



VIRGINIA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104-71  
Negative no(s). 5077-18

SURVEY FORM

Historic name  
County/Town/City Charlottesville  
Street address or route number 1200 W Main St.

Common name Kane Furniture

USGS Quad C'ville, east, Va.

Date or period Ca. 1960

Original owner

Architect/builder/craftsmen

Original use commerical

Present owner

Source of name

Present owner address

Source of date

Stories

Present use commerical

Foundation and wall const'n

Acreage

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs excellent

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest NONE

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.)

1200: brick walls (stretcher bond); 2 story; flat roof; 3 bays; Commerical Style; Ca. 1960; plain brick 2<sup>nd</sup> story over 1<sup>st</sup> story display windows, asbestos shingled pent roof over all fenestration; entrance in central bay; all windows are single light plate glass display type in wooden sash; western bay appears to be an addition.

Interior inspected? no

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

A 1907 edition of Sanborne's Insurance Map indicates two 2 story wooden houses on this site w/ the street numbers of 1102 and 1106 W Main St.

A 1935 USGS Topo. map does not indicate these houses, but does show what might be the central portion of Kane Furniture.

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Sources and bibliography  
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)

Name, address and title of recorder

Date



STREET ADDRESS: 1200 West Main Street  
 MAP & PARCEL: 10-63  
 FILE NUMBER: 710  
 PRESENT ZONING: B-3  
 ORIGINAL OWNER:  
 ORIGINAL USE:  
 PRESENT USE: Furniture Store  
 PRESENT OWNER: Kane's Inc.  
 ADDRESS: Box K, University Station  
 Charlottesville, VA 22903  
 HISTORIC NAME: Harper Building  
 DATE/PERIOD: c. 1926, 1954, 1973, 1981  
 STYLE:  
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: One Story  
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 144.26' x 194' (27,103 sq. ft.)  
 CONDITION: Good  
 SURVEYOR: Bibb  
 DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1995  
 SOURCES: City Records  
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1920, 1929-57  
 Ch'ville City Directories

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Although it is not discernible to the naked eye, this tall one-story building is actually a nearly rectangular parallelogram, built to conform to the shape of its lot. The walls of this main block are constructed of tile, faced with brick laid in stretcher bond. It is painted white with Wedgewood blue trim. The building has a medium-pitched stepped gabled roof covered with composition shingles. This is visible only on the rear elevation; the facade is covered by a later addition with a high parapet. Four large, square display windows on the facade are sheltered by a shallow wooden shingled pentroof, also painted blue. A matching pentroof shelters a deeply recessed entrance at the western end of the facade of the main block. Glass double doors with wide sidelights, corner lights, and transom give access to a vestibule with several steps leading up to an older entrance. Projecting brick piers divide the rear elevation into three bays. Originally there was a warehouse door with two small windows above it in the central bay and a tall window in each side bay. All have now been bricked up, as has the one tall window still visible on the eastern elevation. A one-story, flat-roofed addition covers the western elevation. The walls of the newer rear portion are constructed of cinderblock. The walls of the front portion are constructed of brick and clearly appear to incorporate in its western wall a part of an earlier building with a fieldstone foundation, brick walls laid in 5-course American bond, and a door or large window (bricked up). The facade of the addition is stepped back slightly and has two display windows matching those in the main block.



## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The firm of University Drive-It-Yourself, <sup>a car</sup>care rental service, purchased this lot in 1926 (City DB 55-268) and erected this building the same year, according to City records. Despite the fact that the Sanborn maps show no building on the lot as late as 1920, the presence of 5-course American bond brickwork and a fieldstone foundation in a segment of the wall of the building's western addition clearly indicate that it must incorporate part of a much earlier building. The building was occupied briefly by several automobile dealerships in the late 1940's and early 1950's. It was remodeled in 1954, and for a few years there was a restaurant in the front of the building and a bowling alley in the rear. Kane's furniture store has occupied the entire building since the mid 1960's and it was bought by that firm in 1971 (City DB 329-438). The storefront was remodeled in 1973 and the western addition enlarged in 1981.

Additional References: City DB 180-433, 199-226



## RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE  
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

Reviewed by Margaret Peters

DHR Identification Number: 104-0331

Other DHR Number: Property Date(s) 1925 ca

## PROPERTY NAMES

University Drive-It-Yourself (1200 W. Main St.)

