

Main Street 734, 742, 747 - 885



Main Street 734

PID 23884



1888 Directory		Jones, P R, druggist - Mrs. C T, wid
1890 Directory		Hall, Mary, cook (B) Jones, Lucy, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Owner Son Son Servant Servant	Jones, P R, age 55, wid, druggist - W H, age 28 - P R Jr., age 25 Lester, George, age 20 (B) Johnson, Cora A, age 22 (B)
1910 Census	Head Son Son Dau-in-law Granddau Boarder Servant	Jones, Bettie R, age 64, wid - William H, age 37 - Richard P, age 35 - Penelope W, age 34 - Charlotte T, age 3 Auery, Amelia S, age 65 Johnston, Alice (B)
1920 Census	Owner Son Dau-in-law Granddau Grandson Niece ?	Jones, P R, age 44, wid - William H, age 47 - Penelope, age 43 - Chatlotte T, age 13 - Merriewether, age 8 Rison, Marie L, age ? Avery, Amelia, age 75
1927 Directory		Jones, W H
1930 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Lodger Lodger	Jones, W H, age 56, value \$25,000 - Penelope, age 52 - Charlotte, age 23 - Merveteme, age 18 Sebastian, L B, age 23 Bayette, L, age 30
1935 Directory		Jones, William H
1940 Census	Owner Son Lodger Lodger	Jones, Penelope, age 56, wid - Meriwether, age 28 Rahm, Frank H, age 70, salesman, wholesale furniture - Annie P, age 55
1945 Directory		Jones, Penelope W Mrs.

1950 Directory		Jones, Penelope W Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Daughter	Jones, Penelope W, age 74, wid Moore, Charlotte J, age 43, div
1960 Directory		Neal, John J, Physician
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		State Employment Commission
1984 Directory		State Employment Commission
1990 Directory		National Business College
2003 Assessor	Transfer	Compson, R Michael to Compson Jr., \$192,500
2007 Assessor	Transfer	Compson Jr., R. Michael to TWD Investments, \$530,000
2007 Assessor	Transfer	TWD Investments to ARC, \$380,000
2015 Assessor	Owner	ARC of Southside Inc.

Bee 23 Mar 1926: Mrs. Canning Wright of England is visiting cousin, Mrs. P. R. Jones, 734 Main street.

Bee 27 Mar 1926: Display Ad: Here is a partial list of satisfied Buick Owners ... Wm. H. Jones, 734 Main St., City...

Bee 6 Jun 1933: Mts. John L. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, N.C., is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jones, 734 Main street.

Bee 21 Dec 1935: William Humphreys Jones, aged 63, long identified with the drug industry in Danville died at 8 o'clock this morning at Memorial hospital. ... He was born in Danville on May 12, 1872, being a son of P. R. Jones, originally from Georgia, and Mrs. Bettie Rison Jones of Chatham. He received his early schooling here, being married on October 28, 1903, to Miss Penelope Walker of this city. In early manhood Mr. Jones became associated with his father who for many years conducted one of the largest drug stores in the city, this being situated on Main street just below the Belk-Leggett store. ...

Bee 3 Dec 1942: At 6:37 o'clock a burning chimney in the home of Mrs. W. H. Jones, 734 Main street resulted in a fire call.

Bee 5 May 1945: Furnished Bedrooms, suitable for 3 or 4 girls. Kitchen Privileges. 734 Main.

Bee 29 Dec 1962: The office building at 734 Main St. was forcibly entered and the offices of Dr. John J. Neal, Sr., and M. J. Crawley, insurance man, entered. ...

Bee 1 Jan 1969: The M. J. Crawley & Co. insurance agency will continue to do business at 742 Main St., no matter what you read. It was reported erroneously yesterday that a new office building for the Virginia Employment Commission will be built at 742 Main with the structure now on the lot to be razed immediately. Not so, said Crawley. The VEC building is going up next door at 734 Main. He is, and intends to remain, at 742, Crawley said.

Bee 1 Jan 1969: The Virginia Employment Commission ... is going up at 734 Main ...

Main St 742

PID 26827



1888 Directory		Dorr, Arthur (Supt Danville Ice Co) Enwrisle, William, drug clerk Parish, P C, drug clerk
1890 Directory		Dorr, Arthur (Supt Danville Ice Co)
1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Servant 5 Boarders	Latz, George, age 42, dry good merchant - Ida, age 31 - G Irving, age 12 Farmer, Kittie, age 28 (B)
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Daughter	Hunter, Charles W, age 44 - Alice Kyle, age 47 - Anabel, age 22 - Jenallen, age 20
1927 Directory		Minor, S W
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Lewis, Cecil T
1940 Census	Renter Son Daughter	Powell, Florence A, age 80, wid - Gordon B, age 38, manager, Elks club - Sara C, age 47, secretary & treasurer, printing company
1945 Directory		Willard, Garry A
1950 Directory		Willard, Gary A
1950 Census	Head Wife Daughter	Willard, Garry A, age 45, salesman, investment broker - Mary S, age 45 - Mary B, age 3
1960 Directory		Phelps, Chas A
1970 Directory		Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co.
1977 Directory		Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co.
1984 Directory		Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co.
1990 Directory		Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co.
2015 Assessor	Transfer	TWD Investments LLC to Haley Family Properties LLC

Bee 8 Dec 1923: Lost near 742 Main Street, black beaded handbag, envelope shape, with card f Mrs. John Moore Henshaw ... return to 742 Main

Bee 17 Aug 1940: Apartment for rent, 742 Main Street. First floor, excellent condition

Bee 16 Jan 1954: First Presbyterian Circle no. 3, Mrs. Joe C. Lumpkin, chariman, with Mrs. Lumpkin, 742 Main St.

Bee 27 Sep 1956: The L. D. Club will hold its regular meeting ... with Miss Bunny Farmer, 742 Main Street. ...

Bee 20 May 1961: Display Ad: We have moved to 742 Main Street, 3rd door above the Post office and directly across from Trailways Bus Center. M. J. Crawley & Co., Insurance and Real Estate

Register 1 Jan 1969: The M. J. Crawley & Co. insurance agency will continue to do business at 742 Main St., no matter what you read. It was reported erroneously yesterday that a new office building for the Virginia Employment Commission will be built at 742 Main with the structure now on the lot to be razed immediately. Not so, said Crawley. The VEC building is going up next door at 734 Main. He is, and intends to remain, at 742, Crawley said.

Bee 30 Mar 1969: Display Ad: M. J. Crawley & Co. insurance agency announces the removal of offices from 742 Main St, to 747 Main St. (just above Trailways Bus)

Bee 14 Jun 1972: The Home Beneficial Life insurance Co. at 742 Main St. was broken into during last night and its small safe hauled away ...

Main St 744

1888 Directory		
1890 Directory		
1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1950 Census	Head Wife	Michael, James A, age 49, manager, sewing machine co - Thelma F, age 45
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		

Bee 20 Jan 1923: Mrs. Emma T. Stokes, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Lawson, 744 Main Street.

Bee 25 Oct 1938: AUCTION SALE: All of the household and kitchen furniture and personal property contained in the former home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lawson, No. 744 Main Street.

Bee 23 Jan 1941: Mrs. James L. Carter who has been a pneumonia patient at Memorial Hospital was removed Wednesday to her home, 744 Main Street.

Bee 30 Jul 1942: Attractive five-room unfurnished apt., 744 Main St. Phone 354.

Bee 23 Jan 1943: The Danville branch of the American Association of University Women will be entertained at tea ta the home of the president, Mrs. R. L. Hillsman, 744 Main Street ...

Bee 4 Oct 1952: Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Boundurant of Richmond arrived yesterday to spend a few days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 744 Main Street.

Bee 29 Dec 1962: Display Ad: Danville Bookkeeping & Tax Service has moved its offices and is now located at 744 Main Street ... George G. Tsoukatos

Bee 12 Jan 1963: George Tsoukatos has moved his Danville Bookkeeping and Tax Service to 744 Main – Across from Trailways

Main St 747

PID 22678



1881 Directory		Harrison, Miss Nannie, boarding house Harrison, Miss S R
1888 Directory		Barksdale, Thomas Berkeley, John L, schoolteacher Berkeley, William N, supt. Street railway Green, I C, manager for George S Hughes Harrison, Miss Nannie, boarding house Harrison, Miss S R Nelson, Thomas, tobacco worker
1890 Directory		Brown, William W (Bass, Brown & Lee lumber, laths, shingles) Harvey, Charles, clerk Hannah, J, bookkeeper & fertilizers Parr, A G, asst prin Danville Male Academy Saunders, Capt. Isaac, professor, Male Academy McClellan, Mamie, domestic (B) Saunders, Dora, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Renter Wife	Burton, L V, age 30, tobacco buyer - Rosa E, age 22
1910 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Granddau Grandson Stepson Step dau-i-l Step dau Servant	Abbott, James L, age 61, proprietor, tobacco warehouse - Pattie E, age 59 - Ida C, age 33, wid - Louise, age 14 - Jefferson C, age 13 Corbin, Blesdoe W, age 21, bookkeeper, tobacco warehouse - Mary F, age 18 - Minnie A, age 27, saleswoman, dry goods store Washington, Sallie, age 18, cook (B)
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Servant	Martin, Thomas, age 52, tobacco buyer - Rosa, age 45 - Maude, age 18 - Thomas, age 16 Lipscomb, Althea, age 65, cook
1927 Directory		Vacant
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter	Steel, William E, age 60, roadmaster, D & W R R - Margerite C, age 49 - Eldridge, age 23

1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Not listed
1950 Directory		Vaughan, Helen J Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Lodgers - 7	Grogan, Ruth J, age 56, hem sheets, cotton mill
1960 Directory		Vacant
1970 Directory		Danville Dental Laboratory Inc.
1977 Directory		Danville Dental Laboratory Inc.
1984 Directory		Community Improvement Council Danville Dental Laboratory Inc.
1990 Directory		Vacant
2022 Assessor	Transfer	Redden, Lois & Gore, Sharon H to Rouge Creek LLC, \$250,000

Bee 1 Jan 1928: Room and Board at 747 Main St. Rooms for light housekeeping.

Bee 7 Sep 1928: Mrs. George Hall, 747 Main street, has returned home after a very pleasant trip to Farmville.

Bee 10 Apr 1944: Wanted: First class cook or maid for evening meal only. Must have references. Apply 747 Main St.

Bee 21 Dec 1944: Mrs. Helen Vaughan of 747 Main Street is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Bee 26 Mar 1945: Display Ad: Reopen in new location, Jeanene Beauty Shop, Mrs. Helen Vaughan, 747 Main St.

Bee 17 Apr 1945: Mrs. Harriett W, Parker, 749 Main Street, had been informed by the War Department that her son, Pfc. Raymond C. Parker, 26, died in Germany on March 30. ... Besides his mother, Pfc. Parker is survived by a sister, Mts. Helen J. Vaughan of 747 Main St. ...

Bee 7 Dec 1946: A. G. Helms, of 747 Main street, reported early today that two billfolds ... had been stolen overnight from his room. ...

Bee 30 Sep 1961: Display Ad: White's Beauty Shop is moving to 747 Main Street ...

Bee 23 Jan 1962: The Danville district office of Blue Cross – Blue Shield has moved to 747 Main Street ...

Bee 10 Nov 1968: Display Ad: Dr. Sol Holsveig, Optometrist, announces the removal of his offices to 747 Main Street

Register 2 Mar 1959: Janette's Beauty Salon moved from 753 Main to 747 Main, next to the bus terminal.

Bee 23 Sep 1972: The Danville Dental Assistants Society will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Dental Laboratory, 747 Main St. ...

Bee 24 Sep 1972: Billy Clapp has opened the Danville Optical Co. 747 Main Street.

Main St 749

1888 Directory		Bruce, Arthur M (Pierson Tobacco Co) - Charles A (Pierson Tobacco Co) - Charles S, clerk - Fannie M - James W, groceries and commission merchant - Laura, Lizzie, Maggie, Susie
1890 Directory		Berkeley, Prof John L, prin Public School - L C Jr. (Berkeley & Harrison) " N W, supt Danville Street Car Co Bruce, Charles S, clerk - Miss Fannie M - James C, clerk - James W, groceries, feed, grain Donaldson, Lizzie, domestic (B) Thompson, Addie, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Son Daughter Daughter	Freeman, Robert, age 50, editor - Lillinne, age 42 - Lewellyn, age 17, stenographer - Rhoda E, age 15 - John H, age 13, drug clerk - Lillinne, age 11 - Mary M, age 10 5 boarders
1910 Census	Renter Wife Son Son Daughter Lodger	Brockman, Clement W, age 54, printer, job office - Annie M, age 54, dressmaker at home - Richard S, age 20, machinist - Leigh C, age 18, plumber - Mary G, age 14 Stout, Joseph A, age 62, machinist, cotton mill
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son Servant Renter Boarder	Hamlin, James T, age 52, jobber, wholesale - Mary, age 50 - James, age 28, jobber, wholesale Hensley, Cassie, age 26, cook Hensley, John, age 28, operator, cotton mill Conway, Coleman, age 27, asst manager, knitting mill
1927 Directory		McCrary, J L
1930 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Daughter Daughter Daughter Boarder	McCrary, James L, age 57 - Virginia, age 52 - Giles, age 26, drug store - Mary, age 20, saleslady - Virginia, age 17 - Frances, age 12 - Elizabeth, age 7 Holt, Garland, age 47, salesman, dry goods
1935 Directory		Gibson, Posey W

1940 Census	Owner Daughter	Wells, Frances J, age 23 - Carolyn, age 3 14 lodgers
1945 Directory		Vaughan, Helen J Mrs.
1950 Directory		Parker, Harriett L Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Head Son	Parker, Harriet, age 73, wid Hall, Frances A, age 34, twister, cotton mill - Raymon L, age 15
1960 Directory		Vacant
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		Western & Southern Life insurance Co.
1984 Directory		McMann Insurance Agency
1990 Directory		Jones, Bill, Realty Insurance Concepts
2015 Assessor		Same property as 747

Times Dispatch 24 Apr 1910: Miss Brockman, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. W. Brockman.

Bee 6 Mar 1923: Wanted: Neat colored woman with experience for cooking and general housework. References required. Apply 749 Main street.

Bee 21 Nov 1923: Wanted: Experienced cook. Apply Mrs. J. Turner Hamlin, 749 Main street.

Bee 17 Nov 1925: Boarders wanted: Room and Table Board at 749 Main street.

