

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 309-311 E. Main Street
 MAP & PARCEL: 33-230
 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-119
 PRESENT ZONING: B-4
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Edward J. Timberlake
 ORIGINAL USE: Grocery Store?
 PRESENT USE: Stock Broker's Offices
 PRESENT OWNER: Arthur B. & Sue C. Keyser
 ADDRESS: W. Kline & Trena R. Bolton
 1 Gildersleeve Wood
 Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Timberlake-Newman Building
 DATE / PERIOD: 1860-67, 1914, 1976
 STYLE:
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 28.17' x 115.5' (3,254 sq. ft.)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1979
 SOURCES: City/County Records
 Ch'ville City Directories
 Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville
 Arthur B. Keyser
 Holsinger's Ch'ville
 Moore, Albemarle: Jefferson's County 4/13/62
 Charlottesville Bicentennial Souvenir Program
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1886, 1896, 1907, 1920, 1969

Mrs. Herbert K. Arnette (Nancy Newman Arnette)
 The Daily Progress, Ch'ville Bicentennial Edition,
 Moore, Albemarle: Jefferson's County 4/13/62
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Although it has a 20th century facade and a modern storefront, an enclosed exterior stair attests to this building's age and sets it apart from others on Main Street. It is two storeys tall and two bays wide. Construction is of brick laid in English bond on the facade and in 7-course American-with-Flemish bond on the older side and rear elevations. A single-flight enclosed exterior stair rises along the western wall and gives access to the offices on the second level. Within a brick frame with mitered corners, a modern wood and glass flush storefront replaces one with a recessed entrance loggia. A moulded stone string-course at the top of this frame serves as the sill for the second storey windows. The facade is arcaded at the second storey level, with a pair of circular-headed windows in each bay. The round-arched shape is repeated again the glazing of the upper sashes of the windows. The windows' round arches spring from end blocks resembling stone capitals, creating the effect of brick pilasters flanking the windows. The brick is laid in herringbone pattern within the arcade, with a diamond design in stone in the center of each bay above the windows. A wooden-shingled hood supported by three pairs of brackets crowns the facade. A 1922 photograph shows a tall and slender circular cupola centered upon it. There is an interior end chimney (probably only decorative) at each end of the facade. Behind the parapet, a shed roof covered with standing-seam metal slopes to the rear. An old photograph shows the original facade as being two bays wide with a single rectangular window in each bay at the second level, and a heavy parapet cornice with brackets and finials. There is a one-storey rear addition, built of brick laid in 5 and 6-course American bond, with a shed roof covered with tar-&-gravel sloping to the west side.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Edward J. Timberlake purchased several lots in this block in 1860 (ACDB 64-352). According to Alexander, he removed an early 1½-storey frame house and erected this building and another east of it. Timberlake died in 1867, and this building was sold in 1870 to Benjamin R. Pace and George B. Marshall who conducted a grocery business there (ACDB 69-69). Pace bought Marshall's share in 1877 (ACDB 72-60) and sold the building in 1890 to W. J. Tyson, who continued the grocery business (City DB 2-76). Around 1910 this building housed the Rex Theatre, one of Charlottesville's first motion picture houses. The Meriwether Lweis Corporation purchased the building from Tyson's estate in 1912 (DB 23-460). Tax records indicate that it was probably in 1914, the same year the building was sold to Byron D. Newman and Elias R. Newman (DB 26-136), that the facade was rebuilt. Newman's Men's Wear occupied the store room for the next 56 years. The firm was founded by Nathan Newman in 1872 and had previously occupied the building that then stood at 400 E. Main Street. When Newman's closed after 98 years, Thirteen Inc. bought the building in 1971 (DB 323-106) and sold it in 1976 to the present owners (DB 371-178, 386-35), who built the new storefront, designed by Alan Scouten and Michael Bednar, the same year. Additional References: City DB 26-71; WB 4-271, 8-68, 12-488.

