



The Park Hotel
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The original location of the Park Hotel was in a building owned by William Appelt. In August of 1905, in the division of the estate of Appelt, the location of the hotel became the property of W.E. (Emil) Appelt who intended to use the location as a home. The owners of the hotel, Mrs. Ben F. Arnim and her father, L.S. Pepper, were forced to relocate their business.

Their original plan was to have a new hotel build on the Pepper property adjoining the south side of the town square. When this idea fell victim to some legal issues concerning the title, the pair purchased the Lindenberg Hotel on Block 7 from Fritz Lindenberg on November 9, 1905 for \$3,400.00.

Lindenberg had previously sold all the furniture and fixtures in the hotel to V. Nastoupil so the Part Hotel owners could move their property into the hotel as soon as possible.

In May of 1907, the dining room of the hotel was enlarged and other improvements made. A gasoline engine and fans were installed.



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Mamie (Pepper) Arnim, B.F. Arnim and L.S. Pepper with the Arnim children

An article about the Park Hotel was published in the October 17, 1907 issue of the Hallettsville Herald. The article extolled the popularity of the establishment including the splendid management of Mamie Arnim and her choice lunches of spring chickens, choice butter and juicy mutton. The article spoke of the support that Mrs. Arnim received from her husband, B.F. and her father Mr. L. S. Pepper. The article also mentioned that the Park Hotel was the lineal descendant of the old and popular hostelry of the late Fritz Lindenberg.

Shortly after the death of B.F. Arnim on February 27, 1914, Mrs. B.F. (Mamie) Arnim relocated to Port Arthur and then Houston where she remained until her death on April 12, 1937.

Upon the departure of Mamie, her sister, Mrs. Oliver (Lena) East, the wife of City Marshall Oliver East, became the manager of the hotel which was renamed the East Hotel. During her tenure as manager, the Easts made several improvements to the establishment as well as remodeling a number of the rooms.

Lena East managed the East Hotel until her death on June 18, 1935. By 1937, the hotel building was being advertised in the local newspaper as furnished apartments.

The property on which these two hotels rested remained in the possession of the Arnim family until 1945 and 1946 when the property was sold to Gus J. Strauss by the heirs of the Arnim estate.

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