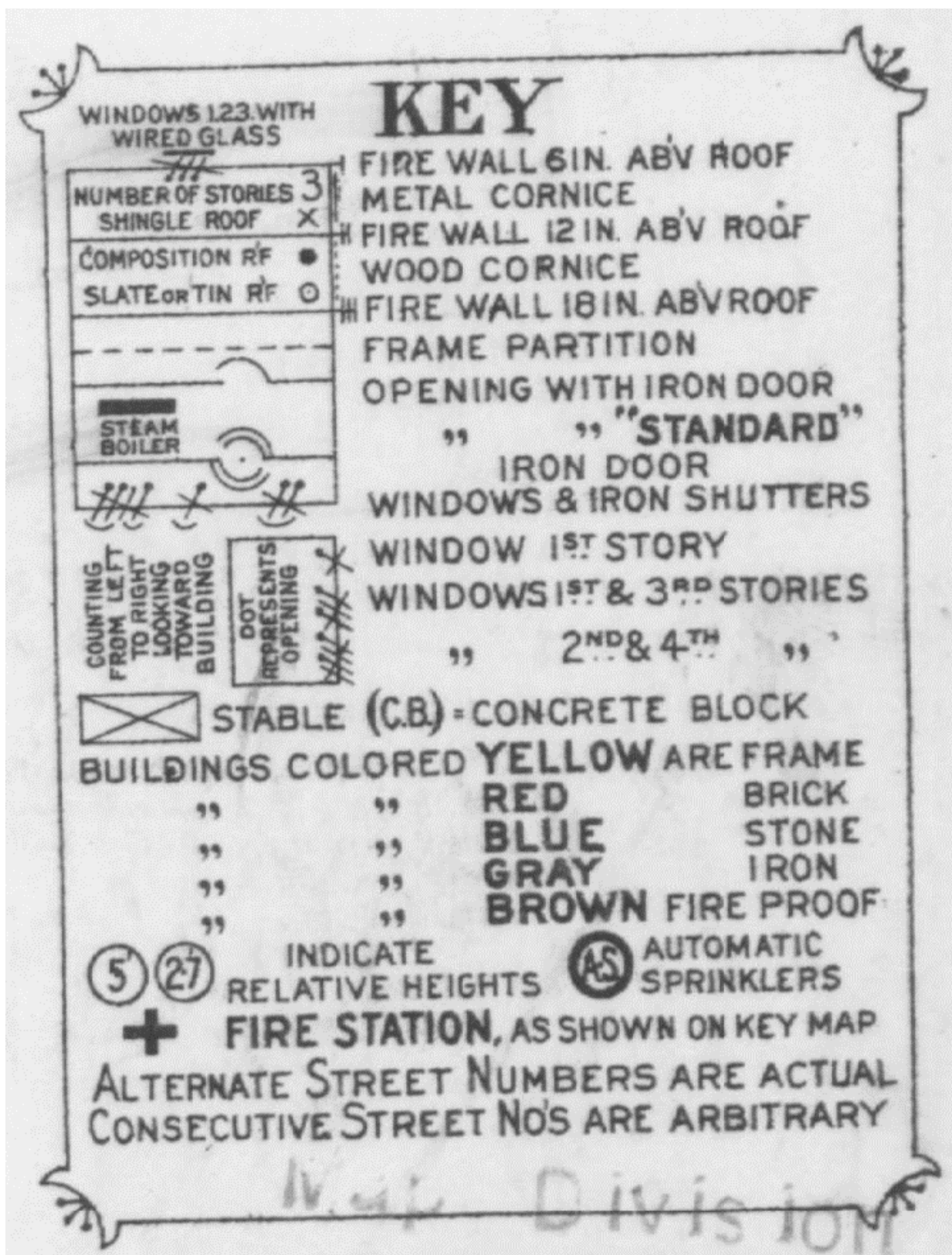


Figure 319. Map Legend for February 1920.<sup>198</sup>



Table 9. "Sanborn Map Abbreviations"<sup>199</sup>

Abbrev.	Meaning	Abbrev.	Meaning
A	Automobile (usually designates the location of a garage)	Co	Company
A in B	Automobile located in basement	Comp	Composition construction (i.e. stucco) or compressor
A S	Automatic sprinkler	Conc	Concrete
Abv	Above	Conf'y	Confectionary (candy store)
ACS	Automatic chemical sprinkler	Confec'y	Confectionary (candy store)
AFA	Automatic fire alarm	Constr'n	Construction
Agr	Agricultural	Corp'n	Corporation
Appts	Apparatus		
Apts	Apartments	D	Dwelling
Asb Cl	Asbestos clad	DH	Double (fire) hydrant
Att'd	Attended	DG	Dry goods
Aud'it'm	Auditorium	Drs	Doctor's office
Auto Ho	Automobile house, or garage	Dwg	Dwelling
B	Basement, boiler or occasionally brick	E	Open elevator
B & S	Boots and shoes	E Fl	Each Floor
BPOE	Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks	El	Electric
B Sm	Blacksmith	Elec	Electrician
B'ld'g	Building	Eng	Engine
B'lr	Boiler	Ent	Entertainment
B's't	Basement	Episc'l	Episcopal
Bak'y	Bakery	ESC	Elevator with self-closing traps
Balc	Balcony	ET	Elevator with traps
Bap	Baptist	Exch	Telephone exchange
Bbl	Barrel	Expr	Express (as used to designate a delivery service)
Bbls	Barrels		
BE	Brick enclosed elevator	F	Flat (as used to designate a delivery service)
Bill'ds	Billiards	FA	Fire alarm
Bl Sm	Blacksmith	FE	Fire escape
Blk Sm	Blacksmith	FP	Fire pump
Bst	Basement	Fill'g Sta	Filling station, or gas station
		Fl	Floor
C B	Cement brick or concrete block construction	Fr Attic	Frame constructed attic
C Br	Concrete brick or cement block construction	Frat	Fraternity
Cap'cy	Capacity	Fur	Furnishings
Carptr	Carpenter	Furn'g	Furnishings
CBET	Concrete enclosed elevator with traps	Furne	Furniture
Chem	Chemical		
Chinaw	Chinaware or porcelain	GAR	Grand Army of the Republic
Chine	Chinese	GT	Gasoline tank
Cl	Clad	Gal	Gallery
Clo	Clothing	Gall	Gallery
		Gall'y	Gallery
		Gen'l	General (as used to designate a general store)

Table 9. "Sanborn Map Abbreviations" (Continued)

Abbrev.	Meaning	Abbrev.	Meaning
Gents	Gentlemen's	Paint'g	Painting
Greas'g	Greasing	Pat Med	Patent medicines
Gro	Grocery or groceries	Plumb'g	Plumbing
		Print'g	Printing
HPFS	High pressure fire service		
H'dw	Hardware	QH	Quadruple (fire) hydrant
Hack	Hackney or delivery service		
Hardw	Hardware	RC	Roman Catholic
Ho	Hotel or house (as used to designate a warehouse)	R'f	Roof
Htr	Heater	R'm	Room
Hyd	Hydrant	Rep	Repair
		Rep'g	Repairing
ICRR	Illinois Central Railroad	Repos'ry	Repository
Imp	Implements	Restr't	Restaurant
Ins	Insurance	Rf	Roof
Insts	Instruments	Rm	Room
Ir Cl	Iron clad		
		S	Store
K of C	Knights of Columbus	SA	Spark arrestor
		S Vac	Store portion of building is vacant
Lab	Laboratory	Sal	Saloon
Lodg'g	Lodging	Sky'ts	Skylights
Luth	Lutheran	Sm	Smith, as in gunsmith or blacksmith
Luth'n	Lutheran	Sm Ho	Smokehouse
		Sp'k'l'rs	Sprinklers
ME	Methodist Episcopal	St'ge	Storage
Mach'y	Machinery	St'y	Story
Mak'r	Maker	Sta	Station
Manf'y	Manufactory or factory	Stat'y	Stationery
Mdse	Merchandise		
Mfy	Manufactory or factory	TH	Triple (fire) hydrant
Mill'y	Millinery	Tel	Telephone
Mkg	Making	Tenem'ts	Tenements
Mo	Motor	TESC	Tile enclosed elevator with self-closing traps
		Tinw	Tinware
NS	Not sprinklered	Trimm'g	Trimming
OU	Open under	U	Upright
Off	Office	Up	Upright
PO	Post office		

Table 9. "Sanborn Map Abbreviations" (Continued)

Abbrev.	Meaning		Abbrev.	Meaning
Vac	Vacant		W Ho	Warehouse
Ven'd	Veneered		WPA	Works Progress Administration
Ven'r'd	Veneered		W'ks	Works
VP	Vertical pipe		Whol	Wholesale
			Wkg	Working
W	Ware, as in warehouse or wareroom		Woodwkg	Woodworking
WC	Water closet or toilet			
WG	Wire glass skylights			

