Architectural And Historic

Survey

Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 200-204 W. Main Street MAP & PARCEL 28 - 11CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK : PRESENT ZONING: B-4 ORIGINAL OWNER: James E. Gleason Department Store ORIGINAL USE: Furniture Store PRESENT USE : **PRESENT OWNER**; E. F. Robey, Jr., J. Wallace McNulty, ADDRESS: et al. Trustees P. 0. Box 351 Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

HISTORIC NAME: Gleason-Robey Building DATE / PERIOD: 1898, 1939, 1956-58 Victorian Vernacular STYLE . HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 49' × 163' (7987 sq. ft.) CONDITION : Good Bibb SURVEYOR ' DATE OF SURVEY Winter 1983 SOURCES: City Records Ch'ville City Directories The Daily Progress, Ch'ville Bicentennial edition Pictorial History of Charlottesville 4/13/62

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The facades of this 2-storey, 6-bay building and the adjacent one are now covered by a single metal false front consisting of square panels of enameled metal, beige with a green border. There is a wide recessed entrance in the western half of this building. The storefront is faced with greenish gray stone around the display windows. Wall construction is of brick laid in 5-course American bond on the eastern elevation, which is still exposed. The building was originally a duplex, with each storefront having a recessed entrance. There was a single storefront cornice and frieze. The store rooms were combined and the storefront was rebuilt c. 1929 or 1938. Recessed entrances centered in each half opened off a large loggia with an island, providing the maximum amount of display window area. Below the cornice and frieze, the storefront walls were faced with white enameled metal with black trim. Behind the false front, the upper level of the original facade probably remains relatively intact. There are corner and center piers of rusticated brick. Windows are double-sash, l-over-l light, with rock-faced stone sills and single lintels extended between the piers. Between the windows within each group of three, there are coupled attached columns on pedestals. The projecting parapet cornice with modillions and frieze, which extended one bay along the Second Street elevation as well as the facade, has been removed. The roof appears to be a low-pitched semi-hip. All openings on the Second Street elevation have been bricked up. There were three half-round windows and a segmental-arched warehouse door at the first level. The second level was six bays wide and may have had groups of windows similar to those on the facade. Brick in the rear extension is laid in 7-course American bond. It has a flat roof covered with tar=&=gravel.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

James E. Gleason bought this lot in 1893 (City DB 4-81) and removed a mid-19th century 2-storey brick building on the site. An 1898 party wall agreement stated that Gleason's new building was under construction (DB 9-379). G. S. Bruce purchased it in 1899 (DB 9-379) and later sold to J.R. Hidy, whose department store, Hidy & Company, occupied the entire building. In 1912 he sold to E. F. Robey and L. D. McNulty (DB 24-80), who for several years had been conducting a department store in the two store rooms in this building and the eastern one in the adjacent building (212 W. Main). Robey and Co. went out of business in the late 1920's, but the two families continue to own the building (DB 177-111, 332-160). A. D. Cox Department Store leased the building in 1929 (DB 67-401). Leggett's Department Store occupied the building from 1939 until 1980. The storefront was remodeled c. 1929 and/or 1938. The building was extended to the rear, probably c. 1939. Leggett's expanded into the adjacent building (212-214 West Main) c. 1956-58 and covered the facades of both buildings with an enameled metal false front.

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