

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 223-225 E. Main Street	HISTORIC NAME: Jones-Hartnagle Building
MAP & PARCEL: 33-234 & 233	DATE / PERIOD: c. 1821, mid-1800's, 1917, 1970's
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	STYLE: Vernacular
PRESENT ZONING: B-4	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: John R. Jones	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: #223-181'75" x 92'97" (1743 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Store	CONDITION: Good #225-20.2" x 92.98" (1878 sq. ft.)
PRESENT USE: Confectionary & TV Studio/Music Store	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: Jessie T. Hook Carl R. Stacy, Jr.	DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1983
ADDRESS: 1203 Hilltop Road 1904 Wakefield Rd. Ch'ville, Va 22903 Ch'ville, VA 22901 (#223) (#225)	SOURCES: City/County Records Carl R. Stacy, Jr. Ch'ville City Directories Harold Wright Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville

Holsinger's Charlottesville, other Holsinger photos
Sanborn Map Co. - 1886, 1891, 1896, 1907, 1920

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is almost certainly the oldest building remaining on Main Street, but very little original fabric has survived the repeated alterations. The eastern half is the original section. Two storeys tall, two bays wide, and double pile, it probably resembled the early 19th century buildings on Court Square which followed the side hall plan and had living quarters for the storekeeper on the second level. Construction is of brick laid in Flemish bond on the facade and the eastern (Third Street) elevation. The western half was probably a duplicate, except that the brick is laid in American bond. The building still has a hip roof covered with standing-seam metal, but its projecting eaves and cornice brackets have been replaced with a parapet. The eastern half (#225) has a high parapet with a wooden entablature which still remains above the false front. In the early years of this century, both store rooms had recessed central entrances, and a single storefront entablature extended across the entire building. The second storey living quarters above both store rooms were dismantled some years ago and the stairways that gave access to them were removed. The remains of a fireplace can still be seen in #223, but a finished interior wall covers the windows, if they still exist. The storefront of #223 is now covered with vertical wooden siding around the display windows and the upper level is covered with wooden shingles. #225 is covered with dark brown metal board-&-batten siding and has a recessed second storey balcony. Its 2-storey rear extension is constructed of brick laid in 5-course American bond. Brick is the one-storey wing behind that is laid in 7-course American bond.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Alexander states that the original section of this building was built by Col. John R. Jones who also conducted a store at "Number Nothing", Court Square. He purchased this lot in 1821 (ACDB 22-377), and the oldest part of the building was standing by 1828. According to Alexander, the building was on a high foundation, and the floor of the storeroom was later lowered some four feet. James A. Watson, John Hasson, and Dennis Boyle purchased the building in 1855 (ACDB 54-269). Frederick Hartnagle was the occupant at that time, and he purchased the building in 1857 & 1864 (ACDB 56-204, 60-418). He extended the building to the rear and built the western half of the duplex soon after acquiring ownership. S. C. Chancellor bought the property from Hartnagle's estate in 1913 (City DB 25-18) and sold it two years later to Hollis Rinehart (DB 27-112). Until that time, it had been occupied by a series of bakeries and confectionaries for half a century or more. The Co-operative Drug Co., Inc., brought the eastern half (#225) in 1917 (DB 30-172). The side windows were bricked up, a parapet built and the upper level of the facade covered with what appears to have been a plywood panel possibly stuccoed. J. L. Hartman bought it in 1923 (DB 44-239, 45-404) and sold to L. S. Macon in 1927 (DB 59-244). The Standard Drug Co. occupied the storeroom from the mid 1930's until 1950. After that, it housed a series of small dress shops until Carl R. Stacey, Jr. purchased it in 1972 for his music store (DB 338-382). He added the balcony, rebuilt the storefront, and covered the facade with metal siding. The upper level of the western half of the facade (#223) may not have been significantly altered until a 1953 remodeling when it was covered with a metal false front. Walter R. Ellington bought that half in 1917 (DB 30-466) and sold it in 1932 to J. P. Ellington (DB 77-301). They conducted a clothing store there for twenty years. E. J. Perkins bought it from the Ellingtons in 1943 (DB 113-201) and the Standard Marshall Corporation bought it from his estate in 1946 (DB 128-277) and sold it in 1965 to the Rinehart's Kenridge Properties, Inc. (DB 263-435). Jessie T. Hook bought it from the Rinehart family in 1976 (DB 370-511). Shoe stores occupied the storeroom from the mid 1930's to the mid 1960's. The interior was completely remodeled in 1965 to adapt it for use as a radio station. It was again remodeled in 1976 to include a small storeroom at the front of the building. The present false front dates to that time.

Additional References: City DB 361-1