Consolidated Sanborn Map Legend<sup>200</sup>

<b>TILE 1st</b> ----- <b>BRICK 1st</b> ----- <b>PYROBAR 1st</b> -----	Fire proof construction (OR FIRE RESISTIVE CONST'N)
<b>ADOBE</b>	Adobe building
<b>HEIGHT OF BUILD- ING IN FEET FROM GROUND TO ROOF LINE</b> 57	Stone building
<b>(C.BR.)</b>	Concrete, lime cinder or cement brick
<b>(C.B.)</b>	Hollow concrete or cement block const'n
<b>(CONC.)</b>	Concrete or reinforced concrete const'n
<b>(TILE)</b>	Tile building
<b>NUMBER OF STORIES</b> 4	Brick building with frame cornice
<b>TWO STORIES</b> 2B <b>AND BSMT COM- POSITION ROOF</b> ●	Brick building with stone front
----- <b>SHINGLE ROOF</b> X	Brick building with frame side (DIVIDED BY FRAME PARTITION)
<b>(VEND)</b>	Brick veneered building
<b>BRICK 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	Brick and frame building
<b>FRAME, BRICK LINED</b>	Frame building, brick lined
<b>F = FLAT S = STORE</b>	Frame building, metal clad
<b>D = DWELLING</b>	Frame building
<b>A in B =AUTO. IN BSMT</b>	Iron building
<b>LOFT</b>	Tenant building occupied by various manufac- turing or occupancies
<b>(ASB.CL.)</b>	Frame building covered with asbestos

<b>NON COMBUSTIBLE ROOF COVERING OF METAL, SLATE, TILE OR ASBESTOS SHINGLES ○</b>	Brick building with brick or metal cornice
<b>SKYLIGHT LIGHTING TOP STORY ONLY</b>	Fire wall 6 inches above roof
<b>3. SKYLIGHT LIGHTING THREE STORIES</b>	Fire wall 12 inches above roof
<b>W.G. WIRED GLASS SKYLIGHT</b>	Fire wall 18 inches above roof
	Fire wall 36 inches above roof
FIRE WALL 48 INCHES ABV. RF. 48	

8 12 16 16 4	Figures 8,12,16 indicate thickness of wall in inches
8 12 12 16 16 20 6	Wall without opening and size in inches
2345 AL <sup>L</sup>	Wall with openings on floors as designated
	Opening with single iron or tin clad door
	Opening with double iron or tin clad doors
	Opening with standard fire doors
	Openings with wired glass doors
	Drive or passage way
	Stable
	Auto. (House or private garage)
	Solid brick with interior walls of C.B. or C.B. and brick mixed



C.B. & BR. CONST'N  
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Mixed construction of C.B. and brick with one wall of solid brick.

C.B. & BR. CONST'N  
(BR. FACED)

Mixed construction of C.B. and brick with one wall faced with 4" brick.

C.B. & BR. CONST'N

Mixed construction of C.B. and brick throughout.

6" W.PIPE

Water pipes and size in inches.

6" W.PIPE (PRIVATE)

Water pipes of private supply

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House numbers shown nearest to buildings are official or actually up on buildings.

Old house numbers shown furthest from buildings.

**FP-1962**  
**(conc.)**  
**A-I-a**

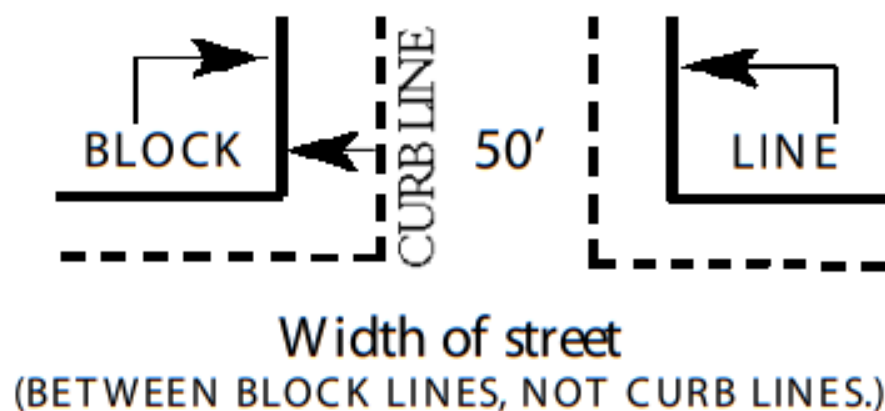
A fire-resistive building built in 1962 with concrete walls and reinforced concrete frame, floors and roof.

**FPX-1962**  
**(METAL PANELS)**  
**E-2-b**  
**NONCOMB CEIL'S**

A fire-resistive building built in 1962 with metal panel walls, indirectly protected steel frame, concrete floors and roof on metal lath, noncombustible ceilings.

**NC-1962**  
**(C.B.)**  
**H-2-d**

A noncombustible building built in 1962 with concrete block walls; unprotected steel columns and beams; concrete floors on metal lath and steel deck roof.

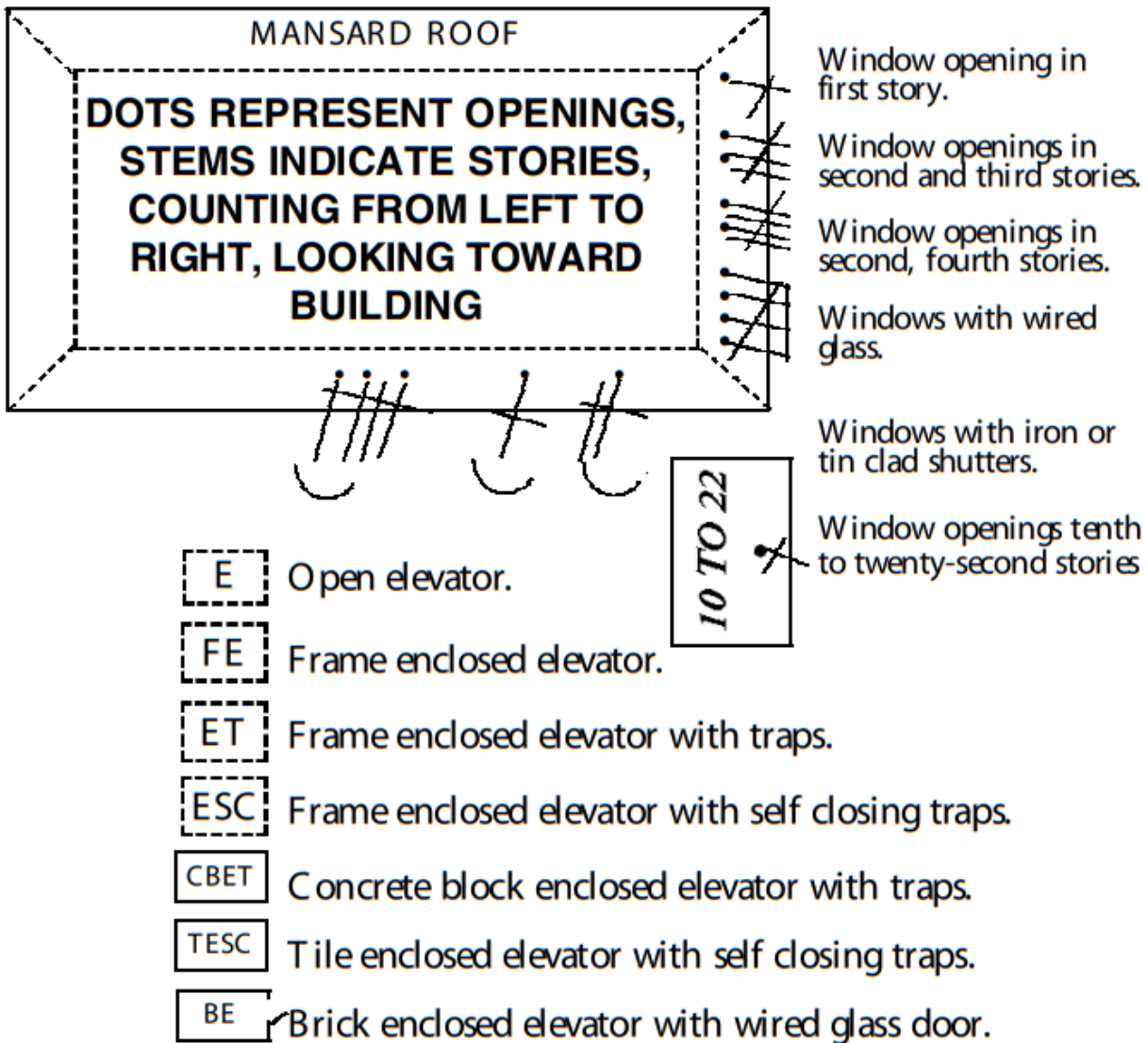


24 Reference to adjoining page.


+ Fire engine house, as shown on key map.

● Fire pump.

(36) Under page number refers to corresponding page of previous edition.





**5** Block number.


 V.P. Vertical pipe or stand pipe.


**AFA** Automatic fire alarm.


**IEP** Independent electric plant.


 Automatic sprinklers.

 Automtc. chemical sprinklers.


 Automatic sprinklers in part of building only.  
(NOTE UNDER SYMBOL INDICATES PROTECTED PORTION OF BUILDING)

 Not sprinklered.


 Outside vertical pipe on fire escape.


 Fire alarm box.

 Single hydrant.

D.H.  Double hydrant.


T.H.  Triple hydrant.

