



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 164-70
Negative no(s). 5072(15)

SURVEY FORM

Historic name County/Town/City <i>Albemarle, Charlottesville</i> Street address or route number <i>1501 West Main (University)</i>	Common name <i>University Book Store</i> Date or period <i>1875</i> Architect/builder/craftsmen
USGS Quad Original owner Original use Present owner Present owner address Present use <i>bookstore</i> Acreage	Source of name Source of date Stories Foundation and wall const'n Roof type

State condition of structure and environs *good*

State potential threats to structure
 Note any archaeological interest

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.)

1501: brick; stretcher bond; 2 story; commercial with wooden cornice and high beltcourse, modillions on cornice, box molding on beltcourse; 2nd floor - 2 bays with 2 pairs of 6/6 lights in sliding oak windows; segmental arches; brick quoining; entrance door set at oblique angle to street; brick screen divides entrance bay from sidewalk; flat asphalt roof; sign over sidewalk is perpendicular to building.

Interior inspected?

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

*moved entire building to new sites 4 times; last move to present location in 1963.
 was University Grocer 1925-1963, owner Harry Robinson, according to John Williams of Anderson Book Store*

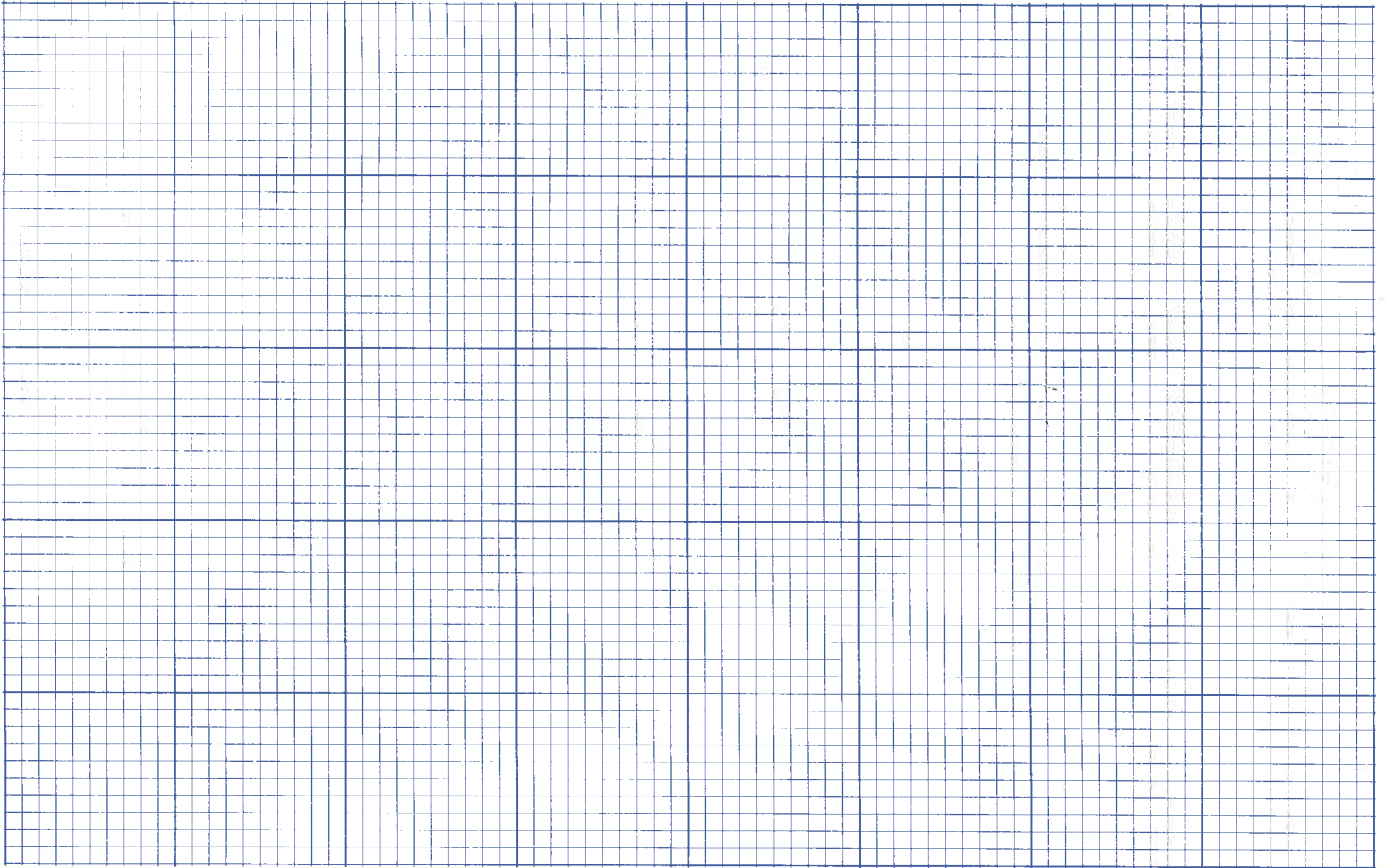
Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder

