

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 1214 East High Street
MAP & PARCEL: 50-102
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 3-219
PRESENT ZONING: B-2
ORIGINAL OWNER: F. L. Harris
ORIGINAL USE: Service Station
PRESENT USE: Automotive Repair Shop
PRESENT OWNER: Lee H. Hoff, Jr.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 256
Charlottesville, VA

HISTORIC NAME:
DATE / PERIOD: 1939-40
STYLE: Art Deco
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: one storey
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 4600 sq. ft. triangular lot
CONDITION: Fair
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1980
SOURCES: City Records

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a one-storey building with a flat roof and stuccoed cinderblock walls, painted cream. It is three bays wide, the eastern bay being a later addition which faithfully duplicates the original in most respects, except that its side and rear walls are not stuccoed. At the corners and between the bays, there are stepped piers that stop just below the top of the plain parapet. There is a garage door in each of the two eastern bays. A display window and an entrance door with transom occupy an opening of the same size in the western bay. The latter is repeated on the west side. There is a series of horizontal grooves across each bay just above the openings in the original section. Rear and east side windows are multi-light, fixed and hinged sash. The stepped design of the piers is repeated on the interior and chimney.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

F. L. Harris purchased this triangular lot at the intersection of East High Street and Meade Avenue in 1940 (City DB 101-486). Tax records show that this building was erected the same year. It was apparently a standard plan of the Shell Oil Company. There is an identical building at 200 W. Water Street which has recently been altered. Lee H. Hoff, Sr., father of the present owner, bought it in 1950 (DB 151-258). The building was enlarged by a one-bay addition in 1955. The Shell Oil Company operated a service station there until the early 1970's. An automotive repair shop now occupies the building. Additional References: City WB 21-288; City DB 392-605.

SIGNIFICANCE

This building is an excellent example of the Art Deco style, one of the only three or four remaining in the city.

50-102N

B-2
4600 sq ft Δ

1214 E High (Shell)

392-605	Lee H. Hoff, Jr	P.O. Box 256	1978
WB 21-288	" "	est	1977
151-258	" "		

F. L. Harris

1-story, conc found, CB walk, built-up flat roof
~~#9~~
 built 1939
 1955 - add new bay

1953 High St Shell Service Station, Meade Ave & High
1962 ~~Brook~~ " " " " 1214 E High
1970 C & S " " " " " "

1953 Brook Service Station, 200 W, Water St
1962 Burgess Bros Shell Service, " "
1970 Saw-a-Lot Motors, " "

Shell

151-258 F L & Anne P Harris → Lee H Hoff \$3250
6/6/1950 2 adj parcels at Free Bridge Rd & Meade Ave
see plat 77-274
same as 101-486

101-486 J M Hall (wid) → F L Harris
4/2/1940 1) #1 on plat 44-12
same as 44-65, 6/9/23, for A D Dabney & J P Bone
2) same as 77-274
see also 77-271, 9/1932, for

77-271
10/4/1932 ACDB 126-344 ~~126~~ Ch' or Land to → Jerry M Hall 1904
Lots 1 & 2

Tax

1938, 39 1st J M Hall	Free Br Rd	$200 + 50 = 250$	
" 38, 40, 41 "	Stewart St	$600 + 800 = 1400$	
1940	T B R	$200 + 180 = 380$	
1941	"	n l	
1940	F L Harwin n l		
1941	"	Free Br Rd	$200 + 2000 = 2200$ for J M Hall invt added

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Shell

E $\frac{1}{3}$ near CB, rest stuccoed

all painted cream

E side: plain, CB (all)

2 multi-light metal sash wind
(20-l, 6-l hinged sash in center)

1-storey, stuccoed, cream; flat roof

facade 3 bays wide, E new; entire facade stuccoed

III piers, above gable, divide bays (~~new~~ faithfully duplicated on addition)

garage doors in 2 E bays, ent door & display wind in W

horiz fluting or grooves all at top of openings in 2 wing bays; new one plain

int [end] chim at W, design on piers repeated on it

rear windows 2 E; W-?



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#357 SERVICE STATION