



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104 70
Negative no(s). S071 (31A)

SURVEY FORM

Historic name County/Town/City <u>Albermarle/Charlottesville</u> Street address or route number <u>11 Elliewood Ave</u>	Common name
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USGS Quad <u>Charlottesville West, Va</u> Original owner Original use Present owner Present owner address Present use <u>Restaurant/rented room above</u> Acreage	Date or period <u>1915</u> Architect/builder/craftsmen Source of name Source of date Stories <u>2 stories</u> Foundation and wall const'n Roof type <u>hip roof</u>
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State condition of structure and environs fair

State potential threats to structure
 Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no x

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

Stucco surface outside.
3 bays; south bay set back; one story porch 2 bays wide. Residential Vernacular.
Attached hidden gutter. Box cornices. Entrance in north bay. All frontal
windows are 6/6 double sash.

Interior inspected? no

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

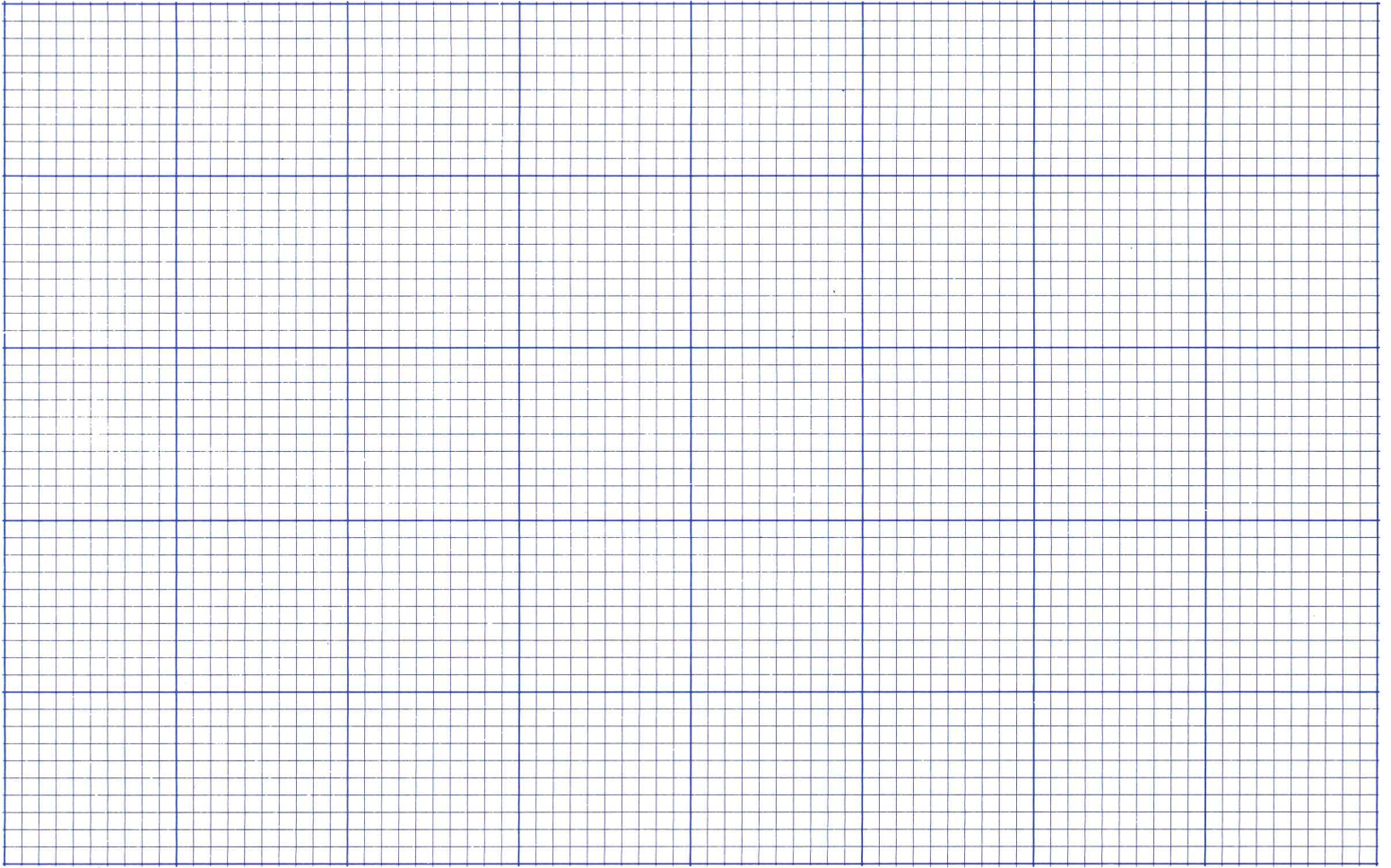
Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder

