

## Some History of Smithville



Authors: Misses Ada & Mable Barnes

Date: 1967

Source: Mr. and Mrs. Collins F. Kindred collection

Among the older General Stores in Smithville was the one on the N.W. Corner of Bridge & Main Street at one time owned by Brasfield, Spratt and Thatcher. Several years later Leo Young owned the store and the next owner failed in business and August 1, 1906 John K. Boyd and J.R. Dalbey & Son of Braymer bought the business, the building still being owned by the Thatchers who had moved to Colorado.

Mr. Boyd, his wife Annie and son Harold, 6 years old, moved here at once. Russell Golden and May Breckenridge went to work in the stores; April 1, 1907 Ada Barnes was employed. Later Miss May was employed by Morton's Store.

Boyd and Dalbey having bought the 2 story brick building at the S.W. corner of Main and Commercial Ave. did extensive remodeling, made the two rooms in one large room. The second floor made into modern living rooms and storage stock rooms; [the business] moved to this building May 1920.

Russell Golden was elected County Collector and served from 1926-1930. He built a new home at the N.W. corner of Bridge and Church St. and passed away in 1936. October 1928 J.K. Boyd bought Dalbey & Sons interest in the business and afterwards was known as Boyd's General Store.

Mr. Boyd passed away July 14, 1942. Mrs. Boyd and Harold continued to own the store. Harold married Miss Mary B. Waller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Waller. They have one son, Jack, born Dec. 12, 1933 in Smithville, Mo. who is in Navy Air Corps and is Lt. DCM and has served 10 years. Harold has been in Moberly since June 1, 1944, Manager of Division of Employment Service Office. He retired Dec. 31, 1965.

Mrs. Boyd passed away April 15, 1956. July 1957 Harold sold building and contents to Mrs. O.P. Yates and daughter, Mrs. Oran Major who owned a Men's Wear, Shoe Store, Etc. on Main Street.

O.P. Yates and Douglas Carver started the store in the early 1900s but in 1910 Mr. Carver sold his part and moved to Oklahoma. Mr. Yates continued in business until his death May 1, 1955. The merchandise was all moved to the Boyd building and was known as the Yates Store. Mrs. Naomi Anderson, who was with the Yates a number of years and Ada Barnes who was with Boyd's continued to work in the store. Mrs. Yates passed away March 20, 1959 and Mrs. Major Jan. 20, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Major have one son Ronald H. Major a Senior at William Jewel College. The business continued

until the flood of 1965 and the building is owned by Oran Major.

Dr. R.J. Woods came to Smithville to start practice in 1906. Ended by death in 1934. Dr. A.E. Spelman came here then.

Lou Ravenscraft was Smithville's Seamstress for over 50 years.

\_\_\_ Ravenscraft was Town Marshall for 15 years.

[Smithville Historical Society Doc1007]