The Lon C. Hill Town and Improvement Company had already sold two lots in the south half of Block 35 along the north side of E. Monroe Avenue by early 1909. Lot 12, the west-most one, was sold to J.E. Marshall on 2/29/09. Adjacent to it, Lot 11, had been sold to W.F. McLain on 1/28/09. By June 1919 dwellings had been constructed on the strip fronting the 200s of E. Monroe Avenue on Lots 7, 9, 11, and 12. This situation remained unchanged through 1929 and even a decade later. Each lot had 50' frontage that in some instances were later subdivided into 25' frontage properties.

Following is the histories of the individual lots along the north side of the 200 block of E. Monroe:

By 1930, 201 was occupied by the residence of A.A. Kimmel, his wife Josie M., and their family. He was a successful Harlingen business man who owned and operated a hardware store on W. Jackson and later a large farm implement outlet. In 1941 Kimmel would be elected to and serve on the Cameron County Commission. The Kimmel were still there in 1948 when R.G. Emrick and his wife May were listed to be at 201 ½. Two year later, in 1950, the building was occupied by John C. Baker and his wife Mary Sue. He was an employee of Mo-Pac. By 201 they were sharing the structure with Dillard H. Turner, and his wife Mary. Turner was an employee of Southwest Laboratories, a few doors east. By 1954 the Bakers were gone but, by 1956 several years after the airport had been reactivated as the Harlingen Air Force Base, the Turners shared 201 with airman Robert Jennings and his wife. By 1958 the Jennings had moved on and it was Martin E. Witcher and his wife La Nell who resided with the Turners at 205. Martin was the manager for the Fox Company, a firm dealing with photographic supplies. Later he would long-handle photography matters at Day's Drugs. The Turners would continue to reside at 201 into 1959. The house was vacant in 1961 after which time it may have been demolished or moved.

Address 205 by 1930 was occupied by Mrs. Virginia Carey. She was the widow of Dr. J.W. Carey. By 1937 and the years to follow Mrs. Carey would apparently have boarders in her residence. J.J. Ledbetter and A.W. Duncan and his wife Annie were there in 1937 and the former was listed there into 1939. There was apparently either a smaller dwelling to the rear listed in 1939 as 205 ½ or the upstairs had been subdivided, for this year Stanley Florence and his wife Oza and three children are listed at this address. He is an employee of the Stuart Place Citrus Association. The Florences will still be there in 1941. By 1941 B.F. Witherspoon and his wife Rubie are residing with Mrs. Carey. There son Frank is a college student. The establishment of the Harlingen Army Gunnery School at the Harlingen Army Air Field in 1941 brings with it numerous service personnel. While Mrs. Carey is listed at the site for 1942-43 she is gone by 1944, and three soldiers are residing at 205. The field closes when WWII ends, so by 1946 Mrs. Betty Guenzel, a widow, is in 205. She will be listed there into 1956. He husband operated the well-known metal fabrication business. A retail business, Melvin's Radio and Appliance Shop, is also
listed at 205 in 1946 but will have moved after this one year there. Its owner is Melvin H. Levy who resides down the street at 409. In 1952 along with Mrs. Guenzel at the rear address is Sam Haynes, cabinet maker. He too is listed for only one year. By 1958 the occupant of 205 is Mrs. Gerry J. Thompson, an employee of the Madison Hotel. For whatever reason, possibly a correction, Mrs. Thompson is listed in the 1959 and 1961 directories as Jannette Thompson. By 1962 any dwelling listed at 205 is no more.

For the lot with the address 207 there was never any occupancy listing whatsoever over the years.

The first listing for 209 is noted in the year 1941 when broadcasting radio station KGFI is listed. It is only in the building this one year. In 1944 we find the first listing for Yarbrough's. This flooring covering company is at 209 and W.M. Sparrow is its manager. Yarbrough's will remain in this building until 1946 then move east in the block to larger quarters. In 1946 Lloyd Yarbrough is noted to be the owner. He resides at 113 W. Filmore Avenue. By 1948 Brinsdon's Westinghouse Products is in 209. He and his wife Grace reside at the Ramsey apartments while their son William is attending A & I College. His rental at 209 will also be short-lived. The next occupant of 209 by 1950 is the Vannie Tilden Home Bakery owned by Fred Deyo. This enterprise will remain at this location into 1961 after which time it will relocate to 202 E. Harrison. 209 and 211 are in the same structure.

The first use to be found at 211 is in 1941 when Southwest Laboratories (later [Burt O.] Pattison's Southwest Laboratories) is found in the telephone directory listing. This firm that conducts clinical and bacteriological medical testing will prove to be one of the longest continual occupants of property in the block. It will be there under that name until 1989 when it becomes Fox Testing Labs, Inc. which will close by the year 2000. In the year 1996 it shared the building with Border Environment. In 2006 and 2007 the Adrec One Corp and Digital Solutions were in 211. The 50' wide property appears to have remained vacant or used for storage to the present 2011.

