

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 214 E. Main Street
MAP & PARCEL: 28-36
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-123
PRESENT ZONING: B-4
ORIGINAL OWNER: James Lobban
ORIGINAL USE: Auction House?
PRESENT USE: Jewellery Store
PRESENT OWNER: H. H. George Real Estate Trust
ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. Theodore Murphy
1837 Fendall Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Lobban-George Building
DATE / PERIOD: 1860
STYLE: No Identifiable Style
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 3 storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 25.5' x 155.7' (3318 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Fall 1979
SOURCES: City/County Records Ch'ville City Directories
Mrs. Theodore Murphy 1920's postcard, ACHS
Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville

Sanborn Map Co. - 1886, 1891, 1986, 1907, 1920, 1969

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION The Daily Progress, Ch'ville Bicentennial
Edition, 4/13/1962

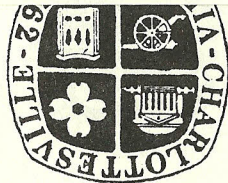
This building and the adjacent one were built at the same time and are now among the oldest ones remaining on the street. This one is two storeys tall and the other is three storeys, but both are the same height, and they originally shared a common stair. This building is four bays wide. Construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade and now painted dark green. This is a very early example of stretcher bond in this area. The walls of the storefront are faced with green marble nearly up to the second storey windows. There is a recessed central entrance and a window at the eastern end in what was probably once a stair entrance. Windows at the second level are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with plain surrounds. There is no window in the eastern bay. The projecting cornice (probably not original) with brackets, finials, and cornice stops, has been removed, leaving a plain parapet. Behind it, a shed roof covered with standing-seam metal slopes to the rear. There are several round arches in the front wall of the basement. They were bricked up many years ago, and there is no clue as to their purpose. This building had a one-storey rear wing, probably original, which was raised to two storeys and extended farther back c. 1907-1920, and still farther by a cinderblock addition in 1963.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

James Lobban bought this lot in 1850 (ACDB 49-200, 56-61) and erected two store buildings in 1860. H. H. George purchased them in 1877 (ACDB 84-146, dated 1884), and they are still owned by his heirs (City DB 380-338). Their Victorian cornices were removed in the 1930's or 1940's and the common stair c. 1960. Keller & George, Inc., has occupied this building since 1918. The marble storefront probably dates back to that time. The firm, successor to one founded by F. A. Balthis in 1883 and joined the next year by Thomas S. Keller, was founded in 1893 by Thomas S. Keller and H. A. George. It had previously occupied a building across the street and one on the site of the Peoples National Bank Building. The building was damaged by fire in 1963.

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Keller & George
214 E Main

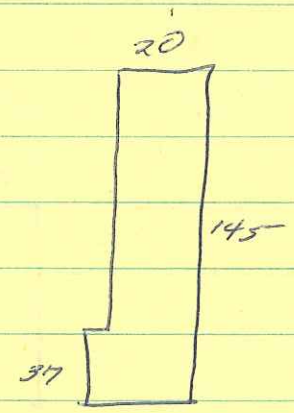
380-338 Mary Catharine Murphy, Trustees* 1976
ACDB 88-146 H H George est 1884
84-146

concrete block found, Dick, built up T&O flat roof
basement, dirt
mable floors 1st fl
"old"

1978 - rear skip
1977 - stairway

lots divided at request of Mr George, 1955-

new front 1960
rear addition 1963
~~fire~~ repair
fire damage
1100



* trustees of H H George Real Estate Trust

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84-146

10/14/1884

Drewy Wood, RTW Duke, & Cd Fishburne, spec comm^{ee}
(1877) in case of Jones ^{Rev} vs Lobban → H H George \$50
contract sold 11/29 & 12/14/1877

part of James Lobban's real estate on south side Ma
"The store room occupied by H. ~~Benson~~ ^{Galler} & the store
room occupied by H. Benson, incl the passage or ha
bet them & the cellars under sd store room & the
rooms over them, w/ a front on Main St of a
45 ft & extending fr the western wall of the house
the eastern side of the property sold by this agree
& which house belongs to — Kellinger; along to
southern line of Main St to the wall of the house
in which Jesse W Jones now has his store & which
is on the western side of the property sold by this agree
to the distance of a 45 ft; & sd property runs back
to Water St The wall on western side of prop
is to be a joint & common wall bet this & residue of
James Lobban's property; & wall on Kellinger's
is to be as it now stands"

Storerooms occupied 1877 by Galler & Benson now
occupied by Hankins & Ware

57-590

125/1859

trustee for
Drewy Wood, ~~under 1858 deed of trust fr~~ Wm M & Mary C. Kellinger
→ James Lobban 7/15/1852 \$30
house & lot on south side Main St "opposite corner fr res
& storehouse of C Hornoy & adjoin property of Jan
Lobban on eastern side
"now occupied by Mary Ann Kellinger"
same as 1856 Samuel E W Becker → Kellinger

Kaufman

84-146
10/14/1884

1860	James Lobban	L 35	300 + 1850 = 2150	
1861-1870	" "	" "	" + 3850 = 6150	\$4000 added
1860	" "	" "	1000 + 1500 = 2500	fr M. Kellinger
1861	" "	" "	" " "	ref 3/18/62
1872-1875	" "	est	2000 + 6000 = 8000	
1878	" "	" "	1000 + 6500 = 7500	
1882	" "	" "	" + " = 8000	\$500 added for in
1885	" "	" "	" + 2500 = 3500	off part L 35 to H.H.
1885, 89	H. H. George	part	1000 + 5500 = 6500	fr Jas Lobban's
1891, 94	" "	" "	" + 4500 = 5500	
1901	" "	" "	1500 + " = 6000	

43-282
48-428 or 43

ACDB
56-61
8/26/1856
1850 Tucker & Anne E Isaacs -> Thos Wood & James Lobban
lot on Main St, part of Lot 35, ^{part} bought fr Estlin
Hemmings 1845, & part fr Nancy West 1850.
Lobban has since bought out Wood
~~Isaacs -> Lobban~~
-> Thos & Mary S Wood -> James Lobban

54-146
9/14/1855
Thos Potentini - James Lobban
land on south side Main St bet houses of Lobban & Potentini
\$200 (brick)

49-200
Tucker & Ely Ann Isaacs -> Thos Wood & James Lobban, \$2250
part of Lot 35.
part fr Estlin & Julia Ann Hemmings 1845
x 90, fr Nancy West, ady (1845) ^{part} Isaacs et on west
part in estate of David Isaacs (1800 fr ...)

Kaufmann

K+B, Col

Total

1860	1000 + 1500 = 2500 fr Keblinger	300 + 1850 = 2150	1300 + 3350 = 4650
1861	" " "	" + 5850 = 6150 \$4000 impf	" + 7350 = 8650
-1870		" " "	
1872-75	1000 + 1000 = 2500	1000 + 5000 = 6000	2000 + 6000 = 8000
1878	750 + " = 1750	750 + " = 5750	1500 + 6000 = 7500
1882	" + " =	"	1500 + 6500 = 8000 \$500 impf
1885	1000 + 2500 = 3500	1000 + 5500 = 6500 fr Lobban	2000 + 8000 = 10,000

1876-77

1879-81

1883-84