

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

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## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 106 E. Main Street -  
Map and Parcel: 28-22  
Census Track & Block:  
Present Owner: Roy L. and Betty N. Cress  
Address: 112 Village Court  
Present Use: Gift Shop  
Original Owner: Hollis Rinehart  
Original Use: Plumbing Supply Store

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Rinehart Building  
Date/Period: 1915  
Style:  
Height to Cornice:  
Height in Stories: 2  
Present Zoning: B-4  
Land Area (sq.ft.): 19.14' x 163.47' (4162 sp. ft.)  
Assessed Value (land + imp.):

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This unique building, two stories tall, and three bays wide, was originally part of a 7-bay duplex store building, the western half of which burned about 1950. There was a low tower on the parapet in each side bay and a bellcast roof over the five center bays. As originally conceived, the towers did not dominate the facade, but the narrowness of the remaining section of the building now overemphasizes its vertical lines. Construction is of brick, with the facade covered with stucco. It is painted cream with dark brown trim. The modern glass storefront is set at an angle and has a side entrance. The storefront cornice has been removed. An entrance at the east end of the storefront gives access to the rear section of the building. Access to the second storey is by an entrance and stair between this building and the one at 102 E. Main, in what was the center bay of the original building. At the second level, the two western bays of the facades are recessed between Corinthianesque pilasters. Windows are double-sash, 1-over-1 light. On the parapet above these two bays there is a bellcast roof covered with dark brown tile with a boxed cornice with modillions. In the eastern bay, the parapet forms a low tower. It has a smaller double-sash, 1-over-1 light window at the second level, with shouldered surrounds and bracketed sill, and a narrow circular-headed niche at the third level. Behind the parapet, a shed roof covered with standing-seam tin slopes to the rear. There is an early, if not original, one-storey rear addition with a shed roof sloping to the west side and a single multi-light segmental-arched rear window.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1915 (City DB 27-181) Hollis Rinehart purchased a two-storey duplex brick building with living quarters above which had been built by John P. Halbach between 1828 and 1842, and had been owned by the Carpenter family since 1883. Tax records indicate that Rinehart replaced it with another duplex building the same year. The eastern half, 106 E. Main St., is all that remains of that building. The western half, 102 E. Main St., was sold to I. Daniel Levy in 1924 (DB 46-457) and was completely destroyed by fire in 1950. Misses Minnie B. and Elsie J. Norris bought the eastern half in 1923 for their millinery shop, J. B. Norris & Co. (DB 43-394). They sold it in 1931 to Jefferson-Lafayette Theatres, Inc., which owned it until 1966 (DB 72-91, 277-427). The present owners purchased it in 1977 and have completely renovated it (DB 387-638). During the 1940's and 1950's O. E. & C. L. Hawkins occupied the store room. This firm was founded after the old firm of Hawkins Brothers & Co. was reorganized in 1941. It was at that time that the storefront was altered. Additional Deed References: City DB 43-149, 375-333.

## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

City/County Records  
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