## EXPLANATION

Historic/Location

Kane Furniture

Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District: N/A

Tax Parcel: 10-63

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

## ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
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1200 -	W. Main St.	
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Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet:

Name of National Register Historic District:

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Built up, parking lots on south and west sides.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

## WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Commercial Building	Historic

TOTAL:	1	
Historic:	1	
Non-Historic:	0	



# PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Structural System	0	Frame	Brick	Veneer
Roof	0	Gable: front	Asphalt	Shingle
Window(s)	0	Fixed	Wood	

## INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Commercial Building  
 Primary Resource? Yes  
 Estimated Date of Construction: 1926  
 Source of Date: Local Records  
 Architectural Style: No Style Listed  
 Description:  
 Original features of this barn-like building include a weatherboarded front parapet with a stepped profile (now concealed behind a post-WWII front) and a stepped brick rear parapet.

Condition: Good  
 Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:  
 A lower wing running the entire length of the west side appears to be an addition. The building also has a blocky post-WWII front with display windows and modern signage.

Number of Stories: 1.0  
 Interior Plan Type:  
 Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade  
 Transportation/Communication

Significance Statement:  
 University Drive-It-Yourself (as the building was known in 1934) represents one of West Main Street's oldest properties with an automobile orientation. The building is labeled "auto livery" on the 1929 Sanborn map, and it apparently served as a rental agency for college students and others. The building has been occupied by Kane Furniture since at least the early 1950s.

## GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14634	21 -	2/ /1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14634	23 -	2/ /1996

## BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Map



Author: Sanborn Map Company  
Citation Abbreviation:  
Sanborn maps of Charlottesville, 1891+  
Notes:

Sequence #: 2.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Local Records  
Author: City of Charlottesville  
Citation Abbreviation:  
Tax parcel data base  
Notes:

#### CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: / /1996  
Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey  
Organization or Person: J. Daniel Pezzoni, Preservation Con  
ID # Associated with Event:  
CRM Event Notes or Comments:

#### MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:  
First :  
Last :  
Suffix :  
Title :  
Company: Kane's Inc.

Address: Box K University Station

City : Charlottesville State: VA  
Zip : 22903- Country: USA  
Phone/extension: 804-296-5594

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:



SECTION 10



## reconnaissance main screen 1 of 2

Where is data filed at DHR?

DHR Idem. #

Other DHR no.

Property date(s)

Property Name(s)

Seq. #

Name

Explanation\*

Address

Alternate spelling

Former/current

Historic/location

Original

Address-current

Current

Function/location

Location

VLR listing

Alleged

Descriptive

Historic

NHL listing

Alternate name

Former

Historic/current

NRHP listing

County/Ind. City

Tax Parcel Number

State VA Virginia

Magis'l District

USGS Quad Map Name

Center UTM-Zone/East/North

UTMs of Boundary

## reconnaissance main screen 2 of 2

Restrict Location and UTM data?

#

# Suffix Thoroughfare Name

Address

Explanation

Address Superfield Screen

Address Explanation

Sequence Number

Main Street Number

Number Suffix

Street Name

Alternate

Current

Name Change

Number Change

Vicinity of:

Town/Village/Hamlet

Name of National Register Historic District

Name of VDHR Eligible Historic District

Name of Local Historic District

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Physical Character of General Surroundings

City

Hamlet

Rural

Suburban

Town

Village

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features

Ownership

F Public-Federal

P Private

L Public-Local

S Public-State

NR Resource Type

B Building

S Site

D District

U Structure

O Object

Seq. #

# of

Wuxit Count

Wuxit Types

Historic?\*

Total

Historic

Non-Historic

Historic Non-Historic

Undetermined

## reconnaissance main screen 4 of 2

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description

Component

Some Type/Form

Material

Material Treatment

chimney(s)

columns

cornice

door(s)

foundation

porch

roof

walls

windows

NV

gab (fr)  
masonry  
fixedasph  
br ven  
wdshing  
str  
display

## Individual Resource Information

Seq. # Wuxit

Primary?

Date Built

## Individual Resource Superfield Screen

Sequence Number

Primary Resource?

Estimated Date of Construction

Wuxit

Source of Date

Architectural Style

Art Deco

Beaux Arts

Bungalow/Craftsman

Chicago

Classical Revival

Colonial

Colonial Revival

Commercial Style

Dutch Colonial

Early Class. Rev.