Bee 3 Jun 1929: Little Miss Frances McCary entertained a number of her friends and playmates at the home of her parents at 749 Main street. ...

Bee 26 Mar 1931: A quiet marriage was solemnized ... when Miss Mary McCrary, the young and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCrary, 749 Main street, became the bride of Mr. William Walton, a young businessman of this city. ...

Bee 7 Nov 1932: At Main Street Methodist Church ... the impressive marriage services of Miss Sally White Hardy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hardy of this city, and David Daniel Smiley, formerly of Claxton, Georgia, was performed ... Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smiley left for a wedding trip ... and upon their return will reside at 749 Main street ...

Bee 31 Jan 1933: Miss Nettie Shelhorse is quite sick at her home, 749 Main street.

Bee 27 Jul 1934: Help Wanted: Large Southern Corporation has opening for three young married men. ... Apply to Mr. Rash, Dew Drop Inn, 749 Main St. ...

Bee 20 Dec 1934: Mrs. Callie E. Shelhorse, widow of P. W. Shelhorse, died unexpectedly this morning at eleven o'clock at her home, 749 Main street, from a heart attack. ...

Bee 29 Apr 1935: Display Ad: Announcing the opening of Gibson's Beauty Salon, 749 Main St., Mattie Shelhorse Gibson, Prop.

Bee 18 Feb 1936: Wilbert Myers is reported quite ill with influenza at his home, 749 Main street.

Bee 6 Oct 1938: Mrs. A. M. House and Mrs. C. J. Moeller are sponsoring a party tonight at the home of Mrs. House, 749 Main street at eight-thirty o'clock for the benefit of the building fund of the Sacred Heart church. ...

Bee 6 Dec 1938: Fuller Brushes, Specially Priced for Christmas, 749 Main St.

Bee 9 Oct 1939: 749 Main Street. Newly renovated – newly furnished. Now operated by Mrs. Frances J. Wells. The most convenient and comfortable place in Danville for businesspeople to live. Delicious meals, innerspring beds.

Bee 27 Nov 1941: ... Sears, Roebuck and Co., Catalog Order Dept., 749 Main St. Phone 3400.

Bee 9 Apr 1943: Boarding house for rent. 12 Rooms – excellent business. 749 Main St. J. D. Ley, Inc.

Bee 17 Apr 1945: Mrs. Harriett W, Parker, 749 Main Street, had been informed by the War Department that her son, Pfc. Raymond C. Parker, 26, died in Germany on March 30. ... Besides his mother, Pfc. Parker is survived by a sister, Mts. Helen J. Vaughan of 747 Main St. ...

Bee 17 May 1945: Mrs. Harriett Parker of 749 Main Street, who has been seriously ill following an operation at Retreat Hospital, Richmond, is reported to be improving.

Bee 31 May 1945: Miss Mattie Jones of 749 Main Street is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Bee 16 Sep 1954: Houses for Rent: 749 Main St., Across from YWCA, 3 story brick, 16 rooms, 4 baths, rear parking area. Phone 847.

Bee 1 Aug 1956: Wanted: Settled colored girl for work in rooming house. Apply after 7 p.m. 749 Main Street.

Bee 30 Aug 1957: Room and Board, \$13 Week. Two room furnished apartment. 749 Main.

Main St 750**J. E. Schoolfield House / YWCA**

PID 26402



1880 Census	Head Wife Son Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant	Schoolfield, J.E., age 29, hardware merchant - L.D., age 28 - V.C., age 4 Phillips, Phillips, age 24, servant (Mu) Halcombe, Annie, age 21, servant (B) - Hattie, age 50, srvant (B) - Jenny, age 16, servant (B) Simms, Annie, age 6 (B) Halcombe, age 1 (B)
1888 Directory		Schoolfield, James E (Schoolfield Vass & Co, hardware, stoves)
1890 Directory		Schoolfield, James E (Schoolfield Vass & Co) Johnson, Peter (B)
1900 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Son Son Son Son Daughter Servant Servant Servant	Schoolfield, James E, age 50, preacher - Lucy D, age 50 - Sue F, age 19 - James E Jr., age 18 - Harrison C, age 16 - John H, age 13 - Samuel A, age 11 - William L, age 10 - Lucille D, age 8 Harston, Hattie, age 16 (B) Holbrook, Bettie, age 45 (B) Richardson, William, age 50 (B)
1910 Census	Head Mother Sister Daughter Son Daughter Rear	Schoolfield, Lucy F, age 58, wid France, Kitty, age 90, wid Martin, Hattie, age 59, wid Schoolfield, Sue, age 27 - Lovick, age 19 - Lucille, age 17 Dillard, Harriet
1920 Census	Head Daughter Daughter Son	Schoolfield, Lucy D, age 69 - Sue France, age 38 - Lucille Dillard, age 26 - William Lovelick, age 29

	None	Overbey, John, age 23
1927 Directory		YWCA
1930 Census	Director	Cooper, Annie W, age 54
	Lodger	Ferguson, Alma, age 34
	Lodger	Clark, Louise, age 30
	Lodger	Thompkins, Dorothy R, age 20
	Lodger	Richardson, Tempa, age 27
	Lodger	Mitchell, Mattie, age 35
	Lodger	Shields, Ruby, age 20
	Lodger	Benyf, Mary, age 22
	Lodger	Brown, Audrey, age 23
	Lodger	McBride, Hallie, age 27
	Lodger	- Julia, age 16
	Lodger	Rice, Dorothy, age 24
	Lodger	Batton, Maggie, age 24
1935 Directory		YWCA
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		YWCA
1950 Directory		YWCA
1960 Directory		YWCA
1970 Directory		Young Women's Christian Association
1977 Directory		Young Women's Christian Association
1984 Directory		Young Women's Christian Association
1990 Directory		Young Women's Christian Association
2010 Tour		YWCA Labyrinth
2017 Assessor	Transfer	YWCA to Piedmont Lands of Virginia LLC, \$50,000
2022 Assessor	Transfer	Piedmont Lands to Woodpile Investment Group LLC, \$212,000

Times Dispatch 25 Jul 1909: Miss Sue Schoolfield has returned from Patrick Springs, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Emma Schoolfield, of Reidsville.

Times Dispatch 23 Jan 1910: Mrs. Catherine Penn France celebrated her ninetieth birthday Monday ... at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James E. Schoolfield on Main Street....

Times Dispatch 23 Jan 1910: Miss Sue Schoolfield entertained at a unique "children's party" Friday night. All of the guests came dressed as children ...

Bee 21 Feb 1922: Room and Board in private family for two refined gentlemen. Centrally located. 750 Main St.

Bee 1 Jun 1926: Building permit: Y.W.C.A., 750 Main Street, \$800

Register 14 Nov 1972: Y.W.C.A. furniture and miscellaneous items AT AUCTION. Sale to be held at the Old YWMA Building, 750 Main Street ...



JAMES E. SCHOOLFIELD'S HOME AT 750 MAIN St.

Bee 22 Jul 1970: [Photo above and article on Schoolfield brothers]

Tour Book 2010 – YWCA Labryimth:

Described as archetypes, labyrinths are divine imprints found in religious traditions around the world. Unlike a maze with its many choices, entrances, cul-de-sacs and dead ends, a labyrinth instead is a spiritual journey -- offering one path. Inspired by the resurgence of enthusiasm over the past dozen years or so for this ancient tool for meditation and prayer, Danville's reenergized YWCA offers community "pilgrims" an experience patterned after the classic eleven-circuit labyrinth laid into the floor of Chartes Cathedral, near Paris, around 1220. The YW labyrinth, only a bit smaller than the one at Chartes, spans a 36-foot diameter in the YW's Great Room. It was carefully executed in paint under the direction of Outdoor Designs. This Danville-based hardscaping/landscaping firm, owned by Fred and Laura Meder, also has wide experience elsewhere installing labyrinths in traditional unit pavers, not unlike the stone-paved labyrinths of Medieval Europe.

Main St 753

PID 24286



1888 Directory		Robinson, Dr. William L, physician & surgeon
1890 Directory		Robinson, Miss India - Dr. W L, Physician
1900 Census	Owner Daughter Son Daughter Son Servant	Robinson, W L, age 54, physician - Louise, age 19 - Marion M, age 18, pharmacist - Mabel, age 11 - William L, age 7 Willis, Belle, age 17, nurse (B)
1910 Census	Owner Son Dau-in-law Grandson Son Daughter Son Servant	Robinson, W M, age 65, wid, physician - Julian M, age 34, physician - Bessie H, age 30 - Julian M, age 4 - Marion M, age 28, printing - Mabel, age 23 - William L, age 18 Barringer, Fannie, age 32, chambermaid
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son Son Sister-in-law Servant Servant	Robinson, Julian, age 44, surgeon, own office - Bessie, age 39 - Julian age 13 - Holland, age 7 Holland, Nellie, age 44 Barringer, Tena, age 33, housekeeper Akers, Ella, age 40, cook (B)
1927 Directory		Robinson, J M Main Street M E Church (South)
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son Son Lodger Servant Servant Sister-in-law	Robinson, Julian, age 54, surgeon - Bessie N, age 49 - Julian, age 24, clerk, bank - Holland, age 17 Mink, Blanch, age 49, nurse Hiett, Virginia, age 20 (B) Williams, Banks, age 56 (B) Holland, Nellie, age 47
1935 Directory		Robinson, Julian M, physician
1940 Census	Owner	Robinson, Julian, MD, age 64, medical doctor private practice

	Wife Son	- Bessie Holland, age 60 - Julian M Jr., commercial bank teller
1945 Directory		Robinson, Julian M, physician
1950 Directory		Robinson, Bessie H Mrs. Byrd, Allen L, physician
1950 Census	Head Lodger	Robinson, Bessie H, age 70, wid Watkins, Floyd E, age 56, chauffer & butler, private home
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		Professional Building
1984 Directory		Professional Building
1990 Directory		Professional Building
2015 Assessor	Owner	Piedmont Professional Building L C

Times Dispatch 21 Feb 1909: Miss Mable Robinson, Main Street, entertained a few friends Monday morning in honor of her guest, Miss Kaye Jones, of Richmond.

Times Dispatch 14 Mar 1909: Miss Maude Gamble is the guest of Miss Mabel Robinson, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 5 Feb 1911: Dr. W. L. Robinson has returned after a stay at Palm Beach and Jacksonville.

Times Dispatch 9 Apr 1911: Miss Kate Jones, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Mabel Robinson, Main Street.

Bee 4 Nov 1943: C. G. Holland, 66, closely identified with Danville business, industrial and civic activities, died yesterday evening at University Hospital, Charlottesville, shortly before seven o'clock. His funeral is to be conducted tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the home of Dr. and Mrs. Julian M. Robinson, 753 Main street. ... At his bedside when he died was his wife ... Mrs. Julian M. Robinson, his sister was also with him at the end as was Mrs. C. G. Holland, Jr., his daughter-in-law, whose husband is with the armed services in California.

Bee 21 Oct 1947: Display Ad: Dr. Allen L. Byrd announces his new office location, 753 Main St ... formerly Dr. J. M. Robinson office.

Bee 2 Apr 1951: For Sale: 753 Main Street, well established doctors office and spacious home, suitable for conversion into offices or apartments. ...

Bee 14 Jul 1952: Display Ad: Dr. Clifford G. Gaddy announces opening of offices in the Professional Building, 753 Main Street, for the practice of Internal Medicine. Telephone 1021.

Register 2 Mar 1959: Janette's Beauty Salon moved from 753 Main to 747 Main, next to the bus terminal.

Register 3 Mar 1968: Display Ad: Announcing the formation of the partnership of Calvert, Lewis & Smith, architects and engineers, with offices at 753 Main Street ...

Register 21 Nov 1976: Big Brothers of Danville Area will hold an open house at their new offices at 753 Main St. ...

Main St 758

1881 Directory		Penn, Mrs. Elizabeth, wid Penn, P C (P C Penn & Co)
1890 Directory		Penn, P C (P C Penn & Co, cooperage & lumber)
1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife	Day, William C, age 48 - Maie D, age 61
1920 Census	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Head Wife	Hawkins, John A, age 66 - Anna H, age 53 - Carrie, age 25 - Susie, age 26 Hawkins, John R, age 24 - Anne L, age 23
1927 Directory		Hawkins, J A
1930 Census	Owner Daughter	Hawkins, J E, age 66, value \$10,000 - Carrie D, age 35
1935 Directory		Hawkins, John A
1940 Census	Owner Unknown	Hawkins, Carrie D, age 49, wid, public school teacher - Susie, age 47
1945 Directory		Alexander, William O
1950 Directory		Kidd, Hugh R
1950 Census	Head Wife Lodger Lodger	Kidd, Hugh R, age 67 - Carie H, age 60 Earle, Frank, age 43, manager, café - Eva M, age 27, waitress, café
1960 Directory		Kidd, Carrie H Mrs.
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor	Owner	Young Women's Christian Association

Times Dispatch 23 Jan 1910: the Danville Chapter, U. D. C., gave an enjoyable entertainment ... at the residence of Mrs. William C. Day on Main Street, commemorating the birthday of General R. E. Lee. ...

Bee 14 Apr 1937: Funeral services for John A. Hawkins who died at his home early Tuesday morning from a heart attack will be conducted from the residence, 758 Main street ... was born at Columbus, Miss., Jun 22 1863 ... He was married at Halifax courthouse on December 21, 1887, to Miss Anna H. Dickens, who died here May 15, 1920.

Bee 24 Nov 1945: C. A. Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne of Richmond are spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kidd of 758 Main Street.

Bee 16 Jan 1963: Fine Business Property for sale, 758 Main Street, zoned C2 ...

Bee 11 Apr 1964: Display Ad: Valuable Mains Street Business Property at Auction ... This two-story brick building has twelve rooms – six rooms and bath on first floor and six rooms and bath on second floor. ...

Register 13 Mat 1966: Needed: Director and Assistant Director for Danville's Homemaker Project ...
Apply Community Improvement Council, 758 Main St. ...

Bee 11 Mar 1970: Three chairmen for the Danville YWCA's \$500,000 building campaign were announced today ... The campaign office has been set up in the YWCA Annex at 758 Main St.