Douglas Annenberg, Wa. Architectural History

Date

March 1980



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-130
Negative no(s). 7296

Street address **1501 University Ave.**

Town/City **Charlottesville**

Historic name

Common name **University Book Store**

- Material
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 - brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
 - stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 - log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 - stucco
 - concrete block
 - enameled steel
 - other: _____
- cast iron
 - terra cotta
 - glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> mansard <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parapet <input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin <input type="checkbox"/> composition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not visible <input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal <input type="checkbox"/> other _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented <input type="checkbox"/> hipped	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

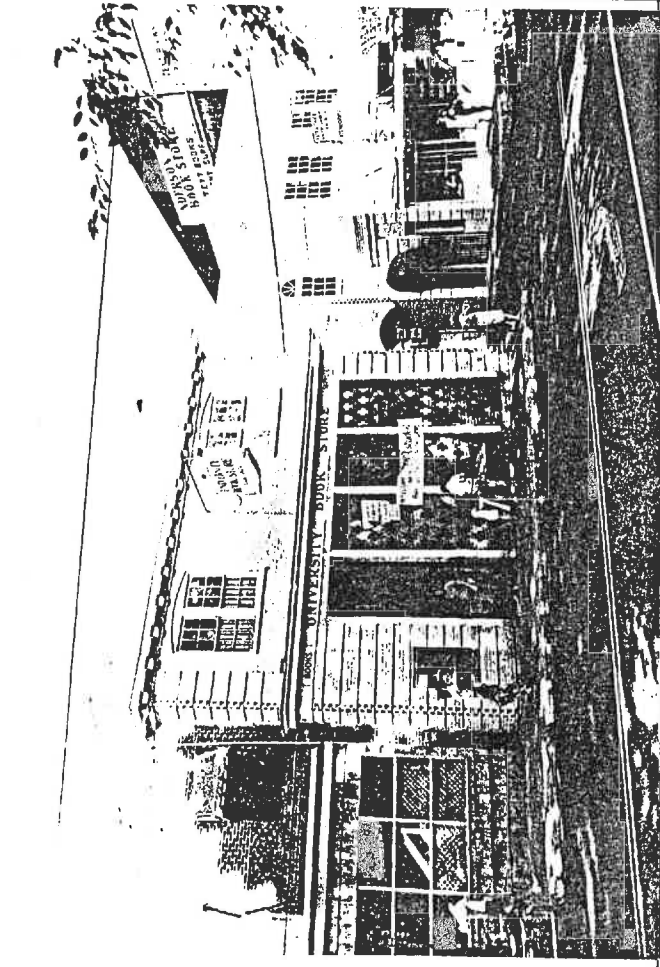
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
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Building type

<input type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Style/period **Decorated Commercial Vernacular** Date _____ 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)

Historical information

Source _____
Surveyed by **Jeff O'Dell, VHLC** Date **9-83**

City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0059

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1920s

PROPERTY NAMES

Barr-ee Station Clothing Store

EXPLANATION

Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-78

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
1501 -	University Avenue	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Fronts directly on University Avenue, with wide concrete sidewalk between storefront and street; alley to parking lot on east side of building; parking lot to rear.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Commercial Building	Historic

TOTAL: 1

Historic: 1

Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Roof	0	Parapet		Not visible
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	Common Bond
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	6/6
Window(s)	0	Plate Glass	Metal	
Cornice	0	Molded	Wood	W/ Modillions
Window(s)	0	Fixed	Wood	6-light
Window(s)	0	Hinged sash	Wood	10-light

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1920s

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Commercial Style

Description:

Unusual building showing signs of modifications made at various times. The storefront is from a 1960s remodeling, further modified in 1986, when the plate glass windows were installed. The metal cornice survives from before the remodellings. Two sets of paired six-over-six double-hung sash windows are on the second floor of the front facade; an off-center recessed entrance has a small display window to the northwest. The brickwork is patterned into quoins at the corners, widening to full-width in the section of wall next to the entrance bay. A cornice tops the first floor. The side facade has pairs of six-over-six double-hung sash windows topped by segmental arches on the second floor; the first floor windows are placed high, and are ten-light hinged sash units with segmentally-arched lintels. The rear facade has a wooden exterior stair leading to the second floor, and a mix of fenestration types including a six-light unit.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

This building was probably constructed in 1922. The front section dates from a 1960s remodelling, which was further altered in 1986 (Bibb 1986).

