

A TRIBUTE TO ADRIN PERKINS & PERKINS GLASS AND MILLWORK

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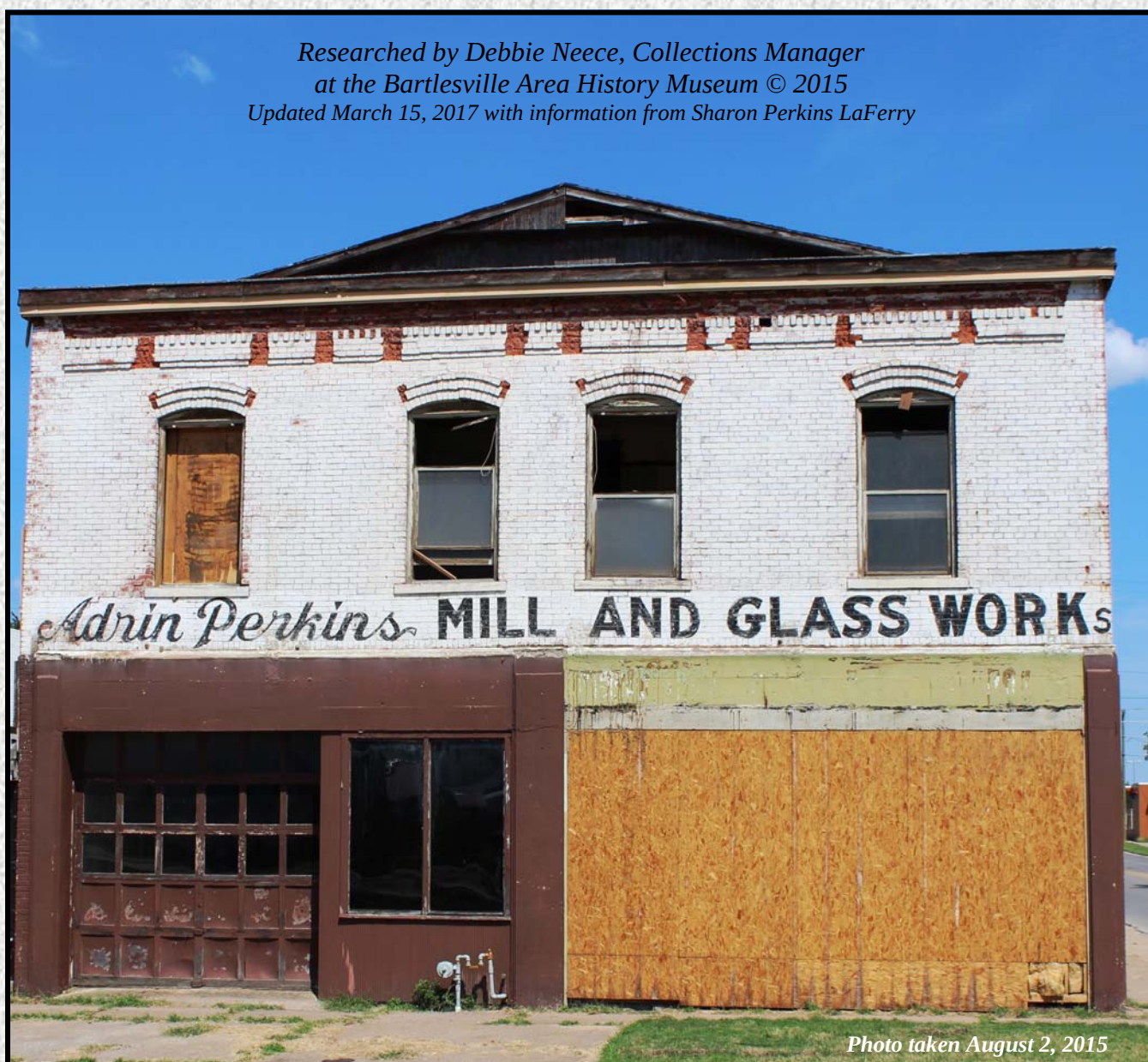
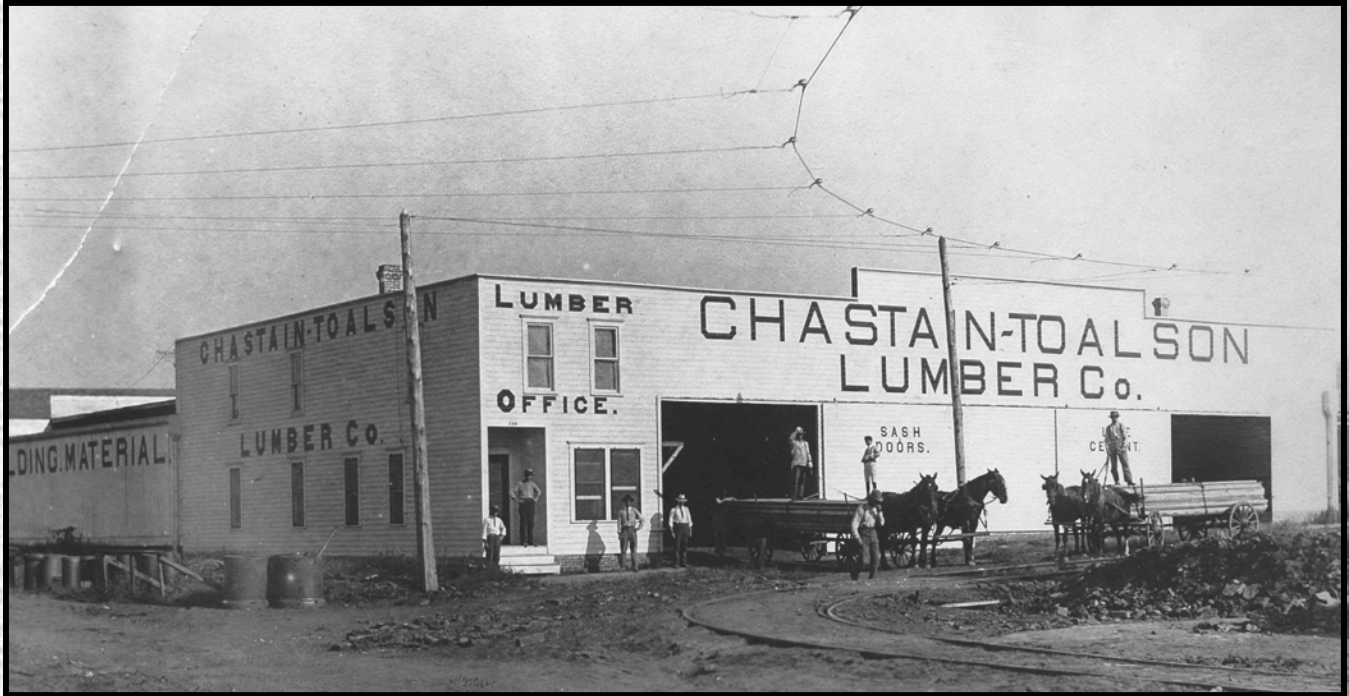


