

SHIREMAN VETERINARY CLINIC, LTD.

SHIREMAN CLINIC RICHLAND CENTER



LEFT TO RIGHT: VERONICA SIMPSON, MINDY MCCARTHY, DR. VIRGINIA BRADFORD, DR. FRANCIS BRADFORD, DR. MIKE BRADFORD, DR. WILLIAM HILLMAN, DR. PAT BRADFORD.

The Shireman Veterinary Clinic Ltd had its origin with the late Rollin Durnford Shireman (1880-1955), Kansas City Veterinary College 1903; Albert John W. Shireman, a harness maker, began treating horses in 1873 from his shop, 148 West Court St. (most recently, Luigis).

By September 1904 Dr. Shireman had an office in the Zimpel Barn Bldg.

Sometime later the office was located in a building off Main and Seminary streets that was owned by Mrs. James Dove (Hattie M. Brewer). This premise had previously been used as a blacksmith shop and was on the location now occupied by the Social Services building. Here, in early December, 1922, a fire destroyed the office causing a

\$1500 loss in books and drugs. While never proven, it was strongly declared that the fire was ignited by the wet-dry issue at that time.

For several years the office was kept at the residence. In the late 30s an office was opened at 146 N. Main in the Pease bldg.; now a portion of Schultz's store. In 1945 Dr. Paul McGargle (KSC) became an associate and remained so until the spring of 1949. In August of that year Drs F. J. and V. F. Bradford (both Colo A&M 1948) joined the practice. The first receptionist-bookkeeper was Mrs. Steve Foley of Gillingham who served during the winters of 49-52. She was followed by Mrs. Evelyn (Shepherd) Oberheim who worked until 1970.

During the summer of 1954 the office was moved to 150 S. Main displacing Schmitz Sporting Goods. Contractor L. J. McKenzie, the original builder, did extensive interior remodeling to accommodate the needs of a large/small animal practice.

The north portion of the building was used as the "Freeman Perkins Barber Shop." Here the news of the day was edited with much guffawing, foot stomping, knee slapping and a bit of profanity by such notables as Frank Brown, Carl Hass, Harold Rossdeutscher, Hugh Cunningham, Clint Marshall, Robert Penell, Frank Karel, Leon Turnipseed, Dave Harrison and others who held forth as the occasion required.

Changing times brought changing needs so that in 1983 the interior was again remodeled to better serve our clientele. A second exam room was added; the surgery was updated with improved facilities and a more powerful x-ray installed. Also, added was a room for Dr./client consultation.

Through the years the staff has changed and two receptionist-managers now employed: Mindy (Mrs. Don McCarthy) joined us in 1970 and Veronica (Mrs. Arthur Simpson) in 1980. Dr. W. L. Hilleman (ISC 67) was the first professional added in 1968; followed by Dr. M. J. Bradford (ISC 74) in 74 and Dr. Patricia Bradford (Mo 82) in the summer of 82. Should the "ghosts of the ol' barber shop" or other reasons taunt you, don't hesitate to stop by. We would like to make you glad you did.