The address of 206 was originally in Block 45, as Lots 15 and 16 of the Harlingen Townsite Subdivision. It was purchased by J. O. Kelley on February 28, 1908. By June 1919 as illustrated by the Sanborn fire Insurance map there is a structure on the property. It is 50' wide and about 80' deep on the 140' lot. Iron posts supported the roof and likely a partition making the west side of 25' a grocery store and the east side of 25' having dry goods and boots and shoes.

208 is on Lot 17. It was purchased by Alf Dieckman of San Antonio. Mr. Dieckman may have been a traveling salesman as he was an officer and deeply involved with the Travelers' Protective Association of Texas. Later he would be very successful in the insurance and real estate businesses. An article appearing in the Sunday May 30, 1909 edition of The Galveston News reveals something of the lot's history. It states that the previous Thursday evening a severe storm had hit Harlingen. This was to all accounts a mini tornado that killed a man and seriously injured his wife. They were building a Seventh Day Adventist church along Jackson Street. This same building would later be rebuilt and serve as a community church and also a schoolhouse. The article went on to relate that Alf Dieckman was building his store when the storm lifted it off its foundation and badly damaged it. This obviously was a wooden structure. By June 1919 it had been replaced by a brick structure with 25' frontage and a depth of about 50'. It was noted to be occupied by a confectionery store.

The Sanborn maps of February 1925 showed no change in these two structures, except that 208 was now divided into equal halves. All entities were being used as stores. By July 1929 208 has been lengthened to equal the depth of its neighbors.

It from the first available Wilmot's Harlingen Telephone Directory of 1930 that we glean the occupants of the stores in 206 and 208. In 206 is the popular Manhattan Cafe owned by George J. Corris and William Peter Nakes. As with many Greek immigrants before and since they were attracted to the restaurant business as a means of upward mobility. Corris, who was born in 1892, was to die in San Antonio June 15, 1964. Nakis was born in Diarolitsion, Greece March 19, 1896. He had worked for the Lone Star Baking Company in San Antonio. Apparently both were newly arrived in Harlingen as Corris was living at the Reese-Wil-Mont Hotel while Nakis was in the Gateway Hotel.

Occupying 208 was The Famous Store selling dry goods. It was operated by Joseph Barash. He, his wife Jennie, and three children resided at 713 E. Tyler. The following year their store will have moved across the street to 203 W. Jackson. In its place would be (Harry) Brooks Dry Goods. Harry and his wife Serena resided at 217 W. Pierce.

By 1935 both Greek partners were still operating the Manhattan Cafe and both had moved into the Plaza Hotel. 208 was seeing yet another tenant. This was Polish-born Alexander Carmel, about 39 years old, and his Louisiana-born wife Nettie, eight years younger, who were living at 718 E. Madison with five year old daughter Sheila.

By 1937 the Carmels apparently have departed from Harlingen, and 208 will have been occupied by the (E. B.) Thompson News Stand. E. B. and his wife wife Margaret lived at 209 E. Jackson. By this year Bill Nakes will have been listed as the sole owner of the Manhattan Cafe. He is married to Ruby J., who is a native of Harlingen, having been born there June 15, 1903. In this year they visited Greece. Bill had become a naturalized American citizen on May 14, 1936.
The year 1939 would see no change at 206, but 208 would once again see a new occupant. This was the Western Auto Associate that handled auto supplies and was managed by V. C. Carr.

Though the year 1941, 206 and 208 saw no changes. By September 1942 there was to be a major one at 206. It now was renamed the Wings Grill. Of course, the U.S. Army Air Corp Field in Harlingen likely influenced the new owner, William C. Anderson. He was already the owner of Andy's Drive Inn at 220-222 E. Jackson. Bill and his wife Ola and their large family of four children lived at 714 S. 7th Street.

Anderson was soon to sell the restaurant to Dean M. Denton before March of 1944. Anderson had become a shipper and was also a city commissioner. Denton and his wife Maude P. resided at 622 E. Filmore. Denton resumed using the familiar Manhattan Cafe name on the restaurant. Nearby competition may have been too much for Denton however, for, by November 1947, the restaurant was no more. The fact was that Johnson's Cafe had expanded from 210 into 208 by December 1945.

November 1947 was to see two new tenants in 206 and 208. Into 206 came Schvab Jewelry operated by Otto Schvab. 208 saw its occupancy by the Durham Insurance Agency run by Peter B. Durham. Otto apparently did well, for he and his wife Thelma together with one child were able to move from their 1947 residence at 718 N. 1st Street into a new subdivision home on High Street by February 1950.

February 1950 now saw 208 occupied by the U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Station manned by M. Sgt. William H. Scoggins. Two years later would see this office with M. Sgt. Ames F. Houston as officer-in-charge and in 1954 Mike P. Hernandez. By May 1954 Schvab had moved down the street to 222 E. Jackson and 206 was vacant.

206 would be occupied by 1956 by Lane's Fabric Shop, G. J. Rickert, supervisor. This business was short-lived and closed within a year leaving the premise vacant. However the military recruitment continued in 208 with M. Sgt. Harlin L. Cloud in charge in 1956 and 1957 then Sgt. Louis Coultress taking his place in 1958.

In 1959 both 206 and 208 were vacant. This condition prevailed into 1961. By 1962 there was some light as Alfred H. and Sarah Levine of Brownsville took over 206 to operate the House of Fabric of the Amigo Store until 1964 when it was again vacated. 208 lacked a tenant since 1959 and would be empty through 1971.

By 1971 Amigo Stores Inc. operated by Bernard and Lewis Levine moved into 204. This firm would occupy these premises into 1999. Then for one year Bargain Safari would try to make a go of it before vacating the store by 2001.

In the years 1996 into 2000, 206 would be occupied by Western Finance. 208, according to Cole's, was occupied for one directory period only in 2003 by Marcell's (or Mercell's) Novelty Shop. Other than that there is no record of any tenants at these locations for years to follow.