Newman's -> Wheat 1st Securities (309-311 E)

386-35		1977		
371-178	Arthur B & Sue C Keyser (3/5)	1976	\$58,500	plat 371-180
	W. Kline & Treva R. Bolton (2/5)			
323-106	Thirteen, Inc.	1971	50,000	
WB 12-488	Betty J N Ramey & Herbert K Amble et ux Co-Tr	1968		
" 8-68	Louise P. Newman & " " " "	1957		
" 4-271	" & ER "	1937		
26-136	BD & " "	1914		

"old"

concrete found, brick walls, flat built-up & metal roof
metal ceiling

1971 alterations to store

1976 Remodeling

1896 Sanborn identical to 1969

This is ^{clearly} the bldg in Early Ch'v occupied by Pace & Marshall,
grocers, & built by E J Timberlake (see City DB 2-76)
probably built < 1874 (i. 1860-67)

^{1890??}
new front 1914? (1896 Sanborn = 1969; 1880 picture not this facade, no substantial tax increase between)

Timberlake died 1867 - did he build c 1865 & it not show up
on tax until next reassessment

Bicler Prog (p 3 Culture & Rec)

founded 1872 by Nathan Newman

"F. Newman" in Brown's location (400 E) 1892

Nathan & youngest son Elvira in picture under F Newman sign

Newman at 404 Keller 1881 (DB 179-142) Brenkeim + Newman

1872
1875-1910 400E
1914 - 511E
Nathan Newman
Frieda
F. Newman's Son

Nathan Newman ~~son~~ + Frieda Newman

Byron J. Newman (dec. 1937) m. Louise R. (dec. 1968)
Betty J. " m. Ramsey
Elias R. " (dec 1957) m. Bernette J.
Nancy " m. Herbert K. Arnette

Keyser

would like old pictures; let him know
told no bchq
old nickelodeon theatre

built _____
Allen Shelton + Mike Bedner did ^{their} storefront
Gary (Carland) Oberland did storefront study

Herbert K. Arnette

store ~~there~~ 98 yrs,
N's men's wear

1842
+98
1940?

new front prob after N's bought, they remodelled

Mrs Arnette - has info + pictures

call first of next week - works, home 2 or 2:30
researched store at Alderman

rem old store, interior changed, maybe windows,
but bldg "not knocked down + rebuilt"
party wall w/ Grants

Timb block -> 13 rooms -> present
fa, gf, + uncle bought

couldn't find anything

Bedner only pic knows of ⁱⁿ Oberland study

~~26-136~~
~~5/11/1914~~

Newman's (309-311 E)

26-136 W O Watson → B D Newman & E R Newman # 13,000
5/11/1914 storehouse & lot
same as 2-76, ^{8/20} 1890, → W J Tyson
26-71, 3/16/1914, Mor. Lewis Corp → W O Watson
1890 & 1914 describe as ady store & tenement of A. Hartnagle & Benj 24' x 113'
(decd of trust 1910, 21-359)

26-71 Mor. Lewis Corp → W O Watson (\$10.00)
3/16/1914 same as 23-460, 6/10/1913, heirs of W J Tyson → Mor. Lewis Corp # 9,500

2-76 Benj R & C L Pace → W J Tyson 2,812
8/20/1890 lot & storehouse # ~~1,500~~
same as ACDB 69-69, 3/28/1874, Drury Wood, common in Chancery
case of Timberlake or Boatwright etc → Benj R Pace & B B Marshall
ACDB 73-60, 5/31/1877, Marshall's 2 → Pace

