

History of 222 E. Clinch Avenue

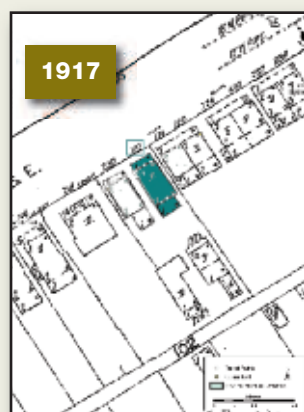
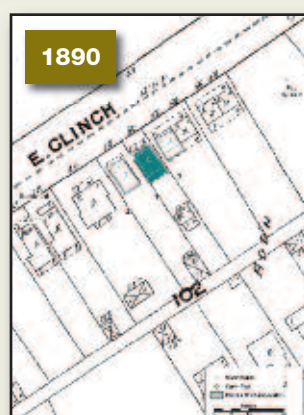
(pre-1901: 50 E. Clinch Ave)

This is the first house that we identified during our excavation. The house was built some time between 1871 and 1884. It was a two-story frame structure with a front porch facing Clinch Ave. A one-story back addition was added later. In 1950 the house was turned into six apartments; although in some years the City directory lists eight! A search of the Knoxville City records indicated the following occupants



Brick walkway between houses

of the house during the years noted. During some years either 'Owner' or 'Renter' is noted.



All information is as it appeared in the Knoxville City Directory

1890	50 E. Clinch	Walter Bell, white, clerk at Boyd Allen & Co.
1901	222 E. Clinch	John L. Bell, owner, white, jeweler
1910	222 E. Clinch	Vacant
1914	222 E. Clinch	George Stansberry, white, driver, Knoxville Transfer Co.
1917	222 E. Clinch	Charles Ford, colored, cook
1920	222 E. Clinch	Charles Ford, colored, cook at hotel. Occupants of this house included a married couple (presumably the Fords) and 6 roomers, all employed.
1950	222 E. Clinch	Occupants, colored, in 6 apartments within the house
1952	222 E. Clinch	Apt. 1, Schotia Arnett, colored; Apt. 2, Fannie M. Henry, colored; Apt. 5-6, Lee/Constance W. Shadrick, colored, laborer at Roehl Construction; Apt. 7, colored, Wm/Alice Mitchell, colored, laborer at Roehl Construction
1954	222 E. Clinch	Apt. 1, Miss Laura Smith, colored; Apt. 2, Mrs. Nora Jackson, colored; Apt. 3, Clarence Carpenter, colored, laborer, Camel Mfg. Co.; Apt. 4, Oliver/Martha Walker, colored, laborer KUB; Apt 5-6, colored, Wm/Alice Mitchell, colored, construction worker; Apt. 7, Lee/Constance W. Shadrick, colored, laborer at Roehl Construction; Apt. 8, David/Blanche Greene, colored, washer, McBee's Parking Garage
1956	222 E. Clinch	Apt.1-2, Clarence/Nora Carpenter, colored, janitor at Huber Motor Express; Apt. 3, vacant; Apt. 4, vacant; Apt. 5, William Mitchell, colored; Apt. 6, vacant
1957	222 E. Clinch	No apartments listed; Basement, Clarence/Nora Carpenter, colored, janitor at Huber and Huber Motor Express
1959	222 E. Clinch	House torn down



Soda Bottles

222 E Clinch Artifacts:

With so many soda bottlers in East TN, it is no wonder we find that people drank a lot of sodas. Colored paper labels on bottles like these began in 1935.

- Mil-Kay Vitamin drink was a mid-twentieth century soda, flavored with oranges and included vitamin B-1. This may have been bottled in Johnson City, TN.
- The Cherokee sparkling beverage was bottled here in Knoxville by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.
- The Suncrest decorated bottle was made by National Nu-Grape Co. in 1938. NuGrape was first bottled in 1921 in Atlanta. The company was purchased in 1968 but Suncrest orange is still manufactured today under a different name.

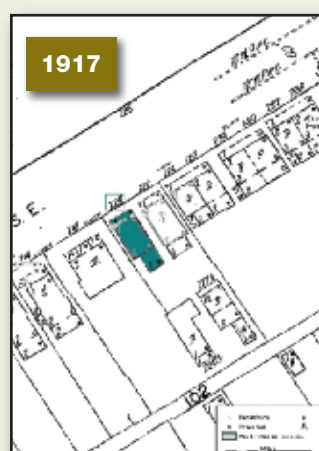
The History of 220 E. Clinch Avenue

(pre-1901: 48 E. Clinch Ave)

The house was built some time between 1871 and 1884. It was a 2-story frame structure with a front porch facing Clinch Ave. A search of the Knoxville City records indicated the occupants of the house during the years the census were taken. During some years either 'Owner' or 'Renter' was noted. Unfortunately, the City records did not indicate when children lived in the house. The artifacts excavated from the remains of this house, however, tell the real story.



