

LANDMARK



SURVEY

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IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 205-207 W. Main Street
 Map and Parcel: 33-267
 Census Tract & Block: 1-313
 Present Owner: Florence S. Walters
 Address: PO Box 1115, 10 Claridge Court
 Palm Beach, Florida 32037
 Present Use: Furniture Store
 Original Owner: Peter Krulewitch
 Original Use: Grocery; Men's Clothing Store

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Krulewitch-Walters Building
 Date/Period: 1895, 1905
 Style: Victorian
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-4
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 40.5' x 125' (5034 sq. ft.)
 Assessed Value (land + imp.):

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This 2-storey, 6-bay building was built as a duplex. A single store now occupies the entire building and also the adjoining one, with a single nearly central entrance in this larger building. A large sign giving the store name replaces the cornice above the storefront. Construction is of pressed brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade, and ordinary brick laid in 5-course American bond on the rear elevation. The entire facade is now painted white, and there are piers of rusticated brick at each end and in the center, defining the duplex division. The facade is recessed between the piers at the second-storey level, with corbeled brackets at the top of the recesses. The tall windows are now covered by louvered shutters. They have rusticated stone sills and round arches of moulded brick with rusticated stone end blocks that extend between the arches as hyphens. The building was originally three stories tall with windows at the third level somewhat shorter, but otherwise identical to those at the second level. There is now an inset panel outlined with egg-&-dart moulding in each bay above the second storey level. Before the third storey was removed, the facade was crowned by a heavy projecting cornice with ball finials and some sort of triangular-headed panel centered above each side of the duplex. A 1917 photograph shows that this two-storey version of the building once had a projecting cornice with cornice stops, sawn brackets, and finials. That has been removed, leaving a plain concrete-capped parapet, behind which a tar-&-gravel shed roof slopes toward the rear. The eastern store room still has its ornate patterned tin ceiling and cornice.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

"A double one-and-half wooden tenement" stood on this site in 1828 and was still standing, "with modern front", in 1874. Peter Krulewitch purchased the property in 1895 (City DB 6-345, 362) and replaced it with a 3-story duplex store building. When he sold it to T. E. Powers in 1897, the deed stated that "Krulewitch has built two store rooms thereon" (DB 8-253). The building was damaged by fire in 1905, and apparently the third story was removed at that time. Louis Shapero's dry goods store had occupied the eastern store room since c. 1900. He built the adjacent building at 201 W. Main in 1911 and expanded his store into it, then later rented his own building and conducted his business from both sections of this one. His son-in-law and partner Isaac Walters (Shapero & Walters) bought the building from Powers's estate in 1940 (DB 104-386), and continued to operate the business after his father-in-law's retirement as I. Walters's or Walters's Department Store until the late 1950's. It is still owned by his widow (WB 8-433). M. C. Thomas Exchange Store has occupied this entire building since the early 1960's and the adjacent one since 1968.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

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 Magazine of Albemarle County History, vol. 33, pg. 49.
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 Charlottesville City Directories
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920
 Holsinger's Charlottesville

see file

205-207 W. Main (Mc Thomas Exchange)

WB 8-433

Florence Walters

11/7/60

Savin DB 223-65

104-386

Isaac "

T.E. Powers et

see 37-323

115-61

concrete found., glass metal front, built-up flat roof
plaster & metal walls
old
0 basement

1896 - 3 stories, 1920 - 2 stories

1907 Sanborn: "Koulenitsch Bldg"; sheathed ceiling

1896 & 1907 Sanborn show this as one bldg (2 stories); 1920 Sanborn
shows it as 2 bldg

1897 dad says "K. has built 2 storerooms"

probably 1896 (from 1895 deeds); seems to be on 1896 Sanborn
spec Prog says burned 1905, rebuilt by 1906

Kru - Powers - Walton

owners: Krukenitch - 1895 - 1897 = 2 yr

Powers 1897 - 1940 = 43 +

Walton 1940 - present = 39 "

Shapers & Walton
Dept Store

stores: Shapers & Walton 1910 - 1953 = 43 yr

→ Did it burn?