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CHASTAIN-TOALSON LUMBER COMPANY

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The Chastain-Toalson Lumber Company, owned by William Eugene Chastain and Oscar B. Toalson, was located at 300 Osage Avenue in 1907.

In 1909 the lumber company moved to 300-306 Cherokee Ave., the southeast corner of Cherokee and Third Street. Third Street was renamed Frank Phillips Blvd. on September 27, 1951 in honor of famed oilman Frank Phillips. The photo above shows Bartlesville's dirt streets, Interurban Railway trolley tracks and the catenary electrical system above the track. The Interurban ran the streets of Bartlesville from 1908-1920.

Between 1910 and 1912, Mr. Toalson bought the lumber company and renamed the business "O.B. Toalson Lumber."

O.B. Toalson,

300 to 306 Cherokee

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PREWITT'S BARTLESVILLE, OKLA., DIRECTORY



Between 1928-1929 Jesse L. Overlees and William A. Kruse purchased the O.B. Toalson Lumber Company at 300 S. Cherokee Ave. They remodeled the building as shown below. In 2015, this is the location of Pizza Hut.



This amount of history has brought us to Adrin Haley Perkins. Mr. Perkins was born in Missouri on November 21, 1909 to Doctor Mitchell and Ethel E. (Cooper) Perkins. The 1930 U.S. Census lists Adrin as 20 years old living with his parents and 5 siblings in Jackson Township, Washington County, OK. Bartlesville was listed in census records and Bartlesville City Directories as Jackson Township until the early 1940s.