Number of Stories: 2.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? Yes

Interior Description:

First floor has open space, serving as a clothing store. It has been remodelled since the 1960s.

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:

This building apparently replaced a smaller frame building dating from the late nineteenth century, which housed a cleaning and pressing establishment. Other buildings on the lot included a small brick house behind the store, and

additional frame buildings. This resource housed University Market, then the University Book Store from the 1960s to 1986 (Bibb 1986). Despite its alterations the building is compatible with its neighbors on the Corner, and contributes to the historic district.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14646	37 -	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14647	16 -	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14648	12 -	3/10/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other
Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.
Citation Abbreviation:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey
Notes:
Sept. 1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Map
Author: Sanborn Map Company
Citation Abbreviation:
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA
Notes:
Published by Sanborn Map Company, 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969.
University of Virginia Library Government Documents.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other
Author: Bibb, Eugenia
Citation Abbreviation:
City of Charlottesville Architectural and Historical Survey
Notes:
1980. On file, City of Charlottesville Department of Community Development.

Sequence #: 1.3 Bibliographic Record Type: NRHP Form
Author: O'Dell, J.M., w/Charlottesville Community Development staff
Citation Abbreviation:
Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District NR Nomination
Notes:
1984. VDHR Archives.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/10/1996
Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.
ID # Associated with Event:
CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:
First : Francis
Last : Lawrence
Suffix :
Title :

Company: MCQ TR-College LD TR Vasalos

Address: 1511 University

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

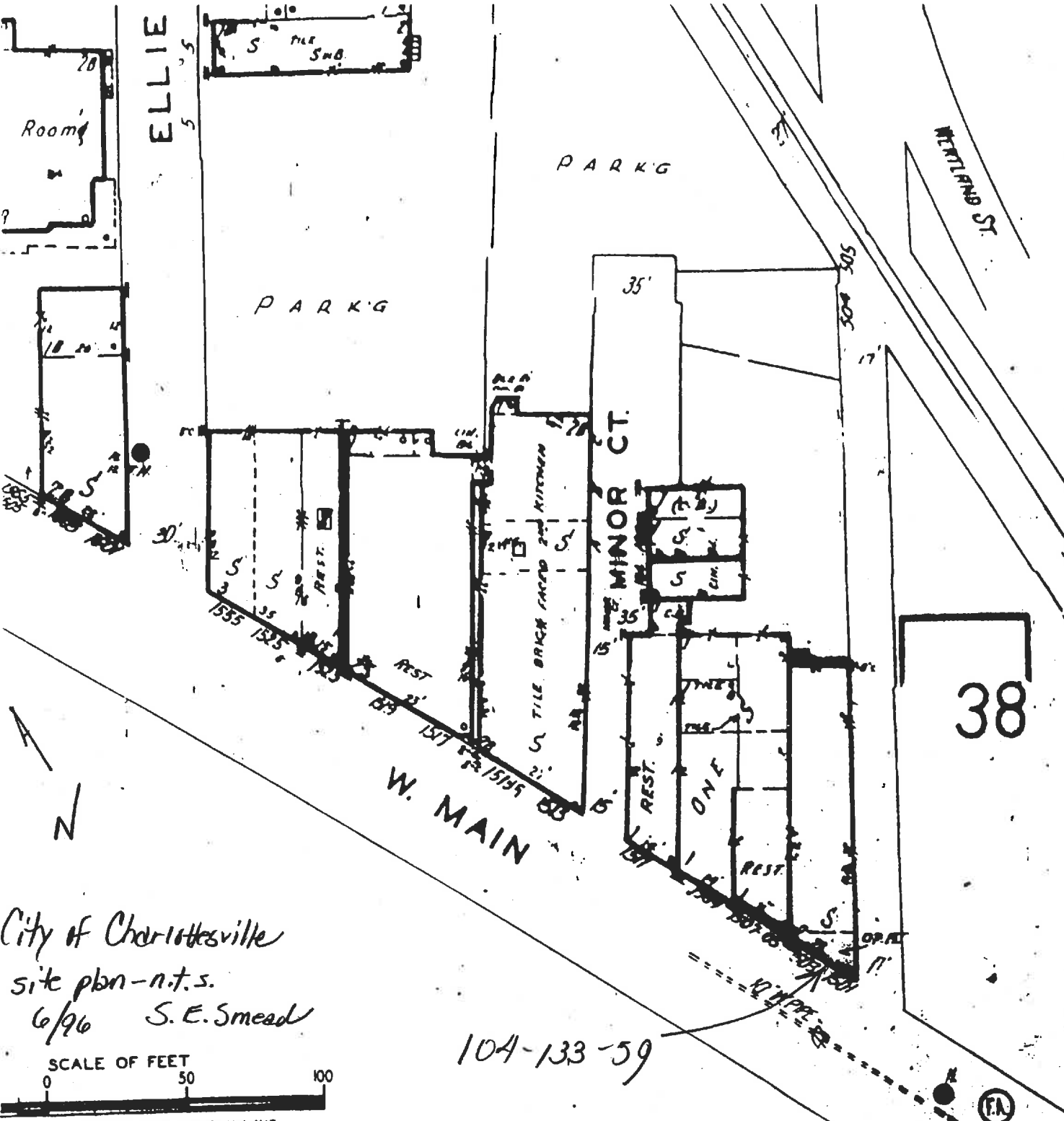
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Phone/extension:

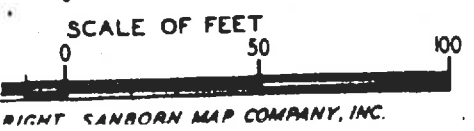
Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:



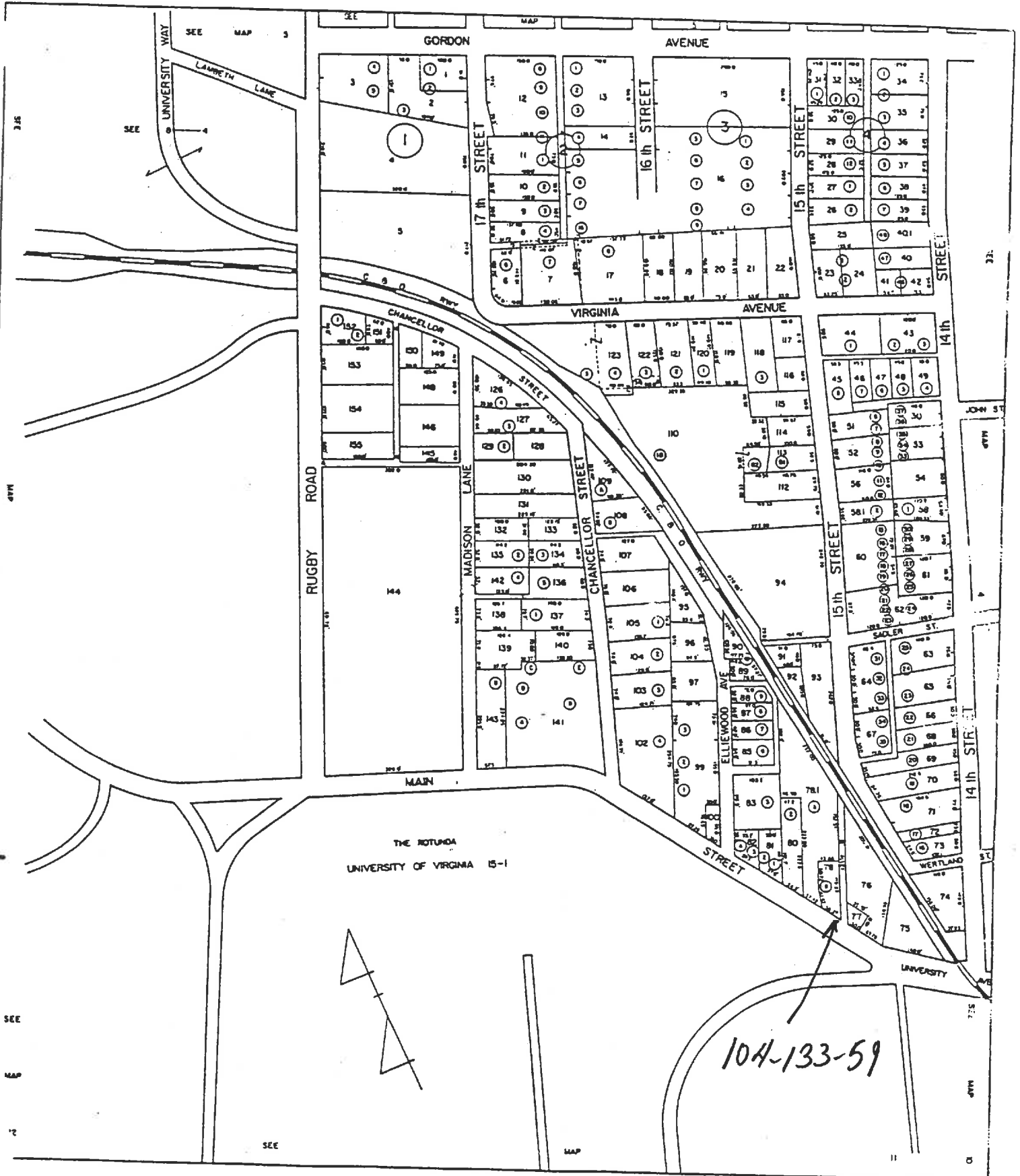
City of Charlottesville
 site plan - n.t.s.
 6/96 S. E. Smead