No pictures to prove

Tax doesn't give any indication of it

1904 - 1914

1907

1904 - 1914

& 211 rebuilt

3rd storey removed;

c1913-14

postcard > 1904 (Young Men's), > 1911 (Shapers Bldg), > (211)

< 1913-14 (early cars, streetcar), < 1910 (The Old Theater in Seaw) - 1913

< 1904-11 > 1913-14 (211-115W) > 1904 (Young Men's), < 1911 (Shapers Bldg),

< 1913-14 (211-115W),

1906 Prog p 30-31 should decide it

~~11-30-1145~~
~~1-1-15~~

5 on analysis

I. Walton → M. C. Thomas (205-207 W)

104-386
11/1/1940

Pro Nat Bank & Mildred Powers, exec of T.E. Powers → Isaac Walton
(see WB 3-429, 1931)
40' x 125'
same as 8-253

#20,000

8-253
10/13/1897

P. & Esther F. Krulwich (~~see 104-386 for exp~~) → T.E. Powers
33' x 125', same as 6-345, 1895, for H.L. Munday
4' strip on east, " " 6-362, " , for Mrs H.B. Benson
eastern party wall rights of Benson
" K. has treated the 2 pieces of land as one lot & has
built 2 storerooms thereon"
(details of several deeds of trust 1896)

#8500

6-345
10/22/1895

Hugh L Munday, ^{son of} ~~son of~~ heir of Mrs Willie A. Munday, →
P. Krulwich
1895 deed of trust 5-475
same as ACDB 81-452 1883 for James Fife est

6-362
11/13/1895

Hermila C. & C.P. Benson → P. Krulwich
4' strip
parcel on north side Main St, "being western portion of a lot on which
there is a store house"
western part of { ACDB 81-324 1883 for Jas. T. Marshall
City 1-417 1890 for S.H. Keller
47' strip runs back along western wall of store house on Benson lot
bounded on west by Krulwich lot
right to ~~lot~~ use Benson wall & extend it farther back

#975

5-475
3/26/1895

Hugh L Munday → Woods & Furburne
deed of trust
mentions bldg on other lot, but not on Main St one

Tap (205w)

cont. tap thru 1918

~~1895~~ 2nd Peter Krulowitch ~~223~~
 1896, 97 " " " 227 (n Main) 2500 + 4000 = 6500 for munday & Benson
 1903 T E Powers 227 207-209 1500 + 4500 = 6000
 1904, 05 T E Powers 227, " 207-209 1500 + 5000 = 6500 *500 added for impts
 1906, 08 " " " 2000 + " = 7000
~~1907~~ " " " ~~1500~~

1893, 94 Mrs Willie A. Munday 227 + 900 = 1500
~~1894~~ " " " N Main ~~1500~~
 " " " 2nd Hill + 900 = 1300
 " " " 5 Market + 0 = 150
 1895 " " 600 + 900 = 1500
 1896 " " N Main ml

1150
 + 1800
 2950

summary:

1893 ~~94~~ 95 Munday 600 + 900 = 1500
 1896-97 Krulowitch 2500 + 4000 = 6500

1903 Powers 1500 + 4500 = 6000
 1904-05 " " + 5000 = 6500 impts
 1906-08 " " 2000 + " = 7000

205-207 W
+ 201-203 W } similar

both 2-storey, 201 taller + taller ceilings

201 4 bay, 205 2 3-bay

storefront mod w/ single recessed ent in 4th bay
tall flush sign where cornice would have been

mutilated piers at corner each bldg (i.e. 2 bet 2 bldgs)
+ 1 bet 205 + 207

^{entire} 2nd storey area above sills recessed bet corner piers,
corbelled brackets at top

^{pressed} brick, stretcher, new white

windows covered by lowered shutters, all white
rust. stone sills

round arches of moulded brick spring fr
rust. stone steps

recessed panel w/ egg + dart above each

205's cornice gone, leaving plain project

201 has entab w/ modillions, cornice steps, + finial
at each corner, egg + dart on cornice

ornate patterned tin ceiling 201 + 205, not 207

1st bay of side elevation 201 ident, even a finial
rest of side: 17-c Am, reg brick

~~see~~ 5 bays; 1st level - round-arched thermal (closed), rust. sill
round-arched door at end bricked up
2nd level 8 reg-arched wind, rust sill, irreg spaced, shuttered