On January, 15, 1931 Adrin Perkins married Catherine Elizabeth Benjamin in Jasper County, Missouri and they later made their home in Bartlesville.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE	
STATE OF MISSOURI	
County of Jasper.	This License authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record, or any Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between: <u>Adrin Perkins</u> and <u>Catherine Benjamin</u>
at <u>Bartlesville</u> in the County of <u>Washington</u> and State of <u>Oklahoma</u>	
Who is <u>over</u> the age of twenty-one years; and <u>Catherine Benjamin</u>	
of <u>Bartlesville</u> in the County of <u>Washington</u> and State of <u>Oklahoma</u>	
who is <u>over</u> the age of twenty-one years.	
WITNESSE my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in <u>Bartlesville</u>	
this <u>15</u> day of <u>January</u> 19 <u>31</u>	By <u>E. D. Hickey</u> Deputy. <u>E. D. Hickey</u> Recorder of Deeds.
STATE OF MISSOURI	
County of <u>Jasper</u> in said County on the <u>15</u> day of <u>January</u> A. D. 19 <u>31</u>	This is to certify that the undersigned <u>Minister of the Gospel</u> did at <u>Bartlesville</u> solemnize Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.
The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the <u>21</u> day of <u>January</u> A. D. 19 <u>31</u>	
By <u>J. D. Hickey</u>	Deputy.

From about 1935 to 1940 Adrin worked as a cabinet maker at the Overlees-Kruse Lumber Company. Then in 1941 Mr. Perkins opened his own business, the Perkins Cabinet Shop, at 815 Shawnee Ave. where he did carpenter work, cabinet making and furniture repair.

CABINET WORK

MANTELS — BOOKCASES — CHINA CABINETS
STORM SASH — WEATHER STRIPPING
FURNITURE REPAIRING

Perkins Cabinet Shop

ADRIN PERKINS

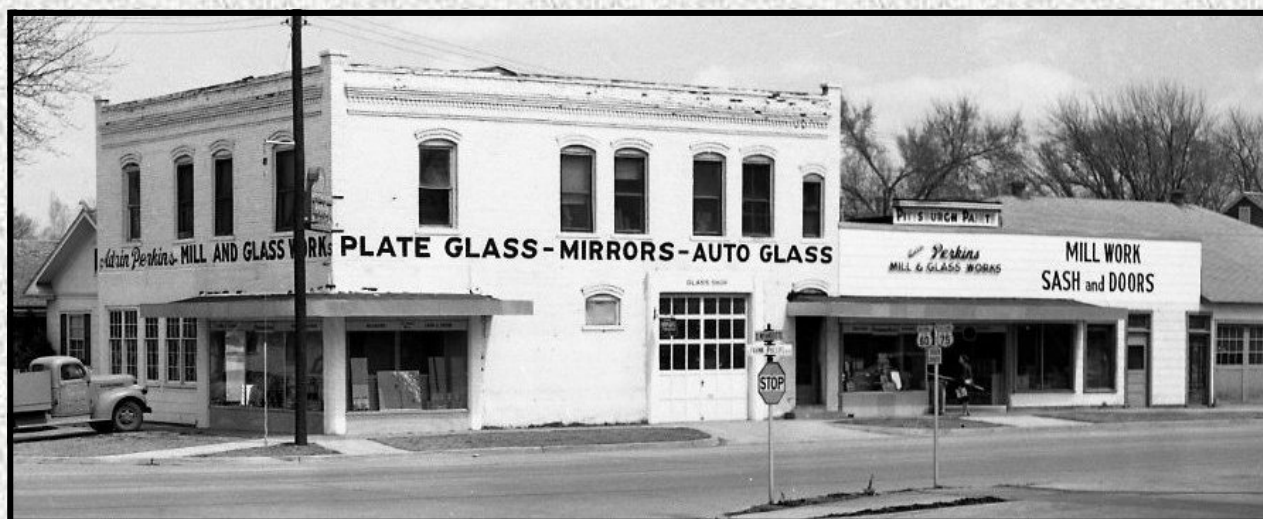
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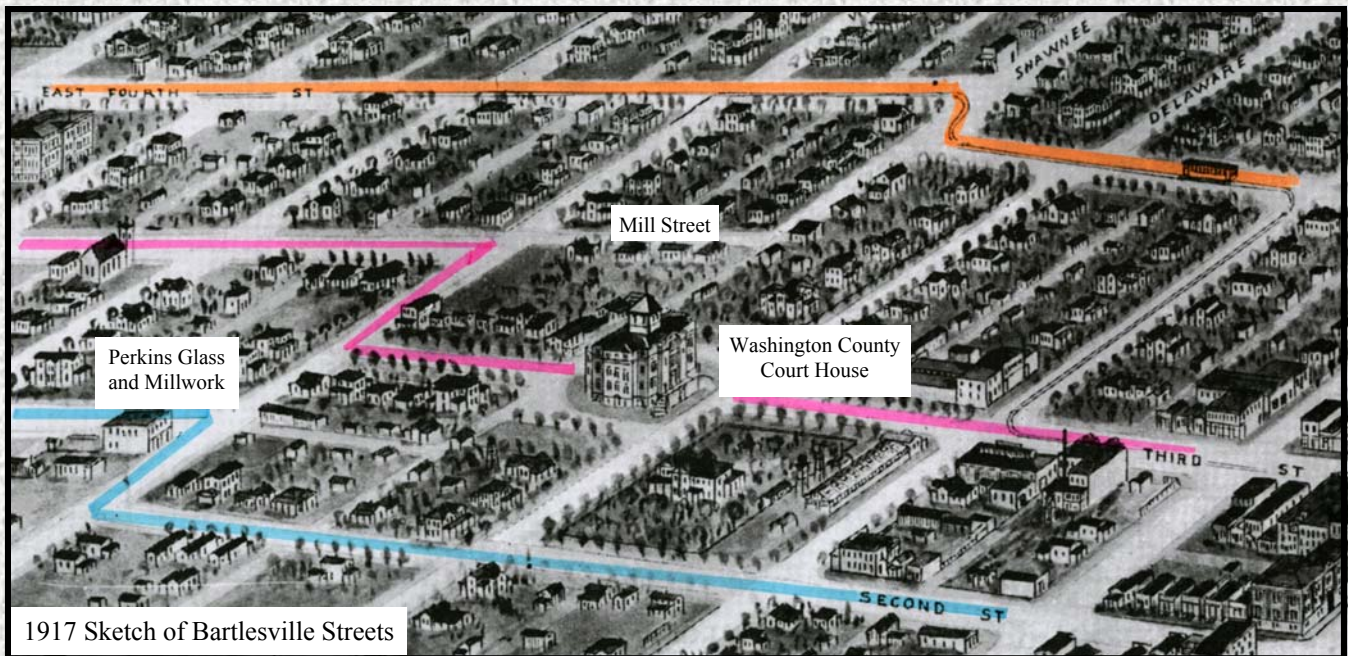


