

STREET ADDRESS: 852-854 West Main Street
 MAP & PARCEL: 30-3
 FILE NUMBER: 699
 PRESENT ZONING: B-3
 ORIGINAL OWNER: George Gilmer
 ORIGINAL USE: Automobile Dealership
 PRESENT USE: Tire Store
 PRESENT OWNER: University Firestone, Inc.
 ADDRESS: 852-854 West Main Street
 Charlottesville, VA 22902
 HISTORIC NAME: Charlottesville Motors Building
 DATE/PERIOD: 1939
 STYLE:
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: One Story
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 55.357 sq. ft. (1 1/4 acres)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1995
 SOURCES: City Records
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1920, 1929-57, 1965
 The Daily Progress -- 1906 Special Edition
 Ch'ville City Directories

(When I proofread this, I realized it was even more confusing than usual, so I re-organized the material & hope it will be better.)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This one-story flat-roofed automotive building is seven bays wide. Walls are constructed of cinderblock faced with white stucco. This building is set back from the street, behind a small parking lot. Its facade is dominated by a showroom wing that projects from the western bay and extends along the side wall of the building to the west, with a faceted terminus at the front of the lot. A band of plate glass display windows extends along the entire wing. The central bay of the facade is marked by projecting piers and a stepped parapet with a raised panel. The entrance in this bay has flanking windows and a transom, and there is an inset panel above it. The name of the automobile dealership was probably displayed on one of the three panels. There are smaller entrances in the first and sixth bays. One garage door remains in the fifth bay; those in the second and third bays have been infilled. The rear elevation is four bays wide, with garage doors in the central bays and huge industrial-sash windows in the end bays. On the eastern elevation, there are three matching windows with glass brick panels above, and three glass-brick windows of the same size. Another window was probably covered by a recent cinderblock wing near the front of the eastern elevation. Its facade is blank and there are two garage doors on the rear elevation.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

This is the site of the Cabell House, one of the small inns that sprang up along West Main Street near the Union Station in the nineteenth century. It was a 2-story, gabled-roofed house, seven bays wide, with a one-storey verandah. East of the Cabell House an set far back from the road, was a one-story brick house once covered by the Porrow and later by the Williams family. Still father east was as small wooden church building, built by the Presbyterian Church in 1888 and later leased (1900) and then

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sold (1908) to the Lutheran Church. It was moved across the street in 1916 when the railroad bridge was built. George Gilmer purchased the Cabell House lot in 1937 (City DB 93-13) and erected this building in 1939, according to City records. Charlottesville Motors, Inc., the Ford dealership, and its successor occupied the building until it moved to Pantops in the late 1960's. University Firestone, Inc. bought the building from the Gilmer family in 1972 (DB 339-44). Firestone also bought the eastern lot in 1978 (DB 393-271), giving it room to add the western wing to this building. Two service stations on the eastern lot have now been demolished.

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A+B 236.6 X 210 I
B-2

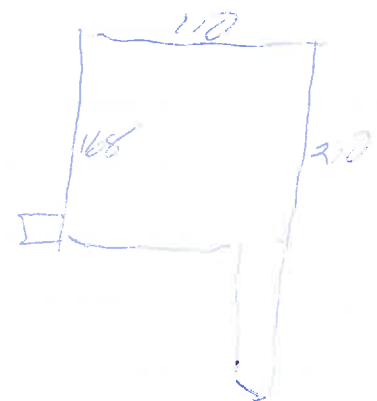
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852-854 W Main

339-44 Univ. Forester, Don ^{same add} 1972 plat 339-46 of parcel 30-6
129-458 Dr. R. B. Truckleton, et al

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built 1959
stucco on underblock, built up roof, one floor & 13' walls
1976¹⁹⁷³ - alterations
1978 - 2-bay garage
1979 - service station converted to office space



339-44 Jessa C & Robert L Frackelton, Etsy C & Marion E
6/22/1972 Truman, Geo & Nancy L Belmont → Unit Pastore, Inc
L-shaped lot, 854 & 856 W Main at 9th SW,
Lot A on attached 1972 plat
from Geo & Ruth D Belmont 1944 (DB 129-458) &
1948 (DB 136-29)
incl int in bldg on 7th on Geo & Realty land

note 30-3 ✓

both now part of 30-3

30-1B,0

850 W Main

Everlogg 1972

Humble Oil Co 1960

Everlogg " "

land owned by Ga. Industrial Realty Corp
remodeled 1955

30-1,1B,0 Co 840 W Main

Everlogg

land owned
built 1955

lots A & B

393-276 Union Forestone 1978

393-271 "