104-133-59



CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION:

9-78 ✓

#3372

33,995-

B-2

1501-1511 Univ Ave (Univ Bookstore)

Parcel ID	Owner / Description	Year	Notes
461-509	College Land Trust David H. Pettit, Jr	1985	409 Park St plat 444-250
455-483	Corner Land Trust Carol B. Hunt & George Marshall, Jr	1983 1984	"
444-244, 257, 256, 261, 266 292-396	" John W. Zunker & George M. Callum, Jr	1983 R 4268	1/3 int (east for James W. Robinson) " Josephine B. " " Margaret B. " " Va. Robinson Ford " Henry H. Robinson Jr
292-391/391	Harvey H. Robinson heirs	1967	
207-357	" " estate	1958	WB 8-211
104-142	" " "		plat 104-146

Dwelling & Robinson

142-5, 0 base?
 "old", 1900
 brick found & walls, built-up flat roof
 1978 - new store front, repair fire damage
 shoe shop & rest. dem. 1954

- 1501 - Univ Bookstore
- 1505 - Macadore
- 1509 - Eljiz & basement
- 1511 - College Inn
- rear - shoe repairs & laundromat

Eddins, Around the Corner after World War I

pp 6-7 Charlie Zehob kept a lunchroom in "small white wooden
bldg" on College Inn - Elgo's lot

~~37-274~~
~~36-333, 225~~
~~35-194~~
~~34-375~~

1922 lease 1T minor 59-496

~~35-18~~

1501-1511 Union Ave

104-142

7/1/1940

Harvey H. Robinson, & trustees of estate of J. H. Dwing)
deed of partition
to Robinson;

a) 0.81 acre on Union Ave w/ imp'ts
same as 40-241

~~100-27~~
~~115-12~~
~~129-257~~

b) lot w/ imp'ts on Union Ave
same as 55-235 except part upon which the
minor & Bldg stands, which goes to Dwing estate

40-241

5/1/1922

exec of Samuel C. Chancellor → J. H. Dwing & Harvey H.
Robinson

Chancellor dec Jan 1922 (WB 2-352)
parcel on Union Ave bet Mrs Kate Minor & Skupper (across
st or alley)

this ~~skupper~~ area occupied by grocery store by parties
of 1st part

"sd land generally known as the 'Carter Lot'"

1923, 24, 25	J. H. Irving & H. H. Robinson	- Carter Lot - 85' - No A here	1500 + 1200 = 2700	for Dr Yarnsey
1926, 27, 28, 29	"	"	6,800 + 11,400 = 18,200	
1930	"	" 85'	" + 11,800 = 18,600	impts added
1931, 32	"	"	24,000 + 10,000 = 34,000	
1933, 34, 37	"	"	" + 11,500 = 35,500	impts added
1922, 21	B. C. Chancellor	654 store Rooms 250 & 5 tenements	1500 + 1200 = 2700	
1920, 19, ¹⁷	"	"	1200 + 6000 = 7200	

City DB 40-243
1922

S. C. Chamellor Property

Minor
property

0.81 acre

192' 4"

brick house

frame store

Pressing shop

15' - 0"

242' 7" Street

N 31° 15' E

Anderson
Brothers

144' 0" shed

alley

frame

frame

frame

132' 8"

