

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 218-220 W. Main Street
MAP & PARCEL: 28-9.1
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: B-4
ORIGINAL OWNER: Alice B. C. Lewis
ORIGINAL USE: Retail Stores
PRESENT USE: Oriental Rug Store
PRESENT OWNER: Butler Griffin Limited Partnership
ADDRESS: P. O. Box 345
Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Lewis Building
DATE / PERIOD: 1901, 1981
STYLE: Victorian
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 42' x 115' (2830 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Fall 1981
SOURCES: City/County Records
Sanborn Map Co. - 1886, 1891, 1896, 1920

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This small duplex store building is two storeys tall and six bays wide. Construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade and in 6-course American bond elsewhere. It is painted brick red with yellow trim. The first level storefronts, set within a single mitered brick frame, have been remodeled several times. At one time, both had recessed central entrances. The store rooms have now been combined, and the entrance is deeply recessed in the eastern half of the western storefront. A stair entrance in the western half replaces the original one between the storefronts which has been bricked up. The eastern storefront is recessed and faced with weatherboarding below the display window. At the second storey level, the facade is recessed between corner piers. Windows are double-sash, one-over-one light, with concrete sills and lintels. Above the windows there is a single brick panel. The facade is crowned by a projecting wooden parapet cornice with modillions and dentil mouldings and a plain frieze. Behind it a metal shed roof slopes to the rear. All but one of the seven segmental-arched windows at the second level of the western elevation have been bricked up. The rear elevation is six bays wide with doors in the two center bays at both levels and 2-over-2 light windows in the side bays, all segmental arched. All the windows at the first level have been bricked up. A 2-storey shed-roofed porch covers the two center bays. The store room has a patterned tin ceiling and cornice.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

There was a small store building on this lot when Alice B. C. Lewis purchased it in 1897 (City DB 8-250). It had been built between 1886 and 1891 on the site of a 2-storey residence. According to tax records and a party-wall agreement (DB 13-62), she replaced that store building with the present one in 1901. Mrs. Lewis died in 1917 (WB 2-97), and her heirs sold the building to Leggett's, Inc. in 1950 (DB 72-311, 155-56, 162-146). Leggett's Bargain Center occupied the combined store room for 20 years. The storefronts were rebuilt in 1971. Waterman Associates bought it in 1980 (DB 411-689), divided the lot, and sold the Main Street end with this building to Butler Griffin Limited Partnership in 1981 (DB 418-1). They have rebuilt the storefronts and completely renovated the building.

115
x43
230
460
4830

10,482
42x115

see file for price info

218-220 W Main (Leggetts Bargin Center)

162-146	Leggetts Realty Co	1951	\$50,000	
155-56	" , Inc	1950	49,125	plot 85-30
418-1	(Leggetts Bargin Co & Wm S Rice) P.O. Box 384, Chgo 22902	1981	redirection	?
411-689	Watermain Associates	1980		"

Commercial
 concrete block found, brick walls, flat metal roof
 metal ceiling
 0 basement
 "old"
 1-story masonry warehouse on Water St
 bldg dimensions in file
 1971 - outside wall of warehouse stuccoed
 revision to store front
 exterior renovation
 1975 - reroofed
 renovation - ?

418-1	Butler Griffin Limited Partnership	(PO Box 345, Chgo 22902)
	1981	
411-689	Watermain Associates	1980

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Sanborn maps:

1856 - "old" 2-storey Va I-house, back from street

1891 - 2-storey store in line w/ Vinegar Hill bldg

1896 - " "

1953 City Dir Leggett's Bargain Center 216-220 W Main

3:30 - 4:00

x 5

Leggett's Bargain Center (318-220 W)

