Interview with John Hoggatt

KJC: When was this building built?

JH: It was first built in the late 1800's or the early 1900's.

KJC: Who built this building?

JH: It was built by a bridge builder.

KJC: What were the past uses of this building?

JH: First of all it was used for tying up horses when people came into town. Next it was used for a car dealership. The dealership was owned by Albert Sockler. The next use was used as a car body shop. A man owned it by the last name of Flowers. Their shop was upstairs and they used an elevator to get the cars up there. Then I bought it in 1980 and made it Hoggatt Appliances.

KJC: Were there any other buildings like this one?

JH: Across the street where the Marshall Public Library is now was also a car shop. This building had a ramp for getting cars upstairs instead of an elevator.

KJC: With what is this building equipped?

JH: This building is equipped with an elevator that was used to move cars to the body shop upstairs. It was also equipped with a boiler in the basement that puts out 1,200,000 BTUs (British Thermal Units). The boiler takes in 1,500,000 BTUs. There is also antique cars buried in the cement.