

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104-71 Negative no(s). 5077-7,

SURVEY FORM

Historic name

Common name Chan House Restaurant

County/Town/City Charlottesville

Street address or route number 918 W Main St.

USGS Quad C'ville, east, Va.

Original owner

Original use Restaurant

Present owner

Present owner address

Present use Restaurant

Acreage

Date or period mid-1960's Architect/builder/craftsmen

Source of name Source of date

Stories

Foundation and wall const'n

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs fair

State potential threats to structure Note any archaeological interest

private development

none

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no x

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

918: glass and metal walls, brick foundation under eastern three bays, west bay is of cinderblock construction; 1 story; flat roof w/ undulating metal roof supported by metal poles over western 3 bays; 4 bays; vernacular modern style; Ca. 1966; eastern two bays have metal panels over plate glass windows and door, 3rd bay has brick panels beneath plate glass which extends beyond wall to immediately beneath metal canopy; entrance in 2nd(E to W) bay; windows are fixed plate glass in metal frames, door is commerical plate glass in metal frame; 1 central vent; no additions or alterations.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

A 1907 edition of Sanborne's Insurance Map indicates this property was the site of the Piedmont Lumber Corp. At 918 was a 1 story wooden warehouse, at 916 was a 1 story wooden office, at 914 was 2 story brick-veneer office, and at $920\frac{1}{2}$ was a 2 story wooden building. In the lot behind, which extended to the C. & O. R.R. right-of-way, was a wooden lumber shed with a wood and iron building behind it called the Electric Planing Mill.

A 1920 Sanborne's Insurance Map shows Piedmont Lumber Corp. gone with most of its buildings vacant, except for some which are being used by the Colonial Construction Company. Also shown was another "iron-clad" building.

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