

Architectural And Historic Survey

Identification

<p>STREET ADDRESS: 407 E. Main Street MAP & PARCEL: 53-59 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-118 PRESENT ZONING: B-4 ORIGINAL OWNER: J. Emmett Gleason & Hope W. Gleason ORIGINAL USE: Clothing Store? PRESENT USE: Sporting Goods Store, Radio Station above PRESENT OWNER: Baker Realty Corporation ADDRESS: c/o Trust Department, VNB Charlottesville, VA</p>	<p>HISTORIC NAME: Gleason Building DATE / PERIOD: 1928 STYLE: HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 28.5' x 81.6' (2325.6 sq. ft.) CONDITION: Good SURVEYOR: Bibb DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1979 SOURCES: City Records; Holsinger photographs Alexander, <u>Recollections of Early Charlottesville</u> Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1920, 1929 Charlottesville City Directories</p>
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

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LANDMARK



SURVEY

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Address: c/o Trust Dept., VNB
Present Use: Sporting Goods Store, *Radio Station Above*
Original Owner: J. Emmett Gleason & Hope W. Gleason
Original Use: Clothing Store?

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Gleason Building
Date/Period: 1928
Style:
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: B-4
Land Area (sq.ft.): 28.5' x 81.6' (2325.6 sq. ft.)
Assessed Value (land + imp.):

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GRAPHICS

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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City	
Street address or route number	
USGS Quad	Date or period
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner	Source of name
Present owner address	Source of date
	Stories
Present use	Foundation and wall const'n
Acres	
	Roof type

State condition of structure and environs

State potential threats to structure
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

BRICK - FLEMISH BOND (PAINTED); 2 STORIES; 6 BAYS - 2ND FLOOR,
4 BAY - 1ST FLOOR; SHED ROOF; PALLADIAN / COMMERCIAL
VERNAULAR; KEYSTONES AROUND PALLADIAN WINDOWS W/
ROMANESQUE BRICK CORNICE. ENTRANCE - LEFT OF CENTER;
PLATE GLASS WINDOW ON 1ST STORY; 2 CHIMNEYS.

Interior inspected? YES

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

SANBORN MAPS:
1886 DRUGS
1891 CLOTHING

See 401 E. Main
ruds, tax, etc

405-489 E

2001
orig. 6-c. Am. painted,
some doors closed, 5 12-l metal w 2nd level
(2 in side bays, 1 in central
parapet over w/ 101-103

east side 6-c Am, unpainted

facade reg, Flem, white (cream), cont w/ 101 (but not same time)
2 story, 3-bay

storefront nearly to sills, cont w/ 101

in each bay, pr of paired 10-l metal casement
w/ half-round transom, w/ conc sills &
flush round arches w/ raised conc steps & bays

raised projecting conc vertical headers below sills in central bay,
w/ top of old storefront (1929 picture)

+ 1/2 - +1
(- 2) 1/2
+ 1/2
(+ 1) 1/2
(+ 2) 1/2
+ 2. + 3

corbelled cornice of headers above windows ^{forms base for}
~~to~~ bare concrete panel w/ series small round arches,
they & parapet above projecting
another corbelled cornice of headers

plain conc-capped parapet ~~is~~ behind