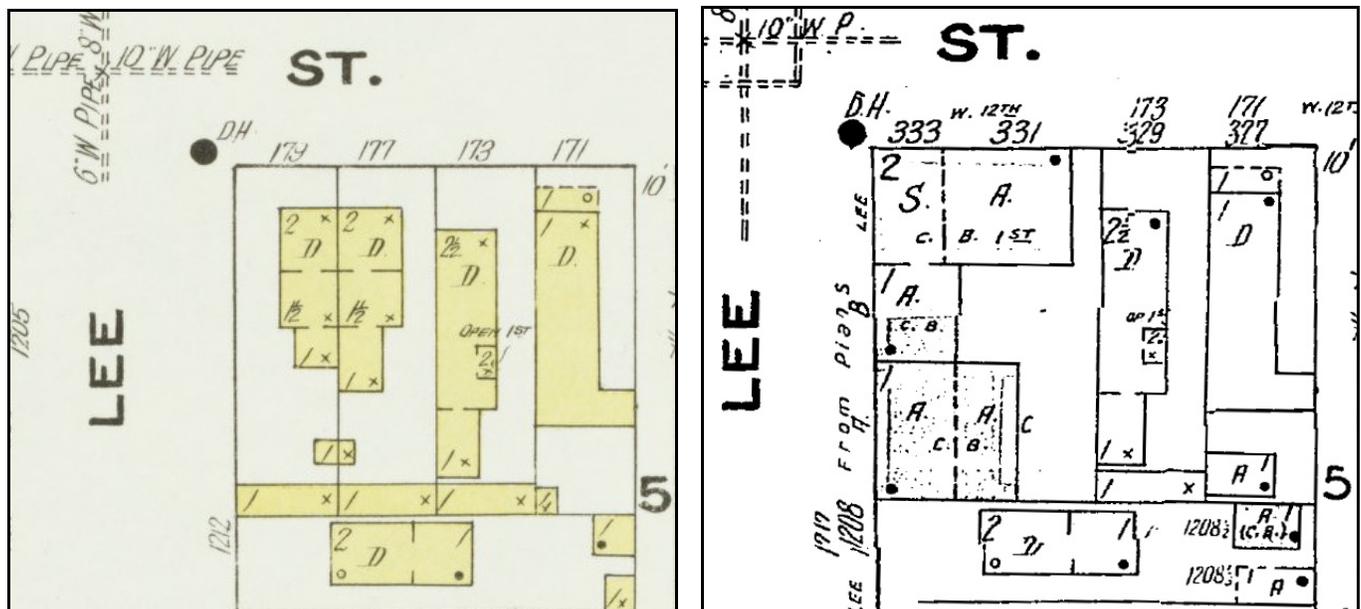


## 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street

The building at the corner of West 12<sup>th</sup> and Lee Streets was constructed sometime between the 1909 and 1949 Sanborn insurance mapping (Figure 1), during which period it replaced a pair of row houses that appear as far back as the 1877 Hopkins City Atlas. According to the 1949 Sanborn, the new building had four apartments clustered around a store on the corner. The apartments along Lee Street were single story, and one apartment and the store shared a two story building on the corner. The map indicates construction was concrete block on the first floor, which corresponds to the building we saw in the field (Figure 2). This structure was not in the group that was listed for intensive documentation, and as it turned out, we did not get inside by the time it had been demolished, so, regrettably, exterior photographs are the only documentation we have for this building.

331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street is relatively late in period and plain in style compared to some of its neighbors. Perhaps its most distinctive feature was the construction material of the first floor, stone faced concrete block, a popular building material of the early twentieth century, suggesting that the second floor may have been an addition.