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225x210 =

plot 393-275
parcel 13

name change

DB 393-271 Son Region 2nd Realty, Inc -> Nino Forester, Inc

6/2/1978 I parcel A on 1978 plat

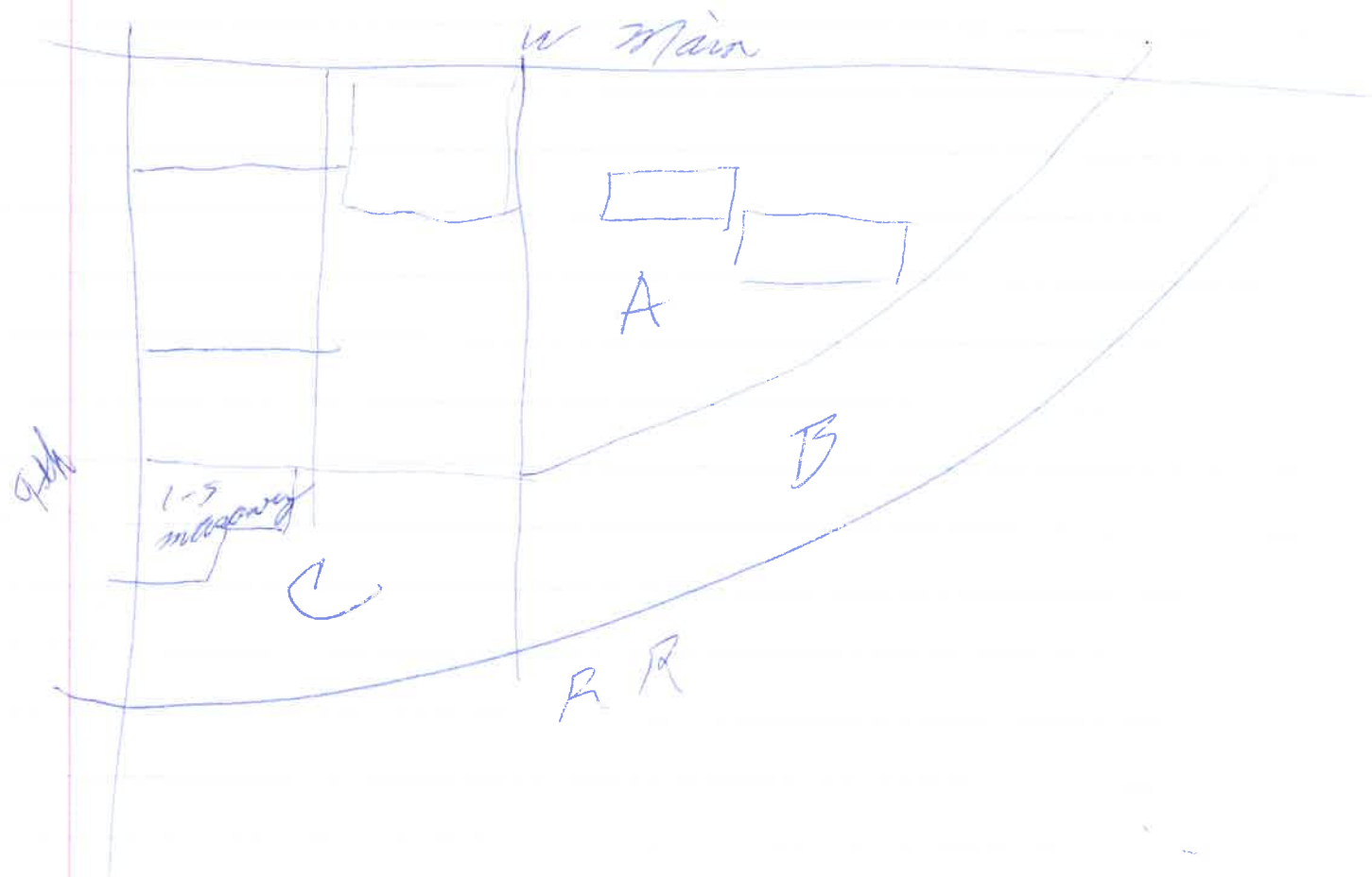
comprised of 1) DB 28-145, 1916, for Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