Q.H.  Quadruple hydrant of the "High Pressure Fire Service."  
H.P.F.S.


 Fire alarm box of the "High Pressure Fire Service"  
H.P.F.S.

===== Water pipes of the "High Pressure Fire  
20"W.Pipe (H.P.F.S.) Service"


+ + 12" + + Water pipes and hydrants of the "High  
----- Pressure Fire Service" as shown on key map.


IR. CH.  Iron chimney

 Iron chimney  
(WITH SPARK ARRESTOR)

IR. CH.S.A.  Brck. chmny.


 Ground elevation

U.P.B.  Vertical steam boiler

G.T.  Gasoline tank

(O.U.)  Open under

 Siamese fire dept. connection

 Single fire dept. connection.

## FRAMING

<u>CODE</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL UNIT</u>
A.	Reinforced Concrete Frame.
B.	Reinforced Concrete Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches, Masonry Piers.
C.	Protected Steel Frame
D.	Individually Protected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.
E.	Indirectly Protected Steel Frame.
F.	Indirectly Protected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.
G.	Unprotected Steel Frame.
H.	Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.
O.	Masonry Bearing Walls.

The coding for framing, floor and roof structural units as shown above is used in describing the construction of fire-resistive buildings. In addition, reports for fire-resistive buildings will show the date built and wall construction when other than brick.

FP buildings have masonry floors and roof; concrete and/or directly or indirectly protected steel framing; and clay brick, stone or poured concrete walls.

FPX buildings are FP buildings with inferior walls such as concrete block, cement brick, metal or glass panels, etc.

NC buildings have unprotected steel framing and fire-resistive but non-masonry floors and roof.



## FLOORS

### CODE   STRUCTURAL UNIT

1.   Reinforced Concrete.  
Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units.  
Pre-cast Concrete or Gypsum Slabs or Planks.
2.   Concrete on Metal Lath,  
Incombustible Form Boards,  
Paper-backed Wire Fabric, Steel Deck,  
and Cellular, Ribbed or Corrugated  
Steel Units.
3.   Open Steel Deck or Grating.

LAND USE CODE APPLICABLE TO CHANGES DIAGRAMMED AFTER 5/69

<b><i>R</i></b>	RESIDENTIAL	<b><i>M</i></b>	MANUFACTURING
<b><i>RT</i></b>	RESIDENTIAL- TRANSIENT	<b><i>P</i></b>	PUBLIC OR INSTI- TUTIONAL
<b><i>C</i></b>	COMMERCIAL	<b><i>U</i></b>	UTILITY
<b><i>W</i></b>	WAREHOUSE	<b><i>T</i></b>	TRANSPORTATION

NUMERICAL PREFIX INDICATES THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN EACH CATEGORY

## ROOF

<u>CODE</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL UNIT</u>
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|----|---|
| a. | Reinforced Concrete.<br>Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units.<br>Reinforced Gypsum Concrete. Pre-cast<br>Concrete or Gypsum Slabs or Planks.              |
| b. | Concrete or Gypsum on Metal Lath,<br>Incombustible Form Boards, Paper-backed<br>Wire Fabric, Steel Deck, and Cellular,<br>Ribbed or Corrugated Steel Units. |
| c. | Incombustible Composition Boards with or<br>without Insulation.<br>Masonry or Metal Tiles.  |
| d. | Steel Deck, Corrugated Metal or Asbestos<br>Protected Metal with or without Insulation.   |

Appendix B.  
“Generic” Interior Views of a Barber Shop in Johnson City



Figure 320. “Barber Shop Interior Views”.<sup>201</sup>



Figure 321. "Barber Shop Interior Views".<sup>202</sup>

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” January 1891, image 2, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261891](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261891). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>2</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” May 1897, image 2, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261897](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261897). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>3</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” April 1903, image 3, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261903](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261903). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>4</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” December 1908, image 5, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261908](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261908). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>5</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” July 1913, image 5, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261913](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261913). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>6</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” February 1920, image 19, U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261920](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261920). For map legend and abbreviations, see Appendix A. For map scale, please refer to the link above.

<sup>7</sup> Available online at:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/archivesofappalachia/4459653135/in/album-72157623680003012/lightbox/>.

<sup>8</sup> “Main Street Johnson City Tenn 1890,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12077>. Also at: “Main Street,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/11651>, and “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/main1890.jpg>.

<sup>9</sup> “Big Rag Time Opera Street Fair,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/11823>.

<sup>10</sup> “Street Fair – ‘Big Rag Time Opera,’” “Johnson’s depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/ragtoperabg.jpg>. This source had a slightly wider field of view.

<sup>11</sup> “‘Apple Sellers’ 1880s,” “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/main1880.jpg>. Also at: “Downtown before 1890, Main Street looking east from Spring Street area; couple with ox-drawn covered wagon,” Burr Harrison Photographs, circa 1881 – 1958, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/148>. As noted in the caption dates of “1880s” and “before 1890” are not supportable.

<sup>12</sup> “Men Posing in Front of Hardware Store, Possibly Summer’s Hardware or 200 Block Main Street,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/20445>. Also at: “Men Posing In Front of Hardware Store, Possibly Summer’s Hardware or 200 Block, Main Street,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/14731>, “Men Posing In Front of



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Hardware Store, Possibly Summer's Hardware or 200 Block Main Street, 'Washington County Court Members'," Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/18587>, (with the third man from the right labeled "S.E. Miller"), "Eight men (including S. E. Miller) in front of Summer Hardware," Burr Harrison Photographs, circa 1881 – 1958, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/163>, and "Johnson's Depot," available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/newstreet.jpg>.

<sup>13</sup> "Three Men in Front Store With H.W. Lyle & Co. Signage," Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/20484>.

<sup>14</sup> "Johnson's Depot," available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post1/main6bw1.jpg>.  
Also at: <https://wctnarchives.org/postcards-johnson-city-tennessee/#jp-carousel-4950>.

<sup>15</sup> "Johnson's Depot," available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post1/main6bw1.jpg>.  
Also at: <https://wctnarchives.org/postcards-johnson-city-tennessee/#jp-carousel-4950>.

<sup>16</sup> "Main St., Johnson City, Tennessee," Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2115>, which included: "Main St., Johnson City, Tennessee. J.E. Crouch, Pub., Johnson city, Tenn."

<sup>17</sup> "Trolley, Downtown Johnson City," Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/20402>.

<sup>18</sup> "Trolley, Downtown Johnson City," Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/20402>.

<sup>19</sup> "Main Street," Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6402>, dated 15 July 1914. This date serves as a caution that postcards can be dated or postmark several years after the image was taken; in this case, about seven years. This image is also at: "Postcard of Downtown Johnson City in 1903", National Soldiers Home – Postcards, "Johnson's Depot," available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/va100/images/1903jc.jpg>. A date of 1903 for this image does not appear to be supportable. *Johnson City Comet*, 25 June 1908, included: "The contract for paving the business center of the city was awarded Wednesday morning to Kelly Bros., of Portsmouth, O., for \$44,000. Work is to commence before July 15, and to be completed in six months. The celebrated Peebles block will be used for paving and no better can be found. The streets to be paved are, Main from Roan to Buffalo; Market from Roan to Southern Railway, and Roan from Southern Railway to the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railway." *Johnson City Comet*, 1 October 1908, included: "The Paving Progressing – Many Additional Streets are to be Paved Before Contractors get Away from Johnson City. The work of paving the streets first contracted for has been about completed, but other streets are to be included and Kelley Bros. may be kept here several weeks longer..." This image is remarkably similar to that at: "Main Street," Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6396>.

<sup>20</sup> "Main Street," Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6378>. Also at: "Main Street, July 4, 1908," Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/14722>.

<sup>21</sup> "Main Street," Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6389>, postmarked 22 June 1909. Also at: "Main Street," Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6391>, "Main St.," Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2126>, postmarked 4 February 1910, and "Johnson's Depot," available online at: [http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/jc\\_1908a.jpg](http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/jc_1908a.jpg).

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<sup>22</sup> “Main Street,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2111>. Also at: “Main Street,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6400>.

<sup>23</sup> “Main Street,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6385>. Also at “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/ftnsquare/maineast1.jpg>.

<sup>24</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/ftnsquare/maineast1.jpg>. This version of this photograph presents a slightly clearer image of “C.C. Bacon” and has a slightly wider field of view.

<sup>25</sup> “Fourth of July Parade,” 4 July 1908, Looking Back at Tennessee Photograph Collection, 1890 – 1981, Tennessee Virtual Archive, ID# 6916, available online at: <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15138coll50/id/4237/rec/5>.

<sup>26</sup> “Horse-Drawn Fire Engine, Jobe’s Opera House in Background,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/19119>.

<sup>27</sup> “Main Street John Robinson Show,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6381>, postmarked 25 August 1908.

<sup>28</sup> “Main Street,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6390>, postmarked 20 January 1911.

<sup>29</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all newspaper articles in this documentary history were accessed from “Chronicling America, Historic American Newspapers,” U.S. Library of Congress, available online at: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>.

