

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 1515 University Avenue  
MAP & PARCEL: 9-30

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: B-2

ORIGINAL OWNER: Kate Minor

ORIGINAL USE: Residence or Boarding House

PRESENT USE: Drug Store, Apartments

PRESENT OWNER: John D. and Evelyn H. Lloyd

ADDRESS: "Glenorchy" Rt. 250 West  
Charlottesville, Va

HISTORIC NAME: Minor Court Building (C.M.R.A.)

DATE / PERIOD: 1896 and 1927

STYLE: Vernacular

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 47.2' x 209' (9865 sq. ft.)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Fall 1980

SOURCES: City/County Records

Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920, 1969

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Minor house is two storeys tall, triple pile, and constructed of brick laid in 5-course American-with-Flemish bond on the sides and rear. It has a high-pitched hip roof now covered with composition shingles, with projecting eaves, boxed cornices, and Philadelphia gutters. The original chimneys have been removed. There is a small, steep gable covered with pressed tin on each side of the house; centered on the east side, over the western half of the rear elevation, and over projecting bays on the facade and west side. The projecting bay on the west side is semi-octagonal, and spool brackets support the overhanging corners of the roof. Windows are double-sash, 1-over-1 light, and segmental-arched at the first level. There is a pair of 4-over-4 light attic windows in each gable. A one-storey veranda originally extended from the projecting bay to the east end of the facade. The flat-roofed commercial building replaces the veranda and extends to the street. It is two storeys tall and three bays wide. Construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond. The facade is of pressed brick. The facade is arcaded, with round arches with keystones springing from a corbelled string-course at window-top level. The area below the arches has been filled in and covered with a massive metal sign. There are two separate doors, flanked by pilasters, in the entry recess in the center bay, indicating that the building was once divided into two store rooms. Narrow wooden pilasters also flank the display windows in the side bays. There is a segmental-arched pair of double-sash, 1-over-1 light windows in each bay at the second level. There are matching corbelled brick cornices with mousetoothing above the storefront and just below the plain concrete-capped parapet. The parapet cornice continues along the east (Minor Court) side of the building. A narrow space separates this building from the one on the west. The first bay on each side of the building is similar to the facade. There is a large thermal window at the first level on the Minor Court side. Most of the windows at the first level have been closed; there is a single window in each bay at the second level. The entrance to the stair hall serving both old and new buildings occupies the last two bays of the commercial building. The corbelled storefront cornice above it continues over the three storefronts (two now bricked up) which have been cut into the east side of the Minor house.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Miss Kate Minor purchased this lot from Raleigh G. Minor in 1894 (ACDB 102-296) and built the house in 1896, according to tax records. At her death in 1918 she willed it to her sister Anne P. Minor (City WB 2-131). J. H. Irving and Harry H. Robinson, who conducted the University Grocery a block away, bought the house from Anne Minor in 1926 (City DB 55-235) and built the large commercial building onto the front the next year. Jameson's Bookstore occupied the western store room, and later the combined store room, from 1927 until the mid-1950's. Lloyd's Rexall Drug Store has occupied it since that time. The Minor house was used as a boarding house for University students for many years, and there are still rental rooms on the second level. The first level is used by the University Cafeteria as a kitchen and storeroom. The Minor Court Building was awarded to Irving's estate when Irving & Robinson's holdings were partitioned in 1940 (DB 104-142). The present owners purchased it from his heirs in 1964 (DB 253-94 and 98).  
Additional References: City DB 227-213; City WB 4-199.