Main St 761 (Later 767)**Main Street United Methodist Church**

PID 26404



1900 Census		
1906 Directory	Pastor	Main Street M E Church Rev. E H Rawlings
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Not listed
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Main Street M E Church (South)
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Main Street M E Church
1950 Directory		Main Street Methodist Church
1960 Directory		Main Street Methodist Church
1970 Directory		Main Street Methodist Church
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Main Street Methodist Church United Methodist District Superintendant Girl Scout Service Center
1977 Victrn Dv		
1980 Tour		Main Street United Methodist Church
1984 Directory		Not listed
1987 Tour		United Methodist Church
1990 Directory		Main Street United Methodist Church
1991 Tour		United Methodist Church
1998 Tour		United Methodist Church
2008 Assessor	Transfer	To Danville Preservation League Inc.
2010 Tour		Danville Preservation League / Preservation Center (as 767 Main)
2014 Tour	Owner	Danville Preservation League / Peatross Bible Class at Main Street Methodist Church
2016 Assessor	Transfer	Danville Preservation League to Hardin, William & Tania, \$10
2017 Assessor	Owner	Hardin, William & Tania

Tour Book 1980:

This striking Romanesque-inspired church has the longest record of use by its congregation of any in the city. A portion of the present structure has been continually occupied since 1867.

The congregation was the first to emanate from Danville's first Methodist church organized on the corner of Wilson and Lynn streets in 1834. By 1865, when that church was experiencing growing pains, plans for a larger house of worship led to a split within the congregation. One group constructed a new church building on Lynn Street in the vicinity of the old one. Others, following the lead of Major William Sutherlin, organized the church now known as Main Street Methodist, the lot on Main Street having been selected and purchased by Major Sutherlin. The precipitous spire of the original Main Street Church, completed in 1873, toppled in a freak wind storm the following year. However, in 1891 the entire 1873 façade was rebuilt in its present Romanesque Revival form by the builder J.R. Pleasants. Distinguished by a castellated tower that makes the church a local landmark visible from almost anywhere downtown, the building exhibits excellent brick details, arched windows, round towers and turrets, all tied together by stone belt courses that make it a superior example of the Romanesque Revival style.

The focal point of the interior, a mural of the Transfiguration, is a notable feature of the sanctuary. As a whole the sanctuary, with its rich woodwork, is exemplary of the best of Victorian craftsmanship. The effect is especially opulent enhanced by the red poinsettias of the Christmas season.

Tour Book 1987:

This landmark structure, familiar to most area residents because of its tall, massive castellated tower visible from many points around town, is also allied to the focal point of this year's Tour -- architect J. Bryant Heard. In 1921, Mr. Heard designed for his church its Educational Building. Completed later in the 1920s, the structure has continued for the ensuing six decades as an active and functional part of the life of the congregation.

The original portion of the church, continually occupied since 1867, holds the longest record of use by its congregation of any in the city. This church was the earliest to emerge from Danville's first Methodist church organized on Wilson at Lynn Street in 1834. After the War Between the States, a number of members followed the lead of Maj. William Sutherlin, who purchased the lot where they built and organized Main Street Church. The precipitous spire of the original edifice, completed in 1873, toppled in a freak wind storm the following year. In 1891 the entire 1873 church was overlaid with the present Romanesque Revival facade by the contractor/builder J.R. Pleasants. Excellent brick details, arched windows, round towers and turrets, all tied together by stone belt courses, make this an outstanding example of the Romanesque Revival style.

Built on the site of the former church parsonage, the Education Building that adjoins the church is a superb example of Bryant Heard's adept handling of scale, rhythm, and the relation of new buildings to existing ones. Not a slavish copy or extension of the older, more ornate structure, this annex harmonizes instead because of its straightforward consistency in materials, proportion and repetition of forms -- namely its dark red brick, the tall parapet built in the form of a gable to echo that of the church, and large, semi-circular arched windows on the main floor. Only one decorative device, the small ornamental brick arches near the top of the structure, is copied directly from the 1891 church. The spacious Education Building contains a commodious Fellowship Hall, offices and most of the church's classrooms, except the Peatross Bible Class which meets in the original church sanctuary on the ground floor under the present sanctuary.

With its rich woodwork the sanctuary, whose focal point is a mural of the Transfiguration, is an exemplary example of Victorian craftsmanship.

Tour Book 2010:

The landmark former Main Street United Methodist Church -- one of a handful of Danville buildings listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places -- now is poised to serve in new capacities as a community resource and preservation center.

This striking Romanesque Revival edifice, which served its congregation and the community from the time charter members founded the church just after the Civil War until it closed in 2007, is being reborn. Today it enjoys a new life of service -- thanks to Danville preservationists, friends and former members of the historic church. Their efforts, in cooperation with the Danville Preservation League, promise to maintain the building for posterity, using it also as a clearinghouse for "best preservation practices," and outreach for preservation throughout the community and well beyond. To that end, in its role as the Preservation Resource Center at MAIN STREET, this landmark is headquarters for a southern Virginia regional satellite of Preservation Virginia (APVA), another strong advocate for historic preservation. The facility is available on a rental basis for weddings, concerts, conferences, and special occasions.

Tour Book 2014:

Seven years after it closed, the landmark former Main Street United Methodist Church - one of a handful of Danville buildings listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places - continues its rich legacy as a community resource. Today, thanks to Danville preservationists, friends and former members of the historic church, it enjoys a new life of service under the watch of the not-for-profit Danville Preservation League.

This striking Romanesque Revival edifice, which served its congregation and the community from the time charter members founded the church just after the Civil War until it closed in 2007, is finding new purpose and focus. Currently, two organizations - Preservation Virginia and the Danville Historical Society -- bring day-to-day vitality to space in the ground-level footprint of the original church, dominated by the former Peatross Bible Class.

Preservation Virginia's only satellite office (right here in this Danville landmark) echoes the Richmond headquarters' strong historic preservation ethic, a tradition dating from 1889, making it the nation's oldest statewide preservation effort.

Nearby, the historic Peatross Class, with walnut-paneled walls flanked by stone tablets, honors Methodist men like Judge Richard Warner Peatross, whose names read like a "who's who" of old Danville. It's now the setting for displays of local history and artifacts from the 43-year collection of the Danville Historical Society. These pieces include photographs, postcards, documents, paintings, prints, books and ledgers. A prized rediscovery is a 1798 Danville store ledger, acknowledged as one of Virginia's top-ten threatened treasures by the Virginia Association of Museums. Over the past couple of years DHS volunteers have renewed their focus on this important memorabilia, much of which had languished over time. Countless hours spent reorganizing, accessioning and conserving these items have revived their usefulness for ready-access and research.

Main St 763

1888 Directory		
1890 Directory		
1900 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Son Daughter Daughter Niece Servant Servant	Simpson, McN, age 48, preacher - Jacosta, age 48 - Mary T, age 14 - George G, age 12 - John C, age 11 - Janice, age 8 - Lillie W, age 5 Lang, Mattie, age 16 Clarke, Lou, age 30, cook (B) - Lovie, age 12, nurse (B)
1910 Census	Renter Wife Son Servant	Young, William J, age 52, clergyman - Mary W, age 54 - William W, age 20 Henry, Molly, age 31, cook (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Son Daughter	Latham, Joseph, age 57, pastor - Amanda, age 49 - Martha, age 19 - Robert, age 16 - Arthur, age 12 - Marry, age 9
1927 Directory		
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Parsonage demolished for Sunday School in 1923

Times Dispatch 30 May 1909: Mrs. W. J. Young, wife of the pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, has returned from Farmville, where she has been attending a meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Virginia, of which she is president.

Main St 766 (renumbered to 770 sometime between 1935 and 1940)

1880 Census	Head Son Daughter Servant Servant	Wyllie, Georgann, age 45 (wid) - Jno. N., age 24, tobacco manf. - Fanny P., age 22 Price, V., age 22, servant (B) Hodge, Abram, age 19, servant (B)
1888 Directory	Rear	Wyllie, Mrs A L, wid - John N (Swain Wyllie & Co) Adams, Jennie, waitress (B) Lewis, Fannie (B) Oliver, Fannie, washer (B)
1890 Directory		Douglas, Eliza, domestic (B) Raines, Flora, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter Mother Servant Servt son Servt son Servant	Wiley, John N, age 44, tobacco mfr " Kate S, age 39 - Alfred C, age 11 - Fannie P, age 8 Scales, Kate B, age 55, wid Majors, Jennie, age 48 (B) - Moses, age 13 (B) - Joe, age 11 (B) Boom, Annie, age 34 (B)
1910 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter Daughter Moth-in-law	Wyllie, John N, age 52 - Kate S, age 48 - Alfred S, age 20 - Frances P, age 18 - Katherine I, age 18 Scales, Kate B, age 63, wid
1920 Census	Owner Daughter Daughter Moth-in-law	Wyllie, John Noble, age 63, wid - Fannie, age 27 - Kate, age 27 Scale, Kate Henderson, age 74, wid
1927 Directory		Wyllie, J N
1930 Census	Owner Mother Servant	Wyllie, J N, age 74, value \$20,000 Scales, A M, age 84 Puckett, L E, age 39, wid
1935 Directory		Taylor, Mrs. Verta, boarding
1940 Census		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Times Dispatch 2 Apr 1911: Misses Fannie and Kate Wyllie, Annie Herndon, Virginia Townes, and Mary Westbrook, of Converse, have returned to Spartansburg to resume their studies after a short stay at home.

Bee 11 Dec 1923: Wanted – An experienced nurse. Apply 766 Main St.

Bee 8 Apr 1926: Mrs. H. W. Cobb of Richmond is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Scales, at 766 Main street.

Bee 2 Nov 1931: Room and Board. 766 Main St. Phone 2615. Miss Rowena Roberson.

Bee 16 Nov 1931: Miss Beatrice Wright was honored on Saturday afternoon at a party given by her parents at their home, 766 Main street, in celebration of her tenth birthday.

Bee 5 Aug 1935: J. T. Allen, city fireman, who has been ill for the past eight weeks, has been moved from Memorial hospital to his home, 766 Main street.

Bee 22 Sep 1936: Display Ad: Auction Sale: Household furniture and personal property of the heirs of Mrs. J. N. Wyllie at her former home, No. 766 Main St. ...

Bee 22 Feb 1938: Miss Sadie Echols, of Lewisburg, W. Va., is visiting Misses Kate and Fannie Wyllie, 766 Main Street.

(renumbered to 770 sometime between 1935 and 1940)

Main St 767

1888 Directory		
1890 Directory		
1900 Census	Renter Wife Servant Servant	Brofman, J, age 48, clothing merchant - Carrie, age 6 Clarke, Ann, age 16, nurse (B) Cabiners, Matilda, age 38, cook (B)
1910 Census	Renter Wife Father	Scott, Stanley W, age 28, draftsman, elevator co. - Bernice L, age 28 - John, age 78, wid
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Boarder Boarder Boarder Boarder Renter Wife Daughter	Jones, John A., age 50, collector, life insurance - Minnie, age 42, - Elizabeth, age 11 Maish, Wesley, age 30, manager Green, Caldwin, age 23, collector, life insurance Pettigrew, Willie, age 30, clothier, own store Wagstaff, Louis, age 24, clerk, tobacco factory Eaiman, Benjamin, age 50, salesman furniture - Mary S, age 44, dressmaker, at home - Nanby, age 10
1927 Directory		Not listed
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Demolished for Sunday School in 1923

Main St 769**Education Annex, Main Street United Methodist Church**

PID 26741



1888 Directory		Hirsch, Henry (Hirsch & Co clothiers) Hirsch, Harry, clerk Kaufman, Julius (J & J Kaufman, clothiers & furnishers)
1890 Directory		Hirsch, Harry, clerk Kaufman, Julius (J & J Kaufman, clothiers & furnishers) Walker, Caroline, cook (B) Scott, Mollie, nurse (B)
1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Son Daughter Servant Servant	Kaufman, J, age 39, clothing merchant - Mattie, age 33 - Clarence, age 11 - Louis L, age 10 - Babette, age 6 Clarke, Annie, age 47, cook (B) Moare, Eliza, age 48, house maid (B)
1910 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Daughter Boarder Servant Boarder Boarder	Armistead, Edward W, age 51, lawyer, own office - Anna H, age 40 - Harrison W, age 17, bookkeeper, tobacco co. - Mary, age 16 - Annie W, age 14 Smith, Thomas M, age 25, salesman, hardware Angel, Georgia, age 22, cook (B) Lacy, John W, age 41, auctioneer, tobacco - Frances M, age 27
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Daughter Renter Wife Son Daughter	Durham, Carson, age 38, agent, Southern Railway - Sallie, age 35 - Anna, age 14 - Carson, age 12 - Sarah, age 10 Floyd, James, age 31, interior decorator, own business - Grace, age 29 - Kenneth, age 7 - Anna, age 8/12
1927 Directory		
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		

1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2006 Assessor	Transfer	Main Street United to Etenesh, \$130,000
2008 Tour		Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Addis / Danville Education, Arts & Cultural Center
2015 Assessor	Owner	Etenesh & M LLC

Row houses demolished for Main Street Methodist Church Sunday School (pictured)

Main St 770**Lanier House**

PID 23917

(renumbered from 766 sometime between
1935 and 1940)



1930 Census		
1940 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter	Newman, Samuel, age 50, medical doctor, private practice - Ida M, age 49 - Naomi, age 20 - Ruth, age 14
1945 Directory		Newman, Samuel R, physician Swainbank, James A
1950 Directory		Newman, Samuel R, physician Swainbank, James A
1950 Census	Head Wife	Newman, Samuel, age 59, medical doctor - Ida M, age 58, doctor's assistant
1960 Directory		Newman, Samuel R, physician Ball, Wand M Mrs. Jefferson Std Life Insurance Co.
1970 Directory		Newman, Samuel R, physician Palmer, Celeste Mrs. Smith, Harry W
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Newman, Samuel R, physician Newman, Ida Mrs. Asbury, Roland D
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Elkins Orthopedic Clinic Ltd. Elkins, Robert W, physician Danville Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Inc.
1990 Directory		Garrett & Garrett, lawyers
2006 Assessor	Transfer	Garrett, Anne Martin to Garrett, Joseph Marshall, \$141,000
2015 Assessor	Owner	Garrett, Joseph Marshall (Garrett & Garrett Law Firm)

Bee 28 Sep 1937: Display Ad: Samuel Newman, M.D., announces the removal of his office from the Arcade Building to the Newman Building, 770 Main Street, Danville, Virginia. Practice limited to diseases of children.

