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Lorraine's in 2008.

Was Loftis Pawn in 1990, owned then by E. Doin and Dianne Loftis who resided at that address. In 1990, they resided at 212 E. Norton Street.

Army Surplus Store #1 in 1960-1980, owned by Roger H. and Genevieve Taylor who resided at 1625 E. Catalpa.

Previously, in 1955, Dameron electric occupied this address, owned by James E. and Tincie Dameron who lived on North National Avenue.

In 1950, this was the location of Central States Grocery, managed by Ulysses A. Gordon, wife Evelyn who resided at 1617 E. Florida.

1935-1941 was Safeway Store No. 420, managed in 1935 by C.A. Hitchcock who lived at 1421 S. Kimbrough, and by Joseph W. O`Larey (wife Marguerite) in 1930 who lived at 929 E. Elm, Apt. 102.

In 1920-1925, this building was occupied by John R. Barrett Drug, owned in 1920 by Mrs. John Barrett who resided at 1125 Benton, and in 1925 by L. Earl and Delpha Morton.

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Tim Turner at store Home to Rathbone Ace Hardware Company, this business was founded by Thomas H. Rathbone in the late 1800s. The Rathbone Hardware Company was under the Rathbone family's ownership for three generations. Thomas who was the founder, James H. his son (wife Ida) who resided at 1439 Washington in 1946, and Claude H. (his grandson) and wife Elizabeth, all owned and operated the business.

Claude and Elizabeth lived at 1430 Washington Avenue (about 1935-1975). In 1920-1925, James H. and Ida, as well as Claude H. lived at 1439 Washington. In 1980, William and Elizabeth Turner took over the business from Claude Rathbone. In 1990, Tim and Elizabeth (Beth) Turner took over managing the hardware store. They resided at 3627 Sugar Hill Street in 1993, 1617 E. Elm in 1980-1985. Over the years the Rathbone name has stayed with the store. The hardware store has reduced in size from the time it was originally founded, but it still remains in business after over 100 years in operation. Still in existence in 2008.

Justin Wieberg: The doors opened in 1897 by Thomas H. Rathbone. He and his son James had a falling-out and provoked James to open his own hardware store down the street. Tim and Elizabeth Turner, current owners of the hardware store, bought out a bakery on the West end of the building in order to expand.

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Askinosie Chocolate in 2008.

In 1921-1925, Feed & Fuel, owned by G.W. and Ida Nichols who lived at 1437 Washington, occupied this building.

In 1930, this location was M&M Flour and Feed Company.

In 1935, Poultry & Egg Cooperative Company was located here, owned by Wm. C. and Clara D. Kreft who resided at 806 Hamilton.

In 1941, this building was vacant.

In 1946, this location was O`Neal Tire Shop, proprietor Roy F. O`Neal (wife Irene) who resided at 1439 Washington.

In 1950, this address was North Side Motor Sales, owned by J. Lampe and Mildred Fayette who resided at 1214 E. Meadowmere,

In about 1955-1960, the building was inhabited by Mono Manufacturing, proprietors Denton H. and Katheryn (Kathy) Smith who lived at 1303 E. Walnut. In 1955, they lived at 2001 N. Grant.

In 1965-1970, the building was occupied by Springfield Felting Company, owned by Leslie and Kathryn Hughs who lived on Road 6. An earlier (1965) partnership existed between the Hughs and Kenneth and Mary V. Johnson.

In 1975, was Lloyd's Equipment, owned by Ellis and Betty Lindsay who resided at 1601 N. Hayes Avenue.

Was a private garage in 1985-1990.

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Stewart Automotive Service Supply in 2008, owned by Russell and Wilma Stewart who in 1990 lived at 2150 South Ingram Mill. They lived at 1101 E. Plainview in 1975-1990.

In 1935-1970, the business here was called Carner's Garage, owned by John W. and Willie Carner who resided at 1629 Washington from 1950-1960, 1537 Washington in 1946, 1520 N. Jefferson in 1930-1935. Between 1935-1960, Richard C. and Esther Carner were their partners who lived at 758 N. Grant in 1950, 1228 Washington in 1946, 1809 N. Douglas in 1941, 1320 Texas Avenue in 1935.

In 1930, only John W. and Willie Carner owned the business.

In 1925, Fay J. Mayabb who lived at 423 Webster owned this building.

In 1920, the business at this address was listed as U-Auto-Stop Garage, owned by C.A. and Elizabeth Bissman who lived at 2125 Johnson. The first Frisco passenger depot was behind Stewart's Auto.

Zach Ebers: - The building was built in 1935 and was an automotive shop run by three brothers with the last name of Carner. The automotive shop originally had the gas pumps in working conditions.

The building was built with steel beams from the great depression era. In 1971 the building was bought by Norm Stewart (Norm is the man who I talked to). Norm still owns the automotive shop, which is still flourishing in business to this day.

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Midwest Hearing & Service, Inc. & History of Hearing Museum (take photos inside museum) in 2008.