Sharon Perkins LaFerry is the daughter of Darwin Perkins. According to Sharon, in 1943, Adrin Perkins moved his Perkins Cabinet Shop to 612 East 2nd Street (although the address was often listed as 2nd and Wyandotte) where he continued millwork, glass and mirrors and sold Pittsburgh Paint. Darwin Perkins returned from service in the CB's* after WWII in the fall of 1945 and went to work for his brother, Adrin, in December. Adrin and Catherine Perkins made their home at 126 S. Wyandotte, just next door to the cabinet shop and Mr. Perkins also had a store room at 128 Wyandotte. The Perkins celebrated 50 years of business at that location in 1993.

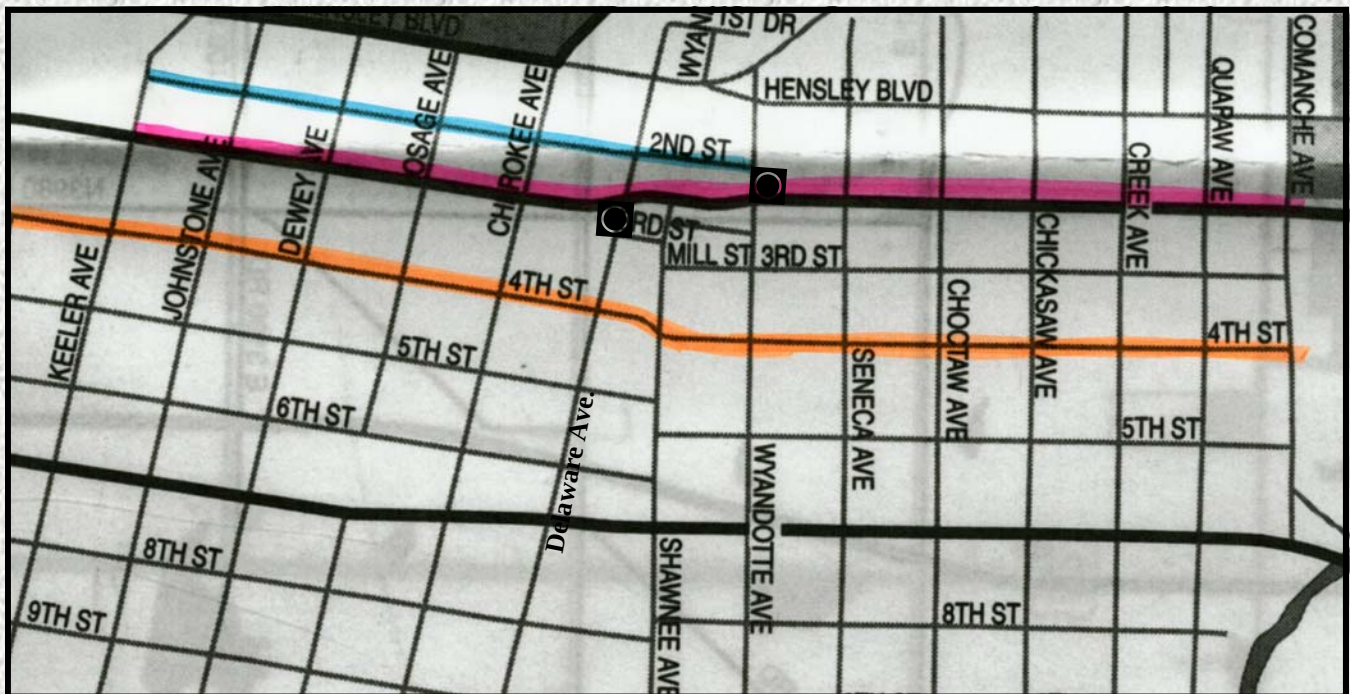
* U.S. Naval Construction Battalions - better known as Seabees



