

STREET ADDRESS: 715-729 West Main Street
 MAP & PARCEL: 32-151
 FILE NUMBER: 695
 PRESENT ZONING: B-3
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Paul J. Block
 ORIGINAL USE: Offices; Dry Cleaning Plant
 PRESENT USE: Offices; Diner
 PRESENT OWNER: Francis O. & Margaret H. Gibson
 ADDRESS: 1409 Melbourne Road
 Charlottesville, VA 22901
 HISTORIC NAME: The Duck Inn Lot
 DATE/PERIOD: 1962-63
 STYLE: No Identifiable Style
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: One Story (both buildings)
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 118.6' x 120' (15,756 sq. ft.)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1995
 SOURCES: City Records
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1920
The Daily Progress - 1/25/60
Holsinger's Charlottesville
Pictorial History of Ch'ville and University of Virginia

store room

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Built to house a dry-cleaning plant, the building at 729 West Main Street has been occupied by a series of diners for the past two decades. The rear portion of the building is used by the used car dealership that occupies the rest of the lot. The one-storey, flat-roofed building is constructed of cinderblock, painted yellow with brown and dark red trim. There are two garage doors and an industrial-sash window on the eastern elevation and one garage door, an entrance door, and three small, square windows on the western elevation. A glass-walled store room is applied to the front of this generic cinderblock building. It has a central entrance. The ends of its low-pitched gable roof rise at the same angle, giving it the form of a "W".

The office for the used car lot is a one-storey rectangular building clad in vertical aluminum siding. It has a flat roof that projects beyond the walls. The facade is three bays wide, with a central entrance and two fixed-sash windows, ~~all with aluminum siding~~. A very nearly flat shed-roofed addition covers the rear elevation. The entire lot is paved.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

1896 Jan. 23, 1960

This wide lot was the site of a row of 2-story brick store buildings probably built in the early 1890's. Rufus Holsinger's photographic studio occupied the second story of one of them. Mayor-Blackburn-Crutchfield's furniture store occupied most of the row from the 1940's until it was destroyed by a spectacular fire on 1/23/60. The owner, Paul J. Block (City DB 180-284, 221-436) rented the lot to Harper Motors, Inc., for the used car lot. That firm built the small office in 1962. The cleaning plant/diner was built in 1962-63. Francis O. & Margaret H. Gibson bought the property in 1976 (DB 380-280).

Additional Records: City DB 137-65, 332-216.

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118.6 x 120 = 15,756

B-3

715-727
717-729
715-729 W Main
1409 Melbourne Rd

380-280	Francis O + Mary H. Gibson	1976	plat 89-172
332-216	Helen B. Barr + Robert H. Block	1971	"
221-436	Paul J. Block	1960	"
180-284	Paul "	1954	"
137-65	Mary, Blackburn, + Crutchfield		

Duck Inn

1-3, alum. + C.B. walls, built-up flat roof
built 1962-63
dry cleaner sign

Harper Motor Store - owned bldg orig, then it reverted to owner of land
Hater's Used Cars

1-3, alum. siding, flat roof
built 1962

bldg demⁿ 1960

burned 1-23-60 (CDP 1/25/60)

2-3, 15 rooms

"old"

brick walls, ^{metal} built-up roof
1954 - new show windows

32-152

413 W Main

combined w/ 32-151 1990

221-436

Paul J. Bloch

1960

plat 89-122

165-229

Baker Realty Co

1952

"

123-431

E B Baker

dem 1960

3-5, 5th main

bank

"old"

store

Huck In

gl CB w/ ^{adboard} brown trim
flat roof

W sl - garage door near rear, ext door at rear
3 in ^{sq} ~~sq~~ wind

front section (entire facade + 1 bay of stiles)

plate glass w/ aluminum muntins

low gable roof rising at ends at same angle
as hood? This ~~roof~~ roof cont back beyond

glass section
cont double doors

E sl - 2 garage doors, 1 ind each wind

lot paved, only City's tree in nearly bare flower bed

Stick In

incl CB w/ ^{skinned} brown ~~fin~~
flat roof

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3 m ~~off~~ ^{sq} wind

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used car office —

plywood board + batten

flat roof w/ deep overhang

cent ent bed 1 wind

all w/ metal awnings

^{over} nearly flat shed-roofed rear addn