

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 418 East Jefferson Street
 Map and Parcel: 53-40
 Census Tract & Block: 1-111
 Present Owner: Court Square Building, Incorporated
 c/o William Perkins, Jr.
 Address: Court Square Building, City
 Present Use: Offices
 Original Owner: John Kelly
 Original Use: Storehouse

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Kelly-Bragg Storehouse
 Date/Period: 1826
 Style: Colonial Revival
 Height to Cornice: 26.62
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-3
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 51 x 100
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 12,430 + 38,490 = 50,920

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Once a simple but handsome merchantile duplex, the building was extensively remodeled in 1921 when Court Square Building, Incorporated secured the property. The interior was completely gutted and converted into a central hall double pile office complex. The elaborate entrance with its broken segmental pediment, tripartite window, and central gable is in the Colonial Revival tradition. The eastern wall with its chimneys and curtain and the second floor double sash windows are about all that remain from the original storerooms.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

According to James Alexander, "these stores were erected in 1826 by John Kelly, and their first occupant was Colonel Watson (J. Richard)." Mr. Watson's building on the corner of Court Fifth and East High Streets was in the Kelly family for over fifty years. When John Kelly died in 1830, the property passed to his wife and then his daughter Eliza Bragg whose first husband was John C. Ragland. In 1881 the deed passed from Mrs. Bragg's estate to W. R. Burnley (ACDB 79-1). The Court Square Building Incorporated purchased the property in 1921 (DB 38-21) and converted it into offices. The building served as a dry goods store, and in more recent memory, a confectioners, a grocery, and a liquor store.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Average

SOURCES

Mr. George Gilmer
 County/City Records
 Alexander, Recollections, p. 35.