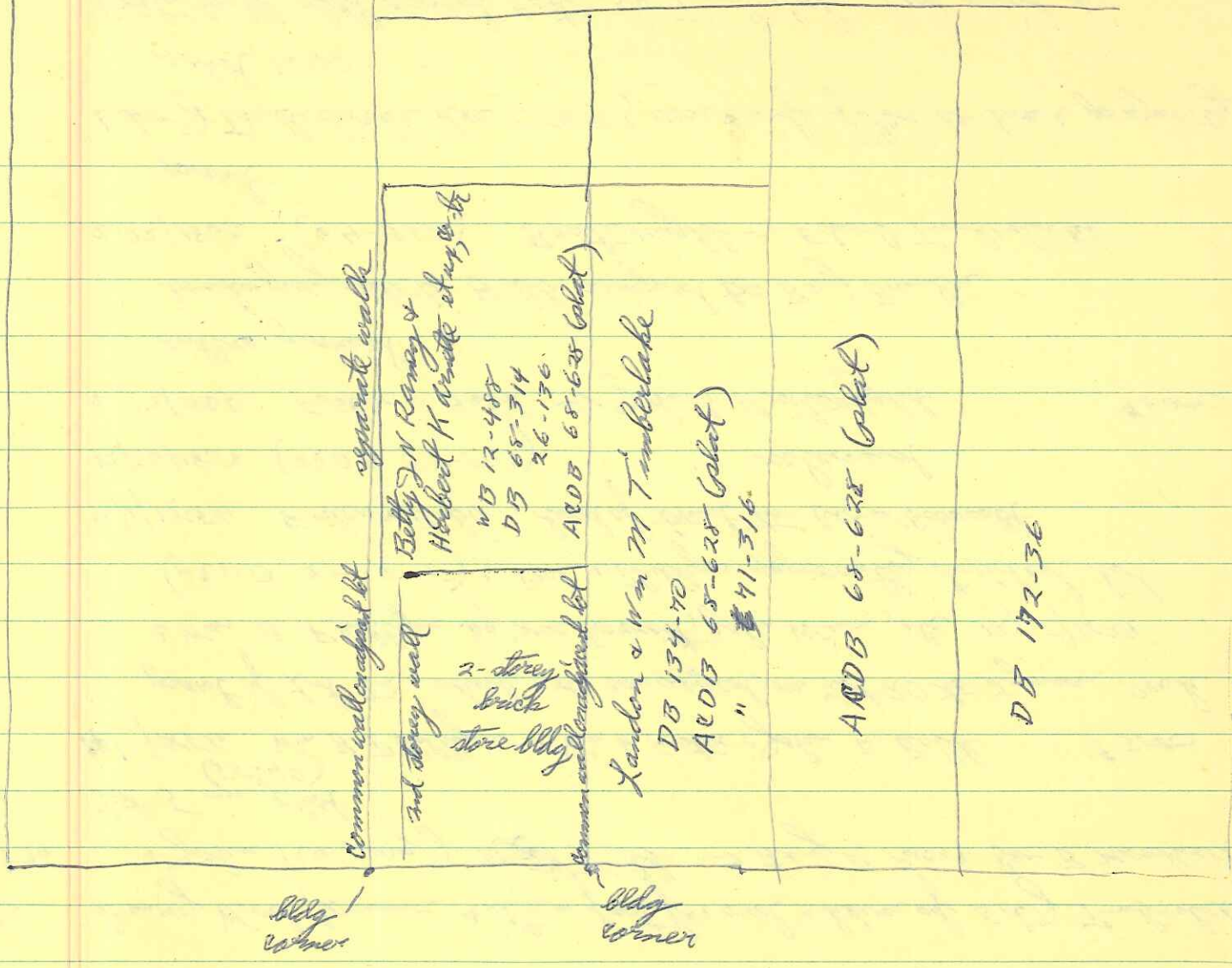
ACDB 69-69 Drury Wood, common & atty in fact for wid & heirs of Ed J. Timberlake,
3/28/1874 & John R & Lucy J ~~Ed~~ Bibb → Benj R Pace & Geo B. Marshall
lot 5 in plot
(55-40)

4/1/1856 Wm B Phillips → Wm H Foster & John R. Bibb # 3000
part of Lot 22, which was conveyed as Lot 20 to Lyman Peck
& Wm B. Phillips by Geo Barrett, John Winn, etc 12/16/1829
(ACDB 28-245); Peck & Phillips apparently divided lot,
4/1/1856 Foster & Bibb, decd of trust to Geo W Barrett
12/20/1859 (ACDB 58-393) " " released
11/7/1860 Foster & Bibb → John B Boatwright # 6000
entire parcel
bonds payable to Bibb assigned to Benj Bowler
2/22/1860 (64-352) Boatwright → Edw B Timberlake
part

