

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 118-120 W. Main Street
 MAP & PARCEL: 28-16
 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-311
 PRESENT ZONING: B-4
 ORIGINAL OWNER: W. T. Elliott and A. G. Carter
 ORIGINAL USE: Grocery Store
 PRESENT USE: Men's Clothing Store, Offices
 PRESENT OWNER: M & O Corporation
 ADDRESS: c/o Dr. Virgil Marshall
 306 East Jefferson Street
 Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

HISTORIC NAME: Elliott & Carter Building (Young Men's Shop)
 DATE / PERIOD: 1904 and c. 1946
 STYLE: Italianate
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 3, 2
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 50.3' x 172' (8656.76 sq. ft.)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Spring, 1979
 SOURCES: City Records
 W. Harry O'Mansky
 Alexander, Recollections of Early Ch'ville
 Holsinger's Charlottesville

Sanborn Map Co - 1896, 1907, 1920, 1969

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This simply, but handsomely, detailed large building is three stories tall and seven bays wide. It is built of pressed brick laid in stretcher bond on the facade, and ordinary brick laid in 5-course American bond on the Second Street elevation. The first level of the facade is now faced with tile, but early photographs show that the original storefront had rusticated brick corner piers supporting a simple entablature. The two recessed entrance loggias reflect the building's original use as two smaller stores. A display window between the two loggias replaces the original entrance to the upper stories. The facade is arcaded at the second and third levels. Windows are double-sash, 1-over-1 light, with rusticated stone sills. Those at the second level also have rusticated stone lintels. Those at the third level have half-round transoms under the moulded brick arches of the arcade. Stone hyphens at window-top level form end blocks for the arches. There is an inset panel outlined with brick egg-&-dart moulding in each bay above the arcade. The facade is crowned by a projecting wooden cornice with paneled frieze, brackets, cornice stops, and finials. The section of the frieze above the central bay is undecorated and set off by paired brackets, as if the name of the building were to have been written there. The first bay of the Second Street elevation matches the facade in all respects. The other five bays of the original three-story building have somewhat narrower windows, segmental-arched at the second level and round-arched at the third. The first two bays also have half-round windows with wheel-spoke muntins at the first level. Access to the offices at the second and third levels is through an Art Deco style entrance in the two-story rear addition.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The house that formerly stood on this site is said to have been one of the earliest brick buildings in the town. It was two stories tall, three bays wide, probably double pile, with capped interior end chimneys. W. T. Elliott and A. G. Carter bought it in 1903 (City DB 14-255) and replaced the old house with the present building in 1904. They were partners in a grocery business, and when they dissolved partnership in 1909, Carter purchased the building (DB 20-372) and continued to operate the grocery in the western store room for another decade. He sold the building in 1919, and the lot behind it in 1923, to W. H. Snyder (DB 33-8, 44-97). Harvey A. Basham bought it in 1940 and added two-story rear wing in 1946 (DB 104-469, 125-311). The present owners purchased it from Basham's estate in 1966 (DB 280-261). The Young Men's Shop opened in 1933 in the eastern store room and has occupied the entire main level since about 1940.



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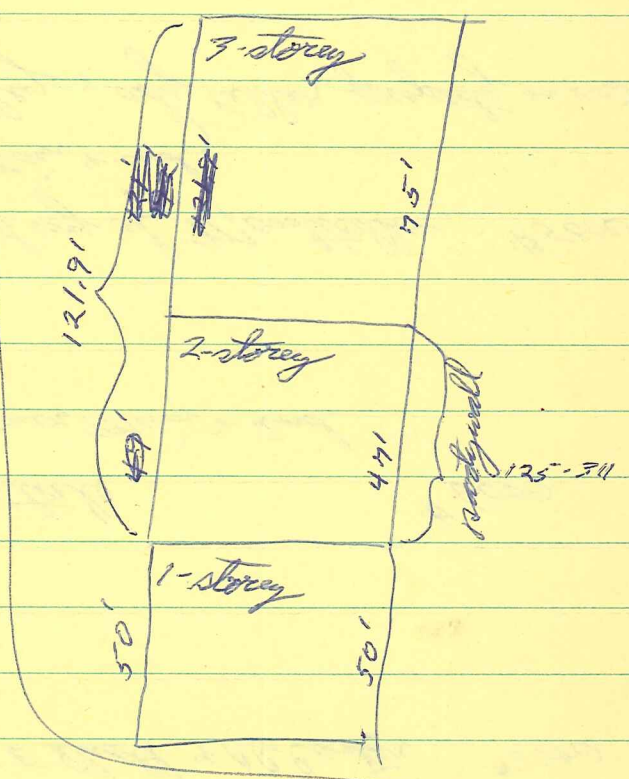
Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City	
Street address or route number	
USGS Quad	Date or period
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner	Source of name
Present owner address	Source of date
	Stories
Present use	Foundation and wall const'n
Acreage	
	Roof type
State condition of structure and environs	
State potential threats to structure	
Note any archaeological interest	
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ____ no ____	
Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)	
<p>PRESSED BRICK (RUNNING BOND). 3 STORY, LOW PITCHED ROOF.</p> <p>7 BAY. ITALIANATE COMMERCIAL. CA. 1880. 1ST STORY 1930'S</p> <p>BAKED GLASS & GLASS STORE FRONT. ^{TWO} RECESSED ENTRANCES TO EAST</p> <p>AND WEST. 2ND & 3RD STORIES 1/1 SASH, DOUBLE HUNG. STONE SILLS.</p> <p>STONE LINTELS ON 2ND STORY. BRICK ARCHES ABOVE SEMICIRCULAR</p> <p>LIGHTS OF 3RD STORY WINDOWS. RECESSED BRICK PANELS ABOVE</p> <p>WINDOWS FRAMED WITH EGG & DART MOLDING. BRACKETED</p> <p>METAL CORNICE</p>	
Interior inspected?	
Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)	