<sup>30</sup> On 15 March 1884, the Johnson City Comet included: “Prominent among the wide awake irrepressible young men of this end of the State are those who make the trio under the firm name of Harr Bros., Will alias Bill Arp. Ed the livery man, and John the evangelist, all worked themselves up in business through difficulties that would blanch the cheeks of less courageous men, and have conquered circumstances. To-day they stand among the first and best business men in Johnson City or any other city. They deserve the good will and patronage of the people.”

<sup>31</sup> “We Greet You – This week at the old stand of T.E. Hurst & Co., corner Main and Spring street, and cordially invite our friends, patrons and the public in general, to call and see us in our new quarters. We will open this week a line of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Boots and Shoes, which we will call your special attention to later on. Being in position to buy and having the utmost confidence in the resources and ultimate prosperity of Johnson City and surrounding country, we have purchased liberally and at prices lower than ever before. Respectfully, Hart & Smith.”

<sup>32</sup> Cloaks and Furs, July 1904 (Volume XXXIII, No. 12), page 63, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=TKo6AQAMAAl>.

<sup>33</sup> The Johnson City Comet, 22 October 1885, included: “P.G. Range and J.F. Crumley are building two store rooms adjoining the Range block. They hope to have them completed in 60 days.” The Johnson City Comet, 4 March 1886, included: “Campbell & Crumley, will be the style of the new firm. Look out for a big ad. about the first of April,” And the Johnson City Comet, 18 March 1886, included: “Messrs. Jno. C. Campbell and J.F. Crumley, of the ‘Trade Palace,’ left Monday night for New York. They say they will bring back the best stock of goods ever seen in Johnson City. Mr. Crumley will come back via. Niagara Falls and Cincinnati.”

<sup>34</sup> “Removal Sale! On January 1, 1902, we will move into the storeroom formerly occupied by Gump Bros., on Main street and Public Square... Frank Taylor”

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<sup>35</sup> Julius Cahn's Official Theatrical Guide, Containing Information of the Leading Theatres and Attractions in America, 1896 (Volume 1), page 529, available online at: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uiuo.ark:/13960/t6zw52d5m>. Since Jobe's Opera House seems to have gone out of business as a venue in 1905, perhaps its final state is given by Julius Cahn's Official Theatrical Guide, 1 May 1907 (Volume XII), page 711, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=e6sNGWa8NmIC>, which included: "Johnson City – Pop., 6,500. Jobes Opera House. Gump Bros., mgrs.. S.c., 715. Illum., elec. Volt., 104. L.S. Jones, elect. Width prosc. opening, 20 ft. Height, 18 ft. Depth footlights to back wall, 18 ft. Distance curtain line to footlights, 3½ ft. 12 grooves. Height of grooves, 16 ft. Height to rigging loft, 15 ft. Depth under stage, 3 ft. 2 traps, centre and left. Theatre on second floor. W. Crumlie, prop, man. W.A. Hart, stage carpenter. E.M. Jackson, leader of orchestra. Printing required, 4 stands, 10 3-sheets, 20 1-sheets, 20 ½-sheets. Dates read, Jobes Opera House."

<sup>36</sup> Johnson City Comet, 28 March 1885, included: "Mutual Life Insurance. A Mutual Life Insurance Company has been organized in Johnson City with Wiley M. Christian as Pres., H. Gildersleeve Vice-Pres., H.B. Clark Sec. J.W. Hunter Treas. Dr. E.S. Miller, Medical Director. The Legislature has been asked to grant a charter for the Co. It is a laudable movement and we hope it will meet with success."

<sup>37</sup> Johnson City Comet, 25 October 1894, included: "To the Public. October 20, 1894. I have this day sold my interest and good will in the firm of Summers & Lyle to W.J. Barton. I desire to thank the customers for their patronage, and to request a continuance of same with the new firm of Summers & Barton. Truly, H.H. Lyle... Notice. All amounts due us may be left with Summers & Barton. If you have any amount due please come forward at once. Summers & Lyle."

<sup>38</sup> Johnson City Comet, 9 January 1902, included: "Will Make Extracts. The Imperial Chemical company has been organized by Johnson City capital for the purpose of manufacturing a high grade of extracts and high-class remedies. The company is composed of Geo. T. Wofford, T.V. McCown and P.H. Wofford. The stock is arriving and it will not be long until their preparations will be on the market. P.H. Wofford will have charge of the laboratory. He is a registered pharmacist and has ample experience to fill the place with skill and ability. It is strictly a home enterprise and expects to put nothing but the very best preparations upon the market. In the very naturae of things it is bound to succeed."

<sup>39</sup> Johnson City Comet, 29 December 1904, included: "New Hardware Firm – W.J. Barton having sold his interest in the firm of Summers, Barton & Parrott, has associated himself with Chas. Nuchols and they will continue the Hardware Business at the stand formerly occupied by the Lee & Nuchols Hardware Company and will also occupy the new warehouse, 25 x 110, on the Southern Railroad now being built by Mr. Barton. Mr. Barton retained the agencies for the Genuine Oliver Chilled Plows and Repairs and the Studebaker Wagons and Buggies, and has already received a complete line for the Spring trade in addition to the large stock which he took over from the Summers, Barton & Parrott stock. They start off well equipped for trade and are adding to the stock and will have one of the most complete and comprehensive lines of Hardware, Vehicles, Mill Supplies and Stoves in this section. They invite their friends to call and examine the stock and prices before making purchases in their line. – The Barton-Nuchols Hardware Co. – Telephone No. 6 – Main Street – Yellow Front"

<sup>40</sup> Johnson City Comet, 9 January 1902, included: "Will Make Extracts. The Imperial Chemical company has been organized by Johnson City capital for the purpose of manufacturing a high grade of extracts and high-class remedies. The company is composed of Geo. T. Wofford, T.V. McCown and P.H. Wofford. The stock is arriving and it will not be long until their preparations will be on the market. P.H. Wofford will have charge of the laboratory. He is a registered pharmacist and has ample experience to fill the place with skill and ability. It is strictly a home enterprise and expects to put nothing but the very best preparations upon the market. In the very naturae of things it is bound to succeed."

<sup>41</sup> Manufacturers Record, 21 May 1908 (Volume LIII, No. 19), page 65, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=mGQ9AQAAMAAJ>.

<sup>42</sup> Manufacturers Record, 25 February 1909 (Volume LV, No. 7), page 65, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=Vmg9AQAAMAAJ>.

<sup>43</sup> On 29 December 1892, the Johnson City Comet included: "Toney Tested. Report That He Had Failed Untrue. – The report has been current for several days that J.F. Toney, who has been doing a general merchandise business at Erwin, Unicoi County, for sometime, had failed and left his many creditors in the soup, so to speak. This caused a

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general rush of creditors to go to Erwin, hoping that they might attach his stock, and thus save themselves, but it was all useless on their part, for when they arrived at Erwin, they found in a few moments that the report of Mr. Toney's failure had started from the fact, that he had sold out his entire stock of goods to W.B. McNabb and others, and that he was ready to pay two for every one dollar which he owed, and that there was no use whatever of the stampede. He was in the city yesterday and settled in full, it is understood, with all his creditors." On 11 April 1895, the Johnson City Comet included: "J.A. White has sold his tock of groceries to J.M. Brown."

<sup>44</sup> On 28 January 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "Geo. R. Brown, proprietor of the European Hotel, has had about the worst spell of gripp of anyone lately..."

<sup>45</sup> On 9 June 1898, the Johnson City Comet included: "Grocery Emporium. R.L. & B. Bruner have gone into the grocery business. They made up their minds to do so last Saturday at noon, and, before dark, had closed the trade for three of the leading grocery stores in the city, viz: Lyle's, J.B. Worley, H.W. Pardue. They consolidated the stocks in the Lyle storeroom, and now have the largest and most complete grocery store in the city. Their meat market is a thing of beauty and they hope to dispense meat that will be a joy forever. J.B. Worley, H.W. Pardue, Jno. Keys and Jim Basket will dispose of the goods and John Lusk will look after the cash. With unlimited capital back of it, it goes without saying that the grocery department will be as great a success as the Racket Store." And on 13 October 1898, the Johnson City Comet included: "In Business Again. J.B. Worley who has had charge of the grocery department at the Racket Store for some time, has bought the stock of groceries of C.M. Bullock, and is again behind his own counter at the Bullock stand on Public Square. He will be glad to have his old patrons and ever so many new ones, call and see him. He will carry a general line of groceries and provisions."

<sup>46</sup> On 7 January 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "Just Let Me know how much Coal you want and I will take measure in furnishing you with the celebrated Lona Creek Coal at a very low figure. If You Want In the way of groceries, and I can supply you with nice, fresh goods as cheap as you can buy them anywhere else in the city. W.H. Leach. Cor. Main and Boone Streets." And on 25 February 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "Another Failure. The grocery business of W.H. Leach was closed Saturday night by his creditors. The amount of his indebtedness will reach \$150 and he keeps a stock of about \$600. The business will be sold as soon as possible."