Early Republic

Exotic Revival

Federal

French Colonial

French Renaissance

Georgian

Gothic

Gothic Revival

Greek Revival

International Style

Italian Renaissance

Italian Villa

Italianate

Late 19th &amp;

20th C. Revivals

Late 19th &amp; Early

20th C. Amer.

Movements

Late Gothic Revival

Late Victorian

Mid-19th C.

Mission/Spanish

Colonial Revival

Mixed (more than 3 styles

from different periods)

Modern Movement

Moderne

No Style Listed

Octagon Mode

Other

Postmedieval English

Prairie School

Pueblo

Queen Anne

Renaissance

Romanesque

Second Empire

Shingle Style

Skyscraper

Spanish Colonial

Stick/Eastlake

Tudor Revival

ca. 1950

Bldg may incorp earlier bldg (stepped false fr visible behind current front)  
stepped rear p. port.

Condition

Demolished

Deteriorated

Excellent

Fair

Good

Good-Excellent

Good-Fair

N/A

Poor

Rebuilt

Remodeled

Ruinous

Threats to Resource

Demolition

Deterioration

Development

Major Alteration

Neglect

None

None Known

Public Util. Expan.

Relocation

Structural Failure

Trans. Expan.

Vacant

## Additions/Alterations Description



Number of Stories: 2  
 Interior Plan Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accessed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conditional Individual Resource Superfield Screen  
 If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denied \_\_\_\_\_ No Trespassing \_\_\_\_\_ Not Accessible \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interior Description \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Secondary Resources \_\_\_\_\_  
 reconnaissance main screen 5 of 7  
 Historic Context \_\_\_\_\_

DHR Historic Context(s):  
 Agriculture/Subsistence \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity/Immigration \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation/Arts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architecture/Landscape Architecture/ \_\_\_\_\_ Funerary \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Community Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Health Care \_\_\_\_\_ Settlement Patterns \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commerce/Trade \_\_\_\_\_ Industry/Processing/Extraction \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_  
 Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ Landscape \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic Engineering \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Military/Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Significance Statement \_\_\_\_\_

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 Graphic Documentation  

Medium*	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
2 x 2 B & W photos	B & W 35 mm photos	Historic photos	Slides
4 x 5 B & W photos	Color 35 mm photos	Measured drawings	

Bibliographic Data  
 Seq. # \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Citation \_\_\_\_\_

Bibliographic Superfield Screen  
 Sequence #: \_\_\_\_\_ Bibliographic Record Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Citation Abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Cultural Resource Management Events  

Date	CRM Event	Agency/Individual	Assoc. ID#

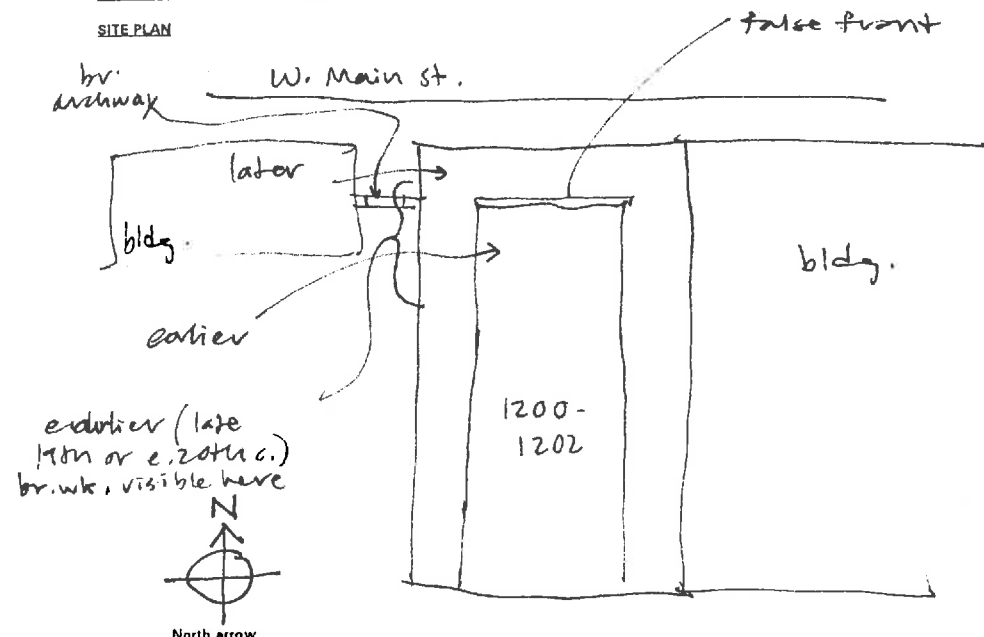
CRM Event Superfield Screen  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Resource Management Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization or Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID# Associated with Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes or Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address Superfield Screen  
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 FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Updated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LAST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUFFIX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE/EXTENSION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Individual's Category Codes  

