

Architectural And Historic Survey

Identification

<p>STREET ADDRESS: 320 Second Street, SE MAP & PARCEL: 28-105 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: PRESENT ZONING: M-1 ORIGINAL OWNER: August Matacia ORIGINAL USE: Wholesale Fruit Warehouse PRESENT USE: Lawn & Garden Equipment Store PRESENT OWNER: H. M. Gleason & Co., Inc. ADDRESS: P. O. Box Charlottesville, Virginia 22902</p>	<p>HISTORIC NAME: Matacia Warehouse DATE / PERIOD: 1927 STYLE: No Identifiable Style HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 1 storey DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 49.7' x 189.5' (12,057 sq. ft.) CONDITION: Good 28.9' x 189.5' SURVEYOR: Bibb DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1985 SOURCES: City Records</p>
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Matacia Warehouse is a squat, one-storey building almost completely devoid of architectural detail. Wall construction is of reinforced concrete faced with brick laid primarily in 7-course American bond. A tiled parapet conceals a flat roof covered with tar and gravel. Flush metal piers divide the facade into nine bays. The southern bay projects. A concrete loading dock, sheltered by a corrugated metal awning, covers the rest of the facade. There are corrugated metal warehouse doors in the 4th and 7th bays, with horizontal 6-light metal-sash windows above them. Those in the 4th bay are kept open, and there are double glass doors interior to them. Smaller doors in the second bay and in the side of the projecting bay have been closed. The 3rd, 5th, and 6th bays have 6-light metal industrial sash windows; the 8th bay has a small 4-light window; and the 9th bay at the northern end of the facade is blank. There is a 12-light window in the projecting bay at the southern end of the facade. The southern elevation is twelve bays wide. The northern elevation, on the railroad tracks, has five windows grouped near the front of the building. Most side windows are 12-light, but there are also one 6-light and one 4-light on the northern elevation and a smaller 12-light window with a small 6-light window above it near the rear of the southern elevation. There are entrance doors on the southern elevation matching those on the facade, with a small 6-light window above. There is an interior chimney on each side wall. A cinderblock addition covers the rear elevation.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Matacia Fruit Co., was founded in the early 1880's and had occupied a building at 320 Second Street, S.E. before August Matacia purchased this lot in 1926 (City DB 55-147). Tax records show that the building was erected the next year. The firm went out of business c. 1973, and H. M. Gleason and Co., purchased the building the same year (DB 343-558).

Additional Reference: City DB 76-462, 115-204, 163-80, 226-469, 253-138, 280-445, 396-660