

Dennis Mahoney Building, c. 1890

115 N. Main Street

The building was built by Dennis Mahoney in 1890. There are no records indicating it being occupied by Mr. Mahoney or the commercial use until 1895. In 1895, the building was occupied by A. J. Dukes and Henderson Poe as a hardware store on one side of the building. Marple Drug Store leased the other half.

A. J. Dukes was a private in the Twelfth Missouri cavalry of the Confederate Army. He was wounded and taken prisoner by Union Forces. Upon his release, he moved to Mansfield. Henderson Poe served in the First Texas Mounted Rifles and later the first regiment Texas Cavalry. After the war, he returned to the family farm north of Mansfield.

In 1919, the building was sold to John Henry Harrison, the home of Harrison Hardware. Promissory notes found later indicate that the building may have been used as a lending institute as well as a hardware store.

In the 1920's, leading young citizens gathered at the Blue Goose Confectionary to decide the fate of the community over a bottle of "Sody-Water" and later at Pop's Café. G. L. Walker opened the Pic and Pac Grocery in the 1930's. Carrie Mills had a restaurant in the 1940's. G. C. "Cleo" Wilson Hardware was in the building from about 1946 to 1951. A Mr. Payne operated another hardware store until 1965. From about 1965 to 1999, Western Auto occupied the building.

In 1999, Troy and Leslie Dorsey opened Troy Dorsey's World Champion Karate. Mr. Dorsey is the only person to hold world titles in boxing and karate at the same time. Mr. Dorsey holds a 10th degree black belt and has been inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, World Karate Hall of Fame, Texas Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Martial Arts Digest Hall of Fame. He is a native of Mansfield. The building is still occupied by Troy Dorsey's World Champion Karate.

The building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.



VIEW OF MAIN STREET AFTER THE 1901 FIRE. THE MAHONEY BUILDING IS THE FIRST UNDAMAGED BUILDING.

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