



## **The Purifoy –aka The Fisher House**

### **4 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Purifoy building (formerly known as The Fisher House) is the oldest house in Temple. The Purifoy building was built in 1881 and was used as a boarding house, mostly consisting of the railroad men who needed a place to live. John W. Hill built the house as a home for his wife and 2 daughters, Marie and Edith. Mrs. Hill eventually rented the home to J. N. Fisher, along with his wife and three sons. Mrs. Hill continued to live there with the family for a number of years. The name Curtis Fisher, engraved on the front window, was one of the daughters of J.N. Fisher. Curtis was given a diamond ring on her 10th birthday from one of her brothers. She was told if it was a real diamond it would write on glass - it did.