Informant	Occupant	Owner	Specimens (owner of specimens)	Tenant

Survivor's Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_ Data Processing Events  
 Person \_\_\_\_\_



N.T.S.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SES - 2/96

Drawn by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_



11910  
Bldg  
100 & 1202 W. Main  
K. Kinsler  
22903  
1951  
1964  
1957  
1954  
plot 254-486  
no survey  
re  
re, Dr

sk. & masonry work, gable + built-up flat 10

addn  
remodel store front  
remodeled 1954

1926 front  
ing alley in 1950's  
built 1955

l. wing on W

1962 - combined w/



7 old bldg on Kane's site -  
2-5, 7 rooms  
metal gable roof



717 W Va map shows a b.  
of Sieberg (110)



1200 - 1202 W Main

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127-279 Univ Drive - St-Yoursself → J. H. Harper

7/46 1) <sup>90'</sup> lot w/ bldgs ~~on~~ on S side W main

same as 55-268, 1926 (eastern 65' x 180' back to alley)

" " 69-192, 1930 (western 25' x 60' "

65'  
35'  
90'

69-192 ⑥ My Own Dev Corp → Univ Drive - St-Yoursself

8/30 part of 37-352

55-268 ① John E + Addie R Shepherd & Robt L + Lulan M - Eberg  
11/26 → My Own Dev Corp.

65' lot on "west side of Main St", 120' W of 11th

~~same~~

~~55-268~~

199-226 Harper Mtn, Inc → W. A. Reynolds, Inc

# 10, 100

5/1957 a) DB 55-268, 1926, Shepherd et al → Univ Drive St-Yoursself  
65' x 180' lot on S side W main, 120' W of 11th, adj Eberg  
w/ingrta

b) DB 69-192, 1930, My Own Dev Corp → Univ D-I-7  
immed W of a), 25' x 60'

~~same as 55~~ w/ingrta

1942  
see agreement DB 110-474

~~DB 128~~

110-474 Univ D-I-7 has erected shed on MOD's property behalf,

1942 will remove

alley rights

plot doesn't show bldgs

~~37-352~~



37-352  
1921

J L Cochran est -> J E Shepherd -> Rindhart, Fenderson, M E Bay  
1913 plat  
part of 40852-472, 1854, J L Heiskell -> Sophie Deschols trustee  
306 1/2' on S side W main & 69 3/4' to 20' st ...  
bet Lyman -> 2' wide & 5 dburg  
alley fr 20' st





## Kanis

1-5 (25 ht),  
stretcher band, white w/ Wedgewood blue trim & found,  
yl paragon

band 4 l sq 1-2 display wind floor-ceiling  
sheltered by shallow wooden shingled pentroof,  
also blue

matching pentroof shelters deeply recessed at  
wind foudle

A med <sup>comp shingle</sup> pitched ~~pent~~ stepped gable roof (covered on both  
sides)

rowel 4 xoj brick piers, 3-bay  
tall window in side bays & warehouse door w/ 2 m wind above in center bay, bricked <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~,  
also tall wind visible on E  
gutter covers cornice

ent: back-metal-framed 1-2 glass doors & side 1-2  
sidelights, transom, & corner lights

vestibule w/ steps up into store indicates that 1-2 display  
windows space were added onto front



Kane's western addn  
~~Same (Stoney Hall)~~

1-5

flat roof

CB up <sup>roof</sup> corners //

~~recessed~~

rear door

N wall blank except door

stretcher

brick section at front connects it to  
taller & older brick section (5-2 km)

up 1 large wind or door on N brick up  
high stone found covered w/ concrete, flat roof  
another new brick section at front

faces: Band 2, <sup>same</sup> display wind

stepped back sl for T





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Date 2, APRIL 1996 File No. 104-331

Name Kane Furniture Building

Town (1200 W. Main St.)

County Charlottesville

Photographer Dan Pezzoni

Contents 2 ext. views

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