Young Men's Shop (118-120 W)

280-255 Jeff - Lafayette Theatres Inc → M & O Corp #33,000
 8/1/1966 lot w/inght 50.08 on 2nd, 110 2nd St SW
 same as 117-49

280-261 Nat Bank for Harvey A. Basham est (WB 38-187) → M & O Corp
 8/1/1966 parcel 1 at SE corner W Main & 2nd
 same as 104-469
 see party wall agreement 125-311

125-311 Harvey Basham proposes to erect
 3/21/1946 an addition to rear of bldg on
 corner Main & 2nd;
 Ernest D Jones est on east
 to have right to use of it;
 2-stories
 Jones est making 1-story add.



104-469 WH & Mattie T Snyder → Harvey A Basham #55,000
 11/14/1940 50' on main, 122' on 2nd
 consists of 3 parcels:
 1) corner lot ^{of inght} 50' x 75', same as 33-88
 2) 7' strip ^{of inght} on 2nd St, alley adj to above, same as 44-97 & 104-465
 3) 40' lot w/inght on 2nd St, same as 44-97

44-97 AG & Maysa Carter → WH & Mattie T Snyder #10,000
 6/15/1933 lot 47' lot on 2nd St, part of orig L 40
 Snyder may maintain kitchen belonging to house conveyed to
 them by this deed until Carter is ready to build on property,
 then must move it.

many deed ref to adj property

beyond 1896?

~~1893-1890~~

33-~~8~~⁵

~~James B. & Emma Hart Johnson & Wm. E. & Antoinette B. Knight~~

~~5/22/1917~~ AB & Maysa B Carter → WH & Mattie T Snyder \$30,000

4/30/1919 50' Main, 75' 2nd

same as 14-255 & 20-372

20-372

"WT Elliott & AB Carter have been trading for some years under firm name of Elliott & Carter, which partnership has been dissolved by mutual consent...."

WT & Peachy M Elliott → AB Carter

$\frac{1}{2}$ int

14-255

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WT & Mary Ashton Steele → WT Elliott & AB Carter \$5000

7/3/1903

lot Main & 2nd

same as 12-174

12-174

Jefferson M. Levy → WI Steele \$6000

11/9/1901

part of Lot 40 in old town, ^{SE} corner Main & 2nd

same as 2-427

2-427

Ben. R & K L Pace → Jefferson M Levy of Monticello \$5000

10/1/1891

lot w/ bldgs on SE corner Main & 2nd,

76' on Main, 75' on 2nd to Valley, adj Keller property on east part of AEDB 83-210

118-120 W

3rd

1902, 03 1892,	W. Isaac Steele	L40, #120 Main	$1500 + 2500 = 4000$	fr Jeff. M. Levy
1904	W T Elliott & A C Carter	" "	$1000 + " = 3500$	fr WI Steele
1905	" "	" "	$" + 7000 = 8000$	bldg added

3-storey, 7 bay, duplex

2 deep & wide entry recesses; tiled walls

arcaded, w/ ^{rounded} round arches of 3rd storey windows forming
tops

~~2nd~~ 2nd storey wind - 1/1, rust stone sills & lintels
3rd " " " " same, w/ half-round transom

rust stone steps ~~of~~ below arches

recessed panel of egg-&-dart, all brick, ^{in each bay} ~~above 3rd level wind~~
above 3rd level wind

pressed brick, stretcher bond

entab w/ no metal cornice steps of finish, paneled
fringe, brackets

over central bay; 0 panel, set off by ^{paired} ~~paired~~ brackets
but no name

1st side bay matches

other 5 bays orig side, (3 storey);

reg brick, 5- & 6m

windows same except 2 narrower, round arches flush,
2nd level reg arched

1st level thermal wheel wind in 1st 2

118 - 120 W. Main (Young Men's Shop)

261 280 - 261	M40 Corp,	8/9/66	124,700	plot 280-257 new survey
" 255		"	37,000	" "

commercial
concrete foundation, brick walls, tiled & glass front
"old" 4 1954-55
offices on 2nd floor, storage on 3rd
O basement
flooring replaced 1972

not on 1896 Sanborn; is on 1907 - 1920
2-storey part 1/2 lot bought 1923, not on 1920 map
3- " " " " 1919, prob there; is on 1920 Sanborn
My guess is 1903 by Elliott & Carter

118 = elec theatre
- 120 = govt meat
store between

owners: Elliott & Carter, Carter	1904 - 1919 = 15-yr
Snyder	1919 - 1940 = 21 "
Basham	1940 - 1966 = 26 "
occupants: [Elliott &] Carter	1904 - 1919 = 15-yr
Young Men's Shop	= 1936 - present = 34-yr

O'Mansky doesn't know age
there since 1933, whole bldg since c 1940