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Clapp-Cunningham Building; Landmark Antiques

Location: 1021 Manvel, Chandler, Oklahoma, Lincoln County

Owner: Ben and Jerry Walkingstick, 242 Marshall Dr., Chandler, Oklahoma 74834

Description: Condition - good, unaltered

The only unaltered territorial building in Chandler, the Clapp-Cunningham Building is a two-story, red-brick Victorian structure. The east front is divided into halves on the ground level, each having its own entrance. The north half has a beveled-glass recessed doorway between display windows. The south half has a recessed angled doorway. Both doorways are shielded by canvas awnings as they were in a 1900 photograph. Between the entrances is a four-foot wide open stairway giving access to the upper floor. Halfway up the stairway is closed off by double doors. On the east front are six arched windows grouped in threes; on the south side are nine arched windows. Above the windows is a parapet decorated with scrolled design in red tile molding. An overhead door and single door on the south side provide a drive-in entrance to an auto parts store while double doors and display windows beneath a transom from the entrance to the rear of the building. The two store fronts on the lower east side have been restored by the owners of the building who operate it as an antique shop. An auto parts shop is housed in what was the lobby on the west side. It still has its pressed metal ceiling. The owners plan to renovate the upper floor which contained office space for professionals, including four walk-in safes. The original gas lighting fixtures are still in place.

Significance: c. 1900; Builder/Architect: Unknown

An elegant example of the Victorian style, the Clapp-Cunningham Building was constructed about 1900 as a project of Wichita, Kansas, politician L.W. Clapp. It housed the Star Store and a bank at the turn of the century and provided offices for doctors and lawyers. By 1920 a feed store and an auto sales business operated there. The building was bought by A. B. and Myrtle Cunningham in 1926. They built the annex on the west side and ran a hotel, catering to oil-field customers. As many as fifty-five lived there at one time. A son of A.B. Cunningham runs an auto parts shop in the rear while the new owners have an antique shop in the front.

Acreage: less than 1 acre

Quadrangle: Chandler, Oklahoma; 7.5; 1:24,000

Verbal Boundary Scale: Lots 11-12, Block 62

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