Bee 10 Jan 1938: For rent: Newly furnished room. Single or double. Steam heat and hot water. 770 Main St., Apt. No. 1.

Bee 2 Jul 1938: An Institute of Fine Arts will be inaugurated here July 18 ... at 770 Main street. ... The Institute's board of directors consists of Miss Naomi Newman, Mrs. Virginia Travis, J. Arvis Black, and Allen Lewis. ...

Bee 12 May 1941: There will be a meeting of the Helping Hand Society at the home of Mrs. Samuel Newman, 770 Main Street ...

Bee 15 Dec 1952: The Danville Credit Women's Breakfast Club will hold its regular dinner meeting and Christmas party tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Alberta Gourley, 770 Main Street. ...

Bee 15 Dec 1954: Beta Sigma Phi sorority will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the home of the president, Miss Joanne Spangler, 770 Main Street. ...

Bee 2 Nov 1961: The Samuel Newman Children's Clinic ... is located at 770 Main Street. ...

Register 27 Jul 1966: Mrs. Edmund Gullian of Boston, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Joseph palmer, 770 Main St.

Main St 771

1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Son Son Daughter Daughter	Morrisett, Berly, age 67, city police - Monterey, age 52 - Allen L, age 28, press man - Welington, age 26, job printer - Irving, age 22, tobacconist - Vivian, age 22 - Pearl, age 20
1910 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Lodger Lodger Servant	Walker, Gordon L, age 30, hardware - Mattie T, age 24 - Virginia K, age 4 - Gordon L, age 1 Fitzgerald. James M, age 25, tobacco factory - Mary W, age 29 Banks, Cornelia, age 19, cook (B)
1920 Census	Renter Son Son Daughter Son	Smith, Cora, age 56 - Thomas J, age 25, tobacco buyer, own factory - Reynolds, age 21, bookkeeper, tobacco warehouse - Corinne, age 17 - Vincent, age 15
1927 Directory		Brown, H T
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		O'Brien, Mrs. M Viola
1940 Census	Renter Sister Nephew Sister Broth-in-law Niece	Miller, Russell, age 36, waitress Pickeral, Mabel, age 34, waitress - Jesse, age 14 Adams, Gladys, age 42 - Harry, age 43, retail seafood salesman - Frances, age 14
1945 Directory		Adams, Harry B
1950 Directory		Michaels, John M
1950 Census	Head – apt 5 Partner Head Head – apt 9 Head – # 11 Wife	Rorer, Virginia A, age 20, folder, cotton mill Salmons, Lorraine, age 28, wid, mangler, cotton mill Williamson, Mattie C, age 75, wid Scearce, Mary E, age 25, switchboard operator, telephone co McCain, Eugene G, age 35, policeman, city - Louise A, age 34, home ec teacher, public school
1960 Directory		Apartments (1-4)
1970 Directory		Pryor, Ruby Michaels, Myrtle M Mrs. Colvard, Annie Mrs. Bell, John H
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 3 Aug 1922: For Rent – Furnished Room centrally located, 771 Main St. Phone 1337-W.

Bee 11 Dec 1924: Miss Hannah Harris, of Philadelphia, and Miss Lane, of Eugene, Ore. ... are stopping with Mrs. N. R. Sandy, 771 Main street.

Bee 9 Mar 1929: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown have returned from their wedding trip and are at home at 771 Main street.

Bee 27 May 1929: Display Ad: Trustee's Sale of Valuable Real Estate, the property of Mrs. Lillian W. Graves ... Three concrete block tenement houses, nos. 771, 773, and 775 Main Street

Bee 24 Feb 1943: Miss Frances Adams, of 771 Main Street, is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Bee 29 Jun 1943: Jesse N. Pickeral, Jr., Soundman third class, U. S. Navy, has returned to San Francisco, Cal., after a brief visit with his mother at 771 Main St.

Register 27 Jun 1969: John Marshall Michaels, aged 76, died in Memorial Hospital ... A native of York, S.C., he was born October 28, 1892, the son of the late Harvey Samuel Michaels and Mrs. Suan Smart Michaels. ... He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Searce Michaels of the home, 771 Main Street ...

Bee 16 Feb 1970: A \$250,000 damage suit was entered in Corporation Court this morning by Irene Elizabeth Honeycutt for alleged permanent disabling injuries sustained in a fall Feb 19, 1969, at the entrance to an apartment building at 771 Main St. ...

Register 19 Oct 1975: Display Ad: Estate Sale: 771-773-775 Main Street ... This apartment building contains 3 apartments, each with 8 rooms, full bath. ... Great location to all downtown businesses, post office, banks, building suitable for conversion to offices and etc.

Register 26 Mar 1976: The Danville Commission of Architectural Review yesterday agreed to allow demolition of an apartment house sandwiched between the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany and Main Street Methodist Church. ... Three quarters of a century old, the three-apartment tenement house at 771, 773 and 775 Main Street has seen far better days. Although its façade is intact, the rear of the building is held fast by tin sheets and the interior is in an advanced state of disrepair. Architectural consultant Russell Wright designated the building as "notable" in his 1970 inventory of significant architectural landmarks in the city. ...



Main St 772

PID 26558



1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Not listed
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Not listed
1950 Directory		Not listed
1960 Directory		Life Insurance Company of Virginia
1970 Directory		Life of Virginia
1977 Directory		Life of Virginia
1984 Directory		Vacant
1990 Directory		McMann Insurance Agency
2004 Assessor	Transfer	McCann Jr., William E J to DJM Investments, \$93,500
2015 Assessor	Owner	DJM Investments (Robert Vaughan, Jr. Law Office)

Main St 773

1900 Census		
1910 Census	Renter Wife Boarder	White, Beverly B, age 47, salesman, grocery store - Helen C, age 47 Edmunds, Alger C, age 45, lawyer, own office
1920 Census	Head Wife Daughter Mother Boarder Boarder	Henderson, George W, age 29, salesman, department store - Mary, age 24, saleswoman, department store - Mary E, age 5 - Aurelia, age 68, wid Goodman, Robert I, age 25, salesman, grocery store Gravely, William E, age 24, tobacco buyer, warehouse
1927 Directory		Henderson, Mary Mrs. McDade, C R
1930 Census	Renter Wife	Owen, Paul, age 21, upholsterer - Hazel B, age 17
1935 Directory		Hinton, Charles W
1940 Census	Renter Partner Renter Wife Renter Wife Renter Renter	Hardy, Gracie, age 27, spooler, cotton mill Ingram, Kate Irma, age 30, weaver, cotton mill Pierce, Charles, age 42, automobile salesman - Edna, age 33, weaver, cotton mill Harris, John E, age 50, plasterer - Flossie J, age 49 Chisenhall, Lola, age 25, tacking machine operator, clothing factory Gray, George, age 27, seamstress, ladies wear
1945 Directory		Gonzales, Eulogio
1950 Directory		Gonzales, Eulogio
1950 Census	Head #5 Wife Head #1 Wife Daughter Moth-in-law	Barker, Jesse W, age 50, weaving supervisor, cotton mill - Annie F, age 47, cloth inspector, cotton mill Gonzales, Joseph, age 50, cook, restaurant - Mattie F, age 49, sales clerk, dress shop - Lillian E, age 8 Gilmer, Ellen, age 76, wid
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		Vacant
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 28 Aug 1922: For Rent – Nicely furnished front room, private porch, convenient to bath, suitable for couple or gentleman, close in. Phone 1170-J or call 73 Main.

Bee 26 Nov 1926: Miss Merle Sherrill, of Statesville, N.C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. K. McDade, 773 Main street.

Bee 10 Dec 1927: Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Moorefield, of Walnut Cove, North Carolina, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nina Mae, to Edwin Hughes Carter, of Danville, Virginia ... At home after December the twentieth at 773 Main street, Danville, Va.

Bee 20 Nov 1939: Police ... plan to question John E. Harris on the circumstances surrounding a severe scalp wound, for which he was treated at Memorial hospital Saturday ngith. Mr. Harris, whose address was given as 773 Main street ...

Bee 24 Dec 1940: Season's Greetings from Belton Beauty Shop, 773 Main St. Phone 1077.

Bee 23 Jan 1941: Furnished two-room steam-heated apt. 773 Main St. Call 2968-J.

Bee 29 Apr 1954: Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Mawyer, of 773 Main Street, announce th birth of a daughter, Vickie Dawn, on April 26, in Memorial Hospital.

Main St 775

1900 Census	Renter Son Son Daughter Daughter	Raines, Ida, age 41, wid, dry goods clerk - Piercy, age 19, dry goods clerk - Howard, age 16, telegraph operator - Florence, age 15 - lindsay, age 13
1910 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Lodger Lodger	Dunstan, Richard L. age 39, foreman, cigar factory - Maude W, age 35 - Mary E, age 5 - Richard L, age 1 Tuggle, Aubrey, age 33, wid, bookkeeper, tobacco - Gordon, age 25, bookkeeper, tobacco
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Son Niece Renter Daughter	Powell, W Brooks, age 66, tobacco buyer, own factory - Florence, age 60 - Colleen, age 27, bookkeeper, daily paper - Gordon, age 17, sales boy, tobacco factory Mitchell, Mattie, age 36, saleswoman, department store Lucas, Ollie, age 40, wid, saleswoman, department store - Lois, age 10
1927 Directory		Powell, F F Mrs.
1930 Census	Renter Daughter Renter Wife Son Daughter	Henderson, Mary, age 36, saleslady, dry goods - Elizabeth, age 15 Ragsdale, John, age 28, textile worker - Ada, age 26 - John, age 6 - Mary, age 1
1935 Directory		Jones, Mrs. Lillie E
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son Servant Renter Wife Renter Daughter	Siddle, Marvin N, age 53, warehouse manager, leaf tobacco - Garnett N, age 48 - Marvin N Jr, age 15 Watlington, Lillie, age 39, housekeeper (B) Parker, Henry E, age 39, barber - Dorothy, age 32 Barnes, Cora Lee, age 32, waitress - Betty Jean, age 13
1945 Directory		Flynn, Raymond E
1950 Directory		Walters, Ella
1950 Census	Head #4 Head #3 Wife	Walters, Ella L, age 57, private nurse Bullington, Archie B, age 49, painter, paint contractor - Ima E, age 45, winder, cotton mill
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		Robinson, Mattie B Mrs.
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 17 Dec 1923: William Brooks Powell, for thirty-four years a well-known citizen of Danville, died unexpectedly at his home 775 Main street ... Mr. Powell was born in Caswell county, March 4, 1853, being a son of the late Mastin Jefferson Powell and Mrs. Susan Gillespie Powell ... Mr. powell was married about forty years ago to Miss Florence Allen at Milton, who survives him ...

Bee 12 Nov 1932: First Presbyterian Church Circle 3 – Mrs. J. F. Ziglar, leader, with Mrs. J. A. Jones, 775 Main street.

Bee 19 Jul 1934: Funeral services will be held tomorrow at five o'clock for John A. Jones, aged 65, who died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Danville hospital following an operation performed the previous day. The rites will be conducted from the home, 775 Main street ... He was married December 10, 1893, at Milton, N.C., to Miss Minnie Ellen Abbott who survives him with a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Jones Massey of Leaksville, N.C.

Bee 28 Sep 1938: Mrs. Mary G. Agee died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl E. Hampton at 775 Main street ...

Bee 8 Dec 1941: ... arrested for drunkenness ... L. L. Tyson of 775 Main Street ...

Bee 8 Oct 1956: Rose Bell Hodges of 775 Main St., was fined \$50 for disturbing the public peace and \$55 for resisting arrest.

Bee 1 Feb 1957: the case of Harry Rayford Hodges, of 775 Main St., charged with drunk driving involving a crash last night on Main near Jefferson has been set for a hearing in Municipal Court February 7.

Bee 21 Jan 1961: Accused of taking an assortment of items ... was Henry Martin Short of 775 Main St. ...

Bee 6 Mar 1961: Joseph Lester Slaughter, 42, of 775 Main St. ... was fined \$50 on disorderly conduct charges.

Register 11 Aug 1965: Jesse Lloyd Thornton of 775 Main St. was bound over to the grand jury yesterday on a charge of Bigamy. Thornton is accused of marrying Martha P. Mathis while legally wed to Pearl Mae Rich Thornton.

Bee 17 Jan 1966: Martha Pauline Mathis, of 775 Main St., was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of malicious damage to property of Pearl Thornton at 227 Jefferson Ave.

Bee 9 Nov 1966: Smith Marshall Owens, 62, of 775 Main Street, was found dead last night at 8:30 o'clock. He was born Oct. 27, 1904, in Washington County, a son of the late Joseph Owens and Mary Moore Owens. ... Survivors include his wife, Bernice Vicks Owens, of the residence ...

Bee 11 Sep 1969: The youth apprehended ... in possession of an automobile stolen in Danville ... was booked as Irvin Thomas Hogan, 18, of 775 Main St.

Bee 4 May 1970: A telephone call from a resident shortly before last midnight that he had observed two men breaking into a vending machine ... resulted in two arrests. Irvin Thomas Hogan, 18 of 775 Main St., Apt. 2 ...

Main St 776**Peatross House**

PID 23907



1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife Son Son Son Daughter	Peatross, Richard W, age 70 - Sallie R, age 58 - Robert F, age 35 - Hunter, age 27 - Garnet, age 25 - Elizabeth A, age 22
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Daughter Mother	Lea, Barnett, age 32 - Elizabeth P, age 31 - Rosalind, age 5 - Lizabeth, age 2 Redd, Sally, age 65, wid
1927 Directory		Lea, Barnett
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Daughter Lodger	Lea, Barnett, age 42, manager, tobacco factory - Lisbeth P, age 42 - Roseland, age 15 - Lisbeth P, age 13 Pettross, Sallie R, age 80, wid
1935 Directory		Lea, Mrs. Lisbeth P
1940 Census	Owner Daughter Mother	Lea, Lisbeth P, age 42 - Lisbeth, age 23, saleswoman, dress shop Peatross, Salli R, age 90
1945 Directory		Roach, John O
1950 Directory		Roach, John C
1950 Census	Head Wife Lodgers - 15	Roach, John C, age 66, caretaker, city park - Lucy A, proprietor, rooming house
1960 Directory		Landes, Ralph R, physician Vieiraves, Gibson
1970 Directory		Vacant
1977 Directory		Harrison Printing & Addressing Service Telephone Answering Service Danville Copying Service Burroughs Corp. I B M Corp. McMann Insurance Agency

1984 Directory		Vacant
1990 Directory		Smith Snead & Co CPAs
2022 Assessor	Transfer	776 Main & Associates ti 776 Main Street LLC, \$198,400

Times Dispatch 1906:



Times Dispatch 14 Feb 1909: The Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held an interesting meeting Thursday with the vice-regent, Mrs. R. W. Peatross, Main Street. Mrs. James G. Penn, the regent, is spending some time in Europe.

