



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104-70  
Negative no(s). 5072(19)

## SURVEY FORM

Historic name County/Town/City <i>albemarle, Charlottesville</i> Street address or route number <i>1509 University Ave.</i>	Common name <i>Elio's Clothiers</i>
USGS Quad <i>Charlottesville, West, Va.</i> Original owner Original use Present owner Present owner address Present use <i>clothing store</i> Acreage	Date or period Architect/builder/craftsmen 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.)

*1509: brick, alternating stretchers; 1 story (enclosed second floor); high wooden cornice; 3 bay; commercial; modern alterations (1960's); central entrance with frontispiece; two bay-type display windows on either side of entrance; flat roof with thick parapet; sign over door, and another high above perpendicular to street.*

Interior inspected?

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

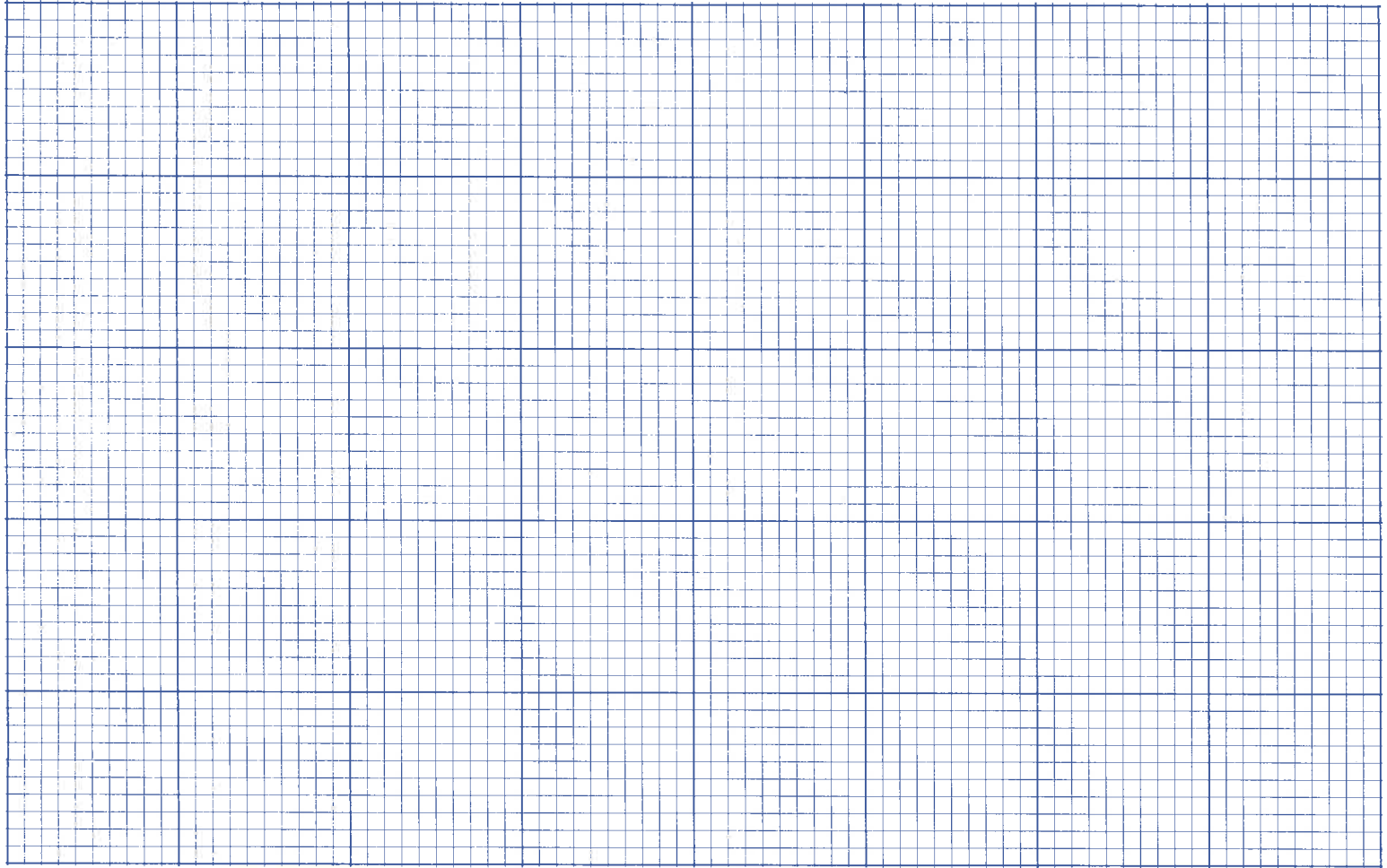
*once inhabited by University Restaurant*

