

## Construction/Description

1. Date(s) of historical occurrence, construction of feature, person, institution or archeological site:

The building located at 122 N. Locust Street was built in 1877.

2. Demonstrate the importance of the event, feature, person or institution. Provide a detailed explanation of why this site marker will be of importance to the entire community: (Exhibit "A")

The building at 122 N. Locust Street was originally known as the Paschall Building. It is the oldest building facing the Courthouse. In 1890, the entire east side of the Square burned except for this building. Members of the Paschall family claimed the building was saved by the use of salt. There was a four-inch space between this building and the one to the South and this space was filled with salt. During the fire, water was poured into the wall.

During the late 1800s, the Paschall Building was a grocery store named R. S. Ross, Grocer. B. F. Paschall was the manager and Newt Paschall was the clerk. The store was named after R. S. Ross, a local Doctor. B. F. Paschall also was a liquor dealer, builder, contractor, stock dealer and, of course, a grocery merchant.

During the 1930s and 1940s the building was called "The Ritz". It was one of many movie houses on the square at the time. The first floor still contains the original tin ceiling.

Later, during the 1970s, the building was turned into a theater showing "blue" movies. At this time the people of Denton referred to it as "The Rat" or "The Rat Hole".

Andy Bostick moved into the building in 1997. Before he could open his bar and grill in the basement, he had to do a complete renovation. The basement was originally a stable for the people of Denton County to house their horses while they were in town for the day to purchase groceries and other goods. However, in 1997, mud and water sat three feet high in the basement. After cleaning the walls, which are made of rocks from the area, and reinforcing the structure with steel beams, Andy put in a bar and a flat top grill and opened for business. He is currently in the process of removing sheetrock and carpeting on the 2nd floor in order to restore it to its original state.

3. Documentation to verify importance (support for item 2). Attach copies of for permanent files (newspaper articles, government records, history books, photographs, etc.) Label as Exhibit "B."

Currently listed on

National Register? No

Recorded Texas Landmark? No

Local surveys or recognition? Historic Walking Tour Guide

4. Architect Unknown, but B.F. Paschall was the original owner. He was also a contractor and dabbled in construction. It is possible he was the architect or builder.

5. Builder Unknown

6. Exterior material Brick and Plaster.

7. Roofing Tounge and groove, tar.

8. Doors Early 1900s wooden door.

9. Windows Verical column windows in the Victorian Commerical Style.

10. Porches None

11. Outbuildings None

12. Landscaping and fencing None