

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 1511 University Avenue	HISTORIC NAME:
MAP & PARCEL: 9-78	DATE / PERIOD: c. 1930
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	STYLE:
PRESENT ZONING: B-3	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 1 storey
ORIGINAL OWNER: J. H. Irving & Harry H. Robinson	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 33,995 sq. ft.
ORIGINAL USE: Men's Clothing Store?	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Restaurant	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: College Land Trust	DATE OF SURVEY: Summery 1986
ADDRESS: c/o David H. Pettit, Trustee	SOURCES: City Records Holsinger Photographs
409 Park Street	Sanborn Map Co., - 1896, 1920, 1929-57
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901	

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

One section of an Art Deco storefront has survived the modernization of this one-storey building. Wall construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond throughout the building. A 1946 photograph shows what appears to be carrera glass storefront with a semi-octagonal arched central entrance loggia. This has been replaced with a wide, shallow loggia angled so as to accentuate the trapezoidal shape of the building. The entrance is now at the western end of the storefront beside a large multi-light display window. A paneled sign above the storefront covers or replaces the carrera glass panel and arch. The storefront is still framed by a decorative band of brick: header-stretcher-header, with corner blocks of black carrera glass. This is repeated in the first bay of the west side elevation where a display window has a tall transom panel of black carrera glass in a stylized fan motif. The parapet is plain. Four high, small, square, segmental-arched windows along the side elevation have been closed. Most of the rear elevation is covered by a cinderblock addition.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

When J. H. Irving and Harry H. Robinson purchased this entire small block, known as "The Carter lot" in 1922 (City DB 40-241), the deed stated that they were already conducting a grocery business in an early 20th century one-storey frame building on this site. The new owners erected a new building at the eastern end for their business, and at some point, probably c. 1930, they replaced the frame building with this one. It has housed The College Inn since the early 1950's.



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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 164-70
Negative no(s). 5072 (22)

SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name <i>College Inn Restaurant</i>
County/Town/City <i>Albemarle, Charlottesville</i>	
Street address or route number <i>1511 University Ave.</i>	
USGS Quad <i>Charlottesville West, Va.</i>	Date or period <i>circa 1900</i>
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner	Source of name
Present owner address	Source of date
	Stories
Present use <i>restaurant</i>	Foundation and wall const'n
Acreage	
	Roof type

State condition of structure and environs *fair*

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no X

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.)

1511: brick, stretcher bond; 1 story; commercial; 9 light curtain wall; entrance door on far left at skewed angle to street; 2 bay; inset brickwork on corner; wooden advertising billboard over front entrance and display windows; no molding or trim; slightly inset front entrance; transom over door; sign perpendicular to building suspended over sidewalk.

Interior inspected?