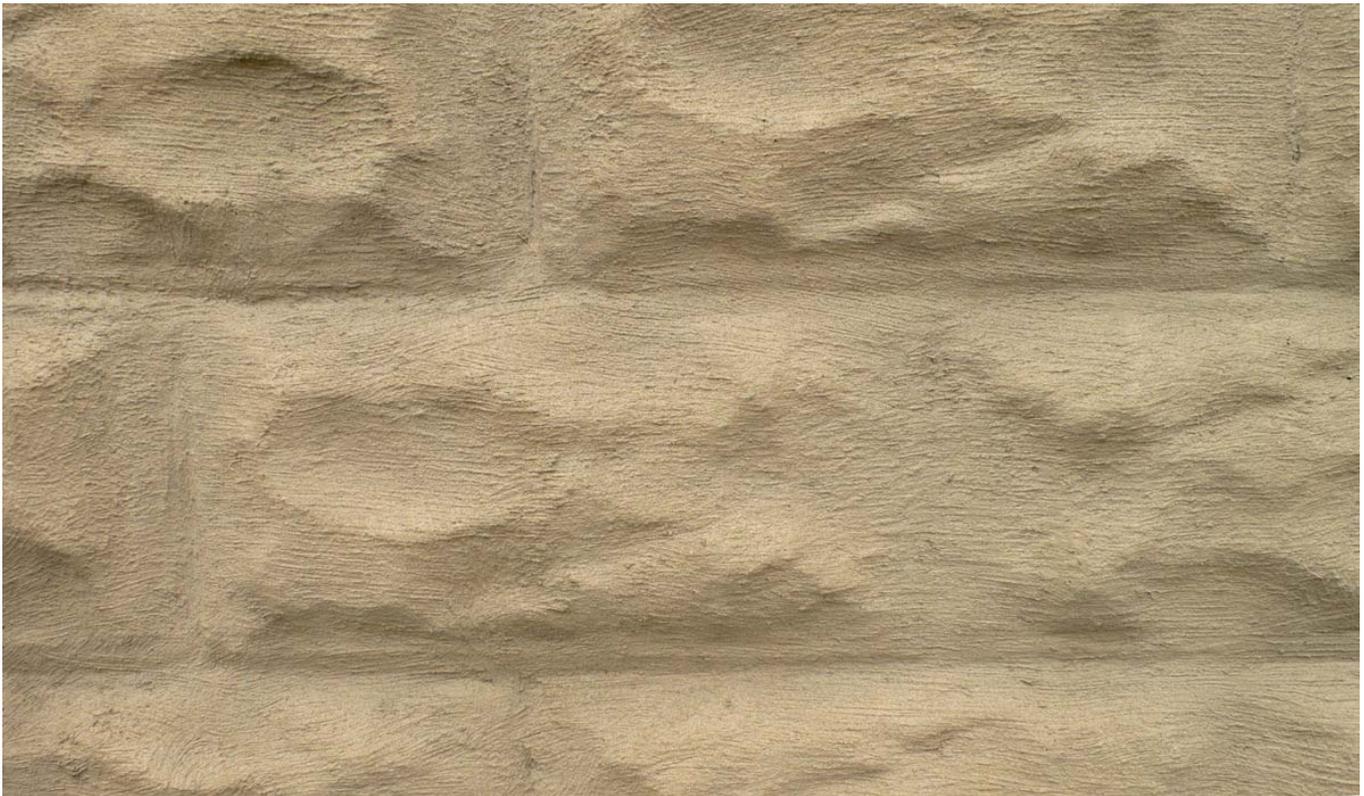
The 1949 Sanborn map shows roughly one third of the two story section of the building taken up by the corner store, and 2/3 of it as a single address apartment (Figure 1, right). As documented, the front section appears to have been divided into 3 two story apartments. There was once a wide opening, possibly for a garage, at the location of the left hand door and the window to its right. That was later sealed with matching concrete block, fenestrated with a door and a window, but a curb cut for the drive remained in place. The garage was likely an original feature of the building, associated with the apartment or with the store.



**Figure 1:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the 1909 Sanborn map (left), then at 177-179, and on the 1949 Sanborn map (right).



**Figure 2:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from North.



**Figure 3:** Detail of 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, concrete block wall.



**Figure 4:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southeast corner.



**Figure 5:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from northwest.



**Figure 6:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from west.



**Figure 7:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from west.



**Figure 8:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from southwest.



**Figure 9:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, garage behind main building, also constructed of stone-faced concrete block.



**Figure 10:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from west.



**Figure 11:** 331-333 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, detail of basement window and concrete lintel.