## SIGNIFICANCE

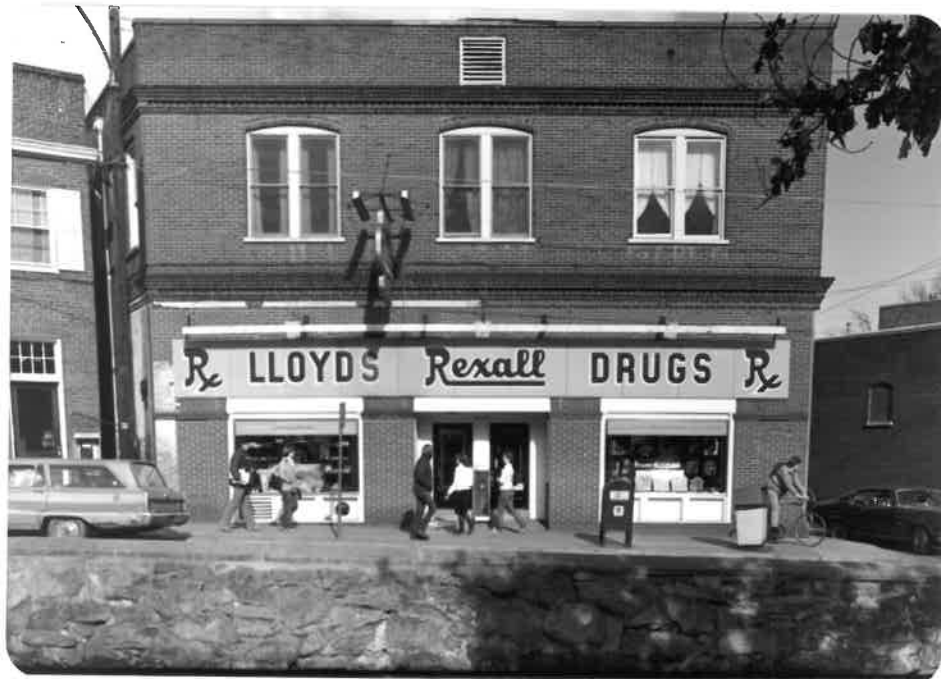
The Minor House is the last of several large residences built around the turn of the century along University Avenue across from the University Grounds. Most were rooming or boarding houses for students.

UTM: 17/719340/4212490

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE  
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0055

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1927

## PROPERTY NAMES

Minor Court Building

## EXPLANATION

Historic/Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-80-2

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

## ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
1515 -	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, on corner site with alley along east side leading to parking lot in rear.

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
Cornice	2	Corbelled	Brick	
Roof	0	Parapet		Not visible
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	Common Bond
Window(s)	0	Plate Glass	Wood	w/ Fan lights
Roof	0	Hipped	Asphalt	Shingle
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	5-course Amer.Bond
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	1/1
Cornice	0	Boxed	Wood	
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	2/2
Dormer	3	Gable-roofed	Wood	Shingle
Chimney	1	Exterior side	Brick	Common Bond

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1927

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Commercial Style

Description:

This building combines a c. 1896 house with a 1927 commercial building added to the front of the property. The dwelling, known as the Minor House, is two-and-one-half stories with a hipped roof edged by a boxed cornice; the brick walls are modified five-course American bond, with a Flemish-bond row alternating with the five courses of stretchers. There are three gabled dormers still visible, faced with wood shingles and lit by paired four-over-one double-hung wood sash; a full-height bay window appears under the dormer on the east facade. The original chimneys were replaced by a brick exterior chimney. The commercial addition is two stories tall and three bays wide, with brick walls in common bond. Each floor has a corbelled cornice. Windows on the second floor are paired one-over-one with segmentally-arched lintels. The first floor has a recessed center entrance with two doors, flanked by plate glass display windows; the doors and windows are topped by semi-circular fanlights framed by a brick course and topped with keystones. The fanlights rise from a molded brick stringcourse; on the outer edge of each window is a recessed rectangular panel defined in brickwork.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Building consists of two sections, with 1927 commercial addition not predominant. The Minor House to the rear of the addition has had many alterations, including the loss of its porch, chimneys, and changes in fenestration; also, three large storefronts were cut into the west wall, but have been filled in with concrete block. The commercial addition was modernized probably in the 1960s, with a storefront that included a huge sign covering the fanlights, and panels filling in the lower portions of the plate glass windows. Since 1983 the facade has been restored (Bibb 1980; O'Dell 1983).

Number of Stories: 2.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:  
None.

