



## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 620-624 West Main Street  
 Map and Parcel: 29-2  
 Census Tract & Block: 1-303  
 Present Owner: Susan Rinehart  
 Address: 1033 Locust Avenue  
 Present Use: Unoccupied  
 Original Owner: Rufus W. Holsinger  
 Original Use: Warehouse

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Holsinger-Thomas Building  
 Date/Period: 1915  
 Style: No Identifiable Style  
 Height to Cornice: 26'  
 Height in Stories: 2½  
 Present Zoning: B-3  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 50' x 115' (5750 sq. ft.)  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.):

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Rufus W. Holsinger purchased this property in 1913 (City DB 24-470). Two years later he tore down the two-storey brick house on the site and built this warehouse. It shared a spur track of the C & O Railroad with T.P. Carver's Coal and Wood Yard next door. H.A. Snyder bought the building from Holsinger's estate in 1932 (DB 78-13) and sold it to C.R. Thomas in 1935 (DB 85-197). The present owner bought it from his estate in 1975 (DB 363-368). Over the years, the building has been occupied by Standard Produce Co. (wholesale fruits and vegetables), two automobile dealers, Norcross Transfer & Storage, and a furniture repair business. In recent years the main level has been partitioned into two smaller units. It is vacant at the present time. The four second-storey apartments are also vacant.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Rufus Holsinger, a noted local photographer at the turn of this century, built this warehouse across from his studio in 1915 to take advantage of the railway spur behind the building and the increasingly busy traffic on West Main Street. The building is a good example of an early 20th century vernacular warehouse, and is the only one of its type along the West Main Street corridor.

## CONDITIONS

Good

## SOURCES

City Records  
 James M. Arnette, III  
 Sanborn Map - 1920  
 Charlottesville City Directories

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

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 Present Owner: *James M. Duxette, Jr.*  
 Address: *4 Deepwell Rd, Bellair*  
 Present Use:  
 Original Owner: *Rufus W. Holsinger*  
 Original Use:

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*x 50*  


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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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## GRAPHICS

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*City Rec*  
*Duxette*  
*Sanborn*

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Number of Stories 2/2 Conditional Individual Resource Superfield Screen  
 Interior Plan Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accessed? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denied \_\_\_\_\_ No Trespassing \_\_\_\_\_ Not Accessible \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interior Description \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Secondary Resources \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

reconnaissance main screen 5 of 7  
 Historic Context

DHR Historic Context(s):  
 Agriculture/Subsistence \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity/Immigration \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation/Arts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architecture/Landscape Architecture/ \_\_\_\_\_ Funerary \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Community Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Health Care \_\_\_\_\_ Settlement Patterns \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commerce/Trade \_\_\_\_\_ Industry/Processing/Extraction \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_  
 Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ Landscape \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic Engineering \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Military/Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Significance Statement

reconnaissance main screen 6 of 7  
 Graphic Documentation  
 Medium\* Medium ID # Frames Date  
 \* 2 x 2 B & W photos 8 & W 35 mm photos Historic photos Slides  
 4 x 5 B & W photos Color 35 mm photos Measured drawings

Bibliographic Data  
 Seq. # \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Citation \_\_\_\_\_

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reconnaissance main screen 7 of 7  
 Cultural Resource Management Events  
 Date CRM Event Agency/Individual Assoc. ID#

CRM Event Superfield Screen  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Resource Management Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization or Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID# Associated with Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes or Comments

Mailing Address Superfield Screen  
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 FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Updated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LAST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUFFIX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/EXTENSION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

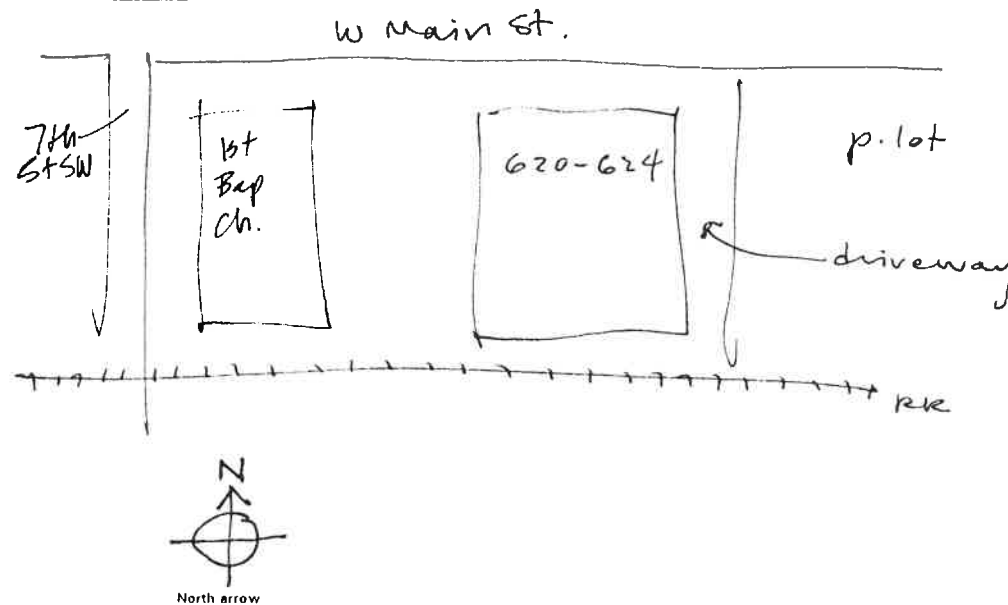
Individual's Category Codes

Informant \_\_\_\_\_ Occupant \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Specimens (owner of specimens) \_\_\_\_\_ Tenant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyor's Notes