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 H. Hueston*

*UVA Architectural History*

Date

*Mar 1980*

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

**STREET ADDRESS:** 1509 University Avenue

**MAP & PARCEL:** 9-78

**CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:**

**PRESENT ZONING:** B-3

**ORIGINAL OWNER:** J. H. Irving & Harry H. Robinson

**ORIGINAL USE:** Restaurant?

**PRESENT USE:**

**PRESENT OWNER:** College Land Trust

**ADDRESS:** c/o David H. Pettit

409 Park Street

Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

**HISTORIC NAME:**

**DATE / PERIOD:**

**STYLE:** Colonial Revival

**HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:** 1 storey

**DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:** 33,995 sq. ft.

**CONDITION:** Good

**SURVEYOR:** Bibb

**DATE OF SURVEY:** Summer 1986

**SOURCES:** City Records Holsinger Photographs

Sanborn Map Co. - 1920, 1929-57

Eddins, Around the Corner After World War 1

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The facade of this one-storey building is constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond. The 3-bay storefront has a central entrance with pilasters carrying a broken pediment. In the side bays, projecting display windows with bellcast roofs covered with standing-seam copper are supported on struts. There is a simple wooden entablature below the plain parapet. A 1946 photograph appears to show a storefront with a recessed entrance at the western end and a large panel of white bordered with black carrera glass above. The rear elevation is constructed of brick laid in 6-course American-with-Flemish bond. It has a small segmental-arched window.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

J. H. Irving and Harvey H. Robinson purchased this entire small block, known as "the Carter Lot", in 1922 (City DB 4-0241) and built the building at the eastern end for their grocery business. This portion of the block was an open, tree-shaded field. Later in the 1920's Charlie Zehab conducted a restaurant in a one-storey wooden building set back from the street. According to City Directories and Sanborn Maps, the present building was probably erected in the mid-1930's. Eljo's, a men's clothing store, occupied the building from the early 1950's until 1986. The storefront was rebuilt at the same time during that period.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE  
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0057

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1940s

PROPERTY NAMES

The Garment District

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

1509 -

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; 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	Plate Glass	Wood	
Cornice	0		Wood	
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	6-course common

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1940s

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Commercial Style

Description:

Fairly plain building, one story tall, with Colonial Revival details. Has central entrance framed by pilasters and topped with broken pediment. Plate glass display window to each side of entrance, projecting in wood frames and supported on scrolled brackets. Wood cornice projects above, located below top of parapet roof. Below the cornice the facade is of common bond brickwork; above, it is six-course common bond. Windows have canvas awnings.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

The storefront was rebuilt between the 1950s and 1986 (Bibb 1986).

Number of Stories: 1.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:

This building was probably built in the 1940s, and appears to be on a site where a diner stood in 1941 (Sanborn 1941). However, it may have been constructed earlier, in the mid-'30s, according to city directories (Bibb 1986). In the 1920s a restaurant was on this site, in a one-story wooden building set back from the street. Eljo's clothing store, now on Elliewood, occupied the present building from the early 1950s until 1986 (Bibb 1986). While this building may be only barely fifty years old, in material and Classical Revival detail it is compatible with the other historic buildings on the Corner, and it contributes to the historic district.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
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## 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 : L L C

Last : Amorgos

Suffix :

Title :

Company:

Address: 1511 West Main Street

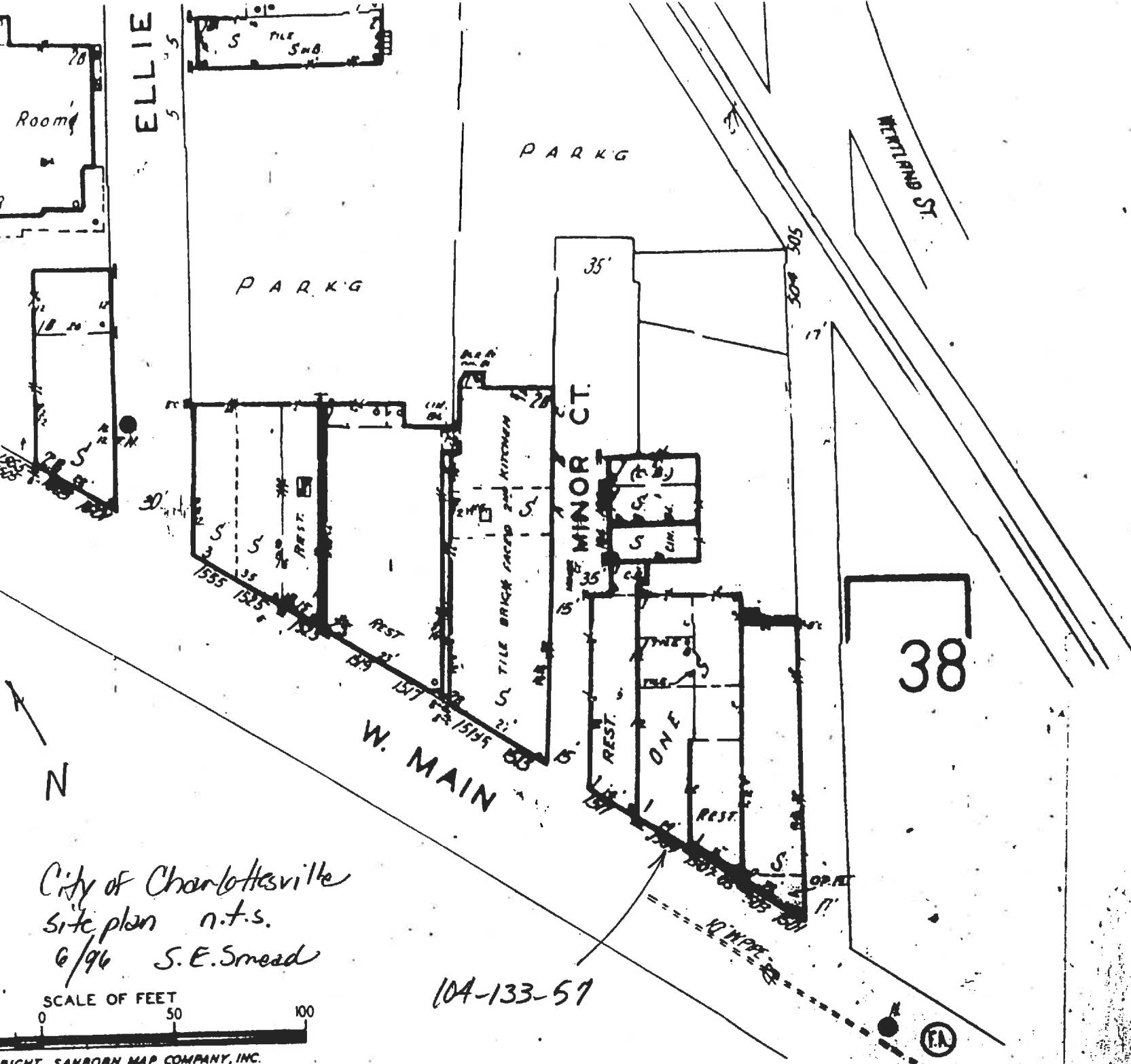
City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22903- Country: USA

Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:



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

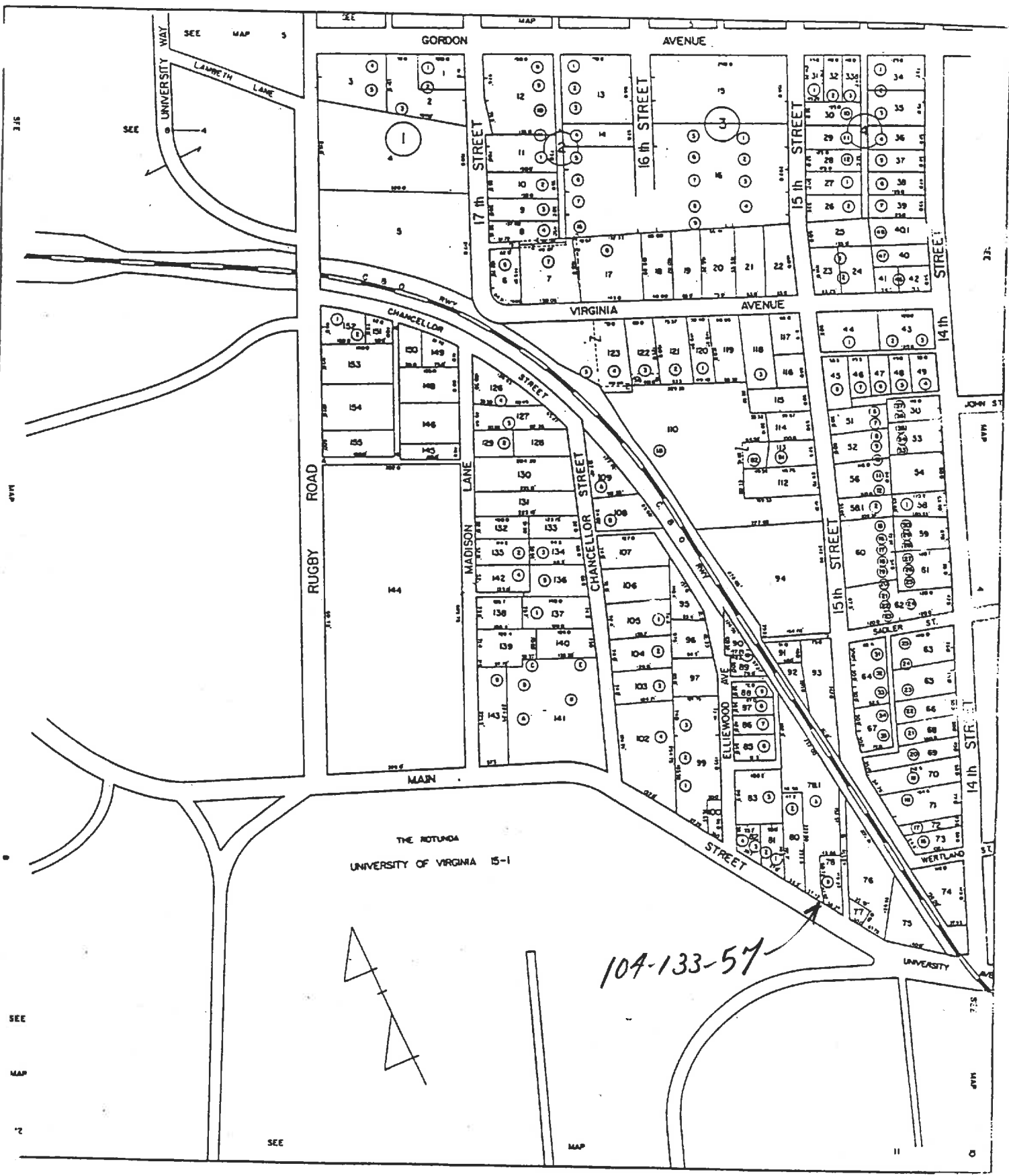


RIGHT SANBORN MAP COMPANY, INC.

104-133-57



CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'



E Lya's

blond stucco facade, 3-bay <sup>upper</sup>  
2 display windows on struts w/ 55% balcony roof  
~~and~~ cent ent; pilasters ~~very~~ broken ped  
very pl. entabl w/  
cornice at ht college ~~in~~ parapet  
pl brick ~~and~~ parapet

Macadoo's

blond stucco facade  
re-worked wooden shingled steep roof; ent w/  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1/1 wind 2nd level  
no cornice anywhere



Date 3/10/96 File No. 104-133-57

Name The Garment District

Town (Charlottesville) 1509 University Ave.

County \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer S.E. Smead

Contents 1 exterior view

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