155-56

12/22/1950

John E. Shepherd Jr + Peo Nat Bank trustees → Leggett's Inc ^{\$50,000}

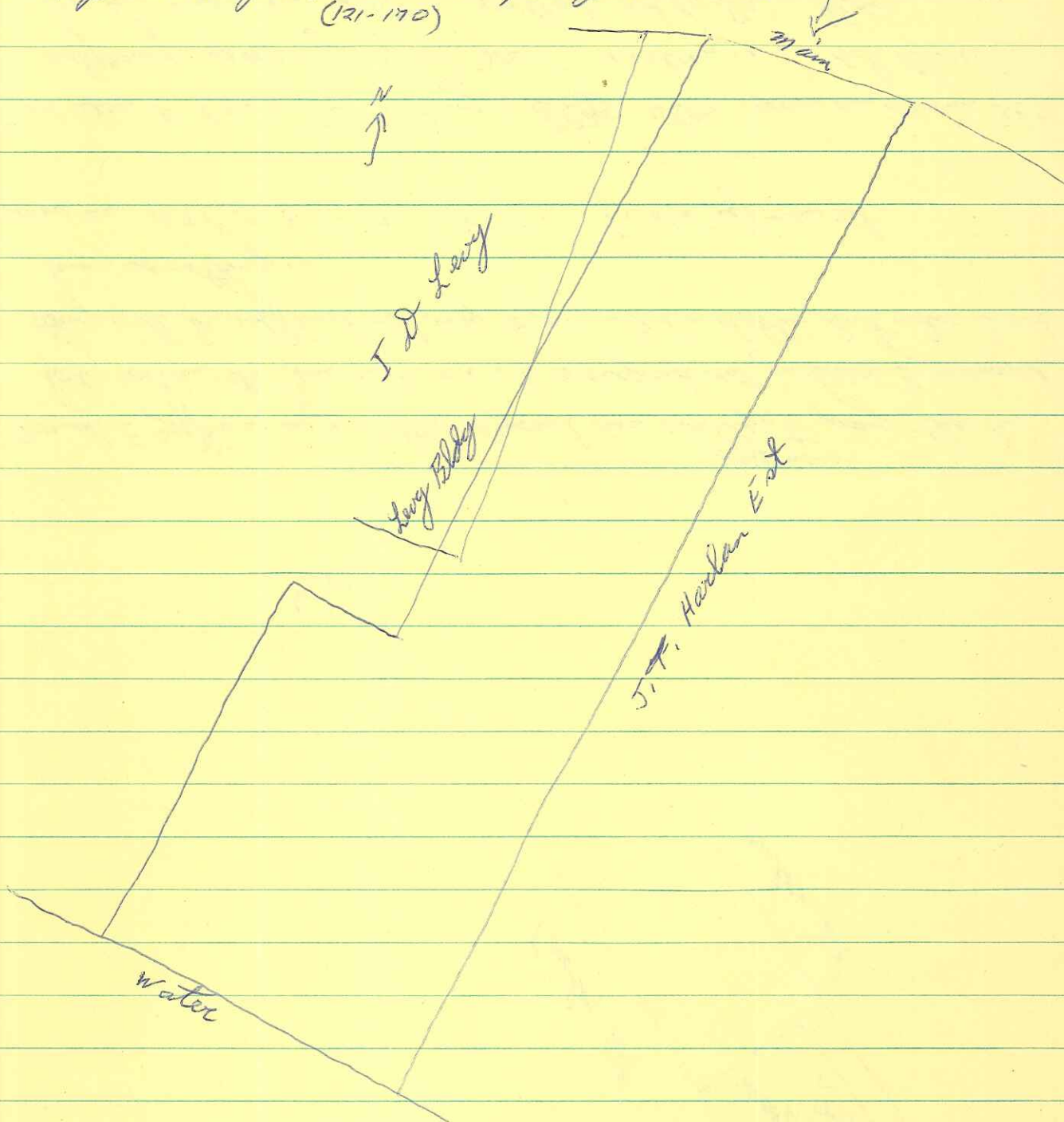
(see 72-321)

42', Main to water, 65' water

#142 of ~~1941 deed~~ 72-321

except small part sold 1945, see plat 85-30
(121-170)

