

HISTORY & FOLKLORE



From Texas Illustrated Magazine, late 1970s –
DAYTON MAIN STREET
DAYTON, TEXAS, 1910-1915, LOOKING AT THE EAST SIDE

This well-irrigated scene of Dayton's Main Street shows buildings on the east side that are all gone today except for the hardware store in the center. The photographer made the picture standing in the intersection of Cook Avenue and Main.

The residence at right stood where Troy Baker's auto parts store, B&B, does business now. To the left of that and behind the tree is a small grocery store operated by Mark Carter and Arthur Brisbane. The house may have been occupied by the Brunson family, with sons Gus and Ellis. We can't be sure yet and await further information from old-timers. The poured concrete hardware store was built by Mr. Loomis and operated by him for a period. It was also the Allmon Hardware in the time frame of this picture, which is about 1910 to 1915.

Walter Norcross says the buildings beyond Loomis Hardware contained a Chinese laundry, operated by a real Chinaman with a queue, and the Sunshine Bakery. The barnlike building at the far corner was Kline's Department Store, and it faced on Depot Avenue at that time. Across the railroad tracks, the Charley Wilson residence can be seen. Wilson was in real estate and likely founded the 91-acre Wilson Addition, better known today as the Beauty Street area, bounded by Highway 321, FM 1960, Waco Street and Linney Avenue.

– Photo courtesy J.E. Berry



From Dayton/Liberty Voice, June 3, 1982 –
DAYTON COLBERT HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS' DISTRICT 8-A CHAMPS, 1956-57

Standing, left to right: Coach Lois Pruitt, Ola Bea Hebert, Juanita Ligons, Myrtle Dever, and Margaret St. Julian. Kneeling, Myrna Dugat and Eleanor Paul. Colbert will have its Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 6, 1982.



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