

STREET ADDRESS: 104 Fifteenth Street, NW
MAP & PARCEL: 9-76
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: B-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: Anderson Realty Corporation
ORIGINAL USE: Billiard Parlor
PRESENT USE: Book Store
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ADDRESS: P. O. Box 3306, University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia
HISTORIC NAME: University Billiard Parlor Building
DATE/PERIOD: 1926
STYLE: Vernacular
HEIGHT(to cornice)OR STORIES: 1 Storey
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1986
SOURCES: City Records
Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1920, 1929-57
Walters & Hebllich, Holsinger's Charlottesville
Eddins, Around the Corner After World War I
The Daily Progress, 1906 Special Edition

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This one-storey building extends five bays along the alley that is the 100-block of Fifteenth Street, NW. The rear (northern) elevation is divided into two wider bays. The southern end of the building is irregularly shaped to conform to the rear walls of the buildings along University Avenue. Wall construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond with one header course below the parapet. The bays are recessed between brick piers, with the recession corbelled out to form a plain frieze below the parapet. A shed roof covered with tar & gravel slopes to the east side. Windows are 20-light metal industrial sash. There is one in the southern bay and a pair in each of the others. Some have been closed. A long window well extends the length of the western elevation. There are a basement windows and door in each bay. The entrance is angled out from the building so as to face toward University Avenue and be clearly visible from it.


HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Johnny LaRowe established his popular University Billard Parlow in the old Chancellor Building around the turn of the century. Anderson Realty Co., erected this larger building for it in 1926, replacing a later 19th century wooden warehouse on the site. LaRowe organized and coached the successful University of Virginia boxing team. He died in , but the University Billiard Parlor remained a landmark on the corner until 1972. Anderson Brothers, Inc., has recently opened an annex for medical textbooks. Eljo's has used part of the building as a warehouse for a number of years.

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pp. 12-15 "Johnny La Rowe's ... good room was located where the
Victorians framing shop & Paul's news combined space
is today."

Holsinger's Ch'ville

p. 79 1912 photo "where Victorians Framing Shop is today"
(wainscot, 1 2/2 wind on E side, angled wall in wing: 
Andersons built new quarters on alley 1926.

1906 spec ed Daily Progress

p. 33 picture seems to be of same room

LaRoue

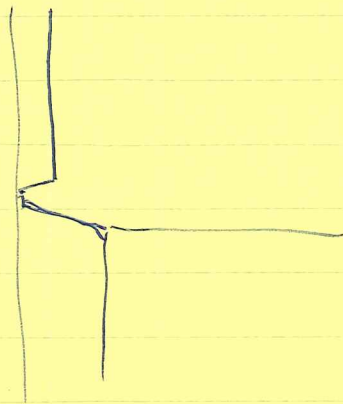
5 bays - 7 rear

20-l metal ind sash, flat work
single 1st bay, prothon

bay joint bet brick pier, ~~stopped~~ corbelled out top of brick pier, stepped back behind header course
w rear

angled ent bay at front,
pr doors

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band - stretcher in bays, 1 header course on over below ~~prothon~~
2 bays rear - 2 sides, 1 pr closed wind each (as in 2 rear side)

treatment -

E elevation - 4 bays beyond 2-5 CB section
roof - → E, ~~metal?~~ T40
int - vert window

corn found

long window wall, up wind 2 door each bay