<sup>47</sup> On 26 August 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "All on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The superstitious can calculate for themselves. T.J. Cox, the genial host of the Greenwood Hotel, is the father of a fine boy, born on the 19<sup>th</sup>. His mother was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of the month, and was married on the 19<sup>th</sup>; one of his brothers – H.D.G. Cox – was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> and was married on the 19<sup>th</sup>; this brother was born on their mother's birthday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tom is so happy he will almost give 20 cents for 19 and 'no questions asked.'" And on 19 May 1898, the Johnson City Comet, included: "The Fair a Certainty. – Washington County to the Front Again – Johnson City the Place. T.J. Cox, a retired merchant of this city, has made up his mind that a Fair is badly needed in this county, and that Johnson city is the place to have it. He has arranged to begin work at once on the buildings and fence, and will grade the race track in a short time. He will build a large building for general display of farm products and fancy work and will build close stables for stock. The ground will be fenced by a six-foot board fence with three strands of barbed wire above. The fair ground is just west of the city and about 8 minutes walk from the public square, well watered and admirably located for the purposes..." Note, these articles contain no reference to T.J. Cox's grocery store.

<sup>48</sup> The same issue of the Johnson City Comet also included: "Fired Out – The fire in the second floor of our store Monday night has compelled us to move temporarily into The Eagle Building and we shall be glad to have you call upon us there for whatever you want in the Grocery Line. We saved a large portion of our stock and have replaced the damaged goods. Call, as usual, for what you want. H.W. Lyle & Co. Eagle Building, Main Street, 'Phone 93."

<sup>49</sup> On 22 February 1906, the Johnson City Comet included: "H.W. Lyle has purchased the Patton & Self Printing Company plant and will remove the outfit to the upper rooms of the building formerly occupied by the City National Bank, on Main street."

<sup>50</sup> "Great Bargains at McCartt's New Store – The old stand of H.W. Lyle & Company has been completely overhauled and with a brand new stock..." On 2 June 1904, Johnson City Comet included: "M.B. McCartt has purchased the Earnest bankrupt stock of groceries and is conducting a grocery store at the old stand." And on 15 June 1905, Johnson City Comet included: "Worley & Brown have sold their stock of groceries to M.B. McCart. He will occupy their stand on Main street."

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<sup>51</sup> Johnson City Comet, 6 May 1909, included: "For Sale – A large meat refrigerator in good condition and suitable for large meat market. Will be sold on easy terms to suit the purchaser at my store. J.B. Worley." Johnson City Comet, 3 June 1909, included: "For Sale – A new pair of Standard Computing scales for sale on easy terms. Latest improved pattern and cost \$65. Will be sold at bargain, see J.B. Worley." Finally, on 12 August 1909, the Johnson City Comet ran a large advertisement for "J.B. Worley – Main Street Grocer – Phone 127".

<sup>52</sup> On 7 March 1889, the Johnson City Comet included: "Removal. Crumley & Gilmer have moved their stock of goods to the Range Block, Public Square, just vacated by King's Shoe Store, next door to City Drug Store." It appears that this is the location that McFarland moved from. On 2 October 1890, the Johnson City Comet included: "The Citizens Bank moved last Friday into their new quarters in the Harr – Burrow building on the corner of Main and Spring streets. The new bank furniture is the handsomest in East Tennessee, and as soon as the room is finished Johnson City will have one of the best appointed banks in the State."

<sup>53</sup> On 10 April 1890, the Johnson City Comet included: "McFarland and Estes is the latest addition to the real estate firms. They are wide awake and will do the good Samaritan act to perfection." On 17 April 1890, the Johnson City Comet included: "The new real estate firm of C.N. Estes & Co., is advertised in this issue. The gentlemen composing the firm are C.N. Estes and W.L. McFarland. They are reliable and the man that can beat Charlie Estes hustling did not learn his learn his business selling territory for a patent quilting frame."

<sup>54</sup> 22 October 1896. Johnson City Comet, 22 October 1896, included: "Change of Business. The drug firm of McFarland & Co. has changed hands. W.L. McFarland has sold his interest to Dr. R.S. Bolton of Embreeville, and J.H. Caldwell has sold to M.A. McFarland. The business will be continued under the firm name of McFarland & Bolton. W.L. McFarland will have charge of the business as manager and prescriptionist. The change took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst."

<sup>55</sup> On 26 November 1896, the Johnson City Comet included: "Go to Houston Bros., Reeves building, Market street, for your groceries. Every article new. Satisfaction guaranteed... New grocery store, Houston Bros., Market street, we solicit your patronage by honest dealing, low prices and prompt delivery." And on 14 January 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "Houston Bros. have sold their grocery business, on Main street, to Capt. W.A. Dickinson, who can be found at his post ready to wait on all comers." On 27 May 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: "The Storm... Crossing Market street the wind struck the rear of the building fronting on Main street, and lifted the roof off the Eagle block belonging to G.A. Reeves and occupied by S.B. White, Tin and Stove dealer. The building just west of it belonging to Capt. S.T. Harris and occupied by W.A. Dickinson, grocer, was deprived of its cornice and gable..."

<sup>56</sup> The same issue of the Johnson City Comet also included: "Fired Out – The fire in the second floor of our store Monday night has compelled us to move temporarily into The Eagle Building and we shall be glad to have you call upon us there for whatever you want in the Grocery Line. We saved a large portion of our stock and have replaced the damaged goods. Call, as usual, for what you want. H.W. Lyle & Co. Eagle Building, Main Street, 'Phone 93."

<sup>57</sup> On 12 March 1903, the Johnson City Comet included: "Married Monday. D.K. Trantum, a popular young merchant of Austin Springs, was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Hannah Monday afternoon at the home of John Edens, four miles west of the city. Miss Hannah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hannah, and is greatly admired by a large circle of friends. Mr. Trantum is a member of the firm of Trantum Bros., merchants at Austin Springs, and is recognized as a young man of many commendable traits."

<sup>58</sup> On 26 May 1892, the Johnson City Comet included: "Jasper M. Phillips, Civil Engineer and Surveyor... Office: Room 14, Will Harr Block."

<sup>59</sup> On 14 November 1889, Johnson City Comet included: "R.D. Grigg is preparing to open a drug store in the room vacated by Dean & Wilson in the Crouch block on public square." On 27 February 1890, the Johnson City Comet included: "A Third Furnace Booked. Through the efforts of Wilson & Dean, real estate brokers, Messrs. Griffiel and Martin, of Lawrence, Kansas, are in the city for the purpose of investing largely. Among other things they will build a furnace. The Carnegie Land company donated the ground and a contract was entered into for the immediate erection of a blast furnace." Note, there is no indication that construction of this furnace was ever begun.



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<sup>60</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>, included: “101 [also 103 and 105] Buffalo Street... currently Rick’s Hair and Hole in the Wall. Two-part commercial. 1890. Brick painted gray, 2 stories, asphalt hipped roof, irregular plan, 1<sup>st</sup> story fixed display.” Note: it appears that this building was constructed in 1888, not 1890.

<sup>61</sup> On 10 June 1897, the Johnson City Comet included: “Hotel Brown. Opposite Union Passenger Depot, on Buffalo St.” and “Geo. Brown has just completed his bath room at Hotel Brown, and is prepared to serve with hot and cold baths at 25 cents.”

<sup>62</sup> On 5 December 1901, the Johnson City Comet included: “J.B. Whitlow died very suddenly at his home in this city Tuesday evening, after an illness of only a few days. He was about 35 years old and had been in the grocery business here on several occasions for years. At the time of his death he was running a grocery store on Market street. He leaves a wife and two children.”

<sup>63</sup> On 9 June 1898, the Johnson City Comet included: “Grocery Emporium. R.L. & B. Bruner have gone into the grocery business. They made up their minds to do so last Saturday at noon, and, before dark, had closed the trade for three of the leading grocery stores in the city, viz: Lyle’s, J.B. Worley, H.W. Pardue. They consolidated the stocks in the Lyle storeroom, and now have the largest and most complete grocery store in the city. Their meat market is a thing of beauty and they hope to dispense meat that will be a joy forever. J.B. Worley, H.W. Pardue, Jno. Keys and Jim Basket will dispose of the goods and John Lusk will look after the cash. With unlimited capital back of it, it goes without saying that the grocery department will be as great a success as the Racket Store.”

<sup>64</sup> On 16 February 1888, the Johnson City Comet include: “New Press. To meet the wants of our customers the Comet has been compelled to get a new job press. It has arrived and we are now better prepared than ever to do job work of all kinds. The Comet has the best equipped job office in East Tennessee and will duplicate prices from anywhere on anything from a visiting card to a three sheet poster. For first-class, artistic job work leave your orders at the Comet office. Strangers in the city are invited to call and see samples and get prices.” On 15 April 1886, the Johnson City Comet included: “Removed... We are now better prepared than ever to do all kinds of plain and artistic Job Printing. When you want something Nice and Cheap, come to The Comet office, in Range’s New Block, over the Post-office. We defy competition in quality of work. Subscribe for the Comet. \$1.25... To the Range block, Over the Postoffice...” And on 14 June 1888, the Johnson City Comet included: “Main street from the Comet office to the Narrow Gauge railroad [apparently the spur to the tannery] is being graded and will be macadamized. A great improvement.”