DHR Historic Context: Commerce/Trade

Significance Statement:

Minor House is the last remaining residence of several on the Corner in the late nineteenth to early twentieth century, which generally served as rooming houses for University students. The house was built by Miss Kate Minor in 1896 (Bibb 1980). In its present form the Minor Court Building represents the evolution from the largely domestic, turn-of-the-century appearance of the Corner to an area that is predominately commercial. The 1927 addition, now the dominant part of the building, combines typical 1920s commercial design features with Classical Revival components, and is compatible with other historic buildings in the area. The building contributes to the historic district.

#### GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14648	03 - 04	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14648	11 -	3/10/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14648	09 -	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

Honorif:

First : Evelyn H.

Last : Lloyd

Suffix :

Title :

Company: et al.

Address: 103 Easthaven Court

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22901- Country: USA

Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

WERTLAND ST.

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PARKG

505 505

35'

MINOR CT

TILE BRICK FACED 2<sup>nd</sup> KITCHEN

W. MAIN

PARKG

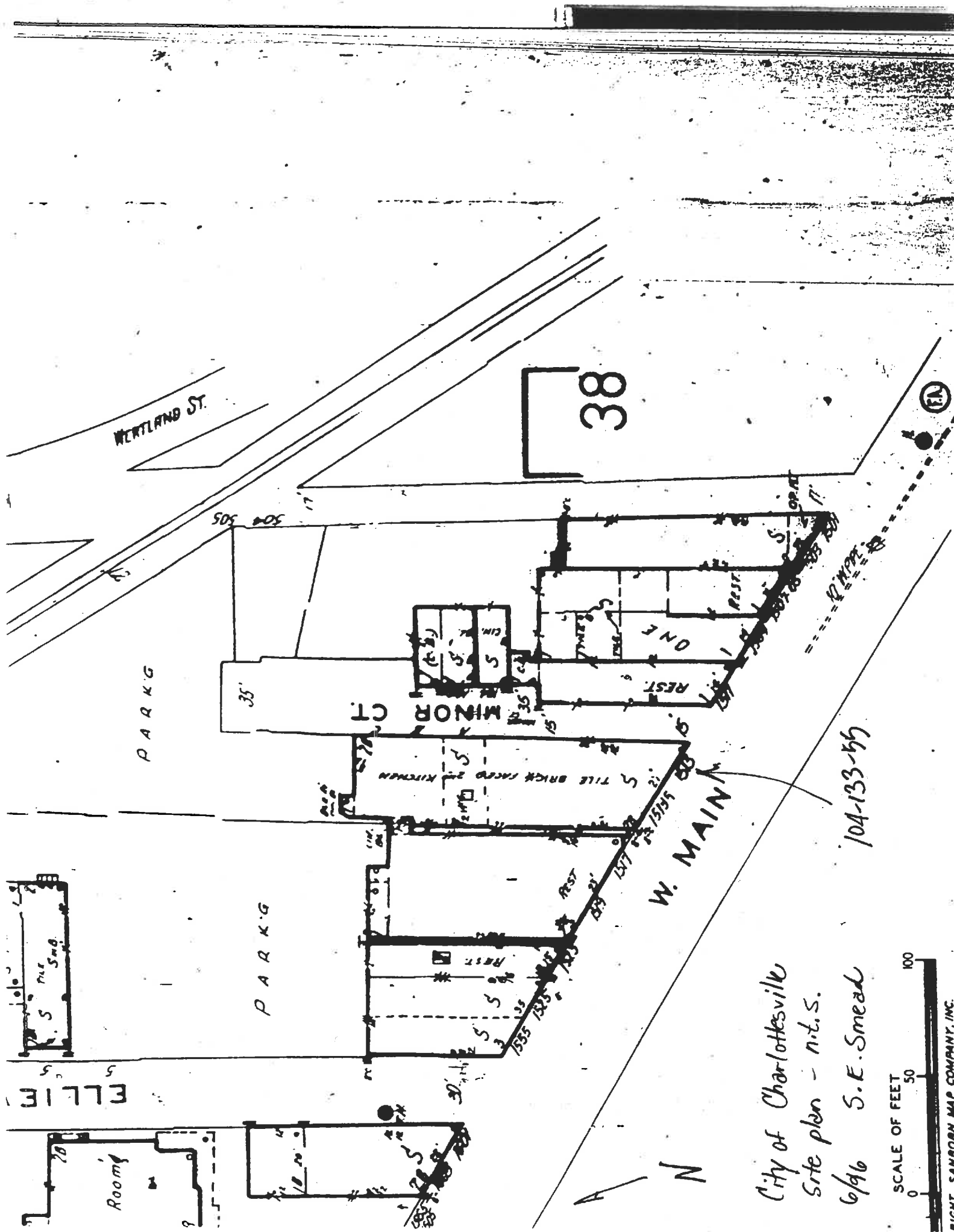
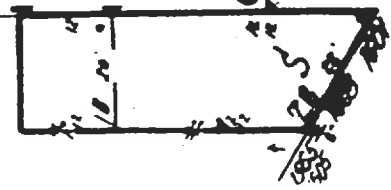
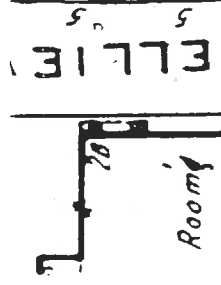
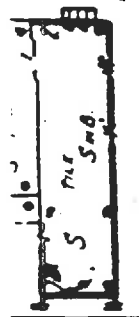
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City of Charlottesville  
Site plan - n.t.s.