D & O R R

W 100' Main St

85' 0"

Univ Bookstore

sharp \square , 2-5, 2 bay

brick () painted cream
w/ corner quoins except parapet

Side Board

ent loggia ∇ squares off front -

below ~~entry~~ rather high metal storefront cornice

5-bay

3 bays floor-ceiling plate glass ∇ 12 bay open
ent concrete screen

(1960's - c. 1985-86; period brick screen, open w/ side)

+ w brick bay w/ sm display window, quoin set across

Most loggia now included in store room

2nd level -

seg-arched por 6/6

ea deep cornice + fringe w/ large pl modillions
cont around corner 1 bay, also quoins, other side, (see)

pl brick parapet

side sl: 10 bays; 1st D 0 at 2nd

2-9: 2nd level as facade

2-3: 1st blank

4-9: " - very high seg-arched 10.2 length

10: both beds " " " 6.8

ent doors: left 5/6, 7/8

room - 3-bay, for long
stretch

1505 - 1509 - 1511
same 1-5 brick (~~stretcher~~) , or 24)

I 6-c am
~~2~~ ^{2 or} 4 sq-arched pos rear windows + 1 side
(actually pos of paired sements)

same in back

II am sq-arched rear windows
before CB wing
6-c am of Flem?

III stretcher, rear
4 sm ² sq-arched side wind closed
CB wing covers rear
interesting transom side wind (roofed)
prob same under front sign
stretcher side, ^{mostly} el

#537

STREET ADDRESS: 1501 University Avenue
MAP & PARCEL: 9-78
CENSUS TRACK AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: B-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: J. H. Irving & Harry H. Robinson
ORIGINAL USE: Grocery Store
PRESENT USE:
PRESENT OWNER: College Land Trust
ADDRESS: c/o David H. Pettit, Trustee
409 Park Street
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901
HISTORIC NAME: Irving & Robinson Building
DATE/PERIOD:
STYLE:
HEIGHT(to cornice)OR STOREYS: 2 Storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 33,995 sq. ft.
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1986
SOURCES: City Records

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The storefront of this 2-storey, 2-bay store building dates from a major 1960's remodeling. The formation of a rectangular store room in this trapezoidal building created a triangular entrance loggia extending across the entire facade behind a pierced brick screen with openings on the east side elevation and near the west end of the facade. There is a small display window in the brick wall at the west end of the facade. A 1986 remodeling replaced the brick screen and the eastern opening with plate glass and extended the store room into the deeper eastern section of the loggia. The original metal storefront cornice has survived all of the alterations. Wall construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond with brick corner quoins. The walls are painted cream. Second storey windows on the facade and side elevation are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, arranged in segmental-arched pairs. A deeply projecting cornice and frieze with large modillions extends across the facade and continues across the first bay of the side elevation, below the top of the parapet. First storey windows on the side elevations are very high, segmental arched, 10-light hinged-sash windows at both levels in the rear bay. There are also two doors on the side elevation. Fenestration on the rear elevation is irregular.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

When J. H. Irving & Harry H. Robinson purchased this entire small block, known as "the Carter Lot", in 1922 (City DB 40-241), the deed stated that they were already conducting a grocery business in a one-storey frame building at the western end of the lot, on the present site of the College Inn. A smaller frame building on this site at the eastern end of the lot, occupied at that time by a cleaning and pressing shop, dated back to the late 1800's and was probably the building in which Mr. Carter began his grocery business before the turn of the century. Also on the lot were a rather small brick house behind the store and several other frame structures. Tax records indicate that the new owners probably erected the present building in 1922. University market was in business on The Corner for over half a century. Mr. Irving died c. 1940 and Mr. Robinson in 1958. In the mid 1960's, the market moved across the side street into the University Drug Store's old location and operated from there

for another decade before going out of business in 1975. The University Book Store occupied this building from the mid 1960's until it went out of business in 1986 following the sale of the building to the Corner Land Trust by Robinson's heirs in 1983 (DB 444-244, 251, 256, 261, 266). The University Bookstore was the successor to McKenice's Book Store which was founded c. 1825. It had occupied several other buildings on the Corner, the most recent being the Student Health Building. At one time there were rental apartments on the second storey.

Additional References: City WB 8-211; DB 104-142, 207-357, 292-371 & 391, 455-483, 461-509.



Date 3/10/96 File No. 104-133-59

Name 1501 University Avenue
Church St. Station

Town Charlottesville

County _____

Photographer S.F. Smedley

Contents 3 exterior views

