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## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 118 E. Main Street  
 Map and Parcel: 28-25  
 Census Track & Block: 1-122  
 Present Owner: Hoff Motor Co., Inc.  
 Address: P. O. Box 256, Ch'ville  
 Present Use: Women's Clothing Store  
 Original Owner: Robert S. Jones  
 Original Use:

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Jones - Wood Building  
 Date/Period: 1843  
 Style: Vernacular  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 3  
 Present Zoning: B-4  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 22' x 141' (3102 sq. ft.)  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.):

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This and 114 E. Main St. constitute the oldest building still standing on the Main Street Mall. Basically, this was a 3-storey, 4-bay, double-pile, gable-roofed duplex building. A 3-storey shed-roofed rear addition, which dates back beyond 1896 at least, and may be original, makes the building triple pile. A common center stair between the storefronts divides the building and gives access to the former living quarters above. There are individual stairs in each section between the second and third stories. The medium-pitched gable roof was originally covered with wooden shingles. These were replaced with slate after a few years, and the whole roof is now covered with standing-seam tin. Separate and matching pressed tin parapet cornices were added to each half of the building around the turn of the century to conceal the gable roof and modernize the facade. Wall construction is of brick laid in Flemish bond on the facade. This half of the building is painted white. As late as the turn of the century, there was a rear veranda overlooking a private yard that reached to Water Street. The storefronts have periodically been remodeled. 118 E. Main currently has a glass and metal storefront with deeply recessed central entrance and a flat metal awning projecting over the sidewalk. At the second and third levels, the two original windows have been replaced with four single-light revolving-sash windows with wooden sills and flat arches. Part of the original corbelled cornice of moulded brick with brick dentils can be glimpsed below and behind the decorated pressed tin cornice with cornice stops and dentil moulding. The outlines of the old letters "J. EDWIN WOOD CO." are still visible on the frieze. Rear windows

are double-sash, 2-over-2 light. There are two pairs and a single window at each level and an additional small window in the center of the building. The lower part of the rear elevation is covered by a large one-storey addition built of brick laid in 6-course American bond. On the rear elevation there are two 8-over-8 light windows and two quarter-sized windows, all segmental-arched, at the first level, and a warehouse door and two wider 8-over-8 light windows at the basement level. Fenestration on the side elevation is similar.

Robert S. Jones bought Lot 37 of the original plan of the town in 1844 from his brother Jesse W. Jones, who the year before had purchased it from the estate of David Isaacs (ACDB 42-253). According to Alexander, he erected this "large 3-storey brick building" in 1843. It is now the oldest building still standing on the Main Street mall. In 1865 Jones sold an undivided half interest in the building to W. G. R. Frayser and agreed to replace the shingle roof with a slate one (ACDB 60-98,99). Charles H. Sterling purchased Frayser's half in 1866 (ACDB 62-125), and they divided the building, with Jones taking the eastern half and Sterling the western. Then in 1871 they reversed this,

and Sterling took the eastern half (ACDB 67-178). He was Jones's son-in-law and a partner in Sterling & Wood, a jewelry store in this building. A chancery suit led to the property's being returned to the Jones family in 1890 (ACDB 93-163, City DB 1-448). They sold it in 1903 to J. Edwin Wood (DB 14-130) who operated a hardware store there for about a quarter century. He added the metal cornice and in 1906 built a large one-storey rear addition. Wood sold the building to Hawkins Brothers & Co. in 1935 (DB 85-288). The Charlottesville Candy Kitchen (later the CK Restaurant), which had formerly occupied 114 E. Main, moved into this store room in the late 1920's and occupied it until the late 1950's. It housed the Singer Sewing Center in the 1960's. The Hawkins family sold the building in 1961, and it changed hands several times before being purchased by the present owners in 1974 (DB 208-59, 225-278, 235-58, 361-489).

## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

City/County Records  
 Lee H. Hoff, Jr.  
 Charlottesville City Directories  
 Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville  
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920