

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 100 E. Main Street
MAP & PARCEL: 28-20
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-122
PRESENT ZONING: B-4
ORIGINAL OWNER: Samuel J. Robinson
ORIGINAL USE: Grocery
PRESENT USE: Men's Clothing Store
PRESENT OWNER: Samuel J. Robinson Heirs
ADDRESS: c/o Richard M. Robinson, Jr.
 1016 Cherry Avenue
 Charlottesville, VA

HISTORIC NAME: Samuel J. Robinson Building
DATE / PERIOD: 1916
STYLE:
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 21.25' x 164.47' } 5122 sq. ft.
CONDITION: Good 6.4' x 106.95'
SURVEYOR: Bibb 12.2' x 77.28'
DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1979
SOURCES: City Records Richard M. Robinson, Jr.
 Ch'ville City Directories Page Foster
 Sanborn Map Co. -- 1907, 1920

Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A new storefront extends halfway up this building's facade, but the upper half remains undisturbed. It is two storeys tall and two bays wide. Construction is of brick, ordinary brick laid in 6-course American bond on the side and yellowish-tan pressed brick laid in stretcher bond with accents of reddish-tan pressed brick on the facade. The facade and the first bay of the First Street elevation below the second storey windows have been faced with shallow red brick over the original brick walls. The first level storefront has multi-light display windows and a bellcast gambrell pent-roof covered with wooden shingles, all set within a recessed loggia that is open at the First Street corner. The second storey facade is recessed between rusticated brick corner piers, with the recession corbelled out at the top in the redder brick. Windows are double-sash, 1-over-1 light, and are arranged in segmental-arched pairs. Their raised segmental arches with keystones and end blocks are of the redder brick. A shed roof slopes gently toward the rear behind a parapet with projecting wooden cornice and paneled frieze. The first bay of the First Street elevation matches the facade, except that there is a single window at the second level. There are twelve segmental-arched windows irregularly spaced along the rest of the side elevation. Toward the rear, there is a round-arched basement door with semi-circular transom and a first level warehouse door.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

John P. Halbach erected a two-storey brick building on this site before 1840. Samuel J. Robinson had been operating a grocery and meat market there for several years when he purchased it in 1912 (City DB 24-216). He replaced the old building with the present one in 1916. It is still owned by Robinson's heirs. He and his sons conducted their grocery business there until the early 1930's. Then the Style Shoppe occupied the building for the next 30 years. Page Foster, Inc., has occupied it since the early 1960's. The storefront was remodeled c. 1950 and again in 1965. Additional References: City WB 5-97, 8-211, 11-302, 12-58, 12-139; DB 292-371 & 391.

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