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When Roommates are Cut in Half

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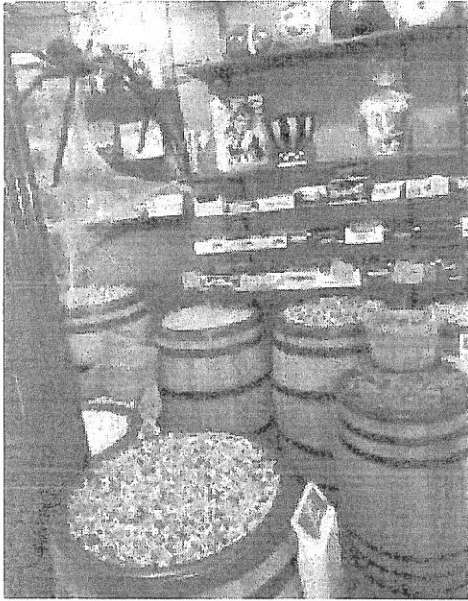


Taking over a business is stressful. Remodeling and moving into a new home is stressful. Getting the top half of a new roommate in that new home is....crazy? The owners of Mom and Popcorn thought they knew what they were in for when they signed the paperwork to buy the business and decided to live in the upstairs apartment. But, life is full of surprises.

The couple saw a lot of potential in the living space over the store, but at least twenty years had passed since it was last updated, so they rolled up their sleeves and got to work. One of

the biggest projects was refinishing the hardwood floors. That's when the apparition of who the owners suspect to be Mr. Wilcox – or at least his head and torso – first appeared.

Mom and Popcorn is located in the Wilcox Building located at 215 E. Louisiana Street just east of the Square. The Wilcox family owned the J.M. Wilcox & Sons lumber yard on the other side of Louisiana Street, where the Mellow Mushroom is today. Mom and Popcorn occupies one half of the building they built in 1925.



A spider waits to pounce on unsuspecting Ghost Walkers.

Mr. Wilcox (?) has appeared more than once to the business owners. He's elderly, with a beard and, so far, no legs. His head and torso appear to be at the right height, but they float above the floor. The old gent seems to enjoy making noises and flipping on lights, among other pranks. While having an uninvited roommate popping in and out can be unnerving, nothing malicious has been reported, and Mr. Wilcox seems pleased with the work done to his building.

Mom and Popcorn's ghostly resident will be one of the main topics during the Legends of McKinney Ghost Walk tonight. Ghosts seem to like the rain, so the event will take place regardless of the weather, and story tellers and docents will be in place until 10:00pm. Tickets can be purchased through the Chestnut Square Historic Village link on the right side of this page, or at Chestnut Square starting at 5:00 this afternoon (Saturday). Tours will also be conducted next Friday, October 30, as well.

If you have had a ghostly encounter in the Wilcox Building, Tell us about it in the Comments box!

J. M. WILCOX.
GEORGE WILCOX.

(McKinney, Texas, 10/17/84 1896

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