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

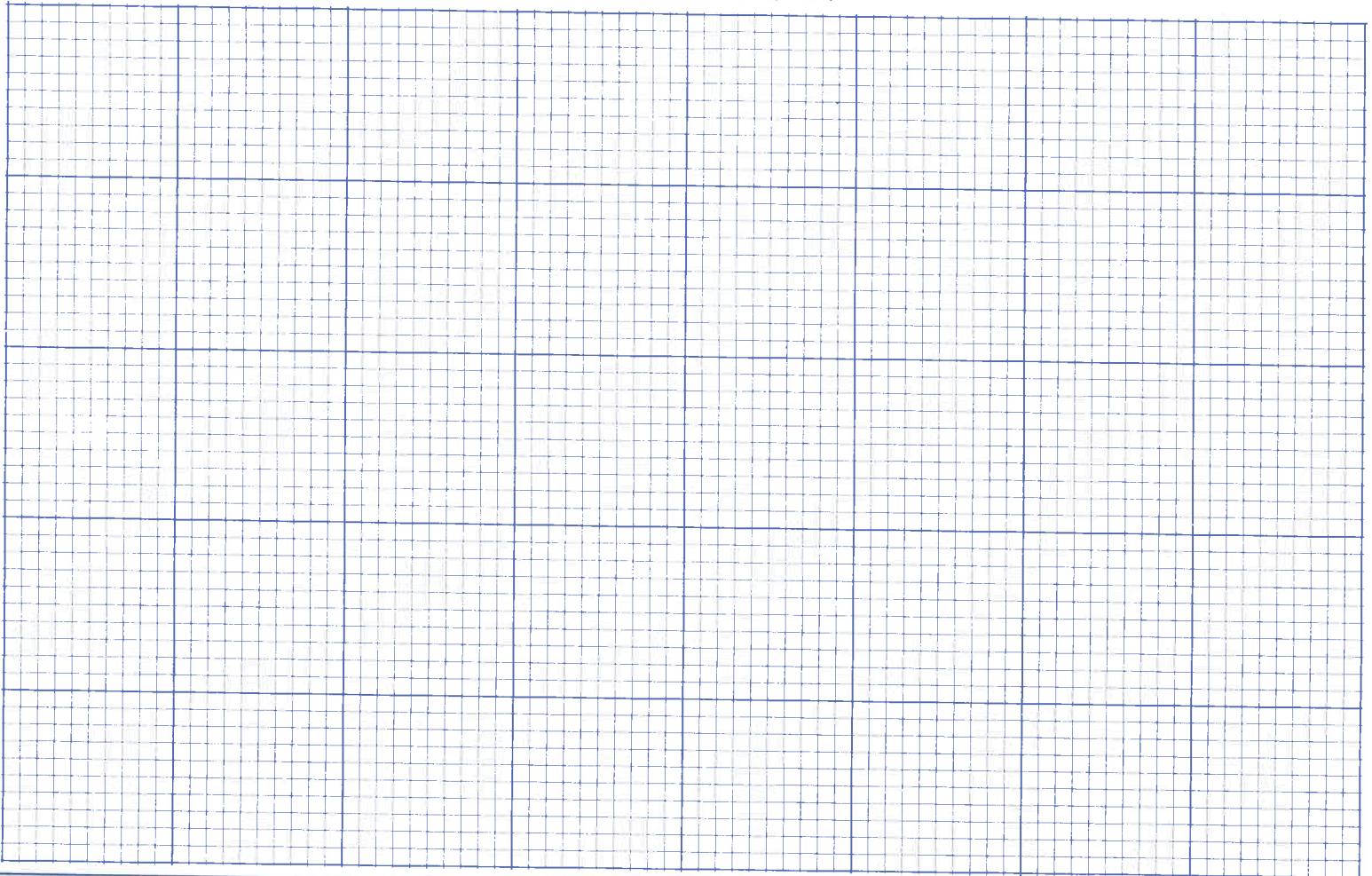
formerly Kirk's store

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

Douglas Harnotberger, Architectural History U.Va.

Date

Mar 1980



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-130
Negative no(s) 7296

Street address **1511 University Ave.**
Town/City **Charlottesville**
Historic name _____ Common name **College Inn Restaurant**

- Material
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 - brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
 - stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 - log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 - stucco
 - concrete block
 - enameled steel
 - other: _____
- cast iron
 - terra cotta
 - glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
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Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
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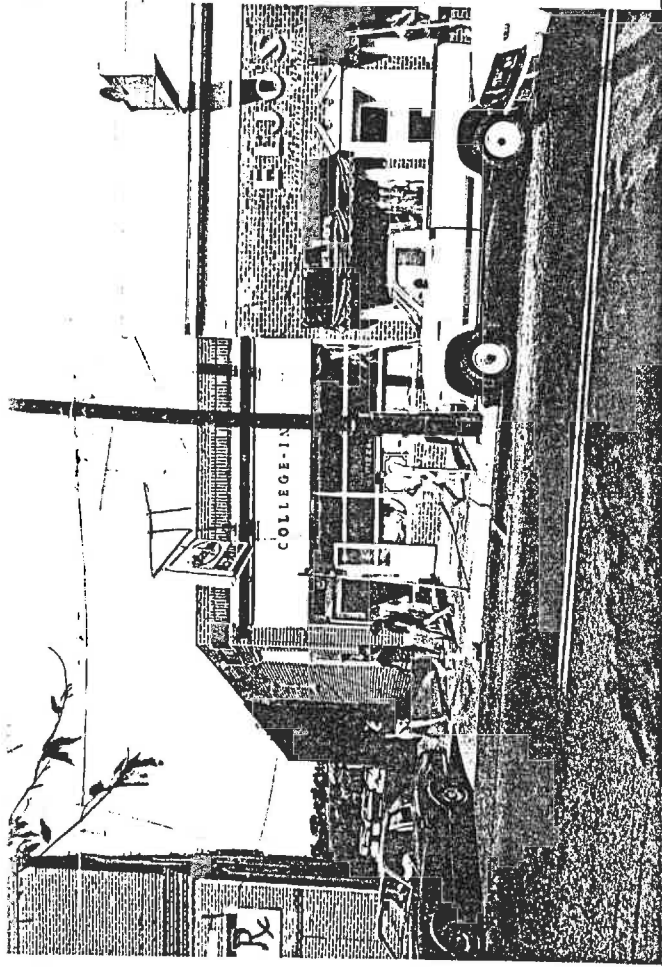
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
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Building type

