

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address:

Map and Parcel:

Present Owner:

Present Use:

Original Use:

Original Owner:

Address:



SURVEY 265

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BASE DATA

118 E. Main Street	Historic Name:
28-25	Date/Period:
	Style:
Hoff Motor Co., Inc. P. O. Box 256, Ch'ville	Height to Cornic Height in Storie
Women's Clothing Store	Present Zoning:
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Jones - Wood Building 1843

Vernacular

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R-4 Land Area (sq.ft.): 22' x 141' (3102 sq. ft.)

Assessed Value (land + imp.):

t to Cornice:

t in Stories:

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 storebeyond 1896 at least, and may be original, makes the building triple pile. A common center stair between the store-fronts 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 the 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 project-ing over the sidewalk. At the second and third levels, the two original windows have been replaced with four singleing 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. ThereHISTORICAL DESCRIPTION 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 pruchased 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 1863 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). **GRAPHICS** He was Jone's son-in-law and a partner in Sterling & Wood, a jewelry store in this building. A chancer was 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 build 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 ownders in 1974 (DB 208-59, 225-278, 235-58, 361-489).

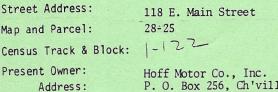
CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES Charlottesville City Directories

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Robert S. Jones