



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-1316
Negative no(s). 7296

Street address 1400 Block University Ave.

Town/City

Historic name Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Overpass Common name

- Material
- ☐ wood frame (siding: ☐ weatherboard, ☐ shingle, ☐ aluminum, ☐ bricktex, ☐ _____)
 - ☐ brick (bond: ☐ Flemish, ☐ stretcher, ☐ _____-course American, ☐ _____)
 - ☐ stone (☐ random rubble, ☐ random ashlar, ☐ coursed ashlar, ☐ _____)
 - ☐ log (siding: ☐ weatherboard, ☐ shingle, ☐ aluminum, ☐ bricktex, ☐ _____)
 - ☐ stucco
 - ☒ concrete block
 - ☐ enameled steel
 - ☐ other: _____
 - ☒ cast iron
 - ☐ terra cotta
 - ☐ glass and metal

Number of Stories

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2½
☐ 1½ ☐ 3
☐ 2 ☐ _____

Roof Type

- ☐ shed ☐ mansard
☐ gable ☐ gambrel
☐ pediment ☐ parapet
☐ hipped ☐ flat
☐ other: _____

Roof Material

- ☐ slate ☐ tile
☐ wood shingle ☐ pressed tin
☐ composition ☐ not visible
☐ standing seam metal
☐ other: _____

Dormers

- ☐ 0 ☐ 3 ☐ shed ☐ hipped
☐ 1 ☐ 4 ☐ gable ☐ _____
☐ 2 ☐ _____ ☐ pedimented

Number of bays — Main facade

- ☐ 1 ☐ 4 ☐ 7
☐ 2 ☐ 5 ☐ 8
☐ 3 ☐ 6 ☐ _____

Porch

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Stories

- ☐ 1 ☐ 3
☐ 2 ☐ _____

Bays

- ☐ 1 (center) ☐ 2 ☐ 4
☐ 1 (side) ☐ 3 ☐ _____

General description

Building type

- ☐ detached house ☐ garage ☐ government ☐ industrial
☐ detached town house ☐ farmhouse ☐ commercial (office) ☐ school
☐ row house ☐ apartment building ☐ commercial (store) ☐ church
☐ double house ☐ gas station ☐ railroad ☒ railroad overpass

Style/period Vernacular

Date Ca. 1910-30 Architect/builder

Location and description of entrance

Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This plain cast-iron railroad overpass has been a landmark on the Corner since the first few decades of this century, when it replaced an earlier structure.

The overpass has ribbed parapets and rests on smooth cast-concrete abutments. Currently painted black, it was formerly silver.

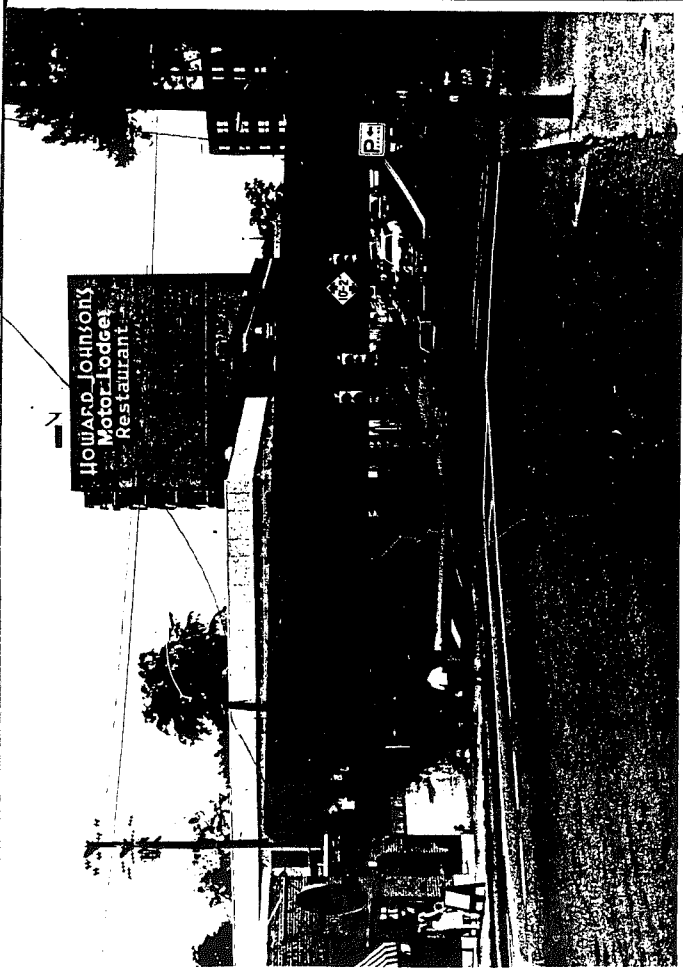
Historical information

This railroad overpass was the object of student graffiti in the early part of this century, as old photos testify.