B.L. Bosher U. of Va Grad. Student

Date

3-7-80



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HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

Street address **11 Ellewood Ave.**
Town/City **Charlottesville**

Historic name _____ Common name **Claire's Restaurant**

- 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 *Portland light blue* cast iron
 - concrete block terra cotta
 - enameled steel glass and metal
 - other: _____

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <i>2 1/2 brnt (split level)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> mansard <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input type="checkbox"/> parapet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped <i>low</i> <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composition <input type="checkbox"/> not visible <input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <i>split plan</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

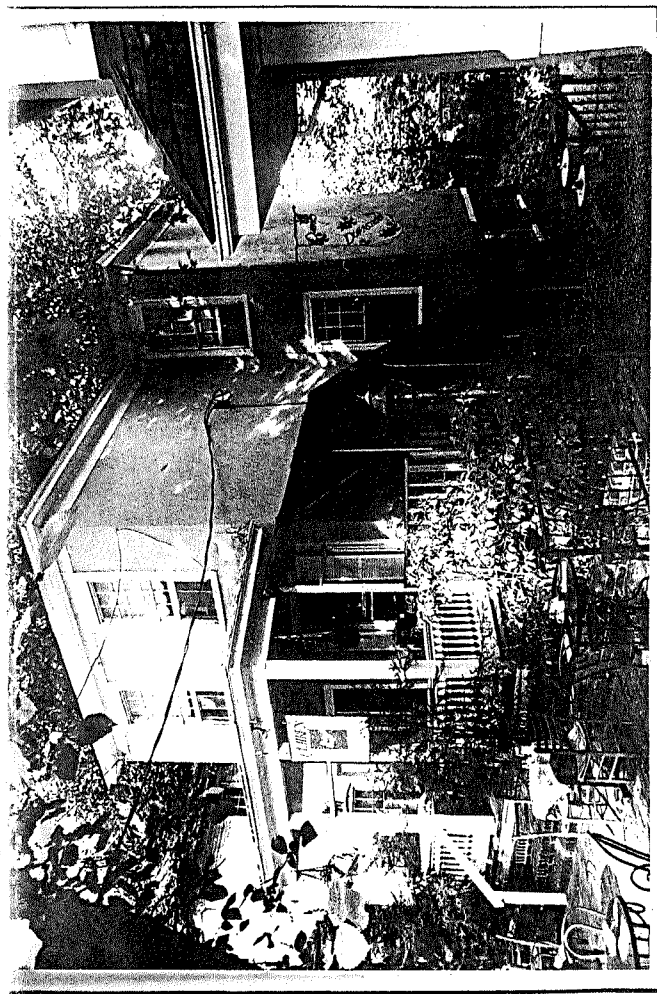
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
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Building type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Restaurant</i>

Style/period **Vernacular** Date **ca. 1915-20** Architect/builder _____

Location and description of entrance **Plain entry.**



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

This house features a staggered facade, being much deeper than it is wide. At the rear, where the land slopes, it is a full 3 stories.

A brick patio was built at the front when the property was rented for commercial purposes in the 1970s.

Historical information

Martha's Restaurant operated here in the late 1970s and early 80s. Ca. 1981 the business changed hands and it is now known as Claire's. The brick patio is used for dining in the warm months of the year.

Source **Sanborn maps; Real Estate records**
 Surveyed by **Jeff O'Dell, VHLC** Date **9-83**



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Bays	General description
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Date	Architect/builder
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104-130

Name 11 Elliewood Ave.



Date

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0047

Other DHR Number: 104-70 Property Date(s) 1910 ca

PROPERTY NAMES	EXPLANATION
Martha's Cafe	Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville
 State: Virginia
 Magisterial District: Tax Parcel: 9-87-8

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:
Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
11 -	Elliewood 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:
 On narrow lot, mostly filled by building, set into slope that descends to railroad tracks to rear of property; front yard paved with bricks, and edged with wood rail fence (serves as dining patio).