To offer a little Second Street clarification, let me insert a brief history of the Washington County Courthouse and the surrounding streets. The stately courthouse was constructed in 1914 in the middle of the block at Third Street and Delaware Avenue. The 1917 sketch below highlights the route of Second, Third and Fourth Streets.



Blue = Second Street ** Pink = Third Street ** Orange = Fourth Street



● = The Perkins Mill at the corner of Frank Phillips Blvd. and Wyandotte and the courthouse at Frank Phillips Blvd. and Delaware Ave., after 1952

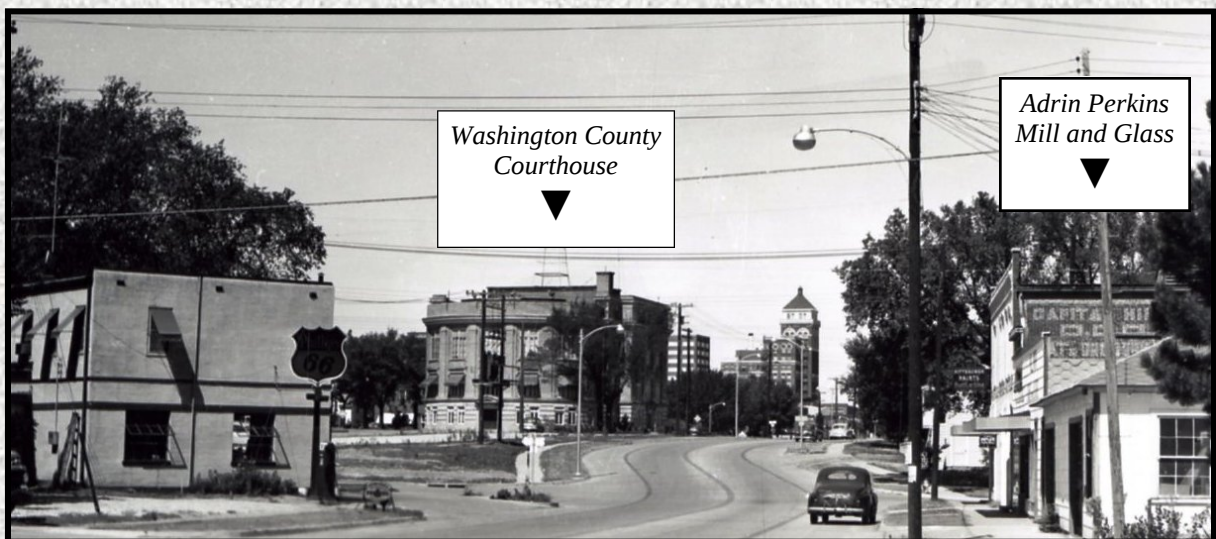


The Washington County Courthouse interrupted the traffic flow on Third Street. This prompted Third Street to be re-routed and Second Street to be shortened.

Third Street was regarded as the main street through downtown. Travelers heading east on Highway 60 from Pawhuska had to make a decision when they arrived at Cherokee Ave. in Bartlesville.

To reach Highway 75 north travelers turned north on Cherokee, over the Cherokee bridge to Dewey and Hwy 75.

To gain access to south Hwy 75 or east Hwy 60, at Cherokee they turned south to 4th Street, east to Comanche and across the Veterans Bridge. At that time, Hwy 75 continued south on present Silver Lake Road to Ochelata (old Hwy 75 route). Highway 60 branched off at Nowata Rd.