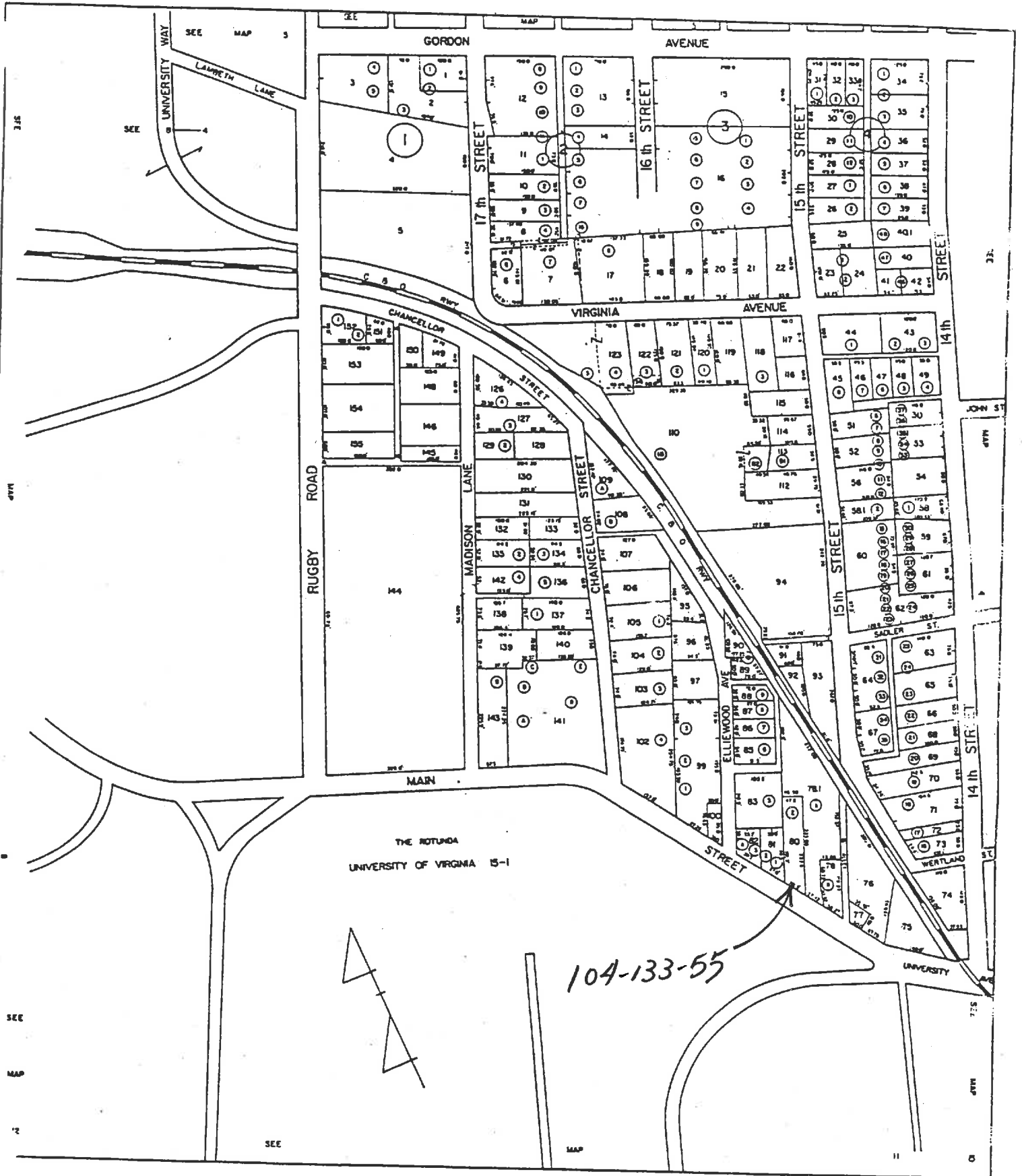
6/9/6 S.E. Smead

SCALE OF FEET  
0 50 100

RIGHT SANBORN MAP COMPANY, INC.



CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION: 9



9-80

B-2  
47.2 x 209 (9865)

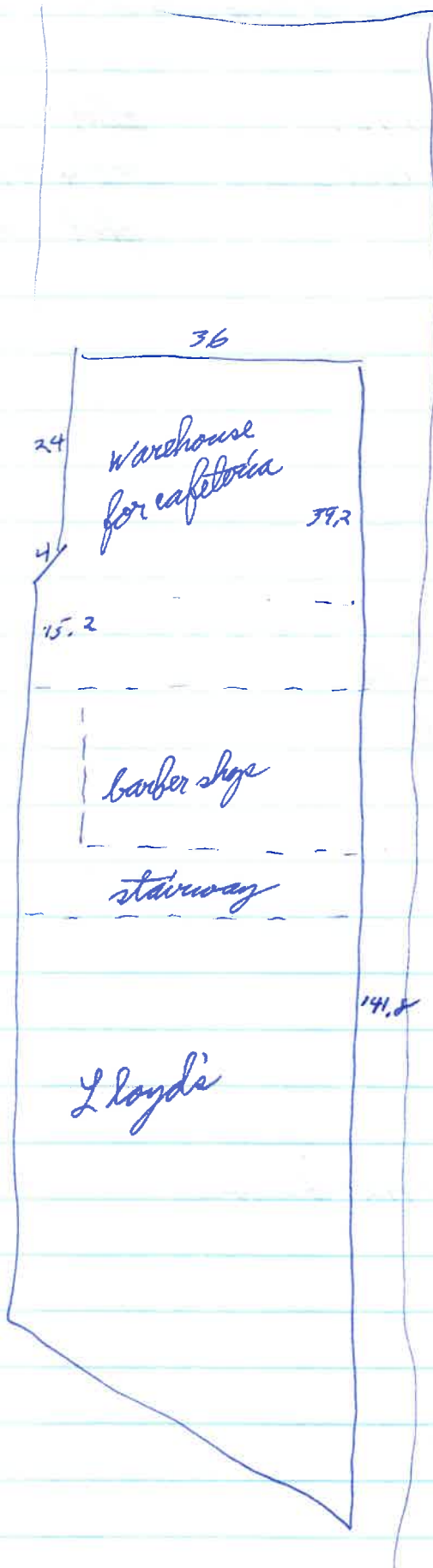
incl minor kitchen

Jameson's - Lloyds & minor Court

- 253-~~98~~<sup>94x98</sup> ✓ John D & Evelyn H. Lloyd 1964 plot 253-97
- 227-20 Sue Dwing, Phillips, et al 1961 WB 4-99
- 104-142 Lucy H. Dwing & Per NB, et al Dwing & Robinson plot 104-146

built 1927  
 2 storage, 21 rooms, apt & store  
 1964 - comp shingle roof

house: 1896  
 store on front: 1927 (1920 Sanborn)





**VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 104-70  
Negative no(s). 5072 (24)

SURVEY FORM

Historic name \_\_\_\_\_ Common name Lloyd's Rexall Drug Store  
County/~~Town~~/City Albemarle, Charlottesville  
Street address or route number 1515 University Ave.