<sup>65</sup> “J.W. Bishop – Jas. H. Smith – Bishop & Smith Insurance – Representing the leading Fire, Life, Accident and Live Stock Companies. Our motto ‘Only the Best’ – Call on us for rates. District managers U.S. Life Insurance Company of New York and the Interstate Live Stock Insurance Company of the District of Columbia. Agents Wanted. Located in the Cox building, next door to Dr. Long.”

<sup>66</sup> On 17 February 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Messrs. J.W. Hunter & Bro., J.W. Crumley and J.C. Campbell have changed their arrangements and will build jointly three immense store rooms on Church street [apparently later called Main Street] at once. The block will be 75 x 100 feet and will be finished with all the modern improvements, plate glass fronts, &c. It will be an elegant structure and would be creditable to a much larger city.” On 28 April 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Work was commenced this week on J.C. Campbell’s new store house on Main street.” On 5 May 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Five store houses are being built in Johnson City. Besides the storerooms being built by J.W. Hunter & Bro., J.C. Campbell, and J.W. Crumley, of which mention has been made in these columns, Ike T. Jobe has commenced a building [which apparently became the hardware store at 104 and 106] on Main street, between the bank [of Johnson City] and J.C. Campbells, 40 x 100 feet, and W.M. Patton is building a store room on Railroad street 25 x 35 feet. These buildings will all be finished in the latest modern style and will be a credit to our town.” On 31 October 1895, the Johnson City Comet included: “F.M. George... moving his entire establishment to the Bowman building, next door above [apparently east of] the Watauga Bank; entrance on Main and Market streets....” On 11 August 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Messrs. Henderson & Pierce put the galvanized iron cornice on J.C. Campbell’s new store room this week. It is a fine piece of workmanship and adds greatly to the appearance of the building.” On 8 September 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “J.C. Campbell’s storeroom is nearing completion and will be ready to be occupied by the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. It will be occupied by Kirkpatrick & Co... I.N. Beckner has moved his stock of jewelry and school books to the store room

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lately occupied by J.C. Campbell on Main Street [apparently in the Range Block].” On 29 September 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Kirkpatrick & Co. are in the new Campbell store where they can sell you goods cheaper than ever.” On 13 October 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Silently and without much ado A.B. Bowman, Esq., G.A. Reeves and S.T. Harris began digging the foundations for their new buildings. A.B. Bowman, Esq., will build on Main street one door west of J.C. Campbell’s new building. It will be 100 x 25 feet and two stories high.” On 3 November 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “A.B. Bowman commenced laying brick Tuesday on his new business house.” On 10 November 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Messrs. Tom Hoss and Will Mitchell are doing the brick work on A.B. Bowman’s new store house and are pushing it rapidly. These men built J.C. Campbell’s store house and may be proud of their work, for the walls of that building are not only the best in the city but are perfect.” On 24 November 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “Henderson & Pierce... have secured the contract for putting up cornice and covering the store houses of A.B. Bowman, S.T. Harris and Geo. Reeves and the new real estate office of Baxter, Gilliam & Stratton.” On 5 January 1888, the Johnson City Comet included: “New Firm. Campbell, Crockett & Martin are now opening a new and complete line of Dry Goods and Groceries in the T.A. Faw building, recently vacated by J.W. Hunter...”

<sup>67</sup> On 1 December 1887, the Johnson City Comet included: “There will arrive at McFarland’s City Drug Store near the postoffice the handsomest and most extensive line of holiday goods suitable for Christmas present that was ever brought to Johnson City...” On 16 February 1888, the Johnson City Comet included: “W.A. Dickinson is laying pipes to supply the Hoss House with water from the reservoir. Ike Jobe’s livery stable, McFarland’s drug store, post-office and the Comet office will also be supplied from the same source.”

<sup>68</sup> On 12 April 1894, Johnson City Comet included: “The old stand, which was formerly known as the ‘San Marco Restaurant,’ has been once more repaired and entered by renters, the basement being converted into another restaurant, and the room above into another barber shop, being occupied by Nat Brewer. This is the second or third time this building has been used for each of these purposes. It was once used as a place where you could shuck out the money and get ‘shuck’ instead, but it didn’t smell strong enough of the ‘craythur’ to last long, and the proprietors hied themselves to pastures new.”

<sup>69</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d> included: “107 Buffalo Street... historically the New York Bargain House, currently vacant. Two part commercial with Victorian era influence. 1888. Brick, 2 stories, asphalt flat roof, irregular plan, 1<sup>st</sup> story fixed display windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> story 2:2 arched windows, painted over transom windows, decorative string course, brick corbelling to pressed metal cornice...”

<sup>70</sup> On 6 July 1893, the Johnson City Comet included: “Ike T. Jobe has moved his family to Bristol. The household effects were shipped yesterday. Mr. Jobe will probably remain in Washington or go elsewhere at Uncle Sam’s bidding. The family will be missed from Johnson City and the good wishes of many friends follow them in their new home.”

<sup>71</sup> On 28 December 1893, the Johnson City Comet included: “The City Grocery – Has removed to the Worley Building, formerly occupied by W.I. Burgiss, and have opened a fresh meat market in connection with their stock of fancy groceries. We now invite the public to call and see us. Prices to suit the times. Very Respectfully, City Grocery.”

<sup>72</sup> On 27 September 1894, the Johnson City Comet included: “C.N. Brown & Bro. attention is directed to the well-displayed and large advertisement of these energetic and wide-awake young merchants. It will be seen that they are ‘going out of the retail business’ and are offering that stock, consisting of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, groceries and queensware at the lowest possible price.”

<sup>73</sup> On 7 December 1893, the Johnson City Comet included: “We sell everything in the grocery and produce line cheaper than anywhere else in town. Call on us at the Citizens Bank building. City Grocery.” On 14 December 1893, the Johnson City Comet included: “For fresh groceries go to the City Grocery. Belton & Worley, Props.” On 28 December 1893, the Johnson City Comet included: “The City Grocery – Has removed to the Worley Building, formerly occupied by W.I. Burgiss, and have opened a fresh meat market in connection with their stock of fancy groceries. We now invite the public to call and see us. Prices to suit the times. Very Respectfully, City Grocery.”

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<sup>74</sup> On 13 September 1900, the Johnson City Comet included: “Joe R. Taylor has decided not to ask to be appointed deputy sheriff under J.I. Hawkins. The indications were that Mr. Taylor would have been appointed but after careful consideration he has voluntarily withdrawn from the race.”

<sup>75</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/ftnsquare/ftnsq.jpg>.

<sup>76</sup> “Hart and Houston Annex,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12071>.

<sup>77</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/ftnsquare/colorftnsq.jpg>.

<sup>78</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/ftnsquare/moonlight.jpg>.

<sup>79</sup> “Gumps Storefront,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12075>.

<sup>80</sup> “Main Street Elks Bazaar,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6380>, postmarked 1 December 1909.

<sup>81</sup> “Central Business District Around 1900”, “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos1/cbd1901.jpg>. This photograph was included in Johnson City. The Way We Were, 1909, page 6.

<sup>82</sup> “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6387>. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post1/main1908.jpg>, (captioned this image “Main Street 1908”, however, this date is not supportable). and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/tntailsbyways/4598875312>.

<sup>83</sup> “Main Street, July 4, 1910,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/14725>. A very similar photograph is at: “Celebrations – Fourth of July,” 1910?, Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/11795>. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: [http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos2/july4\\_1910.jpg](http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos2/july4_1910.jpg), this image is clearer in some respects, but has a narrower field of view.

<sup>84</sup> “Main St. Johnson City, Tenn.,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2123>, postmarked 29 September 1910. Also at: “Main Street,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6393>, and “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post1/jcmain4.jpg>.

<sup>85</sup> “Main Street,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6405>. Postmarked 30 August 1911. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post1/jc1911a.jpg>.

<sup>86</sup> Johnson’s Depot, posted 16 March 2014, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/119648221482311/photos/pb.100052046000656.-2207520000/540927346021061/?type=3>.

<sup>87</sup> “J.D. Longmire and Wife: Grocery on Spring Street”, “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos3/longmire1.jpg>. The claim that this photograph was taken of this shop on Spring Street does not appear to be supportable. The Johnson City Comet contains no mention of J.D. Longmire having his shop on Spring Street at any time. Also, the information contained within this photograph points strongly to this photograph having been taken at 102 Main Street. The evidence includes the “102” over the door, the sign that appears to read “Hardware” (for 104 and 106 Main), and the “TR” on the right, which is almost

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certainly for Trnum Brothers (at 100 Main Street). Finally, the architectural details and the awning are consistent with other photographs of this location, see figures 210, 212A and 214.

<sup>88</sup> “Johnson City,” William Cary Hattan Collection, 1889 – 1940 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/3850>. Also at: “Town,” William Cary Hattan Collection, 1889 – 1940 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/3780>, and “Town,” William Cary Hattan Collection, 1889 – 1940 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/3781>. Note: the left half of this photograph shows that the Hart and Houston Annex sign has been removed from the Crouch Building and that the Western Union Telegraph Company has moved into the Hart building, hence the dating of this photograph to 1912.

<sup>89</sup> “Main Street, Looking Toward Majestic Theatre,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/20654>. Also at: “Downtown Johnson City, Tenn. street scene, 1920,” James Agee Film Project Photographs, 1875 – 1956, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/1002>, and “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos2/bhbuggy.jpg>, “Main Street 1908 Newly paved with bricks!”