2) DB 34-154, 1917, for George E Walker

II parcel C on 1978 plat

comprised of 1) DB 29-284, 1916, for C. W. Rogers

2) DB 29-418, 1916, for Hesietta Louise Barnett et al



852 - 854 W Main

129-458 Geo & Ruth Bilmer → Jacob Frankelton, Edley & Tremaine, &
1/4/47 Geo Bilmer Jx #35,900

109' lot on S side W Main x 218' back & 50' on 9th

same as 93-13

93-220 RSCde motor to released restrictions agst building
agst its bldg

93-13

8/3/47

93-220 RSCde erected bldg which encroached 1' on Seville lot
9/3/47 Seville lot deeded 1' to Cole 1926 (DB 53-302)
Cole now agrees Bilmer may build agst wall

Freestone

tile wall 2 bays, CB 2 E rear

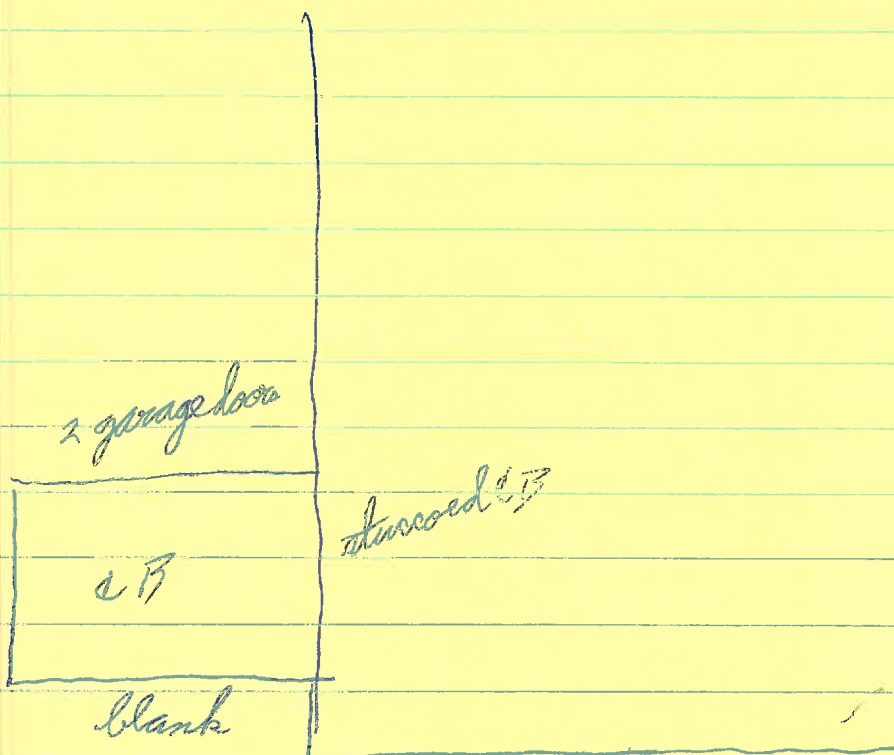
4. bay rear; ^{huge} ind wind 1st & 4th

garage door 2nd & 3rd (3rd reduced)

E.d - 3 huge ind wind w/ glass brick tower

3 " " " " wind

white above, brick red below



E-W
7th bay: E - garage door infilled w/ glass door lot
2 wind

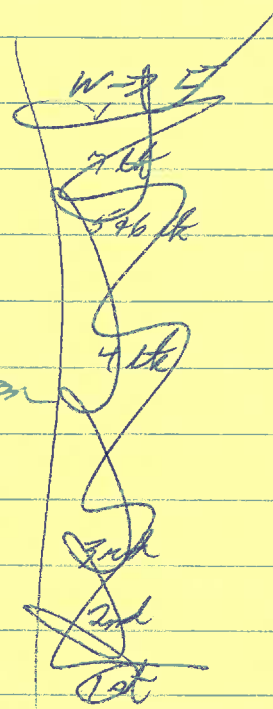
2 - garage doors infilled

4th - proj. porch; ent door w/ wind & transom
ind panel above
ruined " on higher porch

5th - garage door

6th - ent door beside wind

7th - covered by proj



Wing - 7 front agst #858

display wind ~~after~~ ~~later~~

clipped corner

2-stage



28-145 Tr of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Ch -> Co Ind Realty
1/19/16 Co

the Chapel Lot

30-64, 1908 for Trustees of Pres Ch of Ch -
plat DB 1-4

1-4

1888

