

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

<p><b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> 212 (formerly 210) Fifth Street, NE  <b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b> 53-94  <b>CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:</b> 1-112  <b>PRESENT ZONING:</b> B-3  <b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> A. P. Walker, Lillian G. Richey, and  <b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Law Offices R. C. Walker  <b>PRESENT USE:</b> Offices  <b>PRESENT OWNER:</b> Priscilla F. Bosworth  <b>ADDRESS:</b> 622 Farish Street  Charlottesville, VA</p>	<p><b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> A. P. Walker Building  <b>DATE / PERIOD:</b> 1912  <b>STYLE:</b> Victorian  <b>HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:</b> 2 storeys  <b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b> 22'8" x 35'8" (808.64 sq. ft.)  <b>CONDITION:</b> Good  <b>SURVEYOR:</b> Bibb  <b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b> Fall 1979  <b>SOURCES:</b> City Records  Priscilla F. Bosworth  Edward L. Eichman, Jr.</p>
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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This two-storey office building is three bays wide at the first level and four narrower bays wide at the second. Construction is of pressed brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade and painted light gray. Each bay at the first level of the facade is recessed, with the recession corbelled out at the top. There are wide double-sash, 1-over-1 light windows with wooden sills in the side bays. In the center bay there is a round-arched entry into a triangular vestibule from which two doors give access to the two offices at that level. Access to the second level is through the adjoining building at 208 Fifth Street. Windows at the second level are segmental-arched, 1-over-1 light, with wooden sills. There is a simple brick cornice with corbelled brackets and cornice stops and a frieze with inset panels. Brick is laid in 5- to 7-course American bond on the rear elevation. It is four bays wide with segmental-arched windows and doors. Windows are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, and are somewhat shorter at the second level. A shed-roofed 2-storey gallery with simple balustrade covers the rear elevation of this building and the adjacent one, with an entrance to each building at each level. There is a terraced brick courtyard in the rear. The building has a nearly flat gable roof covered with tar-&-gravel, broken by a third storey loft.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

J. Samuel McCue purchased this lot in 1904 (City DB 15-288) and immediately razed a one-storey building which had once housed a butcher's shop and later a barber shop. Unforeseen difficulties interrupted his plans to erect an office building, however, and the lot was vacant when sold to A. P. Walker, et al, in 1909 after his death (DB 20-385). Tax records show that the new owners erected the present building in 1912. Whitney Stone and David J. Wood purchased this building and the one adjacent to it on the south from Walker in 1937 (DB 93-57) and owned them until 1964 (DB 250-46). The property then changed hands several times before being purchased by the present owner in 1977 (DB 389-420). The buildings have been painted and extensively renovated, and a third storey loft and two-storey rear gallery and courtyard have been added under the direction of the Grigg Wood Browne Eichman & Dalgliesh. Additional References: City DB 16-120, 21-344, 43-119, 304-494, 340-360, 370-109.