

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 108 Fourth Street, N.E.	HISTORIC NAME: Turner-Tilman Building
MAP & PARCEL: 53-58	DATE / PERIOD: 1884
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-118	STYLE: Victorian
PRESENT ZONING: B-4	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: Mary P. Turner	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 19.1' x 55.5' (1060 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Store	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Import Shop	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: J. Dean Tilman, Jr., G. McNeir Tilman,	DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1980
ADDRESS: & William T. Tilman	SOURCES: City/County Records J. Dean Tilman, Jr.
310 E. Main Street	Sanborn Map Co. - 1886
Charlottesville, Virginia	Charlottesville City Directories

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is one of a group of three nearly identical buildings. All are two storeys tall, and this building is three bays wide, though somewhat narrower than the one adjacent to it. Construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade, with an occasional header-stretcher course, and 5-course American bond on the side. The facade of this building is painted a light gray-blue. Each of the three buildings has a recessed central entrance, a simple wooden storefront cornice, plain frieze, and canvas awning. Windows at the second level are circular-headed, double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with wooden sills. There are slight variations in window width and spacing among the three buildings. Each facade is crowned by an elaborate three-part brick parapet entablature with cornice brackets and paneled frieze. Behind the parapet, a shed roof slopes to the rear.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Lawson C. Turner purchased this lot in 1879 (ACDB 75-426). He already owned another lot on this block of Union Street. In 1884 his widow Mary P. Turner built on both lots, and W. E. Gillespie built on his lot between them. L. H. Turner and Ruth Turner Lofland received this building in the division of the Turner estate in 1912 (City DB 24-99), but sold it to their sister Nannie T. Tilman (Mrs. J. Dean Tilman, Sr.) (DB 26-427, 34-394). She already owned the other two buildings. All three remain in the Tilman family. This building housed a harness-maker for its first thirty years. Lewis Radio Service occupied the store room from the 1930's through the 1950's. There have been several occupants since then. Additional References ACDB 82-255; City WB 7-52, City DB 375-149).



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SURVEY FORM

Historic name _____ Common name TRIBAL AND NOMADIC TEXTILES
 County/Town/City ALBEMARLE / CHARLOTTESVILLE
 Street address or route number 108 N. 4TH ST.

USGS Quad CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST VA Date or period _____
 Original owner _____ Architect/builder/craftsmen _____
 Original use _____
 Present owner _____ Source of name _____
 Present owner address _____ Source of date _____
 Present use COMMERCIAL Stories _____
 Acreage _____ 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

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.)

BRICK (FACADE - STRETCHER BOND, SIDES - 5 COURSE AMERICAN);
2 STORIES; FLAT ROOF; 3 BAY. COMMERCIAL VERNACULAR.
CENTRAL BAY ENTRANCE RECESSED UNDER 2ND.
FLOOR. PLATE GLASS DISPLAY WINDOWS ON 1ST FLOOR.
3/2 ARCHED SASH WINDOWS ON 2ND FLOOR. Corbeled
brick brackets & cornice.

Interior inspected? _____

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

SANBORN MAPS.
1886 : VACANT
1891 : VACANT.

108 4th St NE

(same as 53-56)

34-394 Nannie T. Tilman

concrete found, brick walls, built-up flat roof
remodeled 1934

group of 3 appears to be on 1886 Sanborn, but as 3 sep bldgs.
Could Tilman's have ~~re~~ rebuilt facades to match?

probably built 1879-86 by L.C. Turner

1879 Woods est → Turner

1912 division

1920 re- " → Tilman

112-114

110

108

(1879 - Long)

1879 Wood est →
Pearce & Gillette
1880 Pearce → Gillette

1879 Wood est → Turner

108 4th St NE

34-394 Ruth T. (Lofland) + m m Clark → Nannie T Tilman \$1800
1/24/1920 1/2 undivided int @ in bldg & lot at 108 4th NE
19' x 56 1/2'

same as 24-99, 10/1/1912, → L H Turner & Ruth T. Lofland
in div of estate of L H Turner

" " 26-427, 10/2/1914, L H Turner → Nannie T Tilman

24-99
~~26-427~~

Nannie T + J Dean Tilman → L H Turner & Ruth T Lofland
division of property of L C Turner
#108 4th St NE
see ACDB 75-426

110 4th St NE

23-487 H. W. Walsh, comdr in Chancery case Samuel O. McLee vs
4/6/1912 J Wm McLee et al → Nannie T. Tilman, at auction #1910
lot w/ impts at 110 4th St NE
same as 10-265, 2/21/1900