Date Processing Events  
 Date Event Person

SITE PLAN

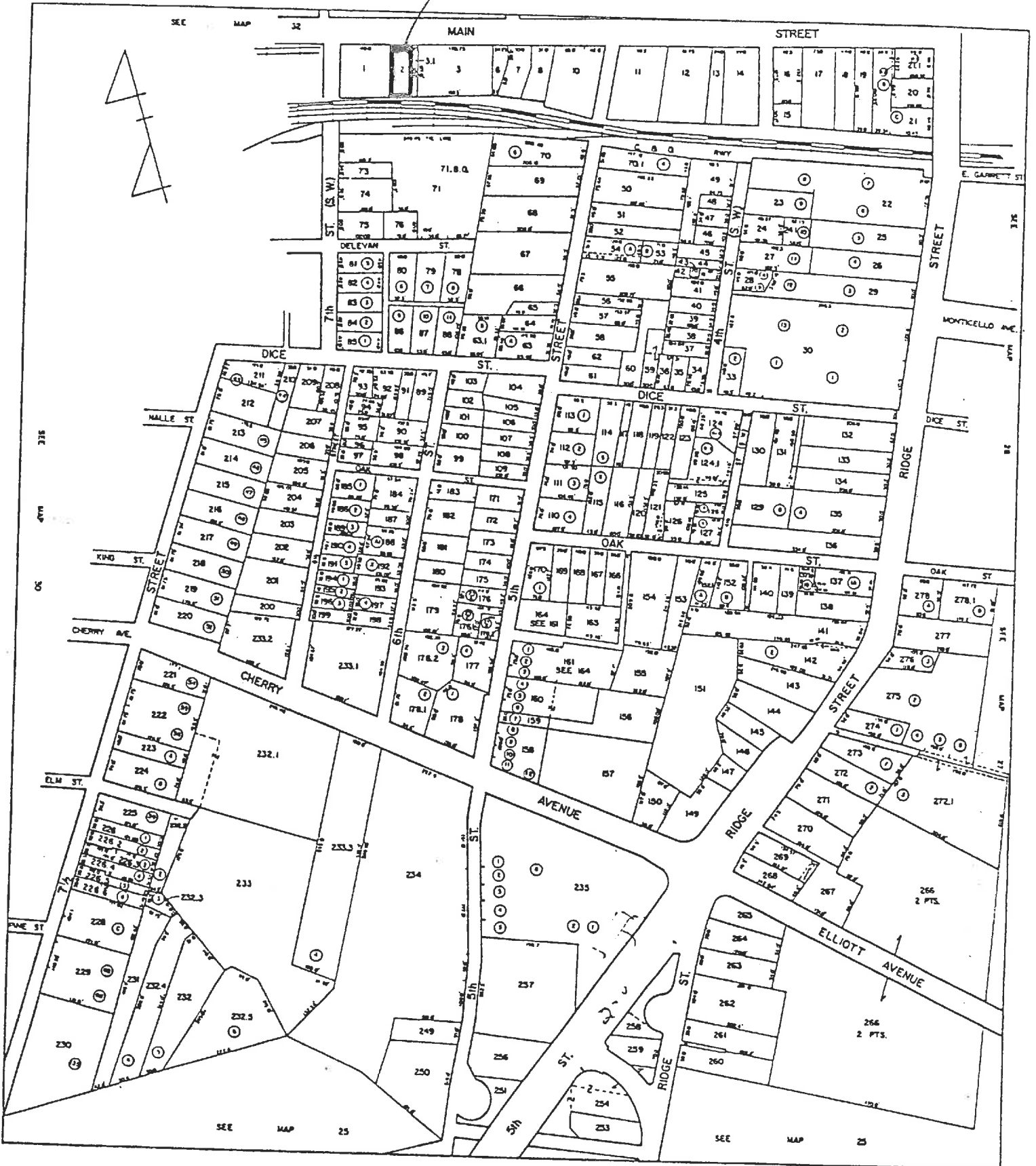


N.T.S.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SES - 2/96

Drawn by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

104-303

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION

29

# PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Structural System	0	Masonry	Brick	Stretcher Bond
Roof	0	Shed		Not visible
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	1/1

## INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Warehouse  
 Primary Resource? Yes  
 Estimated Date of Construction: 1915  
 Source of Date: Local Records  
 Architectural Style: No Style Listed  
 Description:  
 Standard early-20th-c. commercial form with two store fronts,  
 segmental-arched upper-story windows on the front, and stepped side parapets.

