

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1901 East Market Street
Map and Parcel: 55A-149
Census Tract & Block: 3-101
Present Owner: Hallie Johnson Shisler
Address: 1901 East Market Street
Present Use: Residence, Single-family
Original Owner: William Hunter Meriwether
Original Use: Store (?)

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Pireus Store
Date/Period: 1835-40
Style: No Identifiable Style
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 1, 2
Present Zoning: R-2
Land Area (sq.ft.): 15,825
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 13,000

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Pireus Store is a simple vernacular structure whose appearance has been much reworked during its lifetime. The store is rectangular in form with the narrower, gable-end fronting on East Market Street. Actually two storeys in height, only one storey shows on Market Street because of the sharp ground rise. A finished attic has provided an additional half storey. The facade is two bays in width (door and a window, side hall and one room), and the store is two rooms deep. Construction is brick laid in Flemish bond on the facade (but only partially into the gable) and laid in five-course American bond elsewhere. The roof is gable (with gable-end facade) and has an obviously later central gable on the Riverside Avenue side. Along the sides, the sloped, overhanging eaves nearly obscure a corbelled-brick cornice with mouse-tooth dentils. This detail and the obviously later side gable strongly suggest that the entire roof system is a later addition. The store has two interior, gable-end chimneys of brick that, upon close inspection, appear to have been later additions to the structure. Windows are six-over-six-light, double-hung sash, with two, four-light, casement attic windows flanking each chimney in the gable. Original windows are surrounded by a heavy, three-quarter round molding. A single-storey, Victorian porch covers the Market Street facade.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In the year 1825, William Hunter Meriwether purchased from Isaac and Molly Miller 148 acres on the Rivanna River that was Molly's share of her father Nicholas Lewis' estate (Co. DB 25-212, DB 26-342). Meriwether was an active entrepreneur and developer and immediately began to improve the area around the confluence of the Rivanna and Moore's Creek as "Pireus" (The "port city" of Charlottesville, just as the original Piraeus was and is the port of Athens, Greece). By 1840, Meriwether had operating mills on the far (east) side of the River, had erected a toll bridge, and was constructing on the near side a flour mill, which was leased and completed as a cotton factory (Co. DB 38-363), the beginnings of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills. The Woolen Mills Store was part of this development, and was most likely built no earlier than 1835 and no later than 1840 (tradition assigns a date before 1825, but tax records dispute this). In 1844 the "store" house was sold to James R. Jones for \$1,200 (Co. DB 42-213) and then after several years of ownership by H.C. Marchant, passed to the Charlottesville Woolen Mills in 1875 (Co. DB 69-587) and was converted to a residence. See also: Co. DB 67-651, DB 93-389, DB 330-230, WB 14-552.

SIGNIFICANCE

This house is closely associated with the development of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills, the most important industry in Charlottesville in the late 1800's. It is one of two houses remaining from the "Pireus" phase of industrial development along the Rivanna River, which began with the construction of a bridge across the Rivanna by William H. Meriwether in 1826. The store was most likely built to serve workers at the "Charlottesville Factory" a forerunner to the textile plant that eventually became the Woolen Mills. At its peak, the Woolen Mills area was a self contained community with this store, a church (nomination #21), a school and houses for the workers (nomination #56 is an example of such housing)

CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/723290/4211060

SOURCES

City and County Records
Hallie Johnson Shisler

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Pireus Store (Charlottesville MRA) VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2435-

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 10/7/82 - 10/22/82

Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 10/21/82
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Does this building retain its associations with early industrial development locally? What was this early industry? How important was it? How does this building convey these associations?

Recom./Criteria Return
 Reviewer L McClelland
 Discipline A. Hist
 Date 10/20/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

X 8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) _____

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Statement of significance is needed. Please address significance of early industry represented by building, discuss building's integrity for these associations. Reestablish significance of this building's role in Charlotte's early industry. Address any significance of this building as the woolen stone.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Linda McClelland

Signed Linda McClelland Date 10/20/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Carter-Gilmer House *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Attest

- 22. Lewis Farm *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Attest

Resub
23. Timberlake-Branham House *Substantive Review* Keeper accept L. M. Duhie 1/10/1984

Attest

24. Woolen Mills Chapel *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda M^cClelland 10-20-82

Attest

25. Pireus Store *Substantive Review* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83

Attest

26. Hawkins-Wondree House *Substantive Review* Keeper act

Attest

- 27. Hillcrest Apartments
Cottage *Substantive Review* Keeper act

Attest

28. King-Runkle House *Substantive Review* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83

Attest

29. Peyton House - Hillcrest
Apartments *Substantive Review* Keeper act

Attest

30. McConnell-Neve House *Substantive Review* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Pireus Store (Charlottesville MRA)
Charlottesville (Independent City)
VIRGINIA

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Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

on resubmission a stronger statement of significance has been provided - though altered the bld. is significant for its association with the 19th cent. development of Charlottesville Woolen Mills

Recom./Criteria accept A
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 8/10/83
_____ see continuation sheet

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Architectural And Historic



Survey

Graphics



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000882