

PEPPERSAUCE GHOST TOWN (East Calico)

"A graveyard scene of vacant buildings stands to haunt the east section of the old town that lay on both sides of Calico Creek. This district, once known as Peppersauce Bottom, is the oldest section of town. A rough and rowdy crowd that once frequented this sector during the boom years gave the row a permanent street name." (Vaughn R. Brewer in "Romancing the Rock," THE IZARD COUNTY HISTORIAN, April, 1989) In time, a combination of local law enforcement and "vigilante" justice drove out the thieves so that legitimate businesses could operate. For many years this area, known later as East Calico, was the heart of Calico Rock's business district.

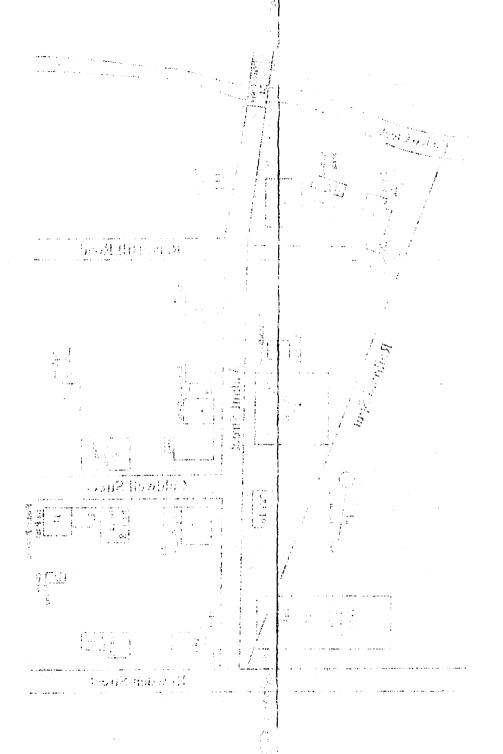
Other than the streets and area on the north edge of the bridge, all of Peppersauce Bottom is private property. Walk and drive the streets to visit the past, but **DO NOT ENTER ANY BUILDINGS OR VACANT LOTS.** If you do, you will be trespassing.

- 1. Old City Jail (1920's into 1950's)
- 2. Ed Perryman's Chevy Garage 1940's Sugar Creek Creamery (1940's into 1950's)
- 3. Bud and Mary Lock Grocery (1920's)
 Professor Denton's School (upstairs)
 Henry Gifford's Tavern (1930's-40's)
- 4. Ezra Martin's Barbershop and Eleanor Martin's Beauty Parlor (1930-50's)
- 5. Ozark Theater (1930's to early 1950's)
- 6. In front: Joe Southard General Merchandise and Caskets (1920's)

Grocery (1930's through 1950's) proprietors at various times: Steve Taylor, Dallas Estes, Mr. Moser and Milsey. Knowles In the rear and second floor: Ray Perryman's Hardware, used furniture upstairs (1930's until 1945) International Harvester sales and parts. (late 1940's into 1950's)

- 7. Ed Perryman Chevrolet and Garage (1950's)
 Later Earl King Chevrolet and Garage
- 8. Funeral Home (1920's)
 Calico Rock Ice and Electric Plant Office
 (1932 to late 1940's)
 Hall's Funeral Home (1950's)
 Hayes Brothers Flooring Office (1960's)

- 9. Meat Processing and Cold Storage Locker Plant (opened 1950's)
- 10. Telephone Exchange
- 11. Calico Rock Ice and Electric Plant (1932 to late 1940's)
- 12. Cheese Factory (1940's)
- 13. Melton Ford and Garage, then Watts Ford Garage, then George Washington Garage
- 14. Magnolia (became Mobil Oil) Bulk Petroleum
- 15. Planing Mill: in order from 1903 to 1950's: Thomas and Maddox Planing Mill, Dalrymple Lumber, ARKMO Lumber, Millman Lumber Hayes Brothers Flooring (opened 1950's)
- 15. Incinerators for Hayes Brothers Flooring
- 16. Johnson Cafe (1940's)
- 17. Batesville Wholesale Grocery (1930's and 40's)
- 18. Grist Mill & Blacksmith Shop (1930's)
 Phillips Bulk Petroleum, which became
 White River Petroleum (1940's into 1960's)
- 20. Cotton platform by railroad siding
- 21. Andy Killian Cotton Gin (from 1903 or earlier to late 1940's)
- 22. Cotton seed sheds
- 23. Killian Purina Feed Store (Opened late 1940's)
- 24. Walnut Street wagon bridge, moved from Piney Creek (Hwy 56) in late 1950



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