Bee 22 Oct 1923: Firemen were called by telephone at five minutes past eight o'clock this morning to the home of Mrs. R. W. Peatross, 776 Main street where timbers in the attic were found to have become ignited. ...

Bee 12 May 1941: ... for sale at public auction ... on the premises located at 776 Main Street ... real estate with the buildings thereon ...

Bee 3 Apr 1944: Display Ad: Attractive Nursery. Children well cared for. All day or part time. 776 Main St. – Phone 1218

Bee 28 Apr 1944: Display Ad: Mrs. R. J. Millers Household Effects – 776 Main St ... at Auction ...

Bee 9 Jun 1947: Mrs. John C. Roach of 776 Main street suffered a double fracture of the left arm yesterday when she fell at her home. She was later removed to the University of Virginia Hospital at Charlottesville.

Bee 12 Mar 1953: ... J. W. Williams, of 776 Main St., last night reported the theft of two suits from his room. The suits later were found by officers in the possession of a Negro who stated he had bought them for \$4. The man who allegedly did the stealing and selling was not apprehended.

Bee 22 Dec 1965: How and when thieves made off with several pieces of used furniture from the top-floor supply room of the offices of Dr. Ralph Landes at 776 Main St. remained puzzling to police today.

Bee 18 Jun 1967: Display Ad: Ralph R. Landes, M.D., Ralph T. McCauley, M.D., Irving Melnick, M.D. Announce the association of Allan A. Hoffman, M.D. for the practice of Urology at 776 Main Street

Bee 2 Sep 1972: Danville Copying Service has been named a dealer for ICP Copiers, supplies, and accessories. The local firm, located at 776 Main St., will handle the complete line of desktop ICP copiers.

Bee 21 Nov 1973: Harrison Printing Service, 776 Main St.

Bee 1 Sep 1977: McCann Insurance Agency, 776 Main St.

Bee 30 Nov 1977: Wanted: PBX operator. Part time, weekends only, odd hours ... If interested, come by 776 Main Street ...

Main St 781 (formerly 777)**Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**

PID 26403



1900 Census		
1906 Directory	Rector	Church of the Epiphany J Cleveland Hall
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Church of the Epiphany
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Epiphany Episcopal Church
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal)
1950 Directory		Church of the Epiphany
1960 Directory		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1970 Directory		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1977 Victrn Dv		
1979 Tour		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1984 Directory		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1990 Directory		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
2002 Tour		Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
2015 Assessor	Owner	Epiphany Church Trustees Episcopal Church of the Epiphany & School

Tour Book 1979:

This year the congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its present church building. The Danville Historical Society is pleased to share in the special commemoration of this centennial and the 140-year history of the church as Epiphany opens its doors for the 1979 Walking Tour.

A three-level corner tower and octagonal spire, and lancet arch windows and doors alternating between buttressing, are all united in a simple, sturdy design that makes the church one of the city's most significant buildings architecturally. Built by the accomplished Danville architect T. B. Fitzgerald, the stuccoed Gothic Revival structure follows the lines of the original wood church, erected there in 1844, where Confederate president Jefferson Davis worshipped during the final

days of the Southern government.

Inside, the serene, mellow appearance of the nave with its unique curved wood ceiling is brightened by the warm glow from old stained-glass windows. Two organs, a 1927 Skinner and a 1979 Andover, are important examples of fine instruments of their respective periods. Throughout the church and parish house are many beautiful memorials: antiques, carpets, and other reminders of the history of the congregation.

Tour Book 2002:

A three-level corner tower with octagonal spire, and lancet-arch windows and doors alternating between buttressing, are united in a simple, sturdy design that makes this church one of the city's most outstanding buildings architecturally. Built between 1879 and 1881, the stuccoed Gothic Revival structure follows the lines of the original wood edifice erected here in 1844, a church where Confederate president Jefferson Davis worshipped during the final days of the Civil War.

The present sanctuary is distinguished by an ark-like ceiling of mellow beaded-board, lighted by a number of stained-glass windows attributed to the New York firm of J.& R. Lamb. This is the only church in the area to house two pipe organs -- a 1928 Skinner, and an Andover tracker instrument built and installed in celebration of the 1979 centennial of the historic structure.

Main St 782**Lawson – Overbey House**

PID 23972



1880 Census	Head Wife Daughter Son Daughter Son Daughter Daughter Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant	Lawson, R.W., age 43, tobacco manfr - B.W., age 40 - Kate, age 16 - Jas A., age 14 - Lucy D., age 12 - Benny, age 10 - Eva, age 6 - Mary A., age 5 Watson, Dleia, age 29, servant (Mu) Hunt, Sam, age 35, works tobacco factory (B) Whitlock, Judy, age 43, wash woman (B) - Wm., age 45, works tobacco warehouse (B) Hall, Ella, age 13 (B) Hunt, Camilla, age 4 (Mu) - Jane, age 3 (B)
1890 Directory		Brown, R Lee (R L Brown & Co leaf tobacco, also Kasey & Co) Stokes, Allen Y Jr., solicitor
1900 Census	Head Grandson Servant Rear Granddau Grandson	Sheppard, Salle, age 80, wid Overbey, Dan W, age 23, tobacconist Johnson, Thera, age 60 Henderson, Luvinia, age 83, (B) wash woman Freeman, Maggie, age 23 (B) Store, James, age 14 (B)
1910 Census	Head Wife Son Brother Lodger Servant Servant Servant Rear	Overby, William D, age 33 - May H, age 30 - William D, age 4 - John E, age 40 Hughes, John E, age 40 Nelson, Bettie, age 35 (B) Johnston, Julia, age 55 (B) - Claude, age 32 Watkins, William
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son None	Overbey, William D, age 43 - May H, age 40 - William D Jr., age 14 Hughes, John E, age 55

	Servant	Ferguson, Pearl, age 23 (B)
1927 Directory		Overbey, W D
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son Servant Servant Servant	Overbey, William D, age 53 - May H, age 52 - William D Jr., age 24 James, Hattie, age 24 (B) Ward, Annie Louise, age 20 (B) Hood, John, age 29 (B)
1935 Directory		Overbey, William D
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son	Overby, William D, age 63, vice president - May H, age 61 - William D Jr., age 34, accountant, private practice
1945 Directory		Overbey, William D
1950 Directory		Overbey, William D
1950 Census	Head Wife	Overbey, William D, age 73, proprietor, coal co - May H, age 71
1960 Directory		Overbey, William D Overbey Florist wholesale
1970 Directory		Overbey, Mae H Mrs.
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		
1977 Victrn Dv		
1978 Tour		Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr.
1984 Directory		Fowlkes, William T Jr.
1989 Tour		Lawson House
1990 Directory		Fowlkes, William T Jr.
1996 Tour		Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr.
2002 Assessor	Transfer	Fowlkes, Martha H to Castle, \$259,000
2003 Tour		Cynthia Castle and Danny Liles
2004 Tour		Lawson-Overbey House
2015 Assessor		Castle, Cynthia L & Liles, William Danny Lawson Overbey Inn
2016 Assessor	Transfer	Castle, Cynthia L & Liles to Thompson Properties LLC, \$375,000
2022 Assessor	Transfer	Thompson Properties LLC to Woods, Michael & Ramona, \$457,000

Times Dispatch 27 Oct 1907: The engagement of Miss Sallie Rutherford Harvie to Mr. Raymond Hall was announced Wednesday at a cupid's tea given by Mrs. William Daniel Overby at her home on Main Street.

Times Dispatch 23 May 1909: Miss Elonia Dudley Hutchinson is visiting Mrs. William D. Overby, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 23 Oct 1910: Mrs. W. D. Overby is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Hutchinson, in Columbus, Miss.

Times Dispatch 5 Feb 1911: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Leake, of New York, and Mrs. and Mrs. W. B. Christie, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William D. Overbey, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 27 Aug 1911: Mr. and Mrs. William D. Overbey and little son, Dudley, have returned from a visit to points in Mississippi, including Mrs. Overbey's old home.

Times Dispatch 8 Oct 1911: Mr. William D. Overbey has returned from Roanoke, where she went to attend the United Daughters of the Confederacy Convention ...

Bee 23 Feb 1927: Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon for Dr. Sumter George, many years ago a practicing physician in Danville, who died yesterday evening ... in Memorial hospital from heart disease. The funeral will take place at the home of W. D. Overbey, 782 Main street ...

Bee 21 May 1927: Danville gardens in which roses are now blooming will be thrown open to the public on Monday ... Mrs. W. D. Overbey, 782 Main street ... Mrs. Ruker Penn, 1057 Main street; Mrs. Charles G Evans, 1103 Main street ... Mrs. O. W. Dudley, 926 Main street; Mrs. S. R. Dula, 936 Main street; Mrs. Raymond Hall, 912 Main street; Mrs. Lee Boatwright, 904 Main street ... Mrs. Walter Paxton, 815 Main

Bee 31 May 1939: Funeral services for T. Lawson Hidges, member of an old Danville family, will be conducted from the home of William D. Overbey, 782 Main street ...

Bee 14 Apr 1941: ... a fire broke out in the basement of Mrs. W. D. Overbey's home, 782 Mai street. The blaze caught in the boiler room burning the partition around the coal bin. Fire officials said this morning that little or no damage was done. ...

Bee 16 Nov 1942: Couple wishes experienced cook. Furnished room on lot. Apply after 4 p.m. 782 Main St.

Bee 10 Oct 1955: The Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a memorial service tomorrow afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. D. Overbey, 782 Main Street. The service, with Mrs. F. C. Beverly, chaplain, in charge is in memorium to three deceased members, Mrs. J. H. Schoolfield Jr., Mrs. M. R. Perkinson and Mrs. A. S. Wooding. ...

Bee 3 Mar 1960: A car driven by John Peyton Thornton ... skidded into and damaged an iron fence along the lot of the home of W. D. Overby, of 782 Main St., on the Jefferson Ave. side.

Bee 21 May 1960: The garden of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Overbey, one of the most selective in Danville, is now in full blossom. The owners have invited flower-loving friends to drop in (782 Main St.) and view the riot of color.

Bee 8 Dec 1960: A runaway parked car struck and slightly damaged the side fence at the home of Mrs. W. D. Overby, of 782 Main St. yesterday. The vehicle which was parked on Jefferson rolled backwards 145 feet to the opposite side of the street ...

Bee 8 Nov 1962: W. D. Overbey, 86, a leader in the Danville business community since the turn of the century, died at 4 a.m. today in Memorial Hospital after a decline in health for several months. He was born in Danville, Oct. 21, 1876, a son of the late Daniel A. Overbey and Mrs. Sallie Shepherd Overbey and a grandson of the late Mrs. Sarah Shepherd, a co-founder of the Church of the Epiphany.

Mr. Overbey was educated in the Danville public schools. After graduation, he became identified with Dan Valley Mills and later with the Danville Lumber and Manufacturing Company where he served as vice president and treasurer. He served as a director of Dan River Mills for 24 years, the First National Bank, Westbrook Elevator Company, Danville Traction and Power Company, and as vice president and director of Danville Knitting Mills. ...

On Nov. 6, 1901, he married the former Jennie May Hutchinson of Columbus, Miss., who survives. Also left are one son, William Dudley Overbey of Danville ...



Bee 22 Nov 1962: The children of Hughes Memorial School, who for years have been guests of the late W. D. Overbey at Danville parades, again will be able to view the Christmas parade Friday from the large porch of the Overbey residence at 782 Main St.

Bee 20 May 1972: Dudley Van Clayton ... returning home from a lengthy trip, said he fell asleep at the wheel. His car ran through the Jefferson red light and across Main into the iron fence and yard of the residence of Mrs. May H. Overbey at 782 Main St. ...

Register 26 Jul 1972: Dudley Overbey obtained a permit in the name of his mother, May H. Overbey, as agent-owner authorizing demolition of a residence at 782 Main St.

Bee 18 Dec 1973: The AMC Sub-Debs will meet with Becky and Kathy DeAlba, 782 Main St., tonight at 7 o'clock.

Register 10 Mar 1974: Miss Kathy DeAlba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeAlba of 782 Main St., has been accepted as a freshman for the fall term at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va.

Bee 2 Feb 1977: Houses for Sale: John DeAlba's Home – 782 Main St., 16 rms., 5 baths, basement, lot 83 x 550

1978 Tour:

Elegant and imposing, the profile of this house is the result of a unique blending of the Italianate and Georgian Revival styles. Architect-builder T. B. Fitzgerald constructed the two-story, red brick Italianate dwelling in 1881 for Robert W. Lawson, a successful tobacconist. After he died in 1884, it was purchased by Sallie E. Shepherd. Mrs. Shepherd, grandmother of W. D. Overbey, lived there until her death in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Overbey resided in the Main Street house for over a half century thereafter. It was they who in 1911 gave the house a Georgian Revival face-lift, adding a two-story semi-circular Ionic portico and a roofline restyled to harmonize. In 1972 the old Overbey home, facing an uncertain future, was purchased and returned to its original

beauty by Mr. and Mrs. John DeAlba. Since November of 1977 it has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr. Their tasteful appointments complement the detailed woodwork, moldings, mantels, and beautiful floors of these spacious rooms.