85-30



72-321

2/23/1931

Julia L. ^{Wife} + John E. Shepherd Jr → Smith, McIlwain, & Shepherd, trustees

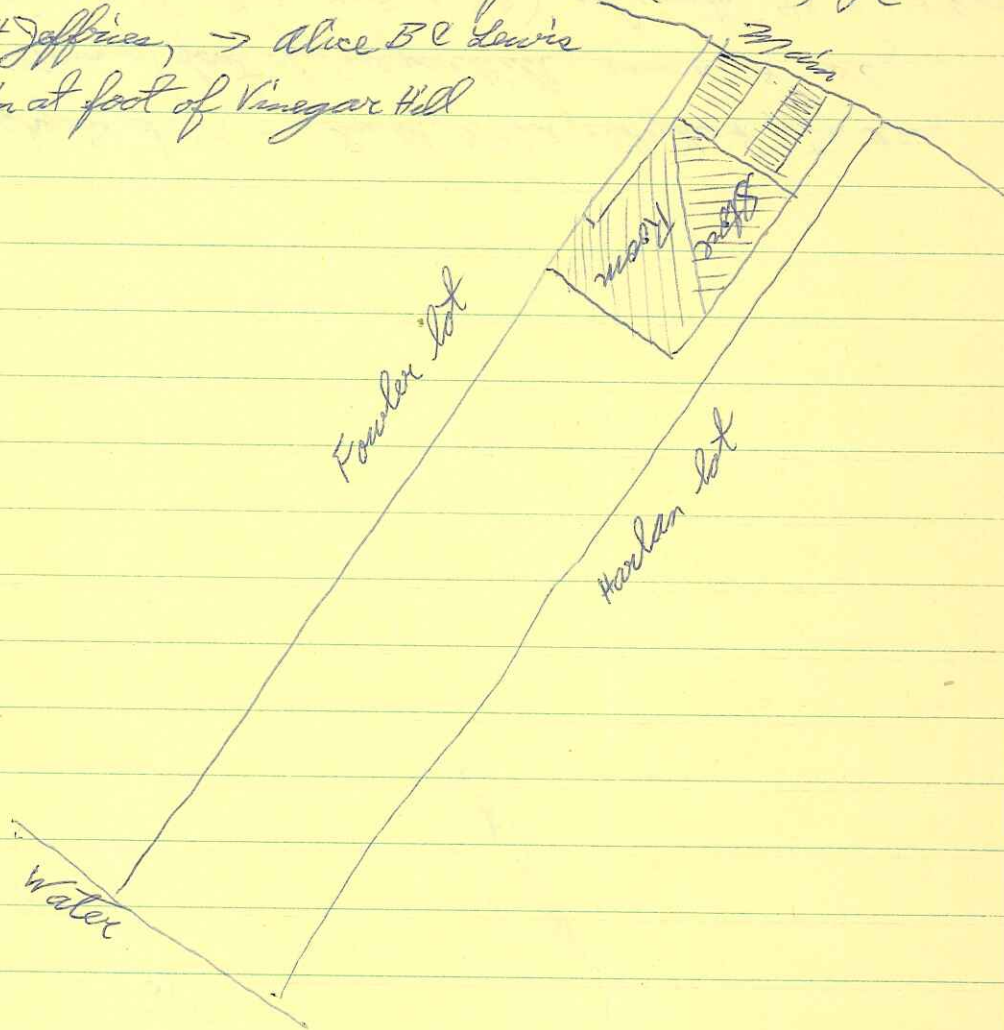
- 1) lot south side Main at foot of Vinegar Hill, same as 8-250,
(Alice B. Lewis's will, 1917, WB 2-97) w/ ^{40' on water} ~~except~~ 42' x 235 1/2' water
- 2) lot north side water, 25' x 80', same as 50-379

8-250

J S McEue + R S Wood, under 1896 deed of trust (7-368) for
B E + Mattie H Jeffries, → Alice B Lewis
south side w main at foot of Vinegar Hill

7/15/1897

~~8-368~~



4-368

11/1/1896

"Branch E Jeffries is ^{not now} indebted beyond his ability to pay, tho he
feels certain that his assets are not sacrificed but judiciously managed,
they will be sufficient not only to pay all his debts, but also leave
him something...."

same as A & D B 85-27 1885 for Wm Jeffries est

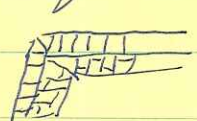
13-62

10/3/1901

"sd Alice B. Lewis is erecting a ~~shop~~ store room on main st &
adjoining property of sd Joe F. Harlan.... sd Alice B
Lewis may use western wall of sd Harlan's bldg...."

Leg. Bar. Cen.

2-story, 6-bay
brick - ~~strut~~, painted brick red w/ yel trim

storefronts framed by band brickwork
 colored brick frame

apt ent in center bay bricked up

2 storefronts: now: E-recessed, w.b.; W-deeply recessed
ent w/ ~~appt~~ sub stair ent at W

facade recessed at 2nd level [bet corner piece]

windows 1/1 w/ conc sills & lintels

1 long panel above windows outlined w/ prg brick

prg wooden pargeat cornice w/ modillions, dentils, & yel fringe

patterned tin ceiling & cornice

2 stairs w/ mezzanine at rear

side 6-e am; 6 of 7 seg-arched windows removed at 2nd

rear; 6-bay; orig w/ doors in 2 center, both levels, & 2/2 end
all seg-arched; all 1st level ^(orig) end bricked up

2-story shed porch covers 2 center bays

shed roof -> rear

2' int end chim W, 1 rear

218-220 W. Main

3rd
1900,01

Mrs ABC Lewis

218-220

240-5 side Main

$1200 + 3600 = 4800$

1902,04

" "

" "

" + 4800 = 6000 bldg added \$1200