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Mr. Charles David Lock, R.Ph.,  
Lock Drug Company  
1003 Main Street  
**BASTROP,**  
Bastrop County,  
**TEXAS**

Dear David:

You will find enclosed an abstract of the material that we have developed on the history of Lock Drug Company which is being sent to Texas Pharmacy, a publication of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association. The entire material will appear in a book that will be released in the Spring of 1979.

This is to express to you my appreciation for your cooperation in this endeavor. I trust that this has been done accurately, if not, please let me know, as it will probably be at least six months before it is scheduled for final publication.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Wood Hall".

E. Wood Hall, Ph.D.,  
Professor.

Enclosure

Lock Drug Co.  
1003 Main St. (Lot 5, Block 2)  
Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas

On April 3, 1968, the Texas State Historical Commission placed a historical medallion on the building located at 1003 Main Street, Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas, thus recording it as a Texas Historical Landmark - The Mina Business Building.

According to the oldest recorded history of this property as found in the deeds at Bastrop County Courthouse, on May 25, 1835, John F. Webber bought the property from Ayuntamiento of Mina. During this time Texas was under Mexican rule and the town was called "Mina." At the onset of the Republic of Texas, the name "Bastrop" was returned, the name coming from Baron de Bastrop.

On May 25, 1846, Sherman Reynolds bought the property from John F. Webber. During the time Sherman Reynolds had the property, he took in a part owner, a Mr. Gillespie.

In 1855, Sherman Reynolds and Mr. Gillespie who had a large carpenter shop on it lost the property at a local sheriff's sale. The new owner was James Johnson. During the time James Johnson had the property, the building was converted to a storehouse.

As a result of another sheriff's sale, in 1857, the property went to the highest bidder, John S. Smith, for \$525. Sherman Reynolds, who had previously owned the property, re-acquired it from John S. Smith in 1876. Then in 1885, his estate was partitioned among his heirs, thus Mary Reynolds Petty (Mrs. Don G.) acquired the property. Four years later, on February 18, 1889, she sold the property for \$1,000 in Grange County, Texas, to Louis Eilers Jr.

In 1893, Charles Cartwright opened a saloon in the building, which he

operated until November 1, 1905. At that time Louis Eilers Jr. and his wife, Emma D. Eilers, sold the property to W. J. Miley, who opened a drug store. From that time until April 1, 1967 a drug store was in continuous operation on the property.

Prior to his purchase of the building, W. J. Miley had begun business in 1885, and in September, 1889, was issued a certificate (number unknown) to practice pharmacy by the 22nd Judicial District Board in San Marcos. On September 13, 1907, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy issued Mr. Miley license #2165 to practice pharmacy. He was 46 years of age at this time, and had twenty-nine years of experience. He served seven years under the preceptorship of J. W. Redding and local M.D.

Dr. David Sayers, Dr. H. P. Luckett, and Dr. H. B. Combs had their offices located in the small two-story addition in the rear of the building, which was connected to it by an open porch. Their offices, along with the drug store, made the location one of the most important in town, and created an early "medical center" for the community and surrounding area.

A. J. Reynolds was issued certificate #616 by the Judicial District Board in San Antonio on May 20, 1904. He took a written and oral examination at that time. At the age of 24, he was issued license #2578 to practice pharmacy by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. This was on September 17, 1907, at which time Mr. Reynolds had three years of experience. He worked under the preceptorship of C. D. King in Denison, Texas, for two and one-half years. He graduated from the University of Texas, but the degree he received is unknown. He died in July, 1943, in Victoria, Texas.

The building remained a drug store until 1967, when Oren and Belle Eskew purchased the building and drug store fixtures from the W. J. Miley Estate, Jack and Cora Ferguson. (Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson had inherited the property in the W. J. Miley estate.)

The building has undergone remodeling at intervals throughout its history. Some remodeling was done when the saloon was opened in 1893. This is supported by the finding of square, iron pillars dated "1893" which support the front of the building. These pillars were found during the remodeling that was done in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Eskew had the building's interior and exterior re-finished in 1967. They used many of the original furnishings that had gone into the building; including cabinets, panels, doors, and drawers with their original knobs and pulls. All fixtures are of mahogany, walnut, birch, and oak. The dominant furnishing of the store is the soda fountain and bar.

After the refinishing and remodeling was done, it was leased to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lyle, proprietors of Belle's Emporium, a combination of ice cream parlor and antique shop.