1989 Holiday Tour:

Elegant and imposing, the profile of this house is the result of a unique blending of Italianate architecture from the early 1880s and the Georgian Revival style from just before the First World War. In his 1971 Inventory, Russell Wright ranked it as one of Danville's *EXCELLENT* structures architecturally. Architect-builder T.B. Fitzgerald constructed the original two-story, red-brick Italianate dwelling in 1881 for Robert W. Lawson, a successful tobacconist. After he died in 1884, it was purchased by Sallie E. Shepherd, the daughter of early Danvillians Capt. John Noble and Frances Payne Noble, and sister of Mrs. Allen Wyllie, who lived just down the block at 770 Main Street. The widow of Major William E. Shepherd of Fluvanna County, Virginia, Mrs. Shepherd lived here until her death in 1904. One of her grandsons, William Daniel Overbey, also spent much of his boyhood here with his grandmother. After her death, Mr. Overbey and his wife, the former Mae Hutchinson of Mississippi, resided in the Main Street house for over a half century. It was they who in 1911 gave the house a Georgian Revival face-lift, adding a two-story semi-circular portico with cornice and roofline restyled to harmonize. In July of 1972, the house seemed doomed when just hours before the passage of Danville's Historic District ordinance a permit was obtained for the demolition of the structure. A month later however Mrs. Overbey's son sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. John DeAlba, who returned the house to its original beauty. Since November of 1977 it has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr. Their tasteful antique appointments, as well as accessories collected while Mr. Fowlkes worked in foreign service for the CIA, complement the detailed woodwork, moldings, mantels, and extraordinary parquet floors of the spacious rooms with 13-foot ceilings. Recently, the Fowlkes completed a major renovation of the front porch, which included extensive repair and painstaking reproduction of parts of the massive Ionic capitals atop the monumental two-story columns.

1996 Holiday Tour:

Embellished with two-story semi-circular Ionic portico and columns in 1911, this alteration tells a story of the prosperity of the third owner, William Daniel Overbey, president of Danville Lumber & Manufacturing Company still in operation today in the Tobacco Warehouse Historic District. The original Italianate dwelling, designed and constructed by T.B. Fitzgerald in 1881, was initially inhabited by R.W. Lawson, tobacconist. Mr. Fitzgerald was Danville's most outstanding architect-builder of the period. Mr. Lawson was a partner with Charles M. Sublett in a tobacco manufacturing firm. In his 1971 inventory of Danville, Russell Wright, architectural historian, ranked it as one of Danville's *EXCELLENT* structures. This home replaced an earlier home on this site, one of the original lots belonging to Capt. James Lanier, Danville's first mayor, according to land records of 1818.

After Mr. Lawson's death in 1884, Sallie E. Shepherd, daughter of early Danvillians Captain John Noble and Frances Payne Noble, purchased the dwelling and resided there until 1904. One of her grandsons, W. D. Overbey, spent much of his boyhood in the imposing and elegant home and resided here as the third owner for over half a century. In 1972, the house seemed doomed

when just hours before the passage of the city's Historic District ordinance, a permit was obtained for the demolition of the structure so a gas station could be built on the site. One month later without exercising the demolition permit, the heirs sold the home to Mr. and Mrs. John DeAlba, who relished restoring the property to its original grandeur. Mr. DeAlba came to Danville from York County, Virginia, where his family was engaged for years in the seafood industry with plans to open a branch here. He and his wife, Doris Larkins of Tennessee, were good custodians of an historic home with the experience gained from restoring his ancestral home at Seaford, Virginia.

In 1977, it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr., after his service in the CIA. Of course, locals know Martha as the First Lady of Dance which she continues teaching in her studio today. The fabulous parquet floors of the spacious rooms enhance the ambiance of the 13-foot ceilings, detailed moldings and mantels, and unique accessories collected during a life of foreign service. The Fowlkes have provided a new lease on life for the notable portico graced with classical columns and dentil molding; during an entire summer they employed contractors with scaffolding to restore its monumental features. Their dedication has saved an important landmark near the northern entrance to Millionaires Row which attracts hundreds of visitors every year to our city.

2003 Holiday Tour:

The imposing silhouette of this house, with its monumental semicircular portico, makes it unique among the eclectic architectural forms of Millionaires Row. It began more simply as one of about a half-dozen lavish brick Italianate mansions built for local tobacconists and textile industrialists in the 1880s by the contractor T.B. Fitzgerald.

This home for R.W. Lawson was completed in 1881. After he died three years later, it was purchased by a descendant of one of Danville's early families, Sallie E. Shepherd, who lived here until 1904. Thereafter, William Daniel Overbey, one of her grandsons who had spent much of his boyhood here, acquired the property. It was Mr. Overbey and his wife, the former Mae Hutchinson of Mississippi, who in 1911 gave the house a Georgian Revival face-lift, restyling the cornice and roofline, and adding the semicircular Ionic porch. The Overbeys made this their home for more than 50 years.

In July of 1972, a permit to raze the massive dwelling was obtained just hours before passage of the Historic District ordinance drafted to protect the neighborhood. One month later the demolition permit had not been exercised. Instead, the heirs sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. John DeAlba.

No strangers to old houses, the DeAlbas began a loving five-year stewardship of the property, continued in 1977 and for many years, by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fowlkes, Jr.

In little more than a year since their purchase of the house, recent newcomers to Danville from North Carolina -- Cynthia Castle and Danny Liles -- have refurbished the house not only as their home but also as a bed-and-breakfast inn.

Main St 802**Neal House**

PID 22799



1880 Census	Head Son-in-law Daughter Grandson Niece Boarder Boarder Boarder Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant	Allan, Susan A., age 57 (wid) Neal, Jas. M., age 35, tobacco warehouse - Rose A., age 32 - O.A., age 12 Coons, Maggie, age 12 Neal, Carter, age 18, clerk in tobacco warehouse Dibrell, A., age 29, tobacco broker - L., age 24, tobacco broker Conyer, Jasper, age 45, servant (B) Crenup, Peggy, age 30, servant (B) - Mary, age 8 (B) - Eddy, age 2 (B) Womack, Fanny, age 19, servant (Mu) Green, H., age 25, servant (B)
1888 Directory		Allen, Mrs. Susie, wid Neal, Col. J M (Neal Bros Planters Warehouse) - Orin A, clerk
1890 Directory		Allen, Mrs. Susie, wid Irvine, William Jr. (W Irvine Jr & Co, leaf tobacco) Neal, Col. J M (Neal Bros Planters Warehouse) - Orin A, clerk Garrett, Rufus, butler (B) Henderson, Lavinia, domestic (B) Stowe, A, shoemaker (B) - Etsie, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Servant Boarder Boarder Head Wife Daughter Head Son	Neal, James M, age 55 - Rosa A, age 52 - O Orin, age 33 Mimms, Preston, age 21 (B) Elliott, Mattie A, age 22 Hurt, W Charley, age 24 Helton, William Walter, age 47 (B) - Roberta, age 33 (B) - R Bernice, age 17 (B) Cunningham, William H, age 28 (B) - Alexander, age 7 (B)

	Daughter Lodger Head Daughter Lodger	- Violet, age 2 (B) Edmonds, Anna, Age 18 (b) Hamlin, Sallie, age 68, wid (B) - Anna, age 16 (B) Watkins, Clem, age 22 (B)
1906 Directory		James, Spencer, treasurer Piedmont Hardware
1910 Census	Head Wife Daughter Boarder	Parton, Charles D, age 56 - Mary J, age 45 - Bula M, age 23 Reynolds, Joe, age 38 - Mary, age 32 - Sarah, age 10 Hurt, John L, age 23 Noel, Charlie, age 18 Cabiness, Roy, age 23 Starling, Robert, age 19 Red, Barksdale, age 27 Waugh, Charles, age 44 Balsley, Thomas, age 38 Featherstone, Zeb L, age 36 - Nannie P, age 30 - Hugh B, age 2 - Thomas D, age 7/12 Grisner, Filmore, age 33 - May, age 29 - Mary L, age 2 - James C, age 11/12
1920 Census	Renter Daughter Daughter 19 Boarders Servant Servant Servant Servant	Swain, Mary H, age 50 Haskins, Mary, age 29 - Sallie P, age 28 Blake, Annie, age 25 - Bessie, age 22 - Mattie, age 18 Henry, Cassie, age 20
1927 Directory		The Canada, boarding
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Yarborough, E Page, boarding
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Servant	Yarborough, E Page, age 42, clerk, railway company - Mackie C, age 41, housekeeper, boarding house - E Page Jr., age 18 - Mary Ann, age 13 Shaw, Gracie, age 25, maid (B) 18 lodgers
1945 Directory		Mason, Elizabeth, Mrs.
1950 Directory		Hurdle, Ruth F Mrs., furnished rooms
1950 Census	Head	Hurdle, Ruth F, age 51, wid, manager, rooming house

	Brother Sister-in-law Mother Lodgers - 13	Flippin, Jackson W, age 55, salesman, auto supplies - Marian B, age 43 - Annie L, age 78, wid
1960 Directory		Hurdle, Ruth F Mrs., furnished rooms
1970 Directory		Hurdle, Ruth F Mrs., furnished rooms
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Hurdle, Ruth F Mrs., furnished rooms
1977 Victrn Dv		
1979 Tour		Mr. and Mrs. E. Walter Meetze, Jr.
1984 Directory		Meetze, Emery W Jr.
1990 Directory		Meetze, Emery W Jr.
2019 Assessor	Transfer	Meetze, Emery Walter Jr. & Jeannett Lambeth to Norton, Carl Timothy, \$125,000

Bee 27 Mar 1928: News was received ... of the death of Hugh T. Adams ... son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams, 802 Main street. ...

Bee 1 Dec 1930: Nice rooms and board can be secured at 802 Main street (formerly the Canada House). Now under new management, thoroughly renovated, painted and comfortably heated. Mrs. Page Yarbrough, Phone 3186.

Bee 2 Apr 1931: Display Ad: Realty Auction. The following properties owned by Anderson Real Estate and Insurance Company will be offered for sale ... No. 802 Main St. (Canada House), No. 804 Main St. (Spencer House) ...

Bee 28 Apr 1936: Miss Marjorie Jones and Miss Louise Adams of 802 Main street spent last week-end with their parents at Java, Virginia.

Bee 17 Aug 1940: Display Ad: Rooms & Meals. Mrs. A. M. House. New location – 802 Main St. (Formerly the old Canada House). Newly Renovated! ...

Bee 28 Apr 1941: Wanted: Experienced maid, references. Apply 802 Main Street.

Bee 18 Aug 1941: Wanted: Experienced colored male cook. Must be honest and sober. Mrs. A. M. House, 802 Main.

Bee 3 Nov 1942: Otis Lynch Hall, age 66 years, died at Memorial Hospital this morning ... was residing at 802 Main street.

Bee 8 May 1943: Wanted: Fireman for hot water heater, 2 trips daily. Mrs. A. M. House, 802 Main.

Bee 11 Jul 1944: Mrs. Floyd D. Doss of 802 Main Street is an operative patient at Memorial Hospital.

Bee 9 Aug 1944: Display Ad: We will sell all of the furniture and household effects of the boarding and rooming house of Mrs. A. M. House, located at 802 Main St. ... at Auction ...

Bee 12 Oct 1944: Wanted: White or colored cook, 802 Main St.

Bee 16 Aug 1946: Wanted: Someone to help with housework. White or colored. Apply 802 Main St.

Bee 5 Sep 1946: Wanted: Maid, white or colored. Elizabeth Mason, 802 Main St.

Bee 23 Nov 1946: Some improvement was reported today in the condition of Johnny Maxie Morgan, 42, of 802 Main street, who is in Memorial Hospital suffering from a severe knife wound across the abdomen which he sustained in an alleged fracas at his home last night about 6:40 o'clock. Held on a charge of felonious assault in the wounding of Morgan is Henry Lee Baggett, 39, of the same address.

Bee 10 Jul 1952: Mrs. William Hedley, of Richmond, is spending several days with Mrs. Annie Flippen, 802 Main Street.

Bee 28 Mar 1956: The Joseph Gravely Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Robert Adams, 802 Main Street ...

Bee 12 May 1960: Miss Bessie Bateman of 802 Main Street is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Bee 29 Apr 1961: Mrs. Annie Flippin, Mrs. Ruth Hurdle's mother, who resides with her daughter at 802 Main St., celebrated her 90th birthday.

Bee 17 Apr 1964: Police reported that the brakes slipped off the parked car of Roland Carlton Dehart, 802 Main St., and the vehicles rolled backwards down and across the street, over the curb, and into the porch steps and foundation of the John W. Tullock home at 733 Main St.

Bee 26 Nov 1973: Roger Allen, 35, of 833 Main St. was charged ... with felonious cutting, with a knife, Charles G. Lewis of 802 Main St. ...

Register 3 Mar 1974: The Virginia Floral Garden Club will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Ruth Hurdle, 802 Main St.

Tour Book 1979:

The design for this house was derived primarily from the details and outline of French Renaissance chateau. A projecting three-story corner tower with a conical roof interrupts the otherwise symmetrical facade that features terracotta bands between the first and second floors. Its attention to detail, and bold, sophisticated appearance are said to reflect the qualities of the man for whom it was built. Even the carriage block at the curb in front of the house bears his mark, the initials "J.M.N." for Col. James Mastin Neal. Excellent workmanship evident inside and out is attributable to contractor James H. Fitzgerald, who constructed Colonel Neal's 31 room house. Colonel Neal, a well-known tobacconist, was the son of Thomas D. Neal who originated the present tobacco auction method known as the "Danville System."

For most of the second decade of this century the Main Street residence was known as the Canada House, an exclusive boarding house owned by Mary H. Canada. A development firm bought the property in 1919, but its plans for the site never materialized. Another tobacconist, W. F. Hurdle, purchased the house for rental property in 1931. In 1949 his widow, Ruth Flippen Hurdle, moved here, where she resided for almost 30 years.

Today the brick mansion is the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Walter Meetze, Jr. who with their teenage daughter are making the restoration of this richly ornamental house a family project.

Main St 803**Dr. Bruce James House**

PID 23136



1900 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter Boarder Boarder Servant	James, Robert B, age 39, doctor - Almis, age 27 - Boberie F, age 2 - Catherine C, age 3/12 Schoolfield, Augustus, age 24, tobacconist - Tina C, age 24 Lester, Caroline, age 44 (B)
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Servant Servant	James, R B, age 49, doctor - Annie C, age 37 - Barbar F, age 12 - Catherine C, age 10 - Ann H, age 7 Finley, Cabil, age 26, butler (B) - Annie, age 21, cook (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter ? Servant	James, R Buren, age 61, doctor, general practice - Annie S M, age 46 - Barbara F, age 21 - Catherine S, age 17 - Haroll, age 17 Swanson, Julia, age 45, secretary, doctor McDaniel, Queen, age 22, cook (B)
1927 Directory		Cabaniss, L B
1930 Census	Renter Brother Sister Servant	Cabaniss, Anne R, age 51, boarding house, own - Leroy B, age 45, automobile salesman - Elizabeth J, age 56 Bulding, Jena, age 38 (B) 5 boarders
1935 Directory		Coleman, Mrs. Elizabeth P
1940 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son	Scruggs, Raymond, age 45, physician private practice - Willa E, age 45 - Grace E, age 12 - Raymond L, age 9 8 lodgers
1945 Directory		American Red Cross
1950 Directory		American Red Cross
1950 Census	Head	Naylor, Thelma M, age 54, math teacher, city high school

	Mother	- Kate M, age 74, wid
1960 Directory		American National Red Cross (Danville Chapter)
1970 Directory		
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Beck, Grace S Mrs. Langston, Henry J Jr.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Langston, Henry J, rental agent a Buckley, Patricia b Campbell, Thomas c Parrish, Wiliam H Jr.
1990 Directory		a Murray b Bridges, Steven T c Bayes, Clarence E
2022 Assessor	Transfer	Langston, Henry J Jr. to McKee, Mary, n/a
2022 Assessor	Transfer	McKee, Mary to Piehler, Margaret Forbes, \$331,000

Times Dispatch 2 May 1909: Mrs. W. W. Vicar and daughter, Miss Alice, of Norfolk, are visiting Mrs. R. B. James, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 9 Jan 1910: Mrs. Robert Addison Schoolfield was the guest of honor at an informal tea ... given by Mrs. R. B. James.

