

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 222-224 Court Square
Map and Parcel: 53-99
Census Tract & Block: 1-113
Present Owner: Ann Bailey Estate
Address: 123 E. Main Street
Present Use: Offices & Apartment
Original Owner: Richard Matthews
Original Use: Residence & Shop

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Matthews-Bailey Building
Date/Period: 1830's
Style: Federal
Height to Cornice: 21.58
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: B-3
Land Area (sq.ft.):
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 13000 + 3660 = 16,660

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two story structure with a Flemish bond facade and mousetooth cornice is the only surviving example of a large residence-shop duplex on Court Square. This dual function of the structure would explain the two original entrances, the southern one retaining its handsome fish eye transom. Very little of the interior fabric remains as the fireplaces have been removed, and the original floor plan altered beyond recognition. Stylistically, the building belongs to the 1830's and was built for Richard Matthews.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1826 Richard Matthews bought from Andrew Leitch the lot on Court Square where the Village Library, to which Jefferson had donated books, and the Leschot Watchmaker Shop stood. Lewis eschot, from Switzerland, had settled here on Mr. Jefferson's advice and was extensively patronized by the people far and wide, Alexander reported. The frame tenement was standing when Matthews, Leschot's successor in the watch and jewelry trade, purchased the property but it appears that in the '30's he replaced them with the present brick structure that, most likely, was both his shop and residence. In 1879 the property passed from the Matthews estate to Thomas Wood (ACDB 74-515). In the later part of the 19th century it served as law offices for Daniel Harmon. In 1906 it again became a residence for Ernest Bailey (DB 22-199). The property remains in the Bailey estate and is protected by a condicil in Ann Bailey's will.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Average

SOURCES

Alexander, Recollections, p. 24.
City/County Records

Street Address: 222-224 Court Sq. Historic Name: *Matthews-Bailey*
 Map & Parcel: 53-99 Date/Period: 1825
 Census Tract & Block: Style:
 Present Owner: Nat. Bank : Trust Height to Cornice: 21.58
 Address: *41 for Bailey* Height to Stories:
 Present Use: 123 E Main Trust Dept Present Zoning: B-3
 Original Owner: Land Area (sq. ft.):
 Original Use: Assessed Value (land+imp)
 13,000 + 2,790 = 15,790

Some of worst repointing. Architectural Description
 fishyze transome - mouse tooth cornice -
 seen interior chimney - none on north
 Slate Roof
 6/6 glazing on 2nd floor

site 1st pob lib + walk ~~in~~ ^{Historic Description} frame build.
 Once Joan R. Long

Name of Persons Interviewed:

his home
Bailey, Ernest

22-199

1906 Harmon & Duesch

41-103-estate

Ann Bailey 1968 - 268 - 248

2 m. frame struct there originally - Village Lib. -
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213 = 1

293-9141

- John D. Fishback -

- Dale Hamilton -

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