On February 1, 1970, Charles David Lock leased the building from present owner Belle Eskew and returned it to the days its past by opening a drug store, Lock Drugs.

Charles David Lock attended the University of Texas from September, 1961, until August, 1966; receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in the summer, 1966. He received his practical experience during the summers at Bastrop Hospital. He received his license #17282 to practice pharmacy from the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on August 31, 1966.

The building continues, as it has always in the past, to serve as a gathering place for the townspeople of Bastrop, while still holding on to some of the heritage it has seen.

14" x 9" Official Texas Historical  
Building Medallion Plate -- Bastrop County -- 4-3-68  
1003 Main Street, Bastrop.

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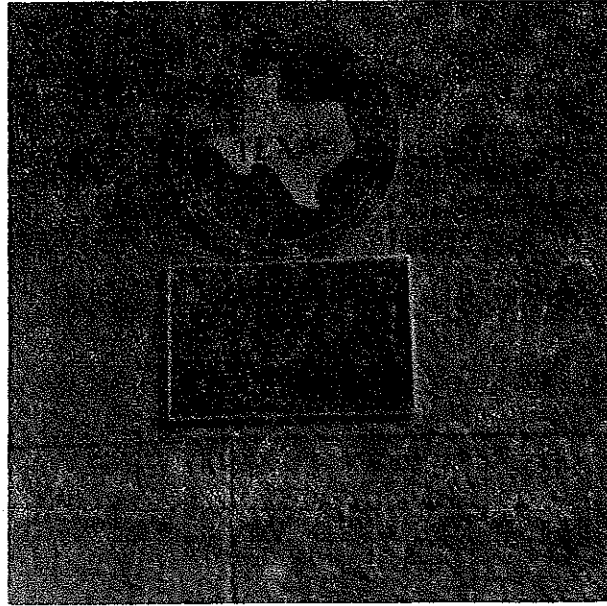
AMONG PHYSICIANS WHO HAD  
OFFICES IN REAR WAS DR. DAVID  
SAYERS (FATHER OF GOVERNOR  
JOSEPH D. SAYERS), 1851-1886.

BUILDING HOUSED W. J. MELEY  
DRUGSTORE 1905-1967.

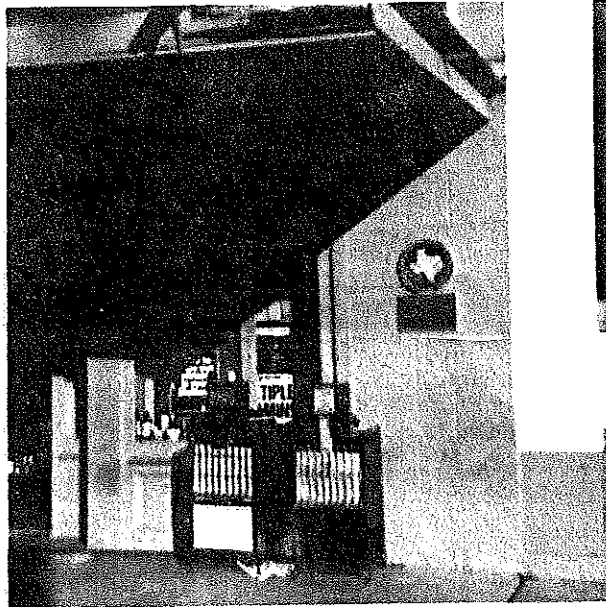
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK, 1968

This is the inscription on the 14" x 9" Official Texas  
Historical Building Medallion Plate which was placed on the  
building at 1003 Main Street, Bastrop, Texas, April 3, 1968.