Source Heblich, Pictorial History of Ch'ville

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC

Date 9-83



City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0065

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1901

PROPERTY NAMES

14th Street Railroad Bridge

EXPLANATION

Historic/Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel:

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
-	14th Street & University Avenue	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Carries railroad (one CSX track) over University Avenue/West Main Street just west of intersection with 14th Street; tracks cut through Corner commercial area, and commercial buildings immediately adjoin bridge.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Structure

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Bridge	Historic

TOTAL: 1
Historic: 1
Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Abutments	0	Solid	Concrete	Poured
Balustrade	0	Solid	Metal	Panels
Deck	0		Metal	

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Bridge

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1901

Source of Date: Plaque

Architectural Style: Other

Description:

Simple metal railroad overpass, with solid metal balustrade composed of panels riveted to frame; braced with vertical frame members visible on inner side of bridge. Deck runs on end-to-end steel beams, and has cross-bracing. Bridge rests on concrete abutments with angled profile and concrete caps; rocker bolts support bridge.

Condition: Good

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

None known.

Number of Stories: 1.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

BRIDGE INFORMATION

Type: Beam

of Spans: 1

Bridge Use: Rail

of Traffic Lanes: 1

Type of Entity Spanned: Road

Name of Entity Spanned: University Avenue

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Transportation/Communication

Significance Statement:

The 14th Street Railroad Bridge has long been a landmark on the Corner. It may have replaced an earlier bridge (O'Dell 1983), but it appears that the railroad track it carries was an at-grade crossing in 1896; it appears on the 1902 map (Sanborn). The bridge was painted with student graffiti in the early twentieth century (O'Dell 1983); Beta Bridge (VDHR resource no. 104-133-1) has been adopted for this purpose. The railroad bridge is a high-integrity example of a railroad overpass, and is an important contributing element in the Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14646	28 -	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14647	28 - 33	3/10/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, DHR
 Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.
 Citation Abbreviation:
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey
 Notes:
 9-83

Sequence #: 2.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Map
 Author: Sanborn Map Company
 Citation Abbreviation:
 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
 Notes:
 1896, 1907, 1920

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/10/1996
 Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
 Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.
 ID # Associated with Event:
 CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:
 First :
 Last :
 Suffix :
 Title :
 Company: CSX Railroad

Address:

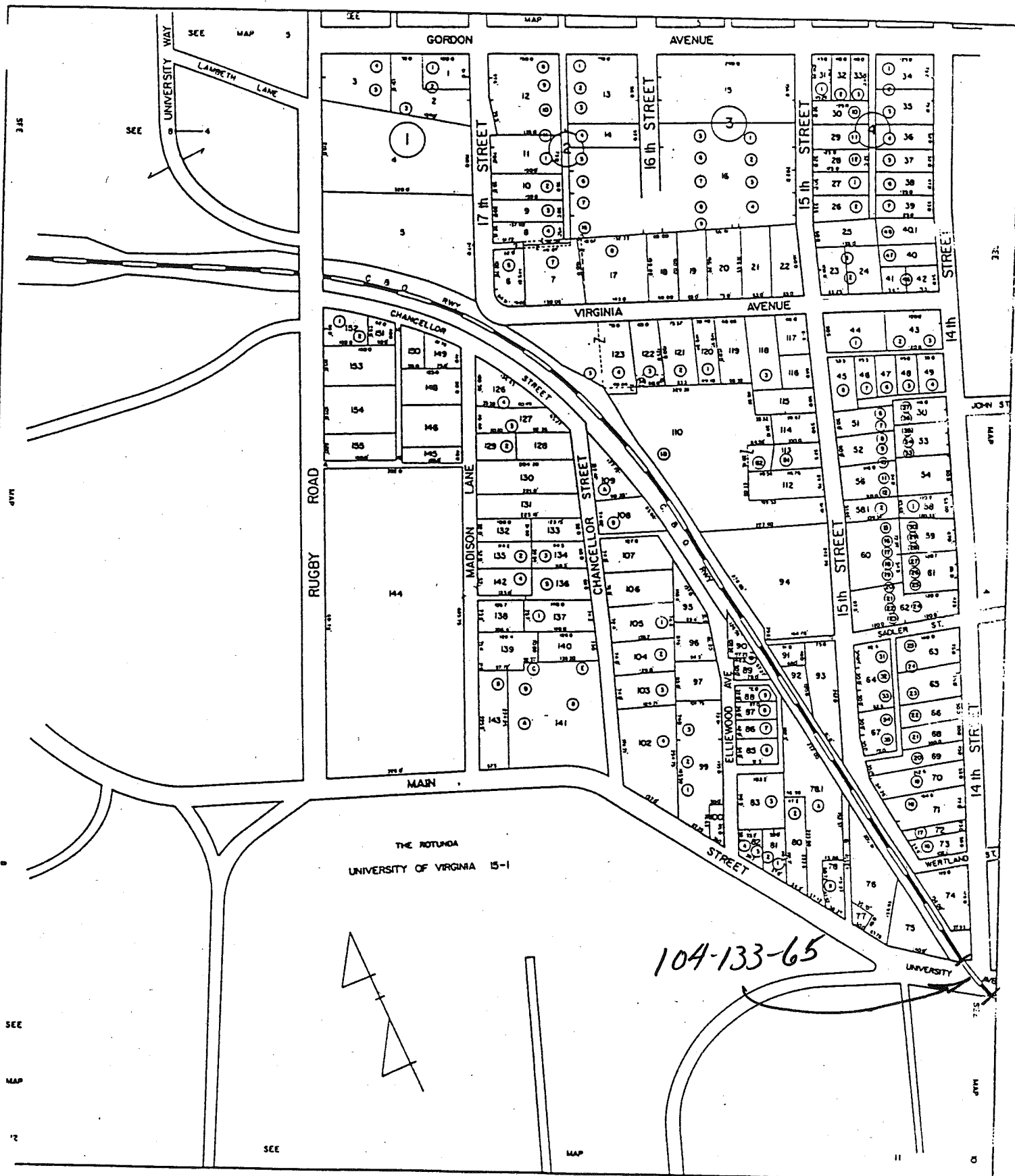
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Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