Perkins Mill & Glass Works



**MILLWORK
PAINT - MIRRORS
CABINET HARDWARE
PLATE and WINDOW GLASS**

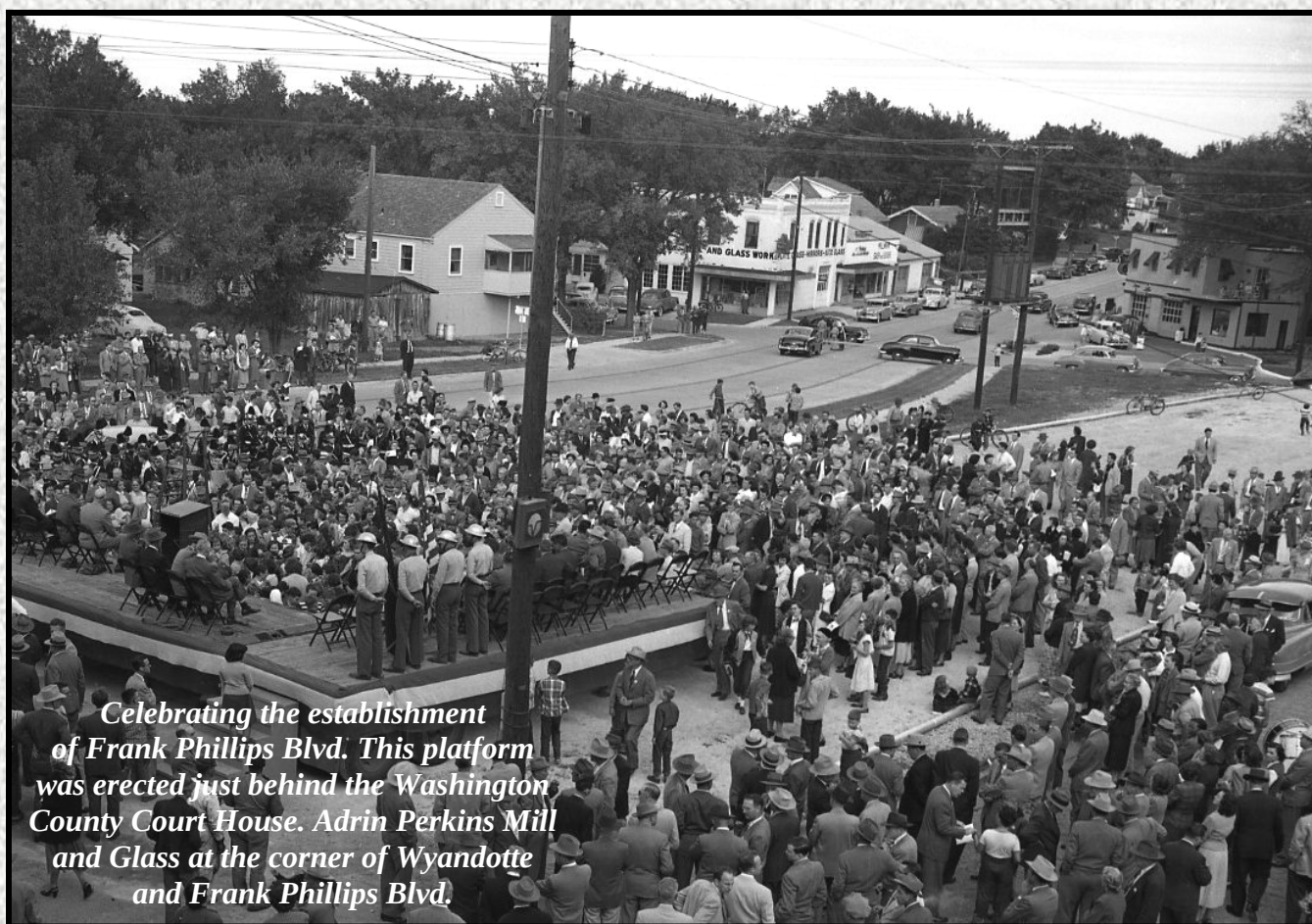
2nd and Wyandotte

Tel. 3254

Significant happenings took place in Bartlesville during the late 1940s to early 1950s: Hulah Lake and dam were completed, the YWCA was built on Johnstone Ave., Hilltop Drive-in arrived, the Adams building and the Phillips Hotel were completed. But most notable was the death of Mr. Frank Phillips on August 23, 1950.

As tribute to Mr. Phillips, on September 27, 1951 Third Street was renamed Frank Phillips Blvd.

In 1980 the Frank Phillips bridge was built creating a third main artery access for Highway travel as well as easing the heavily traveled Hensley and Adams Blvd. In 1969, to honor Kenneth Stanley "K.S." Adams, 7th Street had been renamed Adams Blvd.