Edw J Timberlake dec 1867; son & wife filed to have property
sold 1870

Boatwright still owed Foster, tho Timberlake had paid him
Foster had also died intestate

City DB
3-7-180



Newman's store lot = Lot 5 + part of Lot 4 in plot ACDB 65-628

City 68-314 O borderfor → Newman
 1930 ACDB 64-298 1869 Boatwright → O borderfor
 bounded on east by alley for Main to Market
 alley long abandoned; Newman + O borderfor want to partition
 2' 9" to each

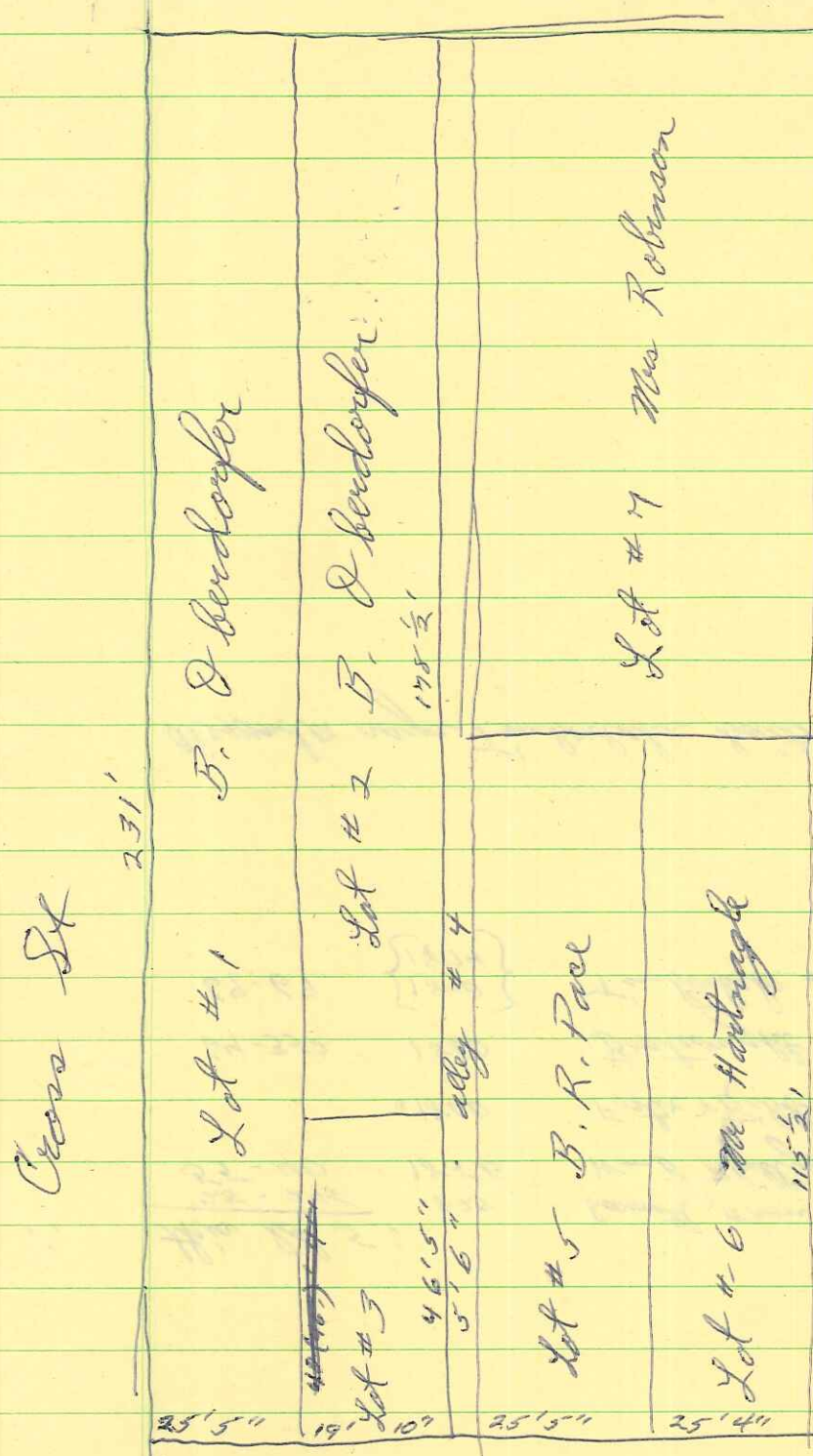
ACDB
69-69 cont.