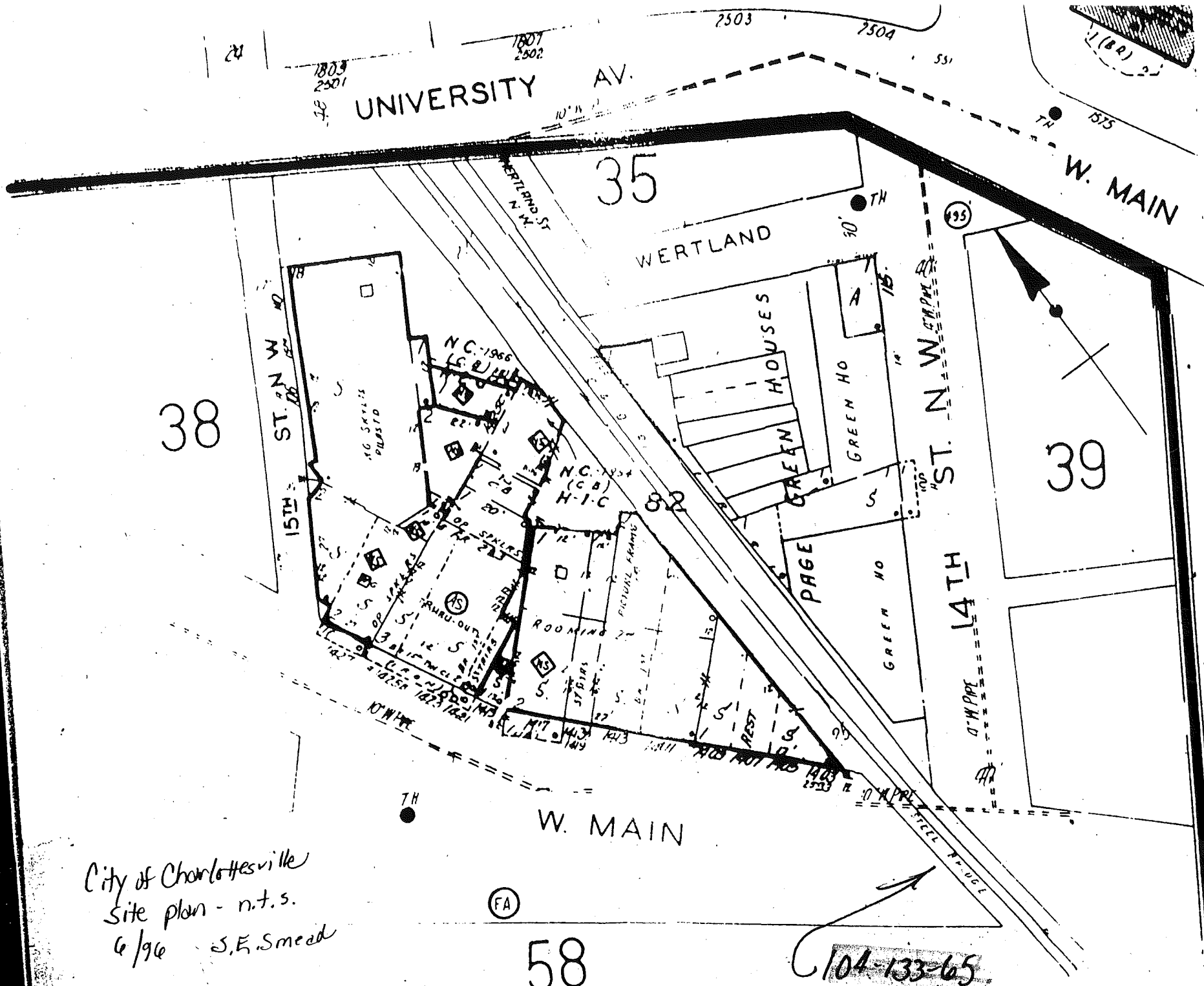
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SCALE : 1" = 100'

