

303 W. 5th Street
ca. 1928



2008 photograph showing historic storefront



2009 photograph



2017 photograph showing the painted stone treatment over the stucco shown in earlier photographs and the removal of the front part of the interior to create the enclosed courtyard



July, 2018 photograph



Detail of façade treatment (July, 2018)

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

303 W. 5th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
December, 2008

- 1987 Cash-A-Check
Mark Plowman, general manager
- 1977 Automatic Transmission Center
Gabino "Gabby" Moreno, Jr., proprietor
- 1967 Thompson Photo Engraving
John B. Thompson, proprietor
- 1957 The address is not separately listed.
NOTE: C.B. Smith Motors was located in this building, but had an
address of 301 W. 5th Street.
- 1953 The address is not separately listed.
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- 1949 The address is not separately listed.
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address of 301 W. 5th Street.
- 1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Firestone Auto Supply and Service
Tires
R.I. Estlack, manager
NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.
- 1937 Firestone Auto Supply and Service Station
Jack L. McCollom, manager
NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.
- 1935 Firestone Service Stores
W.H. Holloway, manager
NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.
- 1932-33 Firestone Service Stores
C.C. Lindsey, manager
NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.
- 1930-31 Firestone Service Stores

A.E. Johnson, president

NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.

1929

Tire Service Company


Firestone tires and USL batteries

A. Bryan Spires, proprietor

NOTE: The address is listed as 301-03 W. 5th Street.

1927

The listing is residential.



Drive in... Austin!

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU
At Our New, Enlarged
DODGE-PLYMOUTH HEADQUARTERS

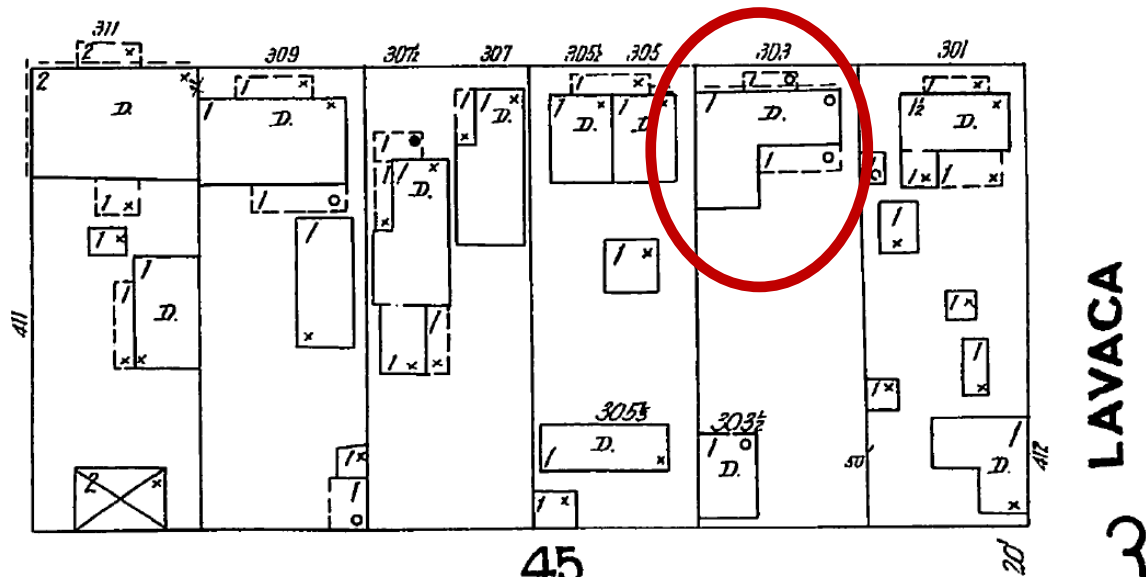
To us, there is only one way of meeting the ever-expanding wartime service needs of the motoring public . . . and that is to provide adequate facilities. We have done this.

Above is our new Dodge-Plymouth headquarters at 307 West 5th Street (corner Lavaca). Here, we offer you the most reliable type of service that modern equipment and experienced manpower can supply. More than 25,000 square feet of floor space. Almost an entire block of plant. "Drive in!" See our large stocks of vital parts. Meet our personnel. Make this your service home.

