This office building is located at 202 West Main, Lafayette.

Like many buildings around the courthouse, this recycled one exhibits a traditional design.

It was built during the 1860s, replacing a residence that had stood in the same place. It was a focal point in the political/racial adjustments that took place during Reconstruction.

It served as headquarters for the Yankee carpetbaggers who came here about 1864 from the North and helped seat the all-black state legislature in 1868.

Determined to help restore white rule in the next election, the Vermilionville White League succeeded in ousting the carpetbaggers, taking over their headquarters to use as their own.

The residential quality of the building displayed then provided good cover for the quasi-secret, armed organization.

One map shows that around 1880, this was the location of Vigneaux livery stable and residence.

In recent years, the building has housed saloons and other businesses. It was in a very rundown condition until the current owners remodeled it for a law office.