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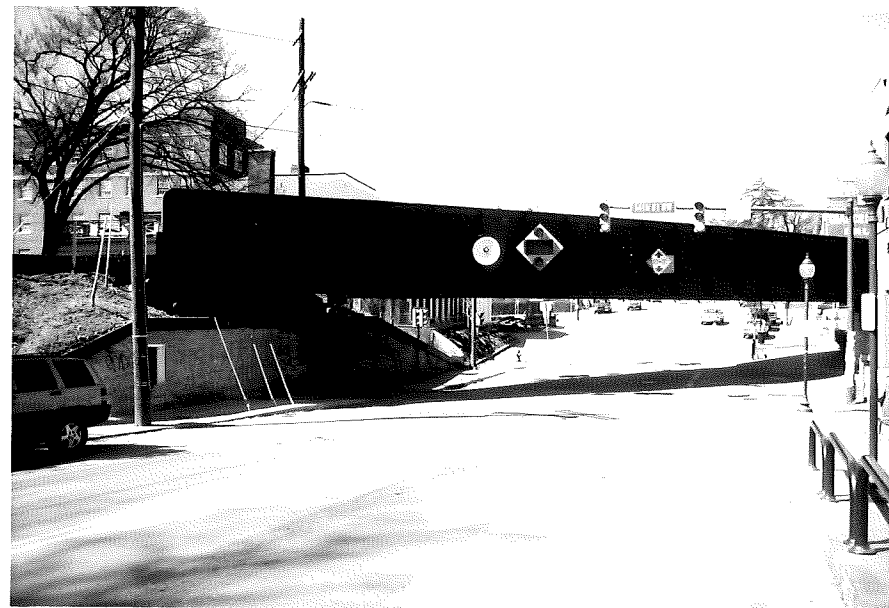
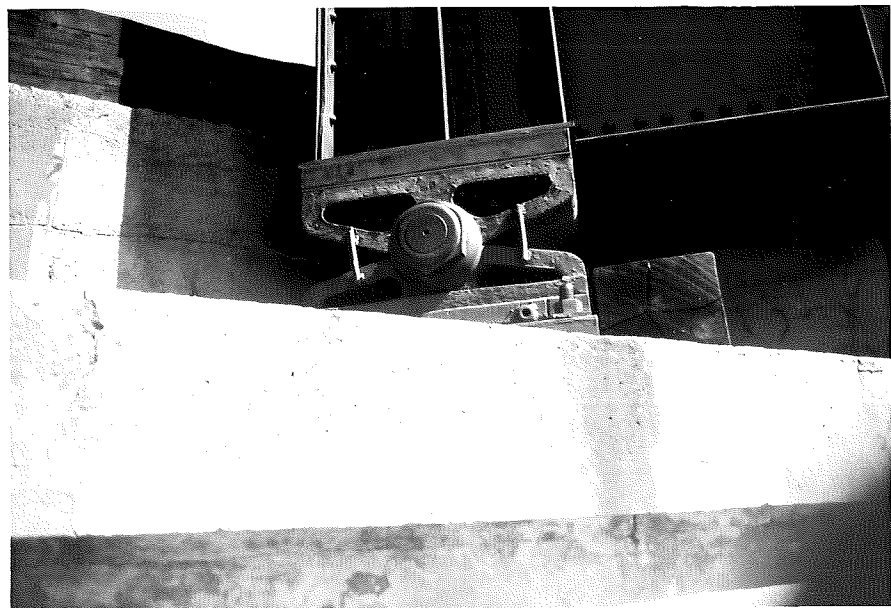
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Site plan - n.t.s.
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Date 3/10/96 File No. 104-133-65
 Name 14th Street Railroad Bridge
 Town Charlottesville
 County _____
 Photographer _____
 Contents 17 exterior views