10-265 J. Samuel McLee, under 1896 deed of trust fr, WB & CA
2/21/1900 Billespie (DB 7-8), → F M McLee at auction #990
lots
2-storey brick bldg at #110 4th NE, 22' x 56'
same as

7-8 deed of trust
1/25/1896 2-storey brick house

6-474 A P Smith → WB Billespie #1200
1/11/1896 all stock located in store at 112-114 4th & 530 E Main

6-440 agreement bet WB Billespie & AP Smith
5/16/1895 Billespie to lease all tools, fixtures, stock, etc "formerly
used in the plumbing & Gas Fitting business" by him,
& not to go into business as long as Smith is
Plumbing Shop on 4th St

112-114 4th St NE

~~Plotting strip on 4th St~~

24-100 L H Turner & Ruth T. Lofland (wid) → Nannie T. Tilman
10/1/1912 division of property of L C Turner, see ACDB 75-426 (sic)
lot & bldg at 112 & 114 4th St NE
25' 8" to Odd Fellows Bldg x 56 1/2'

ACDB 75-426 John M White, spec comm in Woods wid a Wood's heirs,
2/14/1879 → L C Turner
#108 "house & lot adjoining the butcher stall occupied by A D Warwick
& being bounded by an alley on south running fr PO
→ Court St" (formerly a printing house)

same lot sold to Warwick by comm White & Perkins (see court report 10/14/1873)
then having a printing office; Warwick failed to pay

ACDB 85-255 WE & Cordelia D Billegie → Mrs M P Turner & infant Chm Lawson H,
7/25/1885 Ruth L, & Nannie
#108 #110 "strip of land ... 5' x 56' ... point on Union St distant 44' 4" fr south
wall of Frigell Bldg, east 56' to Monticello House property &
(now owned by A D Payne), south 5' to a point 14 1/2' fr a
15' alley, west 56' to Union St." see J W Dolin plat
(Mrs Turner made exchange of land w/ Billegie some time ago "in order that she might make more eligible a certain building lot." Court, in Chancery case of Turner Coln vs Turner, now orders that this exchange be ratified & considered as if owned by L C Turner at time of his death.)
"Billegie has built a brick store room on the lot owned by him, incl said strip ... which is between 2 lots owned by Mrs Turner & Chm, & Mrs Turner has built a brick store room on each of sd lots belonging to her & Chm using N & S walls of Billegie's store ..."

Tax 108-114 4th

1889,93^{74,98} 1st Lawson & Turner col L18, e side Union St +2600 = 3200

1901,05 " " " 108-112 4th (2 houses) 700 + 1900 = 2600 ^{see add #200} by order of it

town NE

108 - 114 4th

1888 ^{86,85}	2nd town	W B Gillespie	L 18	+ 1300 = 1600	for Mrs Turner exchange
1884,82	"	"	"	+ 500 = 800	
1882	"				

∴ #110 = 1884

1888	2nd town	L Turner est	L 18	+ 2600 = 3200	2 lots
1884	"	"	"	+ 200 = 500	
"	"	"	"	+ 300 = 400	
1886,85	"	"	"	+ 1300 = 1600	
" ,85	"	"	"	+ 1300 = 1600	for W B Gillespie
1888					
1882,84	"	"	part "	+ 200 = 500	
"	"	"	"	+ 300 = 400	
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				+ 500 = 900	

∴ # 108 = 1884

112-114 = 1884

all 3 built 1884?

different

2 storey, triplex

#3

#108 & #110 3 bays each, #112-#114 4 bays to accommodate

#112 stair - does it serve all 3?

~~shed~~

shed roof, prob tin, → rear, med slope

basically stretcher bond, but an occasional h-s course or stray header or 2; s-e am side

#112-114 tan, 110 gray-green, 108 lt gray-blue

each has recessed cent ent, simple wooden storefront cornice & fringe not extending to end, & cloth awning

#112 stair ent round-arched w/ 2-light transom

all

2nd level: circular-headed 2/2 wind w/ wooden sills

	width	space bet	#	1 bay width	fringe panels
#114 - 4 bays ^{stretcher} bet, c5 below	c5	4	4	9	25.1' 6
110 - wider & closer together, 3 bet	75	3	3	78	22.25' 5
108 - 3 bet c5 below	c5	3	3	8	19.1' 5 narrow

#2

Entire facade (112) 110 recessed bet pl cornice piece, corbelled out above windows; entire 110, incl cornice, projects slightly beyond

114 & 108

brick parapet entab, each bldg; most slab brick in area except 108-110 main

corbelled 2-course cornice

all

recessed panels in fringe (6-114, 3-110, 5 narrow - 108)

brackets

corbelled 4-course cornice