<input type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>restaurant</u>

Style/period **Commercial Vernacular** Date _____ Architect/builder _____

Location and description of entrance _____



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

Historical information

Source _____
Surveyed by **Jeff O'Dell, VHLC** Date **9-83**

City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0056

Other DHR Number: 104-70 Property Date(s) 1930 ca

PROPERTY NAMES	EXPLANATION
College Inn	Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville
State: Virginia
Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-78

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:
Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
1511 -	University Avenue	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:
Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District
Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:
Fronts directly on University Avenue, with wide concrete sidewalk between storefront and street; parking lot to rear. Alley to parking lot on northwest side of building.

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
Roof	0	Parapet		Not visible
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	Common Bond
Window(s)	0	Plate Glass	Wood	W/ Mullions

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1930 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Commercial Style

Description:

One-story brick commercial building with two-bay front facade consisting of recessed entrance in northwest end, and large window with mullions taking up rest of wall which angles inwards to entrance. Patterned brickwork frames front facade opening, and plate glass window on northwest side wall immediately around corner from front, which also has mullions in modified pattern of fanlight in upper third.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

The storefront was modernized from an Art Deco facade after 1946, and there is a concrete block addition on the rear (Bibb 1986).

Number of Stories: 1.0

Interior Plan Type: Undivided Space (non-domestic)

Accessed? Yes

Interior Description:

The interior was modernized in the last ten years, resulting in a large dining area with booths lining the walls, an elevated platform with booths on the west side, and an open space at the rear containing tables. Natural wood finishes predominate, and skylights have been added; a University of Virginia-related decor was used. Before the remodelling was done, the interior contained a mostly open space with upholstered booths and a counter, probably dating from the 1950s with some 1970s updating.

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:

This building was probably built c. 1930, to replace a frame building operated as a grocery business. The College Inn has occupied it since the early 1950's (Bibb 1986). Although changed, the modified store front retains some original detail, and its remodelled appearance is nearing historic quality. The building contributes to the historic district.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
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B&W 35mm Photos	14647	12 -	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14647	2 -	3/10/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other
Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.
Citation Abbreviation:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey
Notes:
Sept. 1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Map
Author: Sanborn Map Company
Citation Abbreviation:
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA
Notes:
Published by Sanborn Map Company, 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969.
University of Virginia Library Government Documents.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other
Author: Bibb, Eugenia
Citation Abbreviation:
City of Charlottesville Architectural and Historical Survey
Notes:
1980. On file, City of Charlottesville Department of Community
Development.

Sequence #: 1.3 Bibliographic Record Type: NRHP Form
Author: O'Dell, J.M., w/Charlottesville Community Development staff
Citation Abbreviation:
Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District NR Nomination
Notes:
1984. VDHR Archives.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