<sup>90</sup> “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6421>.

<sup>91</sup> “Circus Parade, Undated,” James T. Dowdy, Sr. Photographs, 1890 – 1950, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/21150>. The association of this parade with Ringling Brothers and dating it to just before 25 September 1914, is based on the Johnson City Comet of 24 September 1914.

<sup>92</sup> “Downtown Johnson City, Tenn., 1920,” James Agee Film Project Photographs, 1875 – 1956, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/996>. As noted in the caption, this photograph appears to date to 1921 to 1923.

<sup>93</sup> “Circus Parade, Undated,” James T. Dowdy, Sr. Photographs, 1890 – 1950, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/21148>.

<sup>94</sup> “Crowd Gathering (End of World War I), 1918,” James T. Dowdy, Sr. Photographs, 1890 – 1950, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/21151>. A date of 1919, rather than 1918, appears to be more likely. This photograph appears to have been taken at the same time as one at “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos4/wwwia.jpg>, which was taken at the “welcome home” ceremony for the troops returning from Europe that took place in 1919.

<sup>95</sup> Old Hickory, 1919, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/1>.

<sup>96</sup> Old Hickory, 1920, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/2>.

<sup>97</sup> On 24 November 1910, the Johnson City Comet included: “W.C. Phlegar and F.K. Mountcastle have purchased the stock of the above gentlemen [“W.J. Barton, Jos. B. Lyle and Geo. E. Treadway” “in the Barton-Mountcastle Hardware Co.”] and will continue the business at the old stand as at present incorporated until the first of the year, when it will be changed to the Mountcastle-Phlegar Hardware Co. It has been known for some time that Mr. Barton wanted to get into the farming implement business and the new firm will enter a useful and practically unoccupied field. They will purchase the stock of implements and machinery carried by Barton-Mountcastle Hardware Company and the good will of this corporation is included.”

<sup>98</sup> Manufacturers Record, 1 February 1912 (Volume LXI, No. 4), page 77, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=NHM9AQAAMAAJ>.

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- <sup>99</sup> The Hardware Reporter, 9 August 1912 (Volume LVIII, No. 6), page 67, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=Tps7AQAAMAAJ>.
- <sup>100</sup> The Hardware Reporter, 9 August 1912 (Volume LVIII, No. 6), page 67, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=Tps7AQAAMAAJ>.
- <sup>101</sup> Old Hickory, 1919, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/1>.
- <sup>102</sup> Southern Hardware and Implement Journal, August 1919 (Volume 82, No. 1), page 84, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=gc3mAAAAMAAJ>.
- <sup>103</sup> Old Hickory, 1920, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/2>.
- <sup>104</sup> Old Hickory, 1921, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/3>.
- <sup>105</sup> Old Hickory, 1922, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/4>.
- <sup>106</sup> American Artisan and Hardware Record, 31 March 1923 (Volume 85, No. 13), page 29, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=ChI4AQAIAAJ>.
- <sup>107</sup> Old Hickory, 1923, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/5>.
- <sup>108</sup> Hardware World, January 1924 (Volume XXXI, Number 1), page 155, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=g3VKSZk6dD8C>.
- <sup>109</sup> “A complete line of tobaccos, cigars, fruits, and fine candies will be found at our place at all times. We want to make special mention of our homemade candies. J.D. Longmire.”
- <sup>110</sup> Old Hickory, 1920, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/2>.
- <sup>111</sup> June 1920. The Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, June 1920 (Volume XXI, No. 10), page 574, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=0PINAAAAMAAJ>.
- <sup>112</sup> Bureau of Workshop and Factory Inspection, Eighth Annual Report, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1920 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1920, State of Tennessee, pages 38 – 39, available online at: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b3030568>.
- <sup>113</sup> Old Hickory, 1923, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/5>.
- <sup>114</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>.
- <sup>115</sup> “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6422>. “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>.
- <sup>116</sup> “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6410>.



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<sup>117</sup> “Downtown Johnson City Street Scene,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/18588>.

<sup>118</sup> “Main Street From Fountain Square East,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12223>, annotated: “No. 5. Main Street From Fountain Square East.”

<sup>119</sup> “Main Street,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2116>. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post2/mainjc20.jpg>.

<sup>120</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos4/spring.jpg>.

<sup>121</sup> *The Buccaneer*, 1963, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/46>.

<sup>122</sup> “Main Street, Looking East,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2144>. Also at: “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6420>. Postmarked 29 August 1937, however, this image appears to date to no later than 1927.

<sup>123</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos2/tnbank2.jpg>. Also at: “Tennessee National Bank, corner East Main and Spring Streets,” Burr Harrison Photographs, circa 1881 – 1958, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/121>.

<sup>124</sup> “Jones and Vance Restaurant,” East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad Historical Society Collection, 1883 – 2005, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/18126>.

<sup>125</sup> “The Tennessee National Bank,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6012>. A black and white version of this image is at: “The Tennessee National Bank. Johnson City, Tennessee”, Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12191>.

<sup>126</sup> *Old Hickory*, 1926, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/11>.

<sup>127</sup> *Johnson City*, by L. Thomas Roberts, 2018, cover page, included: “This c. 1940s Cline real-photo postcard (RPPC), with a view looking east on Main Street at the intersection of Buffalo Street just beyond Fountain Square, shows a vibrant, bustling downtown. Visible in the foreground is the Anderson Drug Store in the old Unaka and City National Bank Building where Freiberg’s German Restaurant is located today. Also visible are the Jones Vance and Snyder Jones Pharmacies, Fields Clothing and Hardware, Boston Shoe Shop, Parks – Belk, Dossers, Southern Shoes, and Sterchi’s. (Author’s collection.)”

<sup>128</sup> “Lady of the Fountain Johnson City,” posted 25 May 2015, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=366049583592130&set=a.231970400333383>.

<sup>129</sup> “Main St. Looking East,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2114>. Also at: “Main St. Looking East,” Ridley Wills East Tennessee Postcard Collection, 1906 – 1996 and undated, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/2112>, and “Main Street Looking East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6419>. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post3/jc40s.jpg> and “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at:

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<http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post3/jc40sbk.jpg>, which includes a postmark of 21 June 1948.

<sup>130</sup> “Local Resident Shares Two Prized Photos of 1949 Johnson City,” 25 March 2013, Bob Cox’s Yesteryear, available online at: <https://bcyesteryear.com/local-resident-shares-two-prized-photos-of-1949-johnson-city/>.

<sup>131</sup> “The Langston High Band,” “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos6/teddybear.jpg>.

<sup>132</sup> *The Buccaneer*, 1958, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/41>.

<sup>133</sup> “Real Photo Johnson City Tennessee Downtown Street Scene Postcard,” available online at: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/372678756532>. Also available at: “Main Street Looking Down Market Street to the East,” Mildred S. Kozsuch Papers, 1867 – 2007, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/6417>.

<sup>134</sup> “Little Chicago – Johnson City, TN during Prohibition,” posted 22 December 2014, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=702554756524985&set=pcb.70255516524909>. Also at “Canine Rivalry,” “Johnson’s Depot,” “1955 – 1965”, available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos6/dogparade.jpg>.

<sup>135</sup> “Business Section – Johnson City, Tenn.,” available online at: <https://www.cardcow.com/1042043/johnson-city-tennessee-tn-downtown-business-section-street-view/>.

<sup>136</sup> “Street Scene – Johnson City, Tenn.,” available online at: <https://www.cardcow.com/1042025/johnson-city-tennessee-street-scene-jones-vance-drugs-tn/>.

<sup>137</sup> “Greetings from Johnson City Tennessee... 1961,” available online at: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/374962941108>. Also at: “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/postcards/post4/dtn60.jpg>.

<sup>138</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos5/main60.jpg>.

<sup>139</sup> “Little Chicago – Johnson City, TN during Prohibition,” posted 22 October 2016, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleChicagoJC.TN/photos/pb.100067645382163.-2207520000/1806817209577062/?type=3>.

<sup>140</sup> Image from: “Little Chicago – Johnson City, TN during Prohibition,” posted March 2016, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleChicagoJC.TN/photos/pb.100067645382163.-2207520000/1706288542963263/?type=3>. Caption from: “Political Rally – 1950s”, “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos5/clement.jpg>. The image from Facebook was used because it provides a wider field of view.

<sup>141</sup> “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos5/mkftfnplace.jpg>. See also “Johnson’s Depot,” available online at: <http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/images/photos/photos5/yellowcab.jpg>.

<sup>142</sup> “Lady of the Fountain Johnson City,” posted 13 November 2018, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/jcfountainlady/photos/pb.100064872363248.-2207520000/927323757464707/?type=3>.

<sup>143</sup> “Lady of the Fountain Johnson City,” posted 28 January 2020, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1234118926785187&id=230132337183856&set=a.231385747058515>, which included: “Juniors: Lily Wexler, Robin Williams, Laura Vandiver, Lisa Abounader, Jackie Daniels, Carol Steffner, Janet Almond, Cathy Conerly, Lisa Mould, DeAnn Raymond, Melea hunter, Linda Monroe, Elizabeth

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Parker.” “Posted on 1-28-20 by T.B., 1978 SHHS Juniors posing in front of the Dandelion Fountain on Fountain Square in downtown Johnson City, Tn.”