USGS Quad Charlottesville West, Va. Date or period C. 1925  
Original owner \_\_\_\_\_ Architect/builder/craftsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Original use stores  
Present owner \_\_\_\_\_ Source of name \_\_\_\_\_  
Present owner address \_\_\_\_\_ Source of date \_\_\_\_\_  
Present use store Stories \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation and wall const'n \_\_\_\_\_

State condition of structure and environs good Roof type \_\_\_\_\_

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.)

1515: brick (stretcher bond); 2 story with attic; flat roof; 3 bay; Commercial vernacular. C. 1925. Corbelled cornice above 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows, wood ventilation grill in attic, 2 large semi-circular arches with keystones and projecting brick impostes now hidden by metal commercial sign. Recessed 2-door entrance in center framed by pilasters. 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows plate glass with wood dado below, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor paired one over one light sash under double segmental arch.

Interior inspected? no

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

1907 Sandborn shows small frame building on site.  
1920 Sandborn shows small frame building used as Press store  
original building divided into two stores  
east - Mr. T. Jamieson's Book store til 1957  
west - Cavalier store of Charles Smith  
large soda fountain  
in rear was Cavalier Pressing Club (cleaners)  
Irving estate built building.

Sources and bibliography

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

Joe Eddins, Around the Corner after W.W.I., 1917.

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

1920 Sandborn Map.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Mr. John Williams, Anderson's Bookstore

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

Karen Kummer U. of Va. Arch. History Grad. Student

Date

March 1980



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

## HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104- 133-55  
Negative no(s). 7296

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Street address 1515 University Ave.  
Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name \_\_\_\_\_ Common name Lloyd's Rexall Drug Store

- 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**

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<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 type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	_____

Style/period \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

Date 9-83 File No. 104-130

Name 1515 University Ave.

Town Charlottesville

County \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Contents 1 + 2



Janesville - Lloyd's + Minor Court (now Todd's)

104-142  
7/1/1940

partition of real est. of Harry H. Robinson + J. H. Dwing, who  
"conducted various businesses" under names "Dwing +  
Robinson" + "Univ Grocery"

Dwing dec 1936 (WB 4-199)

~~to Lucy H. Dwing~~ estate  
to Robinson:

a) lot of impts on N side Univ Ave bought fr Samuel B. Chancellor  
est. 1922 (40-241)

b) lot of impts on N side Univ Ave bought fr Ann M<sup>rs</sup> P.  
Minor 1926 (55-235), ~~except~~ except part to Dwing  
to Dwing estate:

a) "that part of Minor property upon which the Minor  
Court bldg is situated" + lot behind it + strip east of bldg  
+ west of ~~the~~ center line of alley

55-235  
6/2/1926

contract 4/21/1926

<sup>Minor</sup> Ann M<sup>rs</sup> P. Minor → J. H. Dwing + H. H. Robinson \$27,000

tract of impts on N side Univ Ave

bounded on west by AN Peyton, now EM Page, + others,  
on E by Dwing + Robinson

same as property R L Minor → Kate Minor by 2 deeds  
ACDB  
102-296 + 112-184, + willed by her to Ann Minor (City WB 2-131)