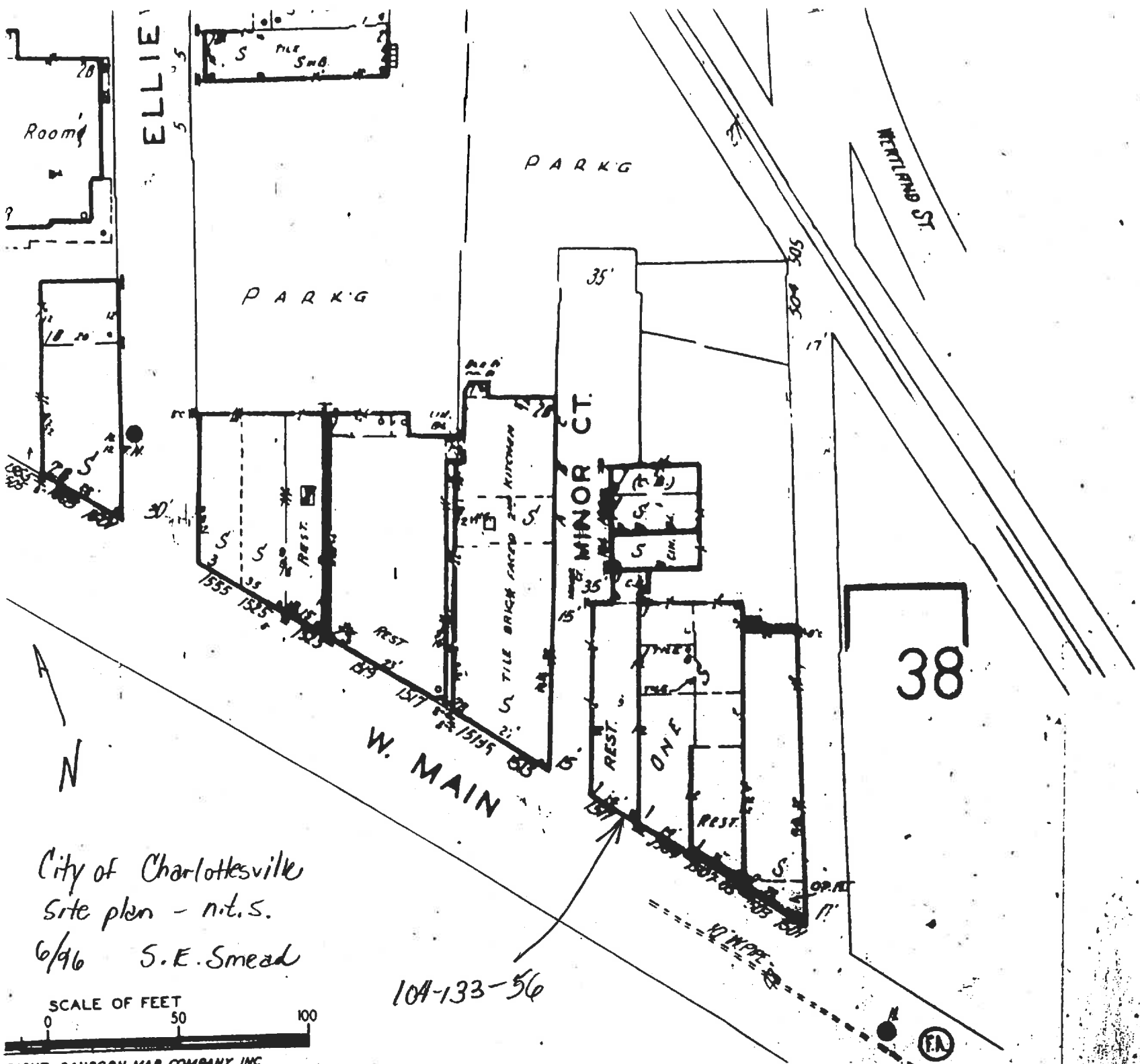
Date: 3/10/1996
Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.
ID # Associated with Event:
CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

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First : L L C
Last : Amorgos
Suffix :
Title :
Company:

Address: 1511 West Main Street

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



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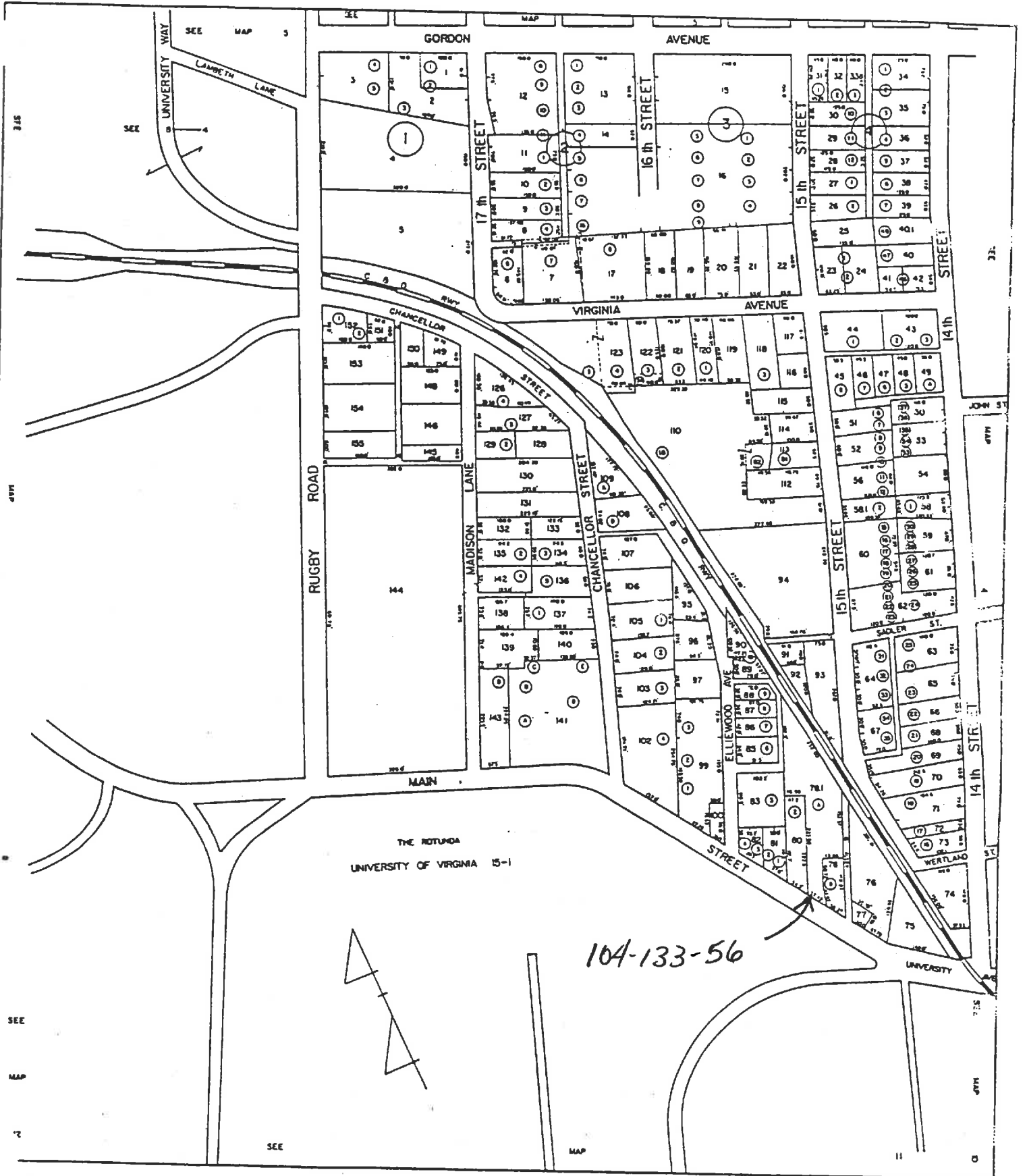
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City of Charlottesville
Site plan - nit.s.
6/96 S.E. Smead

104-133-56

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CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

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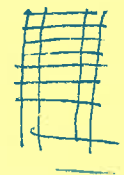
1501-1511 Univ Ave (Univ Bookstore)

Address	Owner / Description	Year	Notes
461-509	College Land Trust 409 Park St David H. Pottel, Tx	1985	plat 444-250
453-483	Corner Land Trust Carol B. Hurts & Boyd S. Marshall, Tx	1983 1984 1984	"
444-244, 257, 256, 261, 266	" John W. Zumber & Geo B. McCallum, Tx	1983	"
292-396	"	1983	"
292-391/391	Harvey H. Robinson heirs	1967	^{east} 1/5 int (for James W. Robinson " Josephine B. " " Margaret B. " " Va. Robinson Ford " Harvey H. Robinson) WB 8-211
207-357	" " estate	1958	
104-142	" " "	-	
	Dwight & Robinson		

1425, O base?
 "old", 1900
 brick found walls, built up flat roof
 1978 - new store front, repair fire damage
 shoe shop & rest, dem. 1954

- 1501 - Univ Book Store
- 1505 - Macade's
- 1509 - Elpis & basement
- 1511 - College Inn
- rear - shoe repair & laundromat

College Inn ^{header} / ^{header}
 bands of stretchers frame storefront + 1st bay
 side el
 black sq Carrera glass
 as corner blocks



low parapet; ~~frame~~ as high as other
 storefront cornices

side (orig); tall transom w/ art deco sunburst ^(orig)
~~brassery~~



façade; ^{shallow} angled loggia increases ^{acute} ~~shar~~ angle of bldg
 ent at W end
 paneled sign covers transom



Date 3/10/96 File No. 104-133-56
Name College Inn, 1511 University Ave.
Town Charlottesville
County _____
Photographer Sgt. Smead
Contents 2 exterior views

