

Resource Number: PU3255  
Historic Name: WARD, ZEB BUILDING  
Alternate Historic Name:  
Located in a district: NOT LOCATED IN A DISTRICT  
Address: 1001-1003 W MARKHAM  
Listed or National Historic Landmark: Listed  
Date of National Register Listing: 4/19/1978  
Architect:  
Primary Style Influences: 21-19th Century Standard Commercial  
Secondary Style Influences: 05-Italianate/Italianate Villa

“Ward built five houses on the south side of the block fronting on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for his five sons and four commercial building on the northside of the block fronting West Markham. Three of the houses and three of the commercial buildings are extant; this 1881 structure being one of the most prominent. It is believed that this commercial building was constructed by prison labor using bricks made in the prison yard.”  
From the nomination.

Partial list of Occupants:

Drug store: grocer: and The Marquand, a private library  
Drug store: grocer: and Ward’s Hall, a public meeting hall  
R.E. Shillcutt operated the drug store  
Various hotels on the upper floor including the Quapaw Hotel

Additional info:

Zeb Ward held the contract for the **Convict Lease System**, see The Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/convict-lease-system-4153/>

Zeb Ward was one of the founders of **Mountain Valley Spring Water** and eventually sole owner. For more information on the company and a photo of Ward, see The Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/mountain-valley-spring-water-2148/>

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<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/media/zeb-ward-7102/>