WB 2-131

will of Kate Minor, spinster  
all to sister Anne Minor

see  
1915, 1918

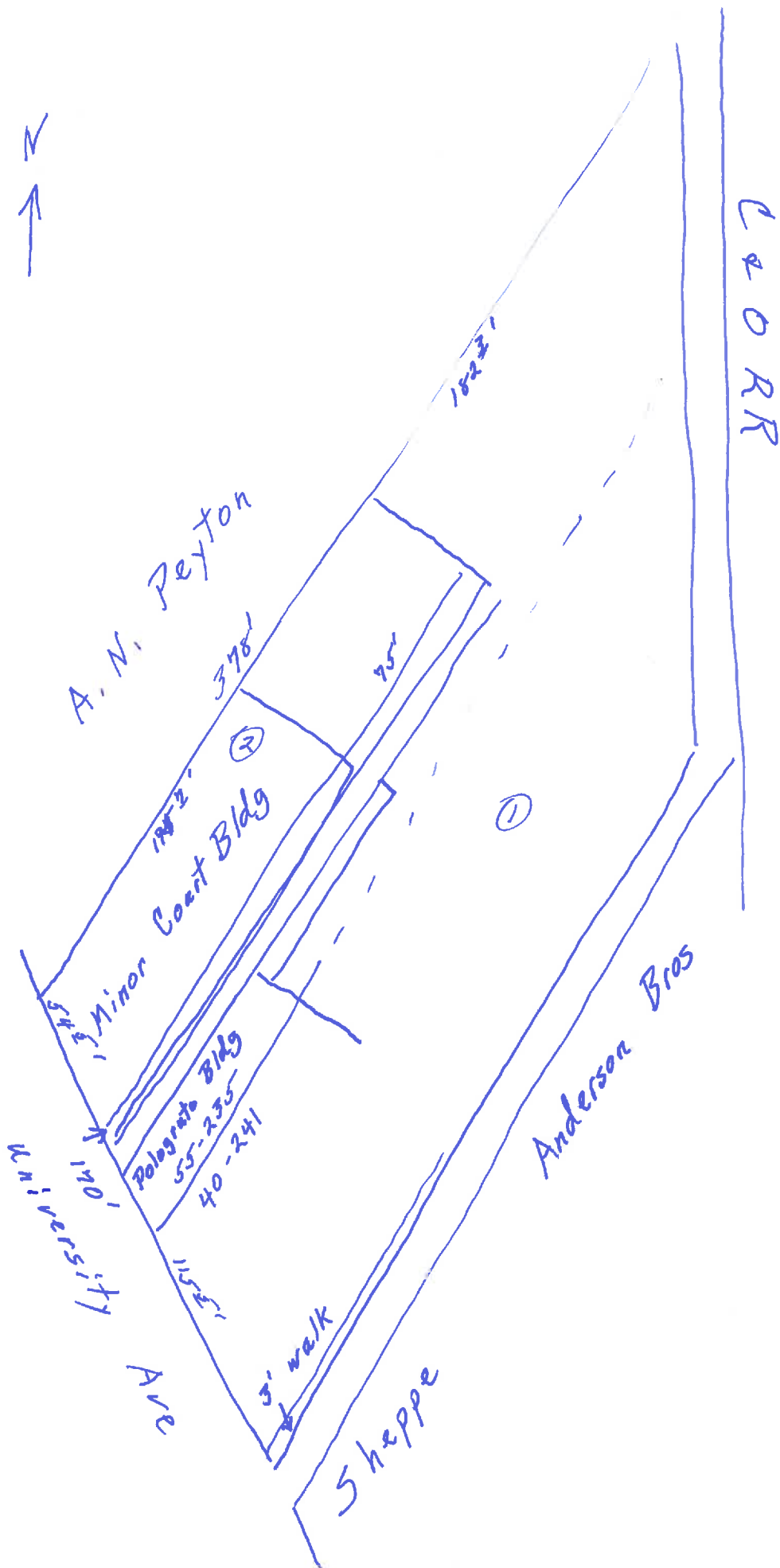
ACDB  
112-184  
8/29/1898  
Miss Kate Minor → SC Chancellor, RC Minor, FP Dunnington,  
WE Polson, Miss Sallie Doswell  
"being owners of property bet C & O RR & Staunton Tpk &  
draining toward City of Knoxville"  
sewer rights thru property

102-296  
12/22/1894  
Raleigh C. Minor (S) → Kate Minor \$1400  
45' on eptn of Union Ave  
bounded on W by Mrs M C Anderson & E by Raleigh C Minor  
part of ACDB 100-165, 1893, MC & RD Anderson → Minor

100-165  
2/15/1893  
MC & RD Anderson → RC Minor \$2400  
tract .52 acre bounded by Union Ave, RL Carter, <sup>(on E)</sup> Anderson residence <sup>(on W)</sup>  
C & O  
reverses right to remove bldgs on property

