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El Dorado (Butler), Kansas

Amos H. Gish Building

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317 South Main Street, El Dorado, Kansas

Constructed in 1917 at 317 South Main Street, Dr. Amos H. Gish conducted his veterinary practice from an office on the second floor until 1960 while leasing commercial space on the ground level.

"After graduating from the veterinary program at Kansas State College in 1910, Amos H. Gish (1886-1969) moved to El Dorado, Kansas to start his own business. He arrived during a period of considerable growth and development in El Dorado, which was largely in response to the discovery of oil and gas nearby. Gish selected a site along US Highway 77 near the junction of US Highway 54 in downtown El Dorado to house his new building. It was completed in 1917. His veterinary office was located on the second floor along with several apartments. He leased commercial space on the first floor, which was occupied by various auto-related businesses over the years. Gish operated his veterinary practice out of this building until his retirement in 1960, and he lived there with his family until his death in 1969. His son John Gish joined the business in 1941, and began his own practice when Amos retired. Today, the business is known as the El Dorado Animal Clinic. The building was nominated for its local significance in the area of commerce."

“In 1917, T.R. Reed was commissioned by Amos Gish to construct the Amos H. Gish Building. Amos Gish operated his veterinary practice out of a second-story office and leased the first-story retail and rear garage space to various auto and storage business over the years. Gish and his family lived in an apartment on the second floor while renting the additional apartments. The Amos H. Gish Building was approved on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012 under Criterion A in the area of Commerce.”

His son, Dr. John Gish, took over the practice from his father in the 1940s. It continues to function as the El Dorado Animal Clinic now on Locust Avenue.

The Gish Building also appears on the Kansas Historical Register, KHR #015-144.

MORE INFORMATION:

Gish Building. El Dorado Main Street. <https://eldoradomainstreet.org/gish-building>

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