John R Bibb was bankrupt
Timberlake had sold off some of property
court 5/14/1870: Timberlakes real estate to be sold
court adm not suit " widow, who says Henry Wood to rep her
court 5/18/1871:
on 12/13/1870 Wood sold Benj R Pace "a certain store room &
tenement above ... adjoining Andrew Harbottle, " 24' on Main
& 113' back" for \$5625
Lot 5 in Delin plat
court 5/1871: ~~the~~ sale ratified

∴	this lot 5:		
	<u>28-245</u>	1829	Covett, Winn, etc → Wm B Phillips & Lyman Peck
	35-40	1856	Wm B Phillips → Wm H Foster & John R Bibb
		1860	Foster & Bibb → John B Boatwright
	64-352	1860	Boatwright → Edw. C. Timberlake (dec 1867)
	69-69	{ 1870 1874 }	Timberlake heirs → Benj. R. Pace

Alexander says Timberlake built, ∴ 1860-1870, prob 1860-1867

Market St



part of Lot 22
in the Plan of the
Town of Ch'ville

owned by Wm B Phillips, da
 { #1 & 2 Phillips -> Boatwright
 #3-7 " -> Foster & Bell
 #4-7 -> Bon -> Boatwright (no deed)
 #5-7 B -> Timberlake ACDB 64-352 (no deed)
 6 & 7 T -> Hodges
 6 H -> Keller
 5 T. heirs -> Pace
 3 & 4 still B

Main St

(a) ACDB 58-447 & 55-40

J W Dolin, Surveyor, 5/1872

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1888	2nd B R Pace	£ 20 (in Main)	+ 2500 = 3500	
1891, 94, 96, 97, 98, 1905, 06, 07	Wm J Tyson	" "	+ 3500 = 4500	for BR Pace addition 1000
1907, 08, 10	"	" #311	1500 + 3000 = 4500	
1913, 14	Mer. L. Corp	" "	2000 + 2500 = "	
1915	" " "	" "	" + 4000 = 6000	for W O Watson impts added
1917, 16, 20	B D & E R Newman	#311	2700 + 4300 = 7000	
1888, 85, 88, 89	2nd Benj R Pace	£ 20	+ 2500 = 3500	
1895	" " + Geo Marshall	" "	+ 3000 = 4500	for Foster & Bibb at Leeds Connex
1897	Wm H Foster & John R Bibb	" 5000	+ 9000 = 14,000	
1890, 63, 61, 60	" " " " "	" 1000	+ 3500 = 4,500	

summary

1895	Pace & Marshall		1500 + 3000 = 4500	
1898-1889	"		1000 + 2500 = 3500	
1891-1906	Tyson	rearing?	" + 3500 = 4500	addition
1907-1910	"		1500 + 3000 = "	
1913-1914	Mer. L. Corp		2000 + 2500 = "	
1915	"	new funds?	" + 4000 = 6000	impts added
1916-1920	Newman		2700 + 4300 = 7000	

1000 1000

Newman's


2-storey; storefront modernized recently

brick - Eng bond,
laid vertically above storefront, frames, mitered corners

acceded 2nd storey, 2 ~~rows~~ bay
circular-headed
2 round-arched windows up in each round-arched recessed bay



no surrounds, double sash

c & moulded or round stone sill across whole bldg
heaving bone brick w/ flush stone  on edge in recess above windows

stone capitals at sides windows, arches for them

int end chimneys in front corners, extend center left

- shingled hood across facade
supported on 3 pc brackets

enclosed exterior stairway west

roof - 5/12, slopes to rear

1-storey ^{rear} addition, + g roof slopes west
5 x 6 c dm

→ side bonding - 7 c dm. w/ Flem