104-146

1940



15 steps  
& 4' walk



## Minor Court

1926	Dick	Anne Minor	40' <sup>N</sup> <del>Minor</del>	3200 + 7000 = 10,200	
			45' <sup>N</sup> "	3600 + - = 3600	
1927	Dwight & Robinson		40' "	2200 + 7000 = 10,200	for Anne Minor
" , 28			45' "	3600 + - = 3600	"
1928		"	40' "	3200 + 20,800 = 24,000	impts added
1894	R. C. Minor		80 p minor (1 v)	500 + 0 = 500 <del>0 + 500</del>	for MC Anderson
1895	"	"	40 " "	250 + 0 = 250	off 250 to minor
" , 96	Kate	"	" " "	" " "	for Minor
1897	"	"	" " "	" + 3500 = 3750	impts added

01320092

# Minor Court Bldg

## Lloyd's facade

2 storeys, 3 bays at each level

stretchers band, pressed

~~stone~~ <sup>water table</sup> storefront: recessed cent ent.

round arches of stone or conc. keystone spring  
fr corbelled stringcourse; arches now filled

in w/ white ~~concrete~~ <sup>boards</sup> & covered w/ large sign  
window flanked by narrow wooden pilasters

2 doors flanked by pilasters

once 2 storeys: sep doors, signs of a sign on left

corbelled storefront cornice w/ mouse-toothing

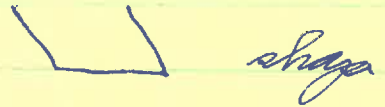
(not entabl or frieze)

at 2nd level: <sup>seg arched</sup> per 1/1 wind w/ conc sill in each bay

same cornice repeated above 2nd storey

plain conc-capped parapet

## sides:



usual ~~facade~~ treatment cont 1 bay on W - narrow alley or space  
" " " " " " E - thermal wind 1st

upper cornice cont on E

single windows 2nd, some smaller closed ones 1st, 11 bays  
apt ent in last 2 bays, where storefront cornice picks up  
again & cont across house

not pressed brick

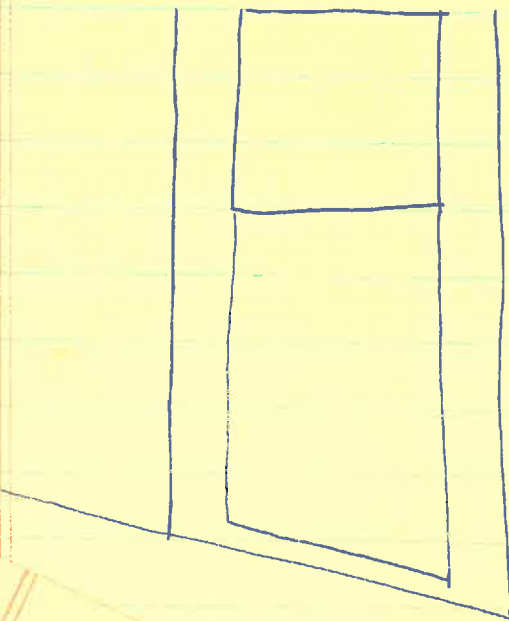
## Minor house

East  
 E side re-bricked in studdor up to storefront cornice  
 " " torn up into 7 wide bays at 1st level  
 (1 store, 2 CB-d up)  
 E - 7 bays at 2nd level - sl  $\frac{1}{1}$ , wooden sills, irreg  
 pr in center bay  
 E - 5-c am-up - Film at 2nd  
 boxed cornice & plain frieze, proj lines  
 on east gable: pressed tin, or.  $\frac{1}{4}$  attic wind w/ sl trim  
 roof comp shingles

Redr  
<sup>step</sup> ~~near~~ hip roof; <sup>nm</sup> gable over W half, <sup>(w plane cont)</sup> matches E; Philadelphia  
 5-c am-up - Film  
 openings irreg, reg-arched at 1st, most closed

West  
 proj bay w/ gable at front - semi-act, spool brackets at  
 at cornice

Front  
 proj bay (or pair) w/ gable at W end



Date 3/10/96 File No. 104-133-55  
Name Minor Court Building  
Town Charlottesville 1515 University Ave.  
County \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer S. C. Smead  
Contents 4 exterior views