Bee 4 Oct 1926: Wanted –Good cook at once. Apply 803 Main St.

Bee 24 May 1927: Mrs. Crump, of Richmond, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Daniels, 803 Main street.

Bee 15 Oct 1931: Instructions: German – Wanted: Instructor in German to come to house in evenings. Write Phillips, 803 Main.

Bee 1 Mar 1933: Two nice large rooms, one with private bath, board if desired. 803 Main St. Phone 868.

Bee 12 Apr 1934: The regular meeting of the Woman's Unions Prayer circle will be held with Mrs. Pritchett at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman, 803 Main street ...

Bee 24 May 1934: The Pittsylvania county alumnae of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina will meet with the chairman, Miss Katie B. Pridgen ... at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchett Coleman, 803 Main street. ...

Bee 14 Dec 1935: All porcelain electric refrigerator, standard make, perfect condition, 7 cu. Ft., original price \$350. For quick sale \$125. Can be seen at 803 Main St.

Bee 13 Dec 1938: Dr. Raymond Scruggs wishes to announce that he has resumed his practice at his office, 803 Main St. corner Jefferson Ave. ...

Bee 27 Aug 1940: Display Ad: Dr. Henry J. Langston announces the removal of his offices to 803 Main St. ...

Bee 11 Sep 1942: E. P. Yarborough of V.P.I. is spending a few days at his home at 803 Main Street.

Bee 1 Jul 1943: Miss Dorothy May Jones of 803 Main Street left recently for Fort Devens, Mass., for her basic training. She was enrolled in the WAAC at Roanoke on June 10. ...

Bee 16 Nov 1943: Miss Ella Haymore of 803 Main street is receiving treatment at Memorial hospital for an undetermined back injury sustained in a fall at her work ...

Bee 3 Jan 1944: Aviation Cadet Edward P. Yarborough, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Yarborough, 803 Main Street, Danville, is enrolled in the class of cadets currently taking basic flight instruction at the Independence Army Air Field in Kansas. ...

Bee 2 Aug 1944: Miss Sarah Mabrey of High Point, N.C., is spending some time with her aunt, Miss Ollie Mae Fox, 803 Main Street.

Bee 31 Jan 1945: Lieut. And Mrs. E. Page Yarborough arrived yesterday from Lawrenceville, Ill., to spend a leave with the lieutenant's mother, Mrs. Meekie C. Yarborough, 803 Main Street.

Bee 14 Apr 1945: Display Ad: We will offer at Public Auction the personal property belonging to Mrs. Meekie C. Yarborough ... The reason for this sale Mrs. Yarborough has discontinued her business at 803 Main Street.

Bee 19 Apr 1945: Red Cross Soon To Have New Quarters. To Occupy Main St. Dwelling Over Langston Offices. Acticties of the Danville Chapter, American Red Cross, are to be grouped in one building. The new general headquarters to be at 803 Main street, corner of Main and Jefferson streets. Red Cross officials have arranged to rent the olf James building recently occupied as a boarding house with Dr. H.J. Langston, the owner, maintaining his offices on the basement floor. ... the remainder of the large building comprising 14 rooms will be available to the Red Cross after May 1. ...

Bee 5 May 1945: Mrs. Herbert Martin, chairman of the Danville Chapter, American Red Cross, announced today that the Red Cross Office, now located at 115 Main Street will move to the new Chapter House at 803 Main Street on Monday, May 7. ...

Bee 24 Aug 1946: Application blanks for veterans' terminal leave pay were received this morning ... assistance will be given to veterans at the local Red Cross in filling out the forms which are available at the offices at 803 Main Street.

Bee 30 Mar 1953: The sum of \$800 still is needed to reach the Red Cross goal of \$29,500, according to campaign chairman Frank Swicegood. Checks ... may be mailed to Fund Headquarters, 803 Main St.

Bee 21 Aug 1961: Furnished or unfurnished apt. 7 rooms, 1 bath, 803 Main.

Register 27 Jul 1962: Notice of Public Hearing: An application of Henry J. Langston, Jr., and others to rezone property located at 803 Main Street ... from R-3 to a C-1 district.

Bee 29 Oct 1962: The Danville Red Cross is accepting appointment for those wishing to record "Voice From Home" messages on Nov. 9 and 10 at the chapter house, 803 Main St.

Register 7 Sep 1966: Funeral services for Mrs. Dorotha Claire Garvin Bushong ... wife of Register City Editor James C. Bushong, was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital ... after suffering a heart attack at the home, 803 Main St.

Register 7 Dec 1966: Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothea Claire Garvin Bushong will be held this afternoon ... was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital yesterday morning at 3:30 after suffering a heart attack at the home, 803 Main St.

Register 11 Aug 1967: Mr. and Mrs. Garber Davidson Jr., of 803 Main St. announce the birth of a son ... Mrs. Davidson is the former Sally Bushong of this city.

Register 2 Apr 1969: The Danville Chapter of the American Red Cross will move by the end of April or possibly early May from its present address, 803 Main Street, to the former Wiseman residence at 842 Main Street ... the chapter has bought the two-story residence ... for a permanent headquarters for \$18,000. ...

Bee 21 Feb 1970: Wanted: Gutter man to stop leaks in gutters, downspouts. Write Langston, 803 Main St., city.

Register 9 Jan 1972: The January business meeting of the Virginia Floral Garden Club will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Ruth Hurdle, 803 Main St. ...

Register 21 Oct 1972: The faculty of Westmoreland Elementary School entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Sandra Abbott in the home of Mrs. Grace Beck at 803 Main Street ...

Main St 806**Crews House**

PID 21572



1900 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter Daughter Daughter Servant Servant Servant	Spencer, John D, age 42 - Alice C, age 31 - William C, age 7 - B Andrew, age 5 - M Willa, age 3 - Alice C, age 2 Edmonds, Susan, age 50 (B) Swift, Arry, age 19 (B) - Maggie, age 21 (B)
1910 Census	Head Son Daughter Daughter Daughter Lodger	Spencer, Annie C, age 42, wid - William C, age 17 - Barbara A, age 15 - Mary, age 13 - Annie, age 11 Penn, David H, age 42
1920 Census	Head Son Daughter Daughter Servant Rear Servant	Spencer, Anne, age 50 - WilliamC, age 27 - Mary W, age 23 - Anne D, age 21 Grasty, Mary, age 19 (B) Wood, Abraham, age 70 Carter, Mary, age 60
1927 Directory		Holcombe, Mildred Mrs.
1930 Census	Renter Wife Son Son Renter Wife Renter Son Son Dau-in-law Son-in-law Daughter	Bray, Luther T, age 31, cotton mill - Louise L, age 21 - Oscar, age 7 - Luther T, age 6/12 Bradner, Hansford, age 26, tobacconist, warehouse - Elizabeth, age 21 Holcombe, Mildred D, age 58, wid, proprietress, rooming house - Eldridge J, salesman - Sterling, age 19 - Hazel, age 26, cashier, department store Wall, Thomas H, age 28, drug store clerk - Helen H, age 26, clerk, department store
1935 Directory		Weber, Charles M, contr

1940 Census	Owner Son Daughter Sister Servant Servant Servt husb	Coleman, Elizabeth P, age 39, div - John P, age 14 - Elizabeth A, age 13 Pritchett, Anne F, sister, age 50 Mills, Joseph, age 20, butler (B) Sheff, Ethel, age 38, cook (B) - Oscar, age 38, packer, tobacco company 6 lodgers
1945 Directory		Coleman, Elizabeth P Mrs. Pritchett, Anne P, graduate nurse
1950 Directory		Ramsey, Karl W Ramsey, Gladys B Mrs., furnished rooms Scheaffer, Garnett, painter
1950 Census	Head Wife Lodgers - 15	Ramsey, Karl W, age 45, chief clerk, railroad office - Gladys, age 52
1960 Directory		Ramsey, Karl W Ramsey, Gladys B Mrs., furnished rooms Boaze, J Frances
1970 Directory		Boaze, J Frances
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Donahue, Sally B Mrs., furnished rooms Boaze, J Frances
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Donahue, Sally B Mrs.
1990 Directory		Donahue, Sally B Mrs.
1992 Assessor	Owner	Dove, Robin A (later Mrs. Crews)
2022 Assessor	Transfer	Dove, Robin A to Williams, Darrel J Sr & Eady-Williams, Karen E, \$355,000

Times Dispatch 22 Aug 1909: Mrs. Samuel M. Fields, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. J. D. Spencer at her residence on Main Street.

Times Dispatch 27 Mar 1910: Mrs. J. Haas Spencer, of Martinsville, who has been the guest of Mrs. John D. Spencer, is now in Baltimore.

Times Dispatch 8 May 1910: Mrs. John D. Spencer and Mrs. J. E. Perkinson have returned from a visit to Mrs. Hardin Hairston at "Briarfield."

Times Dispatch 26 Feb 1911: Mrs. Edwin W. Overman has returned to her home in Salisbury, after a charming visit to Mrs. John D. Spencer.

Times Dispatch 30 Apr 1911: Mrs. John D. Spencer and daughter, Miss Annie Spencer, the latter who has been undergoing treatment at the George Washington Hospital, in Washington, are expected home shortly ...

Bee 25 May 1923: Apartment of three rooms, running water in each room, bath, electric lights, steam heat. Moderate price, close in, 806 Main street. Come see them.

Bee 29 Jun 1925: The marriage of Miss Helen Holcombe ... to Thomas Harry Wall ... After their return they will make their home at 806 Main street of this city.

Bee 10 Aug 1927: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Haga and little daughter Helen Elizabeth of Nichols, Florida are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. C. Holcombe, 806 Main Street.

Bee 2 Apr 1931: Display Ad: Realty Auction. The following properties owned by Anderson Real Estate and Insurance Company will be offered for sale ... No. 802 Main St. (Canada House), No. 804 [sic] Main St. (Spencer House) ...

Bee 6 Jan 1934: Mount Vernon Methodist Church circles No. 4, Mrs. C. M. Weber, leader, with Mrs. Weber, 806 Main street.

Bee 6 Oct 1938: The weekly meeting of the Woman's Union Prayer Circle will be held Friday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock with Mrs. Pattie Pritchett, 806 Main street.

Bee 4 Feb 1939: Display Ad: We have moved our office from 806 Main St. to 713 Masonic Temple. C. M. Weber & Son, General Contractors.

Bee 19 Nov 1943: Display Ad: Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchett Coleman's fine brick home No. 806 Main Street at Auction ... First Floor: Seven rooms and bath; Second Floor, seven rooms, one room with private bath, one room with private shower, and a bath with shower and tub in the hall. Attic has five rooms.

Bee 18 Mar 1946: Display Ad: Auction Sale, property of Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchett Coleman, located at 806 Main Street ...

Bee 1 Nov 1947: Episcopal Circle 4, Mrs. Charles J. Barnett, 806 Main Street ...

Bee 14 Aug 1957: Mrs. Faye Holland returned Monday to her home at 806 Main Street after visiting her husband, Pfc. Clarence Holland, who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Bee 30 Sep 1961: First Presbyterian circle no. 11, Mrs. Brooke Temple, chairman, with Mrs. Karl Ramsey, 806 Main Street.

Bee 14 Mar 1963: Karl Wilbern Ramsey, aged 58, died in Memorial Hospital this morning ... A native of Pittsylvania County, he was born April 17, 1904, the son of the late Wilbern Ramsey and Mrs. Annie Berger Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey ... had been associated with the Southern Railway Company for over 40 years. ... He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Brooks Ramsey of the home, 806 Main Street ...

Bee 29 Jan 1964: Mrs. K. W. Ramsey of 806 Main Street is a surgical patient in Memorial Hospital.

Bee 7 Jun 1966: Frances Boaze, 806 Main Street, is reported to be critically ill in Newell Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bee 18 Jan 1967: Display Ad: Estate Sale on a sealed bid basis, home of the late Gladys B. Ramsey, 806 Main Street ... 14 rooms, 6 baths, attic, basement, and garage ...

Bee 11 Jun 1967: Display Ad: 806 Main Street at Auction

Bee 1 Oct 1967: One bedroom apartment. Also 2 rooms. 806 Main Street.

Bee 27 Aug 1973: Jerome Ervin Donahue of 806 Main St. died in Memorial Hospital yesterday ... Mr. Donahue, 74, was born in Chesterfield County, S. C., Sept. 30, 1898... On Dec. 25, 1922, he was married to the former Sallie Biggs who survives ...