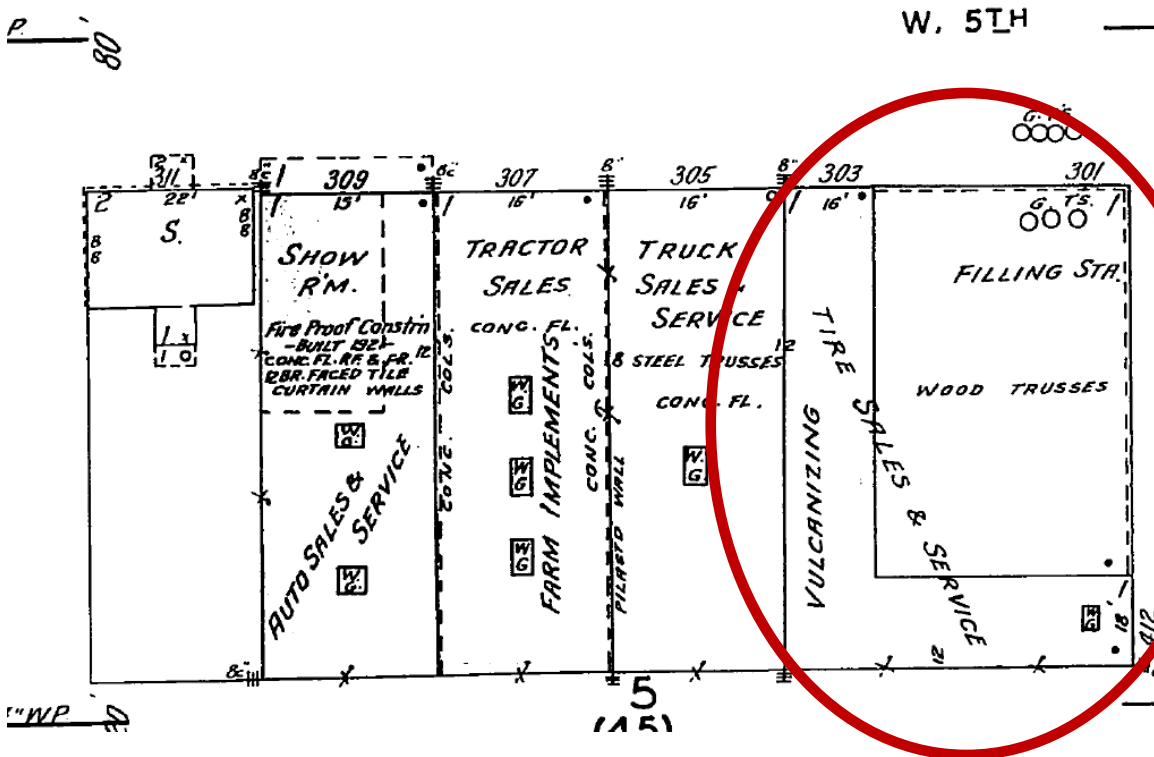
We are indeed grateful for the patronage Austin motorists have given our organization since opening this business scarcely more than a year ago. Our aim is to continue rendering the same conscientious service which has established us so solidly in this community. It is our hope soon to welcome personally everyone of our friends and customers in these new expanded headquarters.

Cordially,
C.B. Smith

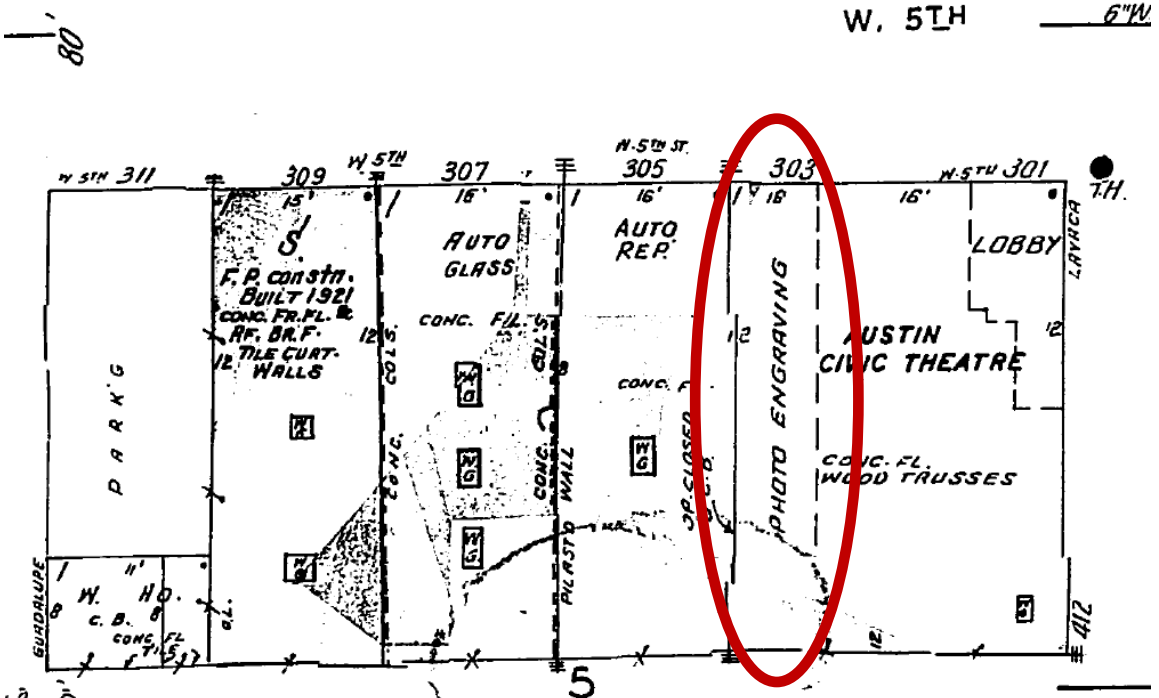
An advertisement for C.B. Smith Motors in the Austin American-Statesman, January 14, 1945 shows the building at 303 W. 5th Street in the middle right of the photograph.



The 1900 Sanborn map shows a one-story dwelling on the site.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows tire sales and service on the current site. A. Bryan Spires opened Tire Service Company at 301-03 W. 5th Street in 1928; it became the Firestone Service Store by 1930 and remained so until the mid-1940s.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows a photo engraving business in the building; Thompson Photo Engraving is listed in city directories in the 1960s at this address.

Mrs. B. F. Marshall 301-303-305 W. 5th St.
 12 45 7-8
 Original City
 - enclose filling sta. & make display rooms
 26244 10-12-44 \$3500.00
 Carl Quick
 none

Building permit to Mrs. Ben F. Marshall to enclose the filling station which had been on the corner of 5th and Lavaca; this permit likely had no effect on the building at 303 W. 5th Street.

OWNER Forest Pearson ADDRESS 301 W 5th
PLAT 7 LOT 7 & 8 BLK
SUBDIVISION Original City
OCCUPANCY retail
BLD PERMIT #152114 DATE 9-23-75 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$4,000
CONTRACTOR Poth Constr. NO. OF FIXTURES none
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
remodel com. bldg.

Building permit to remodel the building (1975) indicates that the building is on Lots 7 and 8, which would include this building.

The building underwent some remodeling when it was converted from a tattoo parlor to a bar in 2000.