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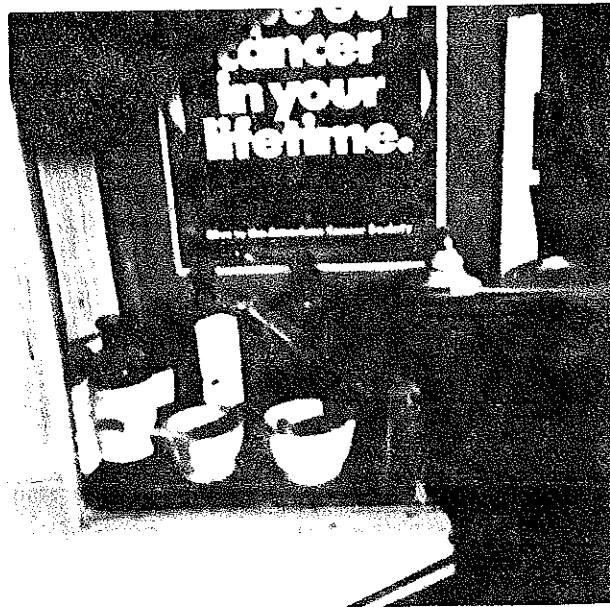
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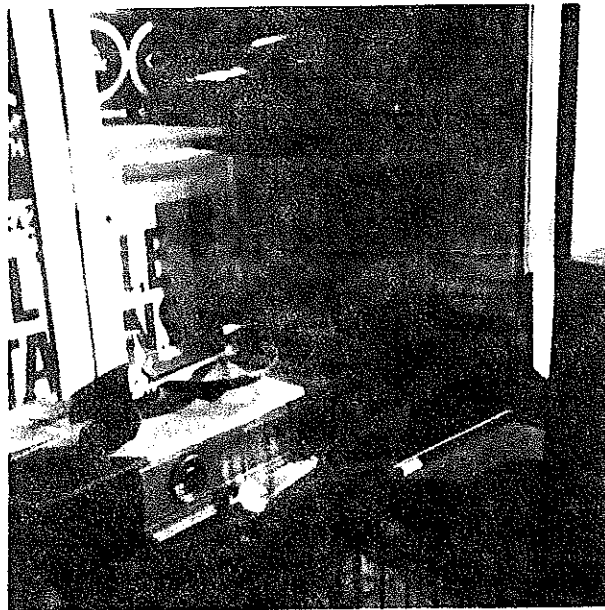
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LOCK DRUG CO

• Lock Drug Store of old Pharmacy building



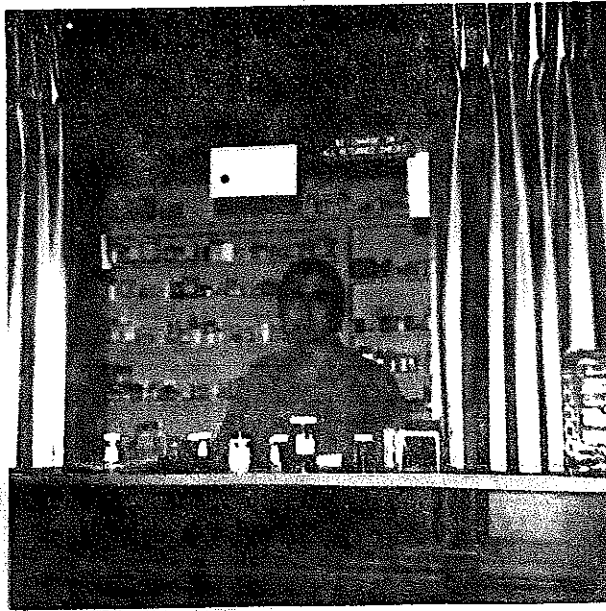
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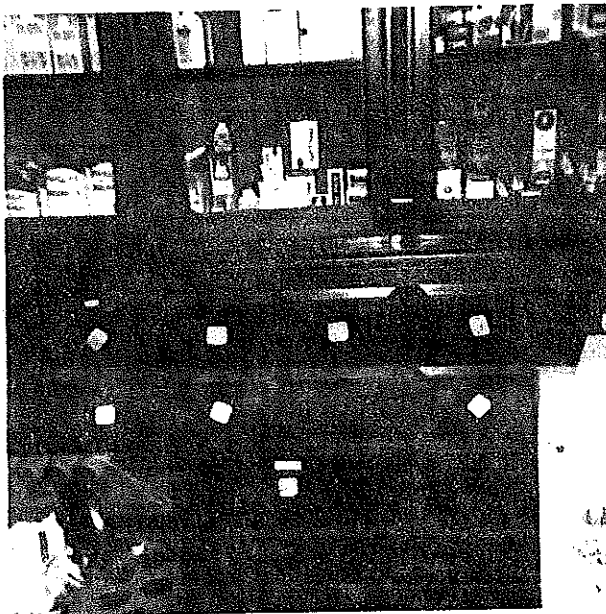
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Lock Drug Store

Pharmacist David Lock



Drug Store



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Lack Drug Store



