

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 301 East High Street
Map and Parcel: 33-70
Census Tract & Block: 3-502
Present Owner: City Mortgage & Insurance Co.
Address: 301 East High Street
Present Use: Offices
Original Owner: City Mortgage and Insurance Co.
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BASE DATA

Historic Name: City Mortgage and Insurance Bldg.
Date/Period: 1958
Style: Colonial Revival
Height to Cornice: 37.5
Height in Stories: 1 1/2
Present Zoning: B -1
Land Area (sq.ft.): 62 x 150
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 13,330 + 24,450 = 37,750

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This modern office was designed as a reproduction of Gunston Hall, the famous Georgian mansion of George Mason in Fairfax County. The most prominent feature taken from Gunston Hall is the one story entrance porch with its Palladian motif enriched with four Doric columns and a frieze with triglyphs. The brick walls were designed to simulate Flemish bond with a water table of molded bricks, and non-structural flat arches. The rear, or north elevation is fitted with a long shed dormer which supplements the five traditional facadal dormers in providing light to the architectural offices located on the second floor.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The City Mortgage and Insurance Company building was designed by the firm Johnson, Craven, and Gibson and was completed in 1958. The old Valentine house occupied the site before it was destroyed to make room for the existing structure. Deed reference: 149-146 (1950).

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Excellent

SOURCES

City Records
Stevens, Virginia House Tours, p. 125.