



Williams
Bldg

COUNTY QUAD BLOCK MAT 51
 CITY LOT: PA B-4 14,15,W₂ 13

NAME: Palacios Hdwr./Shley/and Brewer Bldgs. COUNTY: Matagorda
 ADDRESS: 400 Block of Commerce CITY: Palacios
 PERIOD: FDT
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____ DATE: 1909
 OWNER: W.C. Williams; G.G. Lawson, 1111 5th St.; THEME: AAETC
Hugh Dismukes, 700 5th St., Palacios, TX 77465 STYLE: Early 20th Century Commercial
 DESCRIPTION: 2 and 1-story brick commercial buildings with corbeled cornices and round
arched bays.

SIGNIFICANCE: Interesting grouping of early 20th century commercial structures

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER OTHER: _____
 ORIGINAL USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 PHYSICAL CONDITION: Good - fair
altered/unaltered: Painted; largely unaltered otherwise
 CONSTRUCTION: wall: Brick - load bearing roof: tar
 RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Part of older commercial district
 REAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Less than one acre

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA:
 INFORMANT: DH/WK In THC files
 RECORDED BY: DH/WKW PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA: 1 - 4x5 B&W
 DATE: 9-22-77/8-16-79 SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: _____



SIGN ON WEST SIDE
OF BUILDING 453 COMMERCE

PALACIOS HDW. CO.
INCORPORATED
SHELF AND HEAVY
HARDWARE

SIGN UNDER AWNING
~~PALACIOS HARDWARE CO.~~
PALACIOS
HARDWARE CO.

FACADE AT 452
COMMERCE
"1909 H.J. SHELLEY 1909"
SIGN ON FACADE AT
453 COMMERCE
"DRUGS"
SIGN UNDER AWNING
"SODA FOUNTAIN"

BANNER STANDING AHEAD (HABER)
COMMERCE ST. READS
"PALACIOS HAS VOTED \$100,000 FOR GOOD ROADS"

Williams Building

458 Commerce, Palacios
Now the Palacios Area Fund office

Originally built C. 1909 by W. C. Williams (grandfather of Jackie Huddleston Holt). The Williams family lived upstairs until he built their home (present home of Butch Dippel) on South Bay.

First was a hardware. At one time had a shoe shop in the rear. At one time there was an addition built back to the alley and there was a tailor shop in it. Back portion removed, probably because of a fire in the tailor shop.

An early postcard photo of Commerce Street (Haber Avenue then) shows the hardware as Palacios Hardware Company, Incorporated. Sign on the building says "Shell and Heavy Hardware. Sign under awning says "Palacios Hardward Co." Banner across street reads "Palacios Has Voted \$100,000 for Good Roads", so the time could be dated by finding the story in the "Beacon" on the good roads vote. The photo shows several horsedrawn buggies and horses but no autos. The Schley building and brick building next east are in the photo, so it has to be after 1909 (Schley building was built in 1909).

Traylor Hardware was in the building in the Twenties, for sure about 1928-1930.

Barnett and Price had the building after that and Mr. Price ran it as a hardware for a time.

Harley Lewis had a grocery store in the building during the Thirties. Probably until about 1941.

Mr. Gist had the hardware sometime after that. Harry Hahn once ran it for him.

Henry Lawson ran the hardware in it at one time, probably after Gist.

Verlin Murphy had it about 1961.

Tom Bolling had it after that

Pat Christianson had it as a hardware after that. A Mr. Pierce (Pearce?) ran it for her also.

It was vacant for some time. After the death of Mr. Williams, his heirs decided to sell the building and about 1978-1980 sold it to a Mr. Stanley Rosenthal. Mr. Rosenthal tried to make the building into apartments but gave it up and lost the building. The City State Bank of Palacios obtained the building thereafter.

At present Palacios Area Fund is using the southwest portion for an office. The southeast portion is being used by Dr. Russell Matthes and other medical people for a part time office. The back and top are either rented as apartments or used as storage for the Bank.

The Palacios Area Fund and the doctors did extensive remodeling
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