Celebrating the establishment of Frank Phillips Blvd. This platform was erected just behind the Washington County Court House. Adrin Perkins Mill and Glass at the corner of Wyandotte and Frank Phillips Blvd.

From the maps on page six you can see the transformation of Third Street to the present Frank Phillips Blvd. and Second Street now ends at Wyandotte.

PERKINS GLASS & MILLWORK CO.



**MILLWORK - PAINT - MIRRORS
CABINET HARDWARE
PLATE and WINDOW GLASS**

612 E. Frank Phillips Blvd.

Tel. 3254

Beginning in 1952, the Perkins Glass and Millwork Company address was listed in the Bartlesville City Directories as 612 E. Frank Phillips Blvd.

Adrin and Catherine Perkins' home remained at 126 S. Wyandotte until their deaths. Catherine passed away in 1985 and Adrin in 1993.

The Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork Company was listed in the Bartlesville City Directories at 612 E Frank Phillips Blvd through 2006.



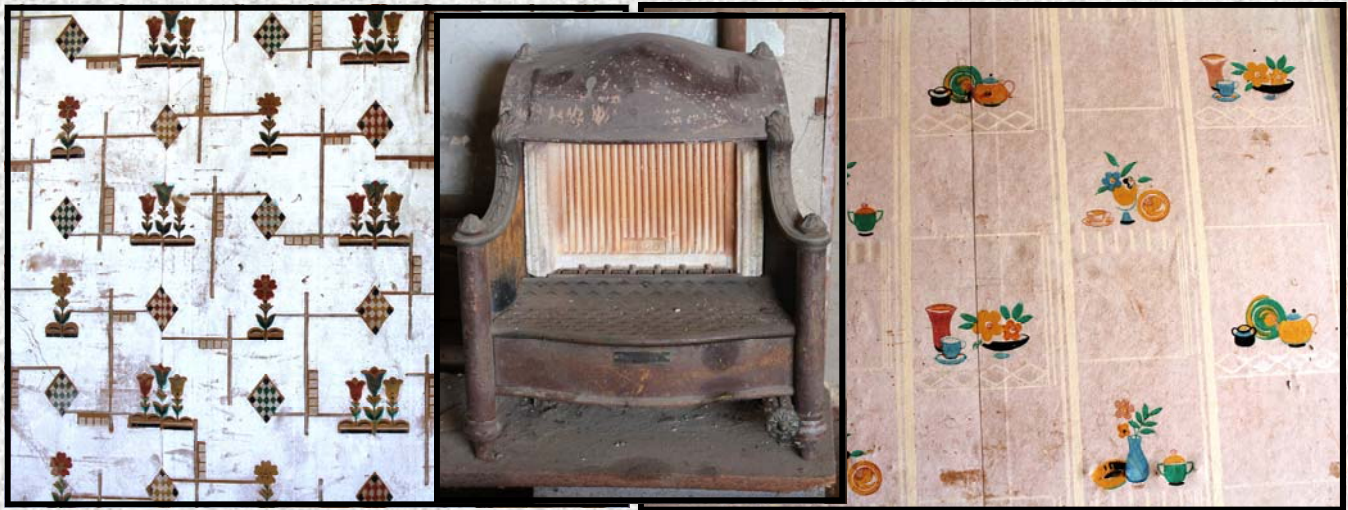
1987 Perkins Glass & Millwork sign boasting 41 years of service in Bartlesville



At some point in history, the Perkins building was covered with brown siding but still proudly bore the Perkins name along Frank Phillips Blvd.

The summer of 2015 the building façade dramatically changed bringing the attention of Bartlesville citizens. For many years area residents have traveled past the block-wide brown sided building in the 600 block of Frank Phillips Blvd. without paying much attention. When the façade of the building was removed, the history of the building was revealed...preserved and ready to tell a story.





Behind the boarded building and bricked-in windows time has stood still. Wallpaper from a time forgotten, a small gas heater, a freight elevator for Freight Only, aqua painted shelves and knob-and-tube electrical works.



One of the most interesting pieces of history discovered after the façade removal was the building advertisement for the Capital Hill Meat and Grocery Store which operated on Wyandotte from 1912 to 1919. From 1920 to 1922 the Capital Hill Auto Top Factory and various businesses occupied the corner. Then from 1925 to the early 1940s groceries operated in the building until Mr. Adrin Perkins moved his Glass and Millwork business to the building in 1943. Now we await the next chapter in the history of the Perkins Building.



