

Register of Old Buildings  
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 117 E. Main St.

Legal description: Resurvey of Blk. 1 of Original Town of  
Decatur.  
Lots 4, 5 and W18' of Lot 27.

Date of original construction: 1861.

Name of original owner: Dr. Robert's Drugstore.

History:

From 1845-1870 - The drugstore at this location was known as  
Dr. Robert's Drugstore, occupying an old  
frame building and the present building.  
1870-1892 - Clint Armstrong Drugstore.  
1892-1939 - E. A. West's Drugstore.  
1939-pres.- Enloe's Drugstore. Hence, there has been  
a drugstore on this site since 1845. Accord-  
ing to an April 16, 1967 news item in the  
Decatur Sunday Herald and Review, "The build-  
ing was built in 1861 after an old frame  
building which had housed one of Decatur's  
early post offices and a general store had  
been located there."

Present owner's name: Enloe's Lincoln Square Drug Store,  
Roy and Frances Enloe.

117 E. Main Street  
1861  
Enloe Drug Store

Second and third floors were removed from the front portion in 1969.  
A new front was put on in 1970.  
The two story section is newer than the front section (1861).



117 East Main



Photo - Decatur Herald and Review

117 E. Main Street

The building was built in 1861 after an old frame building which had housed one of Decatur's early post offices and a general store had been located.

The present site has been the location of a drug store for 122 years. The site was known as Dr. Robert's Drugstore from 1845 until 1870, occupying both the old frame building and the present building.

Clint Armstrong operated a drug store at the site from 1870 until 1892. The operation was taken over by E. A. West in that year and he was succeeded by Roy Enloe in 1939.

Another old-timer is the building at 117 E. Main St., where Enloe's Drug Store is now located.

Decatur's oldest existing hotel was built in 1860 on the northwest corner of Water and Wood streets. It has undergone

many name-changes and changes of ownership in its 107-year history.

It was constructed by Charles M. Reddick and first named the Pennsylvania Hotel. It was also known as the American and the Brunswick before it was named the Decatur Hotel in 1947.

**Oldest Grocery Store**

Decatur's oldest grocery store—and still in operation—is located on the corner of Main and Wood streets. The building was built in 1855 by John Imboden and he and his sons ran a meat market there until 1906.

The grocery store is now Howard's Supermarket. It was purchased by Howard Bardsley in 1940 and is currently run by Mrs. Bardsley.

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Block Has Much History  
by  
Richard S. Edinger

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