Ownership: Private NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Commercial Building	Historic

TOTAL: 1
 Historic: 1
 Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney	1	Interior	Brick	
Cornice	0	Boxed	Wood	
Porch	1	1-story, 3-bay	Wood	
Roof	0	Hipped	Asphalt	Shingle
Walls	0		Stucco	
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	Six-over-six

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1910 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Other

Description:

Similar in design to dwelling at 12 Elliewood Avenue, immediately to northeast (VHDR resource no. 104-133-46). Two-story with two-bay front facade, and raised rear basement; irregular footprint due to shallow two-story extension on southwest side; full-width front porch (rebuilt) has square wood posts and rails with turned spindles.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

The interior of the building has been slightly altered for use as a restaurant. The front porch has been rebuilt since 1983, but in a style similar to the earlier version and in keeping with the appearance of the house (O'Dell 1983). An exterior wood stair was added to the southwest side wall in front of the projecting section, probably in the 1970s, and an exterior wood stair, of similar date or more recent construction, extends to the top floor on the northeast side wall.

Number of Stories: 2.0

Interior Plan Type: Irregular

Accessed? Yes

Interior Description:

Interior appears to retain much of the original room configuration. The front of the building is taken up by a dining room, which was probably once the dwelling's parlor; this features an ornate wooden mantelpiece.

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:

This building was built between 1907 and 1913 as a residence, and continued to function as such through 1941. It served as Martha's Restaurant in the late 1970s and early '80s; about 1981 the business became known as Claire's (O'Dell 1983), but by the mid-1980s it had changed its name to Martha's Cafe. The building's scale, design, and building materials contribute to the historic district, and this is one of the few remaining little-altered

early-twentieth-century buildings on Elliewood Avenue.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14642	11 - 12	3/ 2/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14642	24 -	3/ 2/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other

Author:

Citation Abbreviation:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey

Notes:

N.d., surveyor not named. VHDR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other

Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.

Citation Abbreviation:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey

Notes:

Sept. 1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Map

Author: Sanborn Map Company

Citation Abbreviation:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA

Notes:

Published by Sanborn Map Company, 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941.

University of Virginia Library Government Documents.

Sequence #: 1.3 Bibliographic Record Type: NRHP Form

Author: O'Dell, J.M., w/Charlottesville Community Development staff

Citation Abbreviation:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District NR Nomination

Notes:

1984. VDHR Archives.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/ 2/1996

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 : Harwood Mitchell

Last : Bowman

Suffix :

Title :

Company:

