

Walker's Furniture Store 1921

The Walker Building, constructed by M. Dyson for H. S. Walker, opened in June 1921 as the Walker Furniture Company. By September 1922 the furniture store was no longer in business and the building was occupied by Tony Klumpp. Mr. Klumpp used the upstairs as living quarters and the downstairs as a showroom for automobiles from his Chevrolet dealership.

In 1923, a bakery and restaurant, which had been doing business inside the People's Cooperative Store next door, reopened in the Walker Building as the Cooperative Lunch Room. Over the years the building has housed a variety of restaurants, as well as a paint store, plant shop and dance studio. At present, it has again, become a restaurant, pub, and downtown nightspot.

H.S.Walker

H. S. Walker, the "hustling house fitter" from Mobile owned several lots and a summer home on the bay in Fairhope. For decades he and his family summered in Fairhope and, at other times of the year, he came over from Mobile to manage his rental properties. H. S. Walker enjoyed many extended family ties and a wide circle of friends in the Fairhope community.

Structural Description

The Walker Building, 311 Fairhope Avenue, circa 1921. Two-story commercial building, 25' frontage; Dyson block construction, still unpainted. Three bay's downstairs defined by masonry piers, containing three sets of French doors with louvered vent over-panels; upstairs with central double doors flanked by narrower sash windows. Projecting

metal balcony on metal poles with shed canvas awning above (all a later addition); flat parapet; end-exposed brick chimney flu, east side.