Brick foundation wall



All information is as it appeared in the Knoxville City Directory

1890	48 E. Clinch	Norburn E. Sutton, white, traveling salesman for Haynes Bros.
1901	220 E. Clinch	John C. Maiden, owner, white, worked for Southern Railway
1910	220 E. Clinch	Charles E. Horne, renter, white, clerk at John J. Horne Grocery
1914	220 E. Clinch	Carter Dalton, white, drayman
1917	220 E. Clinch	John H. Massengill, colored, worked for Southern Railway
1920	220 E. Clinch	Frank Grady, colored
1930	220 E. Clinch	William Banks, colored and Ernest Robinson, colored, lived in the rear
1950	220 E. Clinch	Sallie Greenlee, colored and Robert O'Neal, colored, lived in the basement
1952	220 E. Clinch	C.L. Sheadrick, colored, and Robert O'Neal, colored, lived in the basement
1954	220 E. Clinch	Edward/Hattie Brown, colored, helper Camel Mfg. Co.
1956	220 E. Clinch	Fred/Omenia McGinnis, colored, bellhop at Andrew Johnson Hotel, second floor and basement vacant
1957	220 E. Clinch	Fred/Omenia McGinnis, colored, janitor at Oak Ridge, second floor and basement vacant
1959	220 E. Clinch	House torn down



Shaving Blade Handle



Marbles



Marble



Stone from Jewelry

220 E Clinch Artifacts:

Buttons, bead, buckle, and a mirror are types of personal items often found. Various bottle types include the bottom of a large Mason jar, milk bottle, and soda bottle from the Red Rock Co. of Atlanta. The company began manufacturing in 1885. Red Rock Cola was low in cost and high in flavor. An embossed aqua bottle may be from the Knoxville bottling plant.

- Shaving blade handle
- Children's marbles (three handmade, early 1900s and five machine-made glass marbles date to after 1901)
- A stone from a piece of jewelry

History of 225 E. Church Avenue

(pre-1901: 25 Pine St)

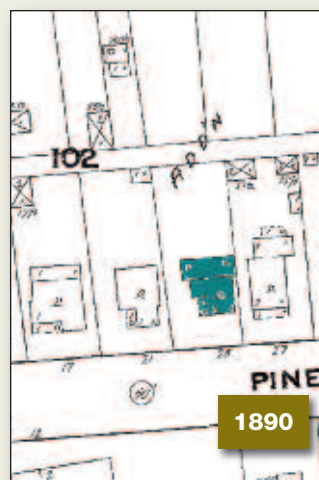
The house was built some time between 1871 and 1884. It was a two-story frame structure with a front porch facing Church Ave. As you can see from the two Sanborn maps from different years, the overall layout of the house changes through time. During some years either 'Owner' or 'Renter' was noted. It is interesting to notice that the occupants of this house through 1917 were all women.



Outbuilding wall

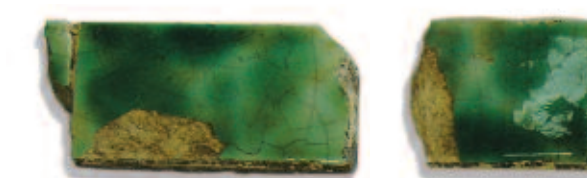


Dog Burial



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1890	25 Pine St	Mrs. Albertine Lyons, white
1901	225 E. Church	Mrs. H. M. Marshall, white, worked at Knoxville Pants Mfg. Co. Mrs. Albertine Lyons, widow, white
1910	225 E. Church	Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn, white
1914	225 E. Church	Mrs. Myra Johnson, white
1917	225 E. Church	Mrs. Mauna Johnson (presumably the same person as in 1914)
1920	225 E. Church	James L. Smith, white; 2 families resided at this house with a total of 7 people, only 2 were employed
1930	225 E. Church	John Shivers, colored Berry Booker, colored, lived on the second floor
1950	225 E. Church	K.E. Cannon, colored and Neal Green, colored, lived on the second floor
1952	225 E. Church	Berry Baker, colored (perhaps same person as in 1930 Berry Booker?)
1954	225 E. Church	Jackie Harper, colored, worked at Holston Hills Golf and Country Club and the second floor was vacant
1955	225 E. Church	House burned down



Fireplace Tiles



Doorknob

225 E Church Artifacts:

Many of the artifacts from this house are distinctly decorative. A pressed glass candleholder, green fireplace tiles, a white porcelain door knob and fine blue or brown china were some of the items discovered here. These artifacts provide a glimpse of how the interior of the house looked. Cold cream and Vaseline jars are some of the more personal objects found.

- Green Fireplace Tiles
- Porcelain Door Knob