South Wyandotte Avenue

1912

122 Capitol Hill Grocery

1913-1914

122 Capitol Hill Grocery

122½ Joseph Hagen

126 R.C. Carpenter

1915-1916

126 Earl Thompson

128 Triple Thread Vulcanizing Works

130 Capital Hill Grocery, Bert W Read propr
with apartments above (Bert Read and Joseph Hagen)

1916-1917

126 A C Digney

130 J G Stark

130½ Joseph Hagen

1917-1918

126 Joseph Hagen (0)

130 Capital Hill Grocery

130½ C A Mourning (r)
T M O'Mara (r)

1919

126 Joseph Hagen

128 Capital Hill Auto Top Factory

130 Capital Hill Grocery

130½ C C Harrod, J N Davis, H H Elder

1920

124 F K Bowen

126 Joseph Hagen

128 Capital Hill Auto Top Factory

130 Hagen's Rubber Works

130½ G E Richardson, G H Akins

1921

124 F K Bowen, (wife, Lenora)

126 J Hagan (Theresa)

128 Capital Hill Auto Top Factory

130 V C Hartor Tire & Supply Co

130½ G E Richmond (Clara)

1922

124 F K Bowen

126 Jos Hagen

128 Capitol Hill Auto Top Factory

130 Vacant

130½ A W Whitlow, D E Miller, G C Clare

1923

124 F K Bowen

126 Jos C Hagen

128 Capitol Hill Auto Top Factory

130 J E Metcalf

130½ J E Metcalf

1924

124 F K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 Capitol Hill Auto Top Shop
130 Vacant
130½ C C Tillery

1925

124 F K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 J W Goolsbay Auto Tops
130 B-G Grocery
130½ E B Bixler, H C Galaway, E L Ming

1927

124 F K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 J W Goolsbay Auto Tops
130 F M Cox Grocery
130½ F L Creep, C W Patchen

1929

124 F K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 F L Power Furniture shop
130 F M Cox Grocery
130½ Lon Williams, Jos Goodman, Orin Cain

1930

124 F K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 Addison Redford
130 H T Dunlap Grocery
130½ F O Chumley, Jos F Goodman

1933

124 Fred K Bowen
126 Joseph Hagen
128 Vacant
130 H T Dunlap Grocery
130½ Edgar VanFleet, Elmer Smoot

1935

124 Bowen Fred K
126 Hagen Theresa Mrs
128 Sunshine Water Co
130 Dunlap H T gro
130½ Trisler R Fred
Trisler Pearl E chiropractor

1938

124 Bowen Fred K
126 Hagen Theresa
128 Sunshine Water Co
130 Dunlap H T gro
130½ Lacefield Jas C, Frank Carleton

1940

124 Bowen Clark F
126 Hagen Theresa Mrs
128 Superior Printing Co
130 Dunlap Harry grocery
130½ Jordan B Kline, Graham Russell W

1942

124 Bowen Clark F
126 Hagen Theresa Mrs
128 Superior Printing Co
130 Dunlap Harry T grocery
130½ Henry Mattix, Ronald Casey, Buddie Dover

1946

- 124 Bowen Clark F
- 126 Perkins Adrin
- 128 Perkins Cabinet Shop store room
- 130 Dunlap Harry T gro
- 130½ Lowry Ralph, LaClare Nathan

1948

- 124 Bowen Clark F
- 126 Perkins Adrin
- 128 Perkins Mill and Glass Co. store room
- 130 Dunlap Harry T grocery
- 130½ H F Mattix, Duel Sears, Darwin Perkins

1950

- 124 Bowen Clark F
- 126 Perkins Adrin H
- 128 Perkins Mill and Glass Co. store room
- 130 Not Listed
- 130½ Frank Ketch

1952-1953

- 124 Childers Bill L
- 126 Perkins Adrin H

1955

- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1956

- 124 Milford Smith
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1957

- 124 Foust Geo
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1959

- 124 Luinstra Johnnie
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1961

- 124 Luinstra Johnnie
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1962

- 124 Thompson Ruby P Mrs
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1964

- 124 Ruby Thompson
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1965-1982

- 124 Sue Statham
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1983-1990

- 124 Frank Rienhart & Associates Architects
- 126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1995

124 Vacant or No Return of Information

126 Perkins Adrin H residence
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

1997

124 Frank Rienhart & Associates Architects

126 Perkins Adrin H residence (D.E. Perkins)
(612 E Frank Phillips Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork)

The Perkins Cabinet Shop, Glass and Millwork was listed at 612 E Frank Phillips through 2006.
In 2007 and 2008 the address is listed as 204 S. Wyandotte.

Mrs Catherine Elizabeth (Benjamin) Perkins died July 6, 1985. Mr. Adrin Haley Perkins died May 7, 1993