Main St 810

PID 26400



1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife Son Son Moth-in-law Rear Wife	Boswell, John W, age 50 - Helen E, age 32 - John W, age 7 - Thomas N, age 7/12 Edmonds, Nannie C, age 66, wid Ragsdale, George, age 55 (B) - Effie D, age 50, (Mu)
1920 Census	Renter Wife Son Servant Nurse	Flinn, Maurice, age 35 - Ethel, age 35 - Maurice Jr., age 1 Williams, Sallie, age 40 McDonald, Mary, age 16
1927 Directory		Carter, J W Jr.
1930 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter	Carter, John W Jr., age 42, value \$20,000 - Mary F, age 39 - Margaret L, age 17 - Mary Dale, age 12
1935 Directory		Carter, John W Jr. - Mrs. Mary F, interior decorator
1940 Census		
1945 Directory	rear	Barker, Tola J Thomas, Joseph C, cabinet maker
1950 Directory	rear	Barker, Toler J Kirks, Della Mrs., nurse Thomas, Joseph C, cabinet maker
1950 Census	Head Mother Head Wife Lodgers - 6	Oliver, Jack E, age 49, practical nurse Richardson, Mattie W, age 73, wid Barker, Tola J, age 70, proprietor, shoe shop - Lula J, age 70, proprietor, shoe shop
1960 Directory		Atkins, R Garland Smeltzer, Eliza A Mrs.
1970 Directory		Young Men's Christian Association
1977 Directory		Young Men's Christian Association
1984 Directory		Young Men's Christian Association

1990 Directory		Young Men's Christian Association
2014 Assessor	Transfer	Young Men's Christina Association to Danville Tobacco District LLC, \$125,000
2015 Assessor	Transfer	Danville Tobacco District to BHI Real Estate, n/a

Times Dispatch 2 May 1909: Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre, of Mansfield, O., and the Misses McIntyre, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Boswell, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 5 Dec 1909: Miss Blanche McIntyre, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. John W. Boswell, on Main Street.

Times Dispatch 6 Feb 1910: Mrs. John W. Boswell entertained ... at her home on Main Street, in compliment to Mrs. George B. Jennings, of Richmond.

Times Dispatch 19 Feb 1911: The engagement of Miss Lillie Jennings to Rev. Mr. Meade was announced at a ... luncheon given by Mrs. John Boswell, at her home on Main Street ...

Times Dispatch 9 Jul 1911: Mrs. J. Pinckney Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. John Boswell and Children, and Mrs. Boswell's mother, Mrs. Nannie Edmunds, form a pleasant party at Millboro Springs.

Times Dispatch 1 Oct 1911: Mrs. Nannie Edmunds entertained a few friends informally ... at the residence of Mrs. John Boswell, on Main Street, in honor of Mrs. George B. Jennings, of Richmond ...

Bee 7 Feb 1925: City firemen were called out twice last night to incipient fires neither of which did material damage. The first call came at 7:35 when the engines were summoned to the home of Charles W. Lea, 810 Main street, where a defective flue threatened to do damage. ...

Bee 27 Jan 1927: The Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of the Epiphany will have a silver tea Friday, January 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John W. Carter, 810 Main street. ...

Bee 11 Jan 1934: Mrs. Mary Carter announced today that on February 1st she will open an antique and furniture reproduction shop in the rear of her home, 810 Main street. ...

Bee 18 Jul 1938: Week-end complaints included Miss Dale Carter who reported that her home at 810 Main Street had been entered and her pocketbook containing a watch, some change and papers had been stolen ...

Bee 17 Feb 1943: Display Ad: Auction Sale, residence property of the late John W. Carter, Jr., No. 810 Main Street and lot with shop immediately in rear of dwelling. ... The dwelling is of brick construction, stuccoed, with slate roof, containing ten rooms, two baths, full size attic and basement, large front and back porches, hardwood floors ...

Bee 20 Apr 1943: ... the Daville Chapter of the American Association of University Women ... The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, at the home of Mrs. Katherine Massey, 810 Main Street. ...

Bee 17 May 1944: Wanted: High school colored girl as waitress in dining room each evening except Sunday. 810 Main St.

Bee 23 Jun 1952: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Roepke and son, Dickie, of Alexandria, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. J. H. Smeltzer, of 810 Main Street.

Bee 1 Mar 1954: Mrs. R. Garland Atkins, who has been an operative patient at Memorial Hospital, has returned to her home.

Bee 4 May 1955: The funeral of Tola Jire Barker, 76, who succumbed to a long illness last night at his home, 810 Main St. ...

Bee 20 Jun 1955: Final rites for Mrs. John Anderson Jones were to be held this afternoon at 2:30 ... Mrs. Jones died at her home at 810 Main St. Saturday night ... She was the former Miss Minnie Ellen Abbott and was born at Ringgold September 26, 1874, a daughter of the late Chesley Edmond Abbott and Catherine Williams Abbott. ... She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. Garland Atkins ...

Bee 28 Nov 1955: Mrs. J. H. Smeltzer, of 810 Main Street, is a patient for treatment in Memorial Hospital.

Bee 25 Feb 1956: Pansy Plans for sale. Large, nice, mixed giant pansy plants. R. G. Atkins, 810 Main. Phone 6456.

Bee 13 May 1957: Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its final meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the home of Mrs. Robert Garland Atkins, 810 Main Street.

Bee 15 May 1961: Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cox of Pennington Gap and Mrs. D. H. Roepke and daughter, Nancy, of Alexandria are visiting Mrs. J. H. Smeltzer, mother of Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Roepke, at 810 Main Street.

Bee 4 Jan 1964: **Initial Planning for YMCA Campaign** – ... Funds will be sought for the erection of a new building for the Young Men's Christian Association on the newly-purchased lot of land on Main St. Three houses – number 810, 818, and 824 – were purchased ...



Bee 27 Aug 1965: Six Fire Department units were dispatched late last night to a fire in a vacant shed between Main and Grove streets. The YMCA purchased the property, at 810 Main St., some time ago for a new YMCA. The shed was used by its former owner, Garland Atkins, in growing flowers and vegetables and for storage purposes.

Main St 811**Jacob Davis Cottage (antebellum)****Elm Court**

PID 24820



1888 Directory		Boswell, John I (drug clerk) Crews, B S (B S Crews & Bro) - C C (B S Crews & Bro) - J D (B S Crews & Bro) Crump, John P Fowler, W B, tobacconist Reynolds, B J, salesman Stewart, John, tobacconist
1890 Directory		Crews, B S (B S Crews & Bro, hardware) - C C (B S Crews & Bro) - J D (Crews, O'Donnel & Co, also B S Crews & Bro) - Miss Rosa Dalton, P H Jr., drug clerk McFall, J C, drug clerk Wooding, George W (G W Wooding & Co) Mitchell, Sallie, cook (B) Townes, Philip, laborer (B)
1900 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Daughter Boarder Boarder Rear Servant	Smith, Vincent D, age 39, tobacconist - Arenia, age 29 - Emely, age 6 - Vincent M, age 5 - Martha D, age 3 Watkins, Henry B, age 41, tobacco auctioneer - Blanch L, age 35 Carter, John D, age 30, teamster (B) - Ada, age 23
1910 Census	Owner Daughter Son Daughter Servant	Smith, Annie M, age 38, wid - Emily M, age 16 - Vincent M, age 14 - Martha D, age 12 Bethel, Lucy, age 21, wid, cook (B)
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Elm Court Apartments
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter	Cothran, Frank H, age 48, civil engineer, Southern Railway - Vynne, age 25 - Bettie A, age 3

	Son Renter Renter Wife Lodger Renter Wife Son Daughter	- Samuel V, age 1 Skinner, Minnie S, age 76, wid Meeks, Frank M, age 48, tire salesman - Bessie, age 48 Rowe, William D, age 65, marble dealer Holcomb, Decatur, age 35, tobacco buyer - Kathryn, age 29 - Decatur, age 8 - Elsie D, age 6
1935 Directory		Elm Court Apartments
1940 Census		4 apartments
1945 Directory		Elm Court Apartments
1950 Directory		Elm Court Apartments
1950 Census	Head Head Sister Head Wife Son	James, Annie S, age 76, wid Wilkinson, Matsia, age 50, proprietor, letter shop - Kate A, age 63 Harman, George G, age 56, special investigator, tax office - Annie W, age 53, executive secretary, American Red Cross - George G Jr, age 25
1960 Directory		Elm Court Apartments 1 Smith, James A 2 Chaney, Myrtle L 3 Sykes, Ola S Mrs. 4 Miles, Percy K
1970 Directory		Elm Court Apartments 1 Young, James 2 Chaney, Myrtle L 3 Sykes, Ola S Mrs. 4 Miles, Edith W Mrs.
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Elm Court Apartments 1 Young, James 2 Chaney, Myrtle L 3 Jeter, Mattie Mrs. 4 Miles, Edith W Mrs.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Elm Court Apartments 1 Vacant
1983 Tour		Mr. Whittington W. Clement, Apartment of Ms. Lenice J. Larkin
1987 Assessor	Transfer	To Thompson, Edward J & Irma B, \$66,350
1990 Directory		Elm Court Apartments 1 Shelton, Donna S 2 Thompson, Edward W 3 Town, Beverly J 4 Turner, Ann T Mrs.
1993 Tour		Ed and Bobbie Thompson
1994 Tour		

2001 Assessor	Transfer	Thompson, Edward J to Howe, \$170,000
2006 Assessor	Transfer	Howe, Robert F to Wachovia Bank, \$155,700
2008 Assessor	Transfer	Wachovia Bank to Lawson, \$105,000
2012 Tour	Owner	Carol Ann Lawson
2023 Assessor	Transfer	Lawson, Carol Ann G Whitfield to Whitfield, Mark James & Daisy Ann, n/a

Times Dispatch 22 Oct 1905: Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss May Boney of Danville to Mr. J. F. Duncan of Culpeper county. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Laura A. Patrick, No. 811 Mina Street, on Thursday, November 2d.

Bee 8 May 1923: Thomas W. Martin, son of Mrs. T. H. Martin, of 811 Main street, enlisted in the navy ...

Bee 25 Aug 1924: Miss Kate Toot will begin her music class at 811 Main St. Sept 2nd, phone 134-W

Bee 3 Mar 1926: For Rent – Elm Court Apartment, 811 Main St. Phone 276.

Bee 12 Oct 1926: Wanted: Servant for general housework. Mrs. D. J. Holcombe, Jr., 811 Main street.

Bee 13 Jul 1934: Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Clark, and their daughter, Miss Janie Clark, from Seoul, Korea, are in the city visiting Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. W. C. Clark, 811 Main street. ...

Bee 23 Sep 1937: ... A basket of fresh cut flowers, a part of the stage decorations, was awarded to Mrs. Florence Langhorne, 811 Main Street.

Bee 6 Sep 1939: Mr. and Mrs. George S. Cooke, of 811 Main street, have left for Baltimore, Md., ...

Bee 23 Jan 1940: Funeral services for George Swayze Cooke will be conducted from the home, 811 Main street tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock ...

Bee 5 Jun 1952: James A. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith of 811 Main St. will receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree Monday from the Yale Divinity School, New haven, Conn.

Bee 31 Aug 1953: Miss Jerrine Patterson, who has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Patterson in Sumpter, S.C., has returned to her home, 811 Main St.

Bee 4 Jun 1955: Final rites were conducted here yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Mamie Wadill Fearington, who died on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hodges, 811 Main St. ...

Bee 1 Aug 1956: Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Will Wadell Hodges, who died in Memorial Hospital shortly after last midnight after an illness of a week, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Kern memorial Church chapel in Sutherlin ... moving to Danville about five years ago and residing at 811 Main Street.

Bee 21 Apr 1962: Mrs. H. B. Sykes of 811 Main Street has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Coral Gables, Fla., and Huntsville, Ala.

Bee 18 Jul 1963: Mrs. Mildred Seymour of 811 Main Street is leaving Saturday on a three-week tour of Mexico.

Register 3 Mar 1967: Funeral rites for P. K. Miles ... retired tobacco buyer, of 811 Main Street ... died Wednesday in Memorial Hospital ...

Bee 19 Feb 1970: 116 Years Old And Still Going Strong

The Elm Court apartments at 811 Main St. today accommodate four households, but there was a time in the last century when the building was the newly remodeled and enlarged home of just one family. Actually, its history dates back 116 years, with the original structure before remodeling being an L-shaped brick cottage. The cast iron fence at the front of the property is said to hark back to the home's early days. A wealth of detail about this structure and the 45 other homes located on Main St. between Ridge St. and Mt. Vernon Church has been researched by members of the Joseph Gravelly Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in preparation for a public color-slide program next month.

Bee 24 Jul 1971: Miss Edna Muse of 811 Main St. has returned to her home after visiting relatives at Rocky Mount.

Bee 21 Sep 1977: Mrs. Rosa Marable Young, wife of James Young of Elm Court Apartments, 811 Main St., died last night in Memorial Hospital ... Mrs. Young, 79, was born at Blackstone on Feb. 8, 1898, a daughter of the late John and Gilberta DeShazor Marable. ...

Register 28 Oct 1977: Mrs. Edith Williamson Miles, of 811 Main St., died Thursday evening ... daughter of the late Thomas Spencer Williamson and Annie Hickey Williamson. She was the widow of Percy King Miles. ...

Tour Book 1983:

Elm Court is among only a handful of local houses surviving from Danville's days as a sleepy antebellum village. It is important historically as the home of one of the city's most interesting early citizens, Jacob Davis. A Halifax County native, Davis first appears in Danville records in an 1852 deed book that notes his purchase of one acre on Main Street, lot 44, from Thomas B. Doe. Presently, this lot includes Elm Court; the Dr. Bruce James house next door, built in 1899; the Greek Orthodox Church; and the Episcopal parking lot.

According to local land books, in 1853 Davis, who is believed to have been the town coroner, built a house on this lot. Some ten years later, shortly after the marriage of his daughter, Marie Watkins Davis, to George C. Ayres, Davis conveyed his home to his new son-in-law. A journal of local events kept by Davis from 1855-77, called simply Notebook of Jacob Davis, and on file in the genealogy section of the Danville Public Library, makes mention of this transaction: "Apl., 1863. J. Davis residence M & Jefferson Sts., to G.C. Ayres, \$20,000.00."

Judging from recorded evidence and tradition that comes down to us, it is likely that in 1863 when George Ayres was deeded the property by his father-in-law, he made extensive additions to the original dwelling, said to have been a brick cottage facing Jefferson Avenue. Still visible on the south side of the house is a portion of what is believed to have been this cottage, although it is largely overshadowed by Mr. and Mrs. Ayres' two-story clapboard addition with Italianate details. The most prominent feature in the design is the central projecting hooded gable decorated with sawn-work scrolls.

In 1897 George Ayres suffered financial reverses and his property was acquired by Sarah Rhett, who sold it in 1899. Two owners later, in 1920, Dr. Bruce James purchased the property and converted the home into four apartments, adding the two-level balustraded porches that give it the look of a Mississippi river house. He dubbed the house Elm Court for the lovely elm that then graced the broad front yard. Dr. James' heirs retained the property until 1954, when they sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith. About two years ago, when Mrs. Smith's estate was settled, the house was purchased by Whittington W. Clement. Within the past