

**The Clanton Post Office  
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### Locations

(much from UB article May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1930)

(info on 1<sup>st</sup> from Historical Register application, Ben Roberts and CCHSoc)

1871 Jan 31: Originally was Goose Pond PO, postmaster was Alfred Baker, located in his general merchandise store which was on 7<sup>th</sup> St between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, west side. Later Baker sells block 31 to Samuel Adams (deed book 7, p 68, 1/5/1884), who later sells to W. B. McCain (deed book 188, p 261, 10/31/1922). Lots 7 and 8 were the McCain Mule Barn. Lots 9 and 10 were Chilton County News (now Neighborhood Grill, 2020).

1871 May 4: New postmaster John W. Gullahorn, changed to Clanton, moved from Baker's store.

1893: Postmaster B. H. Chestnut

1897 Oct 14: a new appointee postmaster L. B. Pounds, from John Garner and it is located in the store of Sartor & Kicker. Sartor & Kicker was a new store in 1897 and was in the "old W. L. Sampey" building which was on 7<sup>th</sup> St behind the new 2 store brick that was E. M. Pinkard (later Big Four Hardware).

1898 Mar: Around March 10, 1898 the post office moved from Sartor & Kicker's store into the "new store vacated by J. W. Edwards on Main Street." (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N).

1900 Jun 7, J. B. Downs postmaster.

1901 Jul 18, L & N temporary depo on west side of RR "opposite the Post Office."

1902 Jan, "B. H. Jones Post Office Store" (bought out J. B. Downs stock).

1902 Aug 122, two story, photographer above (Lyon & Baxley).

1903 Aug 6, 1903, now moved into former Campbelle Drug Co., postmaster F. O. Dudley.

At one point, according to the 5/8/1930 article, the PO was originally somewhere around the railroad.

Next, it moved across the street "where Bill Arant's jewelry store is now (written in 1930)."

1909 Dec: Then was in the "Wade building on the railroad corner where the grocery store of Mack Culver and Bud Jones is now." This was during postmasters Felix Dudley, J. E. Robinson, Barney Roberts, and J. J. Pickens. (The contract was for 10 years starting Dec 1, 1909).



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A note on “Hayes buildings” – the first one was the Exchange Hotel (to the left in the above photo). The second was across the street making up the whole corner (right in the above photo). Later, the NW corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N and 7<sup>th</sup> Street was owned by Dr. J P Hayes (“Watson’s” corner).

1930 May: Then on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1930 it moved to a new/refurbished building about where it started ... the Chandler Building (owned by Dr. N. S. Johnson and H. G. Boyd) on the south side of Main St near the L & N RR crossing. Mr. Wiley M. Bean is postmaster at this time.

1935 Oct: In 1935 a new building was built on the SW corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Postmaster was Hosea Downs. Service started there on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1935.

1985 Nov 19: another new building was built and opened to the south of town where it is now (2021).

## References

**Union Banner**, many small items in many issues; too many to list.