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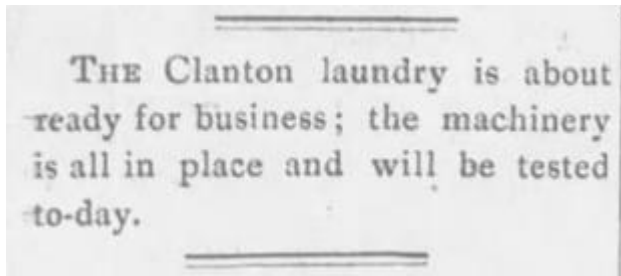
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June 12, 1902 Union Banner

The Clanton Laundry & Cleaning Company

From an article in the April 10th, 1930 Union Banner, “the Clanton Laundry and Cleaning Company, was organized and began business in Clanton in September, 1926. The promoters of the business were F. L. ("Leo") Thompson and his father, J. W. Thompson. They came here from Montgomery, where they had extensive experience in the laundry business. The thompsons are natives of Bibb County. The business was at first located in the old Chandler Building where the new post office will be opened in a few weeks.” The Chandler Building is a couple buildings east of the railroad on the south side of 2nd Avenue North.

In December 1927 they moved to 6th Street just south of 2nd Avenue North. This building is now a vacant lot behind the old "Messer's" store (which is now a bank). Below is a photo in that time frame (1927 - 1930s) that is combined with a separate photo of the Nehi bottler that was across the alley. This was later Clanton Furniture.



Clanton Laundry in the building on 6th Street ca. 1927. This is a composite of two photos.

The Clanton Service Laundry

The Clanton Service Laundry was operated by Felix Rhodes and V. Z. Taylor. They began to do their cleaning locally with newly purchased equipment in August of 1929. They had been doing laundry utilizing services in Montgomery prior to this purchase. Their exact startup date is unknown. The Clanton Service Laundry setup operations in the “old Littlejohn” building next to the Wadesonian Theatre, west of the railroad. Mr. Rhodes had previously worked for the Clanton Laundry and a Montgomery laundry prior to that.

Consolidation

The Clanton Laundry bought out the Clanton Service Laundry in May of 1930 and consolidated their operations into the 6th Street location.



Photo of Marvin Scott made sometime after June 1930 when the front was re-painted with white and before 1947.

New Building

In March of 1947 the Clanton Laundry moved into their new building on 1st Avenue.



Photo of Marvin Scott ca 1962 from the "new" building. The old jail is visible in the background.

A matchbook cover advertising the Clanton Laundry.



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Interior views of the Clanton Laundry.

References

Facebook groups *“U know u lived in CLANTON as a kid,” “WE GREW UP IN CLANTON, ALABAMA”* and others.

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