



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-130

Negative no(s).

Street address 214 Rugby Road
Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name

Common name Prism Coffee House

- Material
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, 6-c. on sides front: 6-c. Am. bond w/ Flemish variant)
- stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
- log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- stucco
- concrete block cast iron
- enameled steel terra cotta
- other: _____ glass and metal

Number of Stories

- 1 2 1/2
- 1 1/2 3
- 2 _____

Roof Type

- shed mansard
- gable gambrel
- pediment parapet
- hipped flat
- other: _____

Roof Material

- slate tile
- wood shingle pressed tin
- composition not visible
- standing seam metal
- other: _____

Dormers

- 0 3 shed
- 1 4 gable
- 2 _____ pedimented

 hipped

Number of bays — Main facade

- 1 4 7
- 2 5 8
- 3 6 _____

Porch

 yes no

Stories

- 1 3
- 2 _____

Bays

- 1 (center) 2 4
- 1 (side) 3 _____

General description

Side porch, now screened

Building type

- detached house garage government industrial
- detached town house farmhouse commercial (office) school
- row house apartment building commercial (store) church
- double house gas station railroad coffeehouse

Style/period Eclectic

Date ante 1920;
ca. 1900-15

Architect/builder

Location and description of entrance

Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This large brick house is much deeper than it is wide. Of brick painted white, it features a two-story demi-hexagonal bay and a roof with oversized dormer windows. The large windows have original 2-over-2 sash and segmental brick heads. The front door is covered with an original rounded hood of a type especially popular in the District.

PHOTO

Historical information

This house served as the Westminster Presbyterian student center in the early 1960s. Since then, it has housed the Prism Coffeehouse, which sponsors readings, musical groups and other entertainment as well as serving as a meeting place for community organizations.

Source Eugenia Bibb; Sanborn maps;

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