



# LANDMARK

# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 407 East High Street  
 Map and Parcel: 53-31  
 Census Tract & Block: 3-501  
 Present Owner: Elizabeth B. Wheeler  
 Address: 405 East High Street  
 Present Use: Offices  
 Original Owner: Elizabeth Wheeler  
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## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Wheeler Building  
 Date/Period: 1974  
 Style: Colonial Revival  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 2  
 Present Zoning: B-1  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 50 x 155  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 12,120 + 21,420 = 33,540

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A 1974 interpretation of eighteenth century domestic architecture, the building is an example of how ineffective the style can become when translated into twentieth century materials for twentieth century commercial needs. The style attempts to harmonize with its predominately nineteenth century residential neighbors surrounding Court Square. The five bay, two story brick structure employs such Georgian motifs as double sash windows with jack arches, an exterior buttressed chimney, and raised panel doors. The interior trim also echos eighteenth century detailing with moulded chair rails and pulvinated frieze mantles on the first floor fireplaces. The proportions of the building could be better as the amount of brick wall between the undersized windows and entranceway is too great, and the pitch of the roof is too shallow. The building replaces an earlier nineteenth century brick structure that was added to in 1905. Its most notable detail was a mansarded tower above the entrance.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Mrs. F. G. Willingham inherited the property from Mrs. Lucy Simpson. At that time the building was valued at \$400. C. H. Walker bought the lot in 1905 (DB 14-123) and must have improved the existing structure for its value jumped to \$1000 in 1905. In 1915 H. H. Murch purchased the property from Walker (DB 29-365), and it remained in the family until 1972 when Elizabeth B. Wheeler purchased it from the estate of Jennie I. Paune, Murch's step-daughter.

## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

City Records