Address: 105 Marble Run

City : Williamsburg

State: VA

Zip : 23185- Country: USA
Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

COLLEGE PARK APARTMENT

30 FAMILY UNITS
CONSTN. NOTE: C.C. BR. F. WALLS
CONC. FLS. 12"

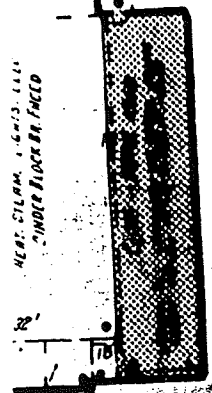
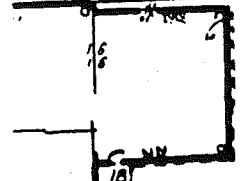
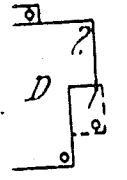
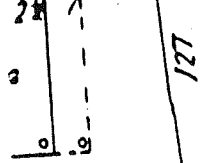
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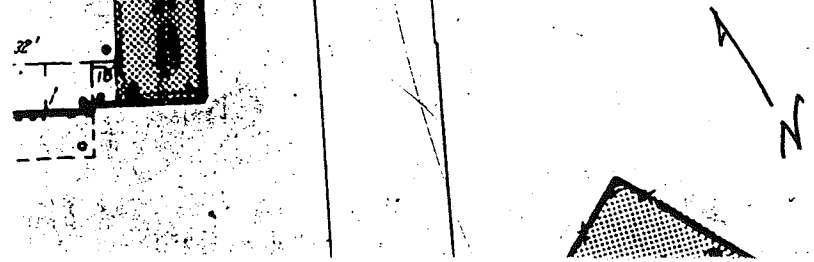
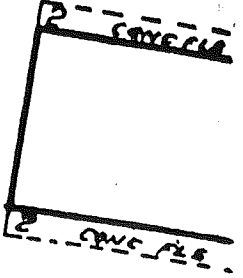
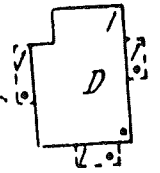
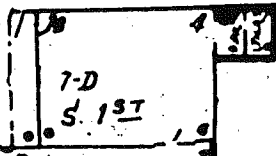
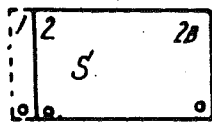
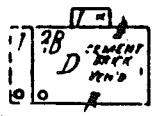
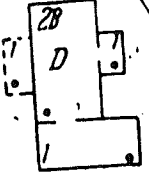
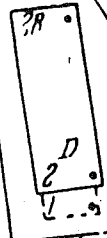
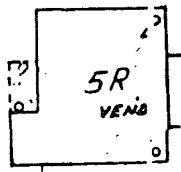
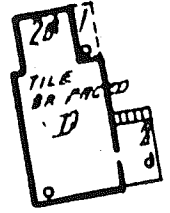
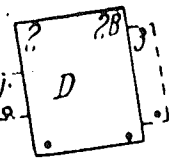
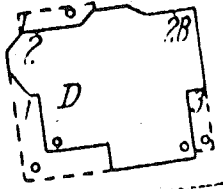
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City of Charlottesville
site plan - n.t.s.
6/96 S.E. Smead
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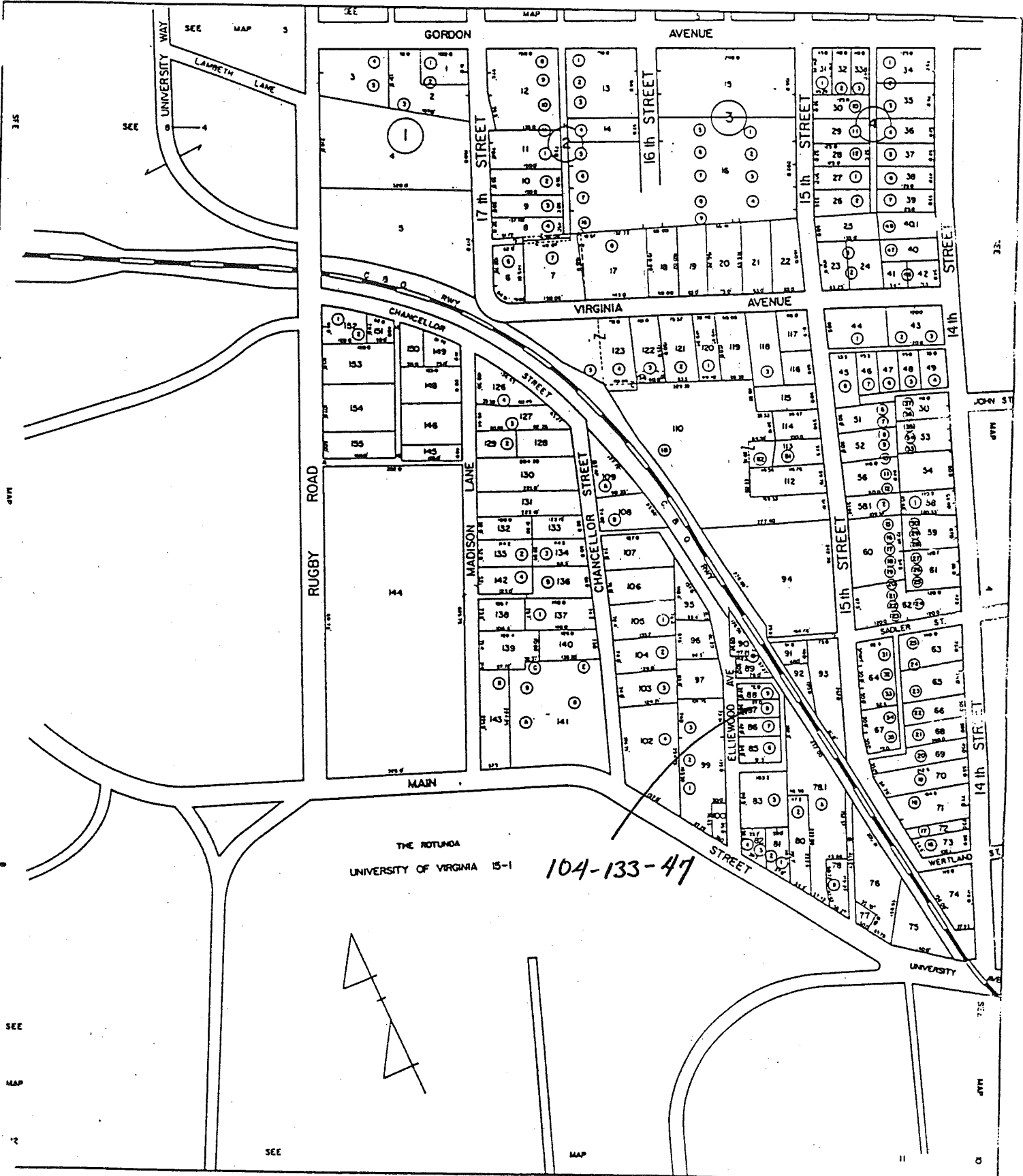
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HEAT. CLAM. 1-6-13-14-15
UNDER FLOOR BR. FACED



CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

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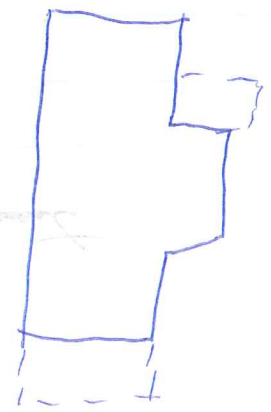
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105 Middle Run
Wmberg, VA 23185

311-76	Howard Mitchell Bowman	1980	plat 35-138
			WB 24-96 & 100
"	Grant Thomassen	1969	
199-455	Ely Barbore Bruce	1957	
WB 6-463	Laura Dorsey	1950	
	Virginia H. "		

2-5, base
 com blk found, stucco, metal gable roof
 apt & com. (1973)
 rest (1982)
~~see~~ see (1969)

Peyton - Dorsey House
1920-1959



Sanborn

1929 2-5 w/ basement

small part - notes

City Directories

- 1953 Laura L. Dorsey - furnished rooms
- 1962 The Dorsey House - "
- 1970 Grant W. Rasmussen - mng, Noonday Bookshop
- 1985 Martha's Cafe
- 1936, '39 Virginia M. Dorsey (called 115 in 1925)
- 1924 J M Petty
- 1924 " n l , Landis n l
- 1924 Theta Chi - Chancellor Dep
- 1919-20 " n l
- 1919 Univ Dir - Theta Chi House
- 1973 see
- 1975 com

11 Ellwood Avenue

199-453- Laura Lee Dorsey (s) → E. Sig. Barbara Bruce
6/26/1957 36' lot on SE side Ellwood, Lot 8 on plat
DB 35-138

same as 37-77

" " WB 6-463, 1950, Virginia M. Dorsey

37-77 Clara Mahone ~~Dor~~ Lendia (s) → Virginia M. Dorsey #7,400
11/10/1920 36' lot w/ impts " " " "
same as 35-119

35-119 A N Peyton (wid) → Miss Clara Mahone Lendia #6,250
3/25/1920 lot w/ impts " " " " #8 " " "
part of ACDB 131-340, 1905, from M. Carrie Adams

11 E. Ellwood

up proj bay sent 5 &

very narrow 2-bay facade, ~~returning to 3-bay~~
~~at rear~~; 2-5, ~~double~~-side
triple

basement above ground, 7-c dm
front yard filled in

stuccoed (open blue)

med hip roof ^{comp shingles}, boxed cor, proj eaves →
pl fringe board

ent chum

wid 6/6 w/ pl trim, some lit 3 levels, ^{match & some}
moulded trim basement ^{some base small}
mostly on front & rear; 5 el proj ^{for 4-l contact}
bay blank at ~~on~~ 2 upper levels

1-5 veranda

hip roof, 55m, boxed cor, pl fringe, ⁴pl sq pierce,
turned bal, wooden floor

ent N bay - simple

basement into facade of ~~entr~~ ^{proj bay} & 5 feet ~~entr~~
& on 5 el before & after proj bay


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Gourmet Magazine

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New York Times

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Martha's Café

11 Elliewood Avenue

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 or inside our home*

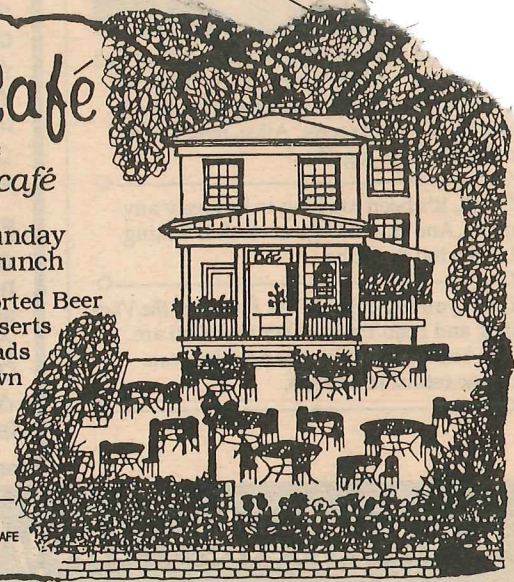
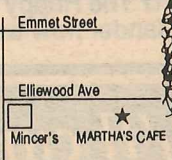
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\$4-6	\$5-10	Brunch

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- Gourmet Salads
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University Ave →



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Date 3/2/96 File No. 104-133-47
Name Martha's Cafe, 11 Elliewood Ave.
Town Charlottesville
County _____
Photographer S.K. Smead
Contents 3 exterior views