<sup>144</sup> Available online at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/archivesofappalachia/4459652739/in/album-72157623680003012/lightbox/>.

<sup>145</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>. included for 108 and 110 “East Main Street... historically Tennessee National Bank. 1914 [should read “1924”]. One-part commercial with Stripped Classical influences. Stone, 2 stories, asphalt parapet roof, rectangular plan, 1<sup>st</sup> story fixed display windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> story 2-panel fixed windows, 3<sup>rd</sup> story 1:1 windows, two-story Doric pilasters, simple cornice...”

<sup>146</sup> *Bankers Monthly*, April 1923 (Volume XL, No. 4), page 38, available online at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=Quhsp7XK9qEC>. *The Commercial & Financial Chronicle*, 21 August 1920 (Volume 111, No. 2878), page 765, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=RBI8AQAAMAAJ> included: “National Banks. – The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department... Applications for Charter... The Tennessee National Bank of Johnson City, Tenn... 200,000 Correspondent, B.W. Horner, Johnson City, Tenn.” *The Commercial & Financial Chronicle*, 18 September 1920 (Volume 111, No. 2882), page 1156, available online at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=RBI8AQAAMAAJ>. Included: “National Banks. – The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department... Charters Issued... The Tennessee National Bank of Johnson City, Tenn... 200,000 President Adam B. Crouch; Cashier, L.R. Driver.” *Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the Finances...*, 1921, page 1340, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=gXSStXNJEOC>, included: “National Banks Chartered During the Year Ended Oct. 31, 1920...” “Tennessee National Bank of Johnson City” had \$200,000 in capital and had received charter number 11839. *Old Hickory*, 1921, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/3> included an advertisement for the Tennessee National Bank. *Martindale’s American Law Directory*, January 1922 (Volume Fifty-Four), page 705, available online at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=bmJMAQAAMAAJ>, included: “Johnson City, 12,442, Washington [County] Tennessee National Bank – Adam B. Crouch, President – B.W. Horner, Active Vice-President – S.C. Williams, Chairman of Board – Geo. T. Wofford, Vice-President – Jas. A. Summers, Vice-President – Leslie R. Driver, Cashier – Omer P. Cox, Asst. Cashier – C.S. Bowers, Asst. Cashier – Capital, \$200,000.00 – Surplus, 50,000.00”. Regrettably, the author has not been able to locate any information on where the Tennessee National Bank operated before it moved into their new building at 108 and 110 MainStreet.

<sup>147</sup> “Johnson City Bank Interior,” Clifford A. Maxwell Photographs, 1940 – 1986, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/12400>.

<sup>148</sup> *Bankers Monthly*, June 1923 (Volume XL, No. 6), page 81, available online at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=Quhsp7XK9qEC>.

<sup>149</sup> *Bankers Monthly*, June 1923 (Volume XL, No. 6), pages 82 – 83, available online at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=Quhsp7XK9qEC>.

<sup>150</sup> *Old Hickory*, 1923, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at:

<https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/5>.

<sup>151</sup> *Old Hickory*, 1924, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at:

<https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/6>.

<sup>152</sup> *Old Hickory*, 1925, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at:

<https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/7>.

<sup>153</sup> *Old Hickory*, 1926, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at:

<https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/11>.

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- <sup>154</sup> Moody's Manual of Investments, American and Foreign, Banks – Insurance Companies – Investment Trusts – Real Estate – Finance and Credit Companies, 1932, page 596, available online at: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/osu.32435063616346>. Rand McNally Bankers Directory, 1936, page 2082, included: “Johnson City – Unaka and City National Bank succeeded by Hamilton National Bank, September 26, 1932.”
- <sup>155</sup> “Jones-Vance Drug Company Was a Credit to the City and the Proprietors,” Bob Cox’s Yesteryear, 23 February 2009, available online at: <https://bcyesteryear.com/jones-vance-drug-company-was-a-credit-to-the-city-and-the-proprietors/>.
- <sup>156</sup> The Chalk Line, 1934, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/14>.
- <sup>157</sup> The Buccaneer, 1938, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/21>.
- <sup>158</sup> The Buccaneer, 1940, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/23>.
- <sup>159</sup> “Old ‘Comet’ newsroom, upstairs Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets,” Burr Harrison Photographs, circa 1881 – 1958, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/165>.
- <sup>160</sup> “Old ‘Comet’ newsroom, upstairs Jones Vance Drugs, corner of Main and Spring Streets,” Burr Harrison Photographs, circa 1881 – 1958, Archives of Appalachia, available online at: <https://archivesofappalachia.omeka.net/items/show/166>.
- <sup>161</sup> Old Hickory, 1928, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/9>. The 1927 edition of Old Hickory, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/10>, include an advertisement for the “Congress Barber Shop” that listed their location as 249 Main Street.”
- <sup>162</sup> The Buccaneer, 1937, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/20>. By 1958, a Congress barber Shop was located at 119 Fountain Square.
- <sup>163</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>, included for 104 and 106 “East Main Street... historically Fields ‘The Working Mom’s Store,’ currently Herndon, Coleman, Brading, & McKee Law Office. 1900/1953. One-part commercial. Brick, 2 stories, asphalt flat roof, rectangular plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> story 2-panel modern fixed windows. Modern renovation in 1953 presumably covered original storefront...”
- <sup>164</sup> Old Hickory, 1925, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/7>.
- <sup>165</sup> Johnson City Chronicle, 4 April 1926, available online at: <http://whitlockfamilyassociation.com.s3.amazonaws.com/sources/newspapers/NP1851.pdf>.
- <sup>166</sup> Old Hickory, 1927, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/10>.
- <sup>167</sup> Hardware World, August 1927 (Volume XXIGV, Number 8), page 146, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=yqmRgXYeNtMC>.
- <sup>168</sup> Marvyn Scudder Manual of Extinct or Obsolete Companies, 1930 (Volume 3), page 172.
- <sup>169</sup> The Chalk Line, 1934, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/14>.

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<sup>170</sup> The Buccaneer, 1940, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/23>.

<sup>171</sup> The Buccaneer, 1946, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/29>.

<sup>172</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d> included: “102 East Main Street... historically Calfee & Swann Photography Store, currently Herndon, Coleman, Brading, & McKee Law Offices. 1922. Two-part commercial. Brick painted white, 2 stories, asphalt parapet roof, rectangular plan, 1<sup>st</sup> story modern 3-panel fixed windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> story modern 3-panel fixed windows...”

<sup>173</sup> Boot and Shoe Recorder: The Magazine of Fashion Footwear, 1941, page 55.

<sup>174</sup> The Buccaneer, 1942, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/25>.

<sup>175</sup> The Buccaneer, 1944, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/27>.

<sup>176</sup> The Buccaneer, 1948, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/31>.

<sup>177</sup> Popular Photography, May 1949 (Volume 24, Number 5), page 28, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=q10zAQAAMAAJ>.

<sup>178</sup> The Buccaneer, 1950, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/33>.

<sup>179</sup> The Buccaneer, 1955, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/38>.

<sup>180</sup> Old Hickory, 1923, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/5>.

<sup>181</sup> Old Hickory, 1927, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/10>.

<sup>182</sup> The Practical Druggist, 15 March 1928 (Volume XLVI, No. 3), page 60, available online at: <https://books.google.com/books?id=WdLmAAAAMAAJ>.

<sup>183</sup> The Chalk Line, 1930, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/18>.

<sup>184</sup> The Chalk Line, 1932, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/16>.

<sup>185</sup> Available online at: <https://www.wjhl.com/family-independent-pharmacies/>.

<sup>186</sup> The Buccaneer, 1939, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/22>.

<sup>187</sup> The Buccaneer, 1950, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/33>.



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<sup>188</sup> *The Buccaneer*, 1954, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/37>.

<sup>189</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d> included: “100 East Main Street... historically Snyder-Jones Pharmacy, currently Main Street Tile. 1922. Two-part commercial. Brick, 2 stories, asphalt parapet roof, irregular plan, 1<sup>st</sup> story modern 3-panel fixed windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> story modern 3-panel fixed windows...”

<sup>190</sup> “Bob Cox’s Yesteryear,” posted 7 August 2022, available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=5609618102393331&id=565159170172608&set=a.2165066740181835>.

<sup>191</sup> “Johnson City Commercial Historic District”, National Register of Historic Places, 17 July 2003, pages 1 to 3, available online at: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/fb2a7a9c-ebb5-4472-ae77-c12d58f6ab1d>.

<sup>192</sup> *The Buccaneer*, 1947, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/30>. *The Buccaneer*, 1948, Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, available online at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/yearbooks/31>, included: “John Martin – John T. Brandon – B.A. Parks – Walter T. Byrd – Monroe W. Cantor – Barbers – John Martin Barber Shop – New Location – 121 Buffalo Street – Shines – Baths”.

<sup>193</sup> “Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee,” U.S. Library of Congress, January 1891, image 1, available online at: [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm\\_g083261891](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3964jm.g3964jm_g083261891).

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