The 213 address began its life with a residential dwelling on it. In 1930 the house was occupied by J.J. Rexroth. The following year Mrs. Willie Schandler was living there to be followed by 1935 by carpenter B.F. Witherspoon, wife Rubie, and two children. By 1937 they will have moved on and the premise was vacant for a period. By 1939 Mrs. L.L. Brady was in the house. She was the owner of Brady's Smart Shop at 205 E. Jackson. As the war commenced in 1941 the occupant was James Henderson and his wife Evelyn. He was an employee of Montgomery Ward. They were soon followed in 1942 by Josephine Morrison. Chiropractor Dr. D.G. Beane then was in the house by 1944 with his wife Sunshine. He had his offices there too. By 1946 the house became the residence of Roy B. Roberts, the jeweler, and his wife Lena Blanche. In 1954 when military housing was tight S/Sgt. James S. Pittman and his wife Ethel had rooms in the premise for two years. The Roberts will reside there into his retirement by 1959 at which time Buford N. Hall is also living at the address with his wife Norma. He is an employee of the South Texas Cotton Oil Mill. The house was either demolished or moved by the 1961 telephone directory listing. The 50' lot became a high-roofed protected carport for boarding local
and interstate buses. Continental Trailways will use it for a time before going out of business. That was followed by Greyhound. It is used today by the VTC as well as Rio Metro Harlingen as one of its city stops.

Address 215 appears to never having early construction on it though a 1935 listing shows 215 ½ as vacant. It is only in 1969 that the Valley Transit Company (VTC), Robert Farris owner, is found on the site. The VTC ticket and shipping office is there to this day. A Western Union office is also is housed there. For about three years starting in 2004 Jose H. Zamarron operated Travel Time at the site.

The 50' lot upon which the single structure of 217 and 219 now sits was initially owned by the R.N. Jones family of 221 E. Monroe. The family, who had come to Harlingen in 1929 and initially lived at 305 E. Monroe, had planted citrus on it. The building at 217 is apparently relatively recent as the history of the block goes. It is the west half of a building that also houses 219. It is first to be noted in 1950 when Melvin's Radio Service is located there. This entity will become Melvin's Radio and Television Center by 1952 but will be gone by 1954. In 1958 the Jones-Blair Paint Company, Scott L. Hogue representative, is in 217 but is gone by 1961. The facility remains vacant for some years then is being rented by 1969 by the Pan American Insurance Agency and the Vela Insurance Agency. House of Frames will be there from 1975 into 1995. Kathy Copeland and her Apple Gifts Unlimited were in 217 for several years starting in 2000. Then it became the shared offices of lawyer Amador (one year) and Ricardo Gonzalez into 2008. By 2009, 217 is occupied by Go Excavating and Construction which is there in 2011.

The use of 219 somewhat mirrors that of 217 with its succession of tenants. In 1950 Brinsdon's appliances is in 219 but now handling General Electric products. This business will be shuttered by 1956, and it will take until 1958 when the Saving's Service will be in 219 for a short period. By 1961 International Inc., a refrigeration parts wholesaler will be in 219 but again only for one year. George Bear is its branch manager. 219 will remain vacant until 1969 when Continental Trailways will open an office there under the management of Hipolito Jimenez. Two years later, by 1971, Bill York is running two businesses out of 219. One is the Harlingen Sewing and Appliance Co. while the second is the Storm-Lock Aluminum Corp. that deals with aluminum siding. By 1974 Monroe Division of Litton Industries will occupy 219 for two years. This company handled office equipment such as calculators. Recent years has seen 219 rented by the Rio Grande Valley Chapter Independent Electrical Contractors.

Lot 7 or 221 has seen a lengthy history of occupants. In 1930 it was the residence of F.C. Ingram, realtor with the Ingram Realty Company. By 1935 a well-known Harlingen family will be occupying the dwelling. This is R.N. Jones who will be in the insurance business as well as realty. He will become the owner of the five-story Wittenbch Building to be renamed the Embee Building. The Jones family will reside at 221 into 1939. By 1941 the house is rented by R.S. Davidson and his wife Maude. He is a night agent for Southern Pacific Railroad. The following year will see Mrs. Elinor Richardson operating her Budget Beauty Salon from the building. She also reside there with her husband Bill,
who is a fruit packer, and one child. They continue to live there into 1944, but she has given up the beauty salon. In the next few years the dwelling is gone and in its place is a new commercial building of 50' width arises by 1948. This will house an enlarged Yarbrough's store. Lloyd, president of his company, was now married to Dorothy, and they had one child at their 721 Austin Street home. Upholsterer Arthur C. Inmon may be using a part of the in the rear. He, wife Francis, and two children live at 810 E. Monroe. In 1950 Yarbrough's with Alfred Neck as vice-president had by this time expanded into carpets and home decorations. Lloyd's family had grown to three children, and he was also busy as president of the Harlingen Baseball Club, Inc. By 1952 the Yarboroughs had moved to a residence at 221 E. Buchanan Avenue. In 1953 Yarborough's moved to the new Laurel Park Shopping Mall on S. 77 Sunshine Strip. By this time Dorothy had become secretary-treasurer of the firm. 221 will be vacant until by 1958 Montgomery Ward opens its catalogue sales office there. C.G. Vernon is the store's first manager to be followed by M.H. Coe. While Montgomery Ward will operate its store there for a number of years, Electronics Supplies will be there in 1974 and into 1981. After being vacant in part of 1982, the IEC Rio Grande Valley Chapter 89 expanded its offices from 219 into 221. They are the same building structure.

After the early structures on 201 through 207 were removed, a new building with a parking lot paralleling Second Street was constructed. One of its first occupants in 1981 was the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. It would utilize the site until 1996. The Internal Revenue Service rented it from 1983 and the years to follow. New Beginnings rented part of the building in 2003 as did the McHenry Tichenor Foundation in 2007. Its current tenant occupying the whole complex is the Salvation Army Administration and Social Services.