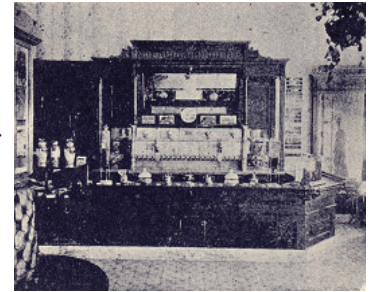


HISTORY OF 319 WEST REED

Since Moberly's earliest days, there has always been a pharmacy at 319 West Reed. On August 1, 1890, Louis Last began his pharmacy business at this location. The building was considered elegant for its time with the interior finished in hard woods and the fixtures elegantly polished. The mountings were polished metal and the floor was the most expensive and artistic tiling. There were heavy leather upholstered settees surrounding the support posts in the center of the building. A large, ornate soda fountain spanned one wall. The exterior had five arched windows and a cornice that is reminiscent of the three buildings directly across the street which remain today.



After Mr Last died, a Mr. Frost owned and operated the store in 1902. About 1910, C. E. Zahl purchased the store. Mr. Zahl was the grandfather of David Patton, who currently owns two downtown buildings (400 and 402 W Reed). During Mr Zahl's ownership, a fire destroyed the building and it's contents. A new structure was erected and Mr Zahl installed the custom-made cabinetry that still serves the store today. A stone with the date 1918 marks the top of the facade that was erected after the fire. Mr. Zahl sold the store to Lee Burton and Joe Ogle in 1919. The partnership of Burton & Ogle continued until 1933 when Lee Burton bought the



interest of Mr Ogle. The store remained under the ownership of Lee Burton until January 1946, when Lee Burton sold one-third interest to Ray Burton. After Lee's death in January 1960, Ray Burton became the full owner.

Ron Kirk and Bill Buntin purchased the business in 1973 and kept the name Burton's Rexall. Mr Kirk bought out Mr Buntin's share in 1981.

In 1999 Gary Kribbs moved his Medicine Shoppe pharmacy from Morley Street to this location. The name was changed to Kribbs Family Pharmacy in 2009. Mr. Kirk remains owner of the building and continues to work there when needed as a substitute. Some upgrades to the display window and awning were completed in 2009, but the interior cabinetry and the marble-topped lunch counter serve as reminders of the long history of this building and the people it has served.



Over the years, the upstairs occupants of the building have mostly been doctors and dentists. Dr D F Orr, dentist (1904), Dr L P Sparks (1919), and Dr Nichols are among those who have practiced from those offices. For a short time in the late 1970's there were dance lessons conducted on the second floor. And in the 1980's Mr Kirk lived there for two years until purchasing a house.

Kribbs Family Pharmacy - 2010



Although not very legible in this photo, this is one of three concrete stones visible today in the alley behind Kribbs Family Pharmacy. This one says "Burton and Ogle" and the other two say "Prescription" and "Druggists".

Corrections and additions to this history are welcomed.