



A Snapshot of Time: Clayton, NM the Historical Center of Union County



Isaacs Hardware on Main, looking South:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)



Luna Theater, looking Northeast:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)



Inside Swagerty Trading Company:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)

Downtown Clayton, New Mexico: A Post-WWII Depiction



Map based on an original rendering by Jerry Swagerty
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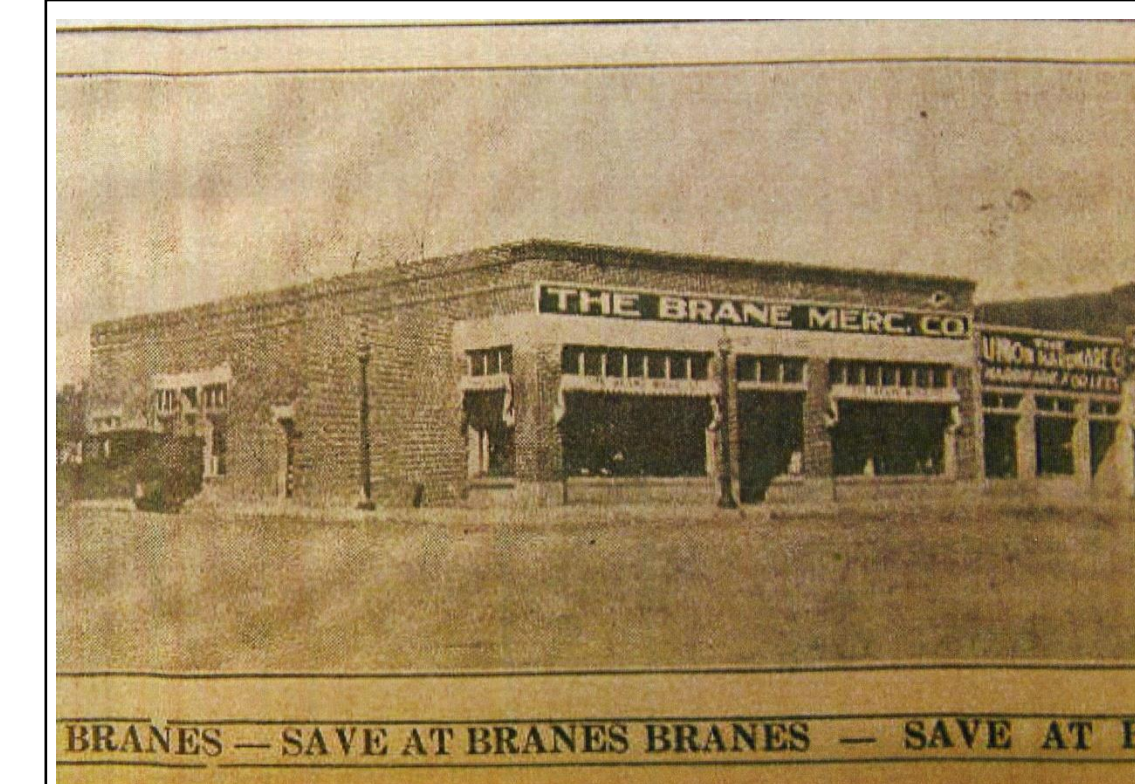
A town that has always been at the crossroads of America, whether it be cattle drives or the incoming railroads, Clayton has always been important to the region of Union County, New Mexico. Like many towns across the country, Clayton has a unique history and set of challenges which have sculpted the town in to its current status. Over the years the town has evolved while striving to preserve its rich history. The historic map of Clayton (shown above) provides a glimpse of life circa the 1940s. A time when locally owned and operated shops were common and creameries, ice cream shops, restaurants, lumber yards, grocery stores, and automobile services were prevalent. Today, Clayton is holding on to its history and preserving its community. Residents love the small-town atmosphere and comradery that comes from knowing all of their neighbors. There is a large movement by locals to restore its historic buildings and provide a hub of activity for downtown events. Restoration efforts have been made to preserve the town for future generations and has keep the spirit of Clayton alive.



POCO Gas Station, looing Northeast:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)



1st Street, looking North:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)



Brane Mercantile, looking Southwest:
Historical (Top) & Present day (Bottom)