Condition: Good  
 Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:  
 Modern storefronts, top front windows blocked.

Number of Stories: 2.5  
 Interior Plan Type:  
 Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:  
 The building contributes to the historic character of West Main Street. Photographer Rufus W. Holsinger had the warehouse built in 1915. It was formerly served by a spur track of the C&O line. Later owners included H. A. Snyder and C. R. Thomas. Former business tenants have included the Standard Produce Company, two automobile dealerships, Norcross Transfer & Storage, and a furniture repair business.

## GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14632	32 -	2/ /1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14799	1 - 2	5/ /1996

## BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Local Records  
 Author: City of Charlottesville  
 Citation Abbreviation:  
 Charlottesville Architectural and Historic Survey files



620-624 West Main

363-368 James M. Dwyer, Jr 4/8/75 \$47,500 w/29-31 (10' strip on east)  
WB 9-446 N.B. & T. Co., Trustees (Thomas) 8/9/63  
C. R. Thomas 1932 8,200

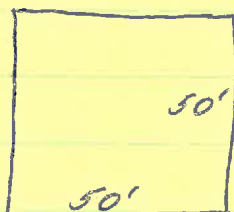
Norcross Transfer Co  
commercial w/ 2 apt above  
"old"

12 rooms, 2 1/2 baths

50% basement

brick, flat metal roof

re-roofed 1974



Holsinger

1915 - 1932 = 17 yr

Thomas

1932 - 1975 = 43 yr

~~2130-2145~~

6 20-24 West main

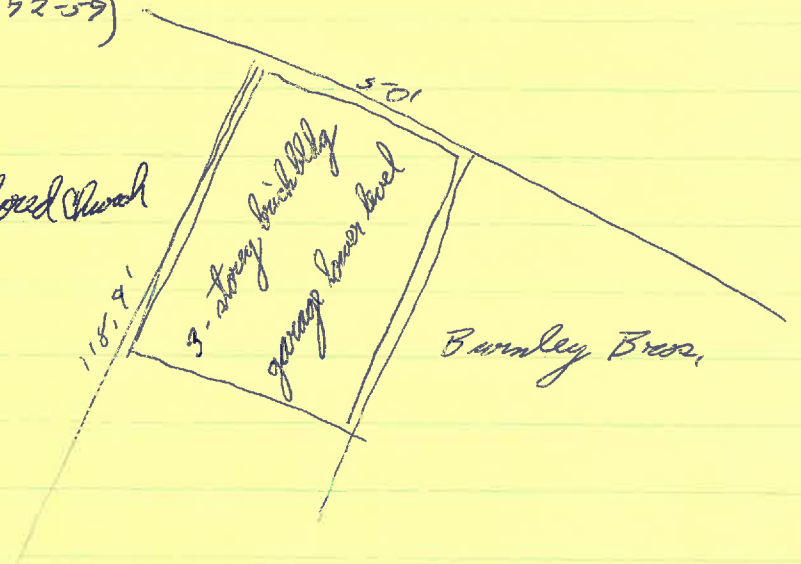
363-368 same as 85-197

85-197 John S. Battle & Elvira Minor, under 1832 deed of trust. (78-15)  
4/8/1935 for H S Snyder → C R Thomas at auction #155  
another deed of trust 1931 (72-59)

~~same as 48-1~~

same as 78-13

1st Colored Church



78-13 Nat Bank & Sadie L. Holsinger, exec Rufus W. Holsinger est  
12/15/1932 (WB 3-452, 1931) → H A Snyder \$11,000  
same as 24-470

24-470 <sup>& Mammie W</sup> M M Dunham of Wooner, Pa → R W Holsinger  
4/19/1913 "house & lot 11, on south side of Main St east of the Colored Bap Ch.  
same as 18-225 1907 Fannie M. Wheeler → Mrs S. A. Carver  
21-145 1907 Mrs Stella A. Carver → M M Dunham



620-24 W. Main

2 or 3-story (3rd story windows only on facade)  
4-bay facade, 5-irreg-spaced bays on side  
brick, painted white - 6-c Arn

1/1 windows, wooden sills, ~~plain~~ O surrounds  
paired, segmental-arched  
sashes plain at 2nd, seg-arched also at 3rd

~~flat~~ side windows plain, no arch, some 6/6, functionally ~~or~~

flat roof behind plain parapet

no entablature or cornice above 1st level

door, stairs to apt, left side facade

2 sections; warehouse-type doors, now ~~dis~~ display windows

rear: 2-story, 7-bay 2nd story - 2nd, 4th, & 6th were doors;  
5- " 1st " - center = warehouse door

6/6 wind, plain, 2nd story shorter  
dark unpainted brick

~~no drive~~  
~~back for~~ basement garage

roof drops in 3 steps along side

~~standing~~  
stones



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Date 2.1996 File No. 104-303

Name Holsinger, Rufus, Building  
(620-624 W. Main St.)

Town \_\_\_\_\_

County Charlottesville

Photographer Dan Pezzoni

Contents 1 ext. view

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