

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 215 Avon Street	HISTORIC NAME: Brown Milling Company Building
MAP & PARCEL: 58-2	DATE / PERIOD: 1902
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	STYLE: No Identifiable Style
PRESENT ZONING: M-1	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 3½ storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: G.M. Brown, L.W. Graves, Marion Jeffries	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:
ORIGINAL USE: Flour Mill	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Warehouse	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: Frank L. Wood, Jr.	DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1982
ADDRESS: 1202 Meriwether Street	SOURCES: City Records
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901	Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920
	Holsinger's Charlottesville

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This turn-of-the century flour mill is a 3½-storey gambrel-roofed structure with walls faced with standing-seam metal. The roof is also covered with standing-seam metal, and it has projecting eaves and verges and a boxed cornice with returns. There is a small interior chimney. The facade is three bays wide, but with windows in all bays only at the fourth level; the rear elevation is similar. The south side is also three bays wide, but spaced as if there were five bays with windows in the center three. All windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with plain trim. A stuccoed first level storefront has replaced the loading platform in recent years. Irregularly shaped one-storey additions, some brick and some covered with standing-seam metal or stucco, surround the building on the other three sides. If not original, most of these were added by 1907, according to the Sanborn map.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

G. M. Brown, L. W. Graves, & Marion Jeffries purchased this lot in 1901 (City DB 12-332). Tax records show that they erected the building the next year. M. B. Browning bought Jeffries's share in the firm in 1902 and it became known as Brown Graves & Company. Then Graves sold out in 1904. There were many other changes in ownership over the years, and the firm assumed the name of Brown Milling Company. T. C. & Elizabeth B. Ritchie purchased the building in 1942 (DB 111-282) and sold it to Robert B. & Irene G. Ritchie in 1967 (DB 291-51). Frank L. Wood, Jr., bought it from them in 1979 (DB 401-288).



BROWN MILLING CO.,
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DEPARTMENT STORE
ON J.B. ANDREWS & GROCERIES
S. FERTILIZERS, MILL FEED, HAY, GRAIN &

GILBERT M. BROWN, ESTATE

L. W. BALLARD

J. Y. BROWN, MANAGER

L. E. WRIGHT

S. S. ROTHWELL

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.,

1934

M *J. J. Beck, 1300 Brown St City*

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BRANDS

MONTICELLO PRIDE
ALBEMARLE
LILY
ROYAL STRAIGHT
PEOPLE'S CHOICE

TO BROWN MILLING CO., DR.

MANUFACTURERS OF

ROLLER, PATENT AND HIGH GRADE FAMILY FLOUR

HOG, CHICKEN AND DAIRY FEEDS & STONE GROUND CORN MEAL

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

CAPACITY

120 BARRELS OF
FLOUR
500 BUSHELS OF
MEAL
PER DAY

TERMS: MEAL AND FEED NET 10 DAYS

FLOUR 30 DAYS OR 1 PER CENT. OFF 10 DAYS

*1/2 bu #2 white oats
1-5 ch starter*

*27
14*

41

MAY 5 1934

[Signature]

STATEMENT

Charlottesville, Va. *19716* 1907

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Charlottesville

TO BROWN MILLING CO. DR.

INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AFTER THIRTY DAYS

avg 1/2 bu Bill Beck

3080

7190

78

8070

161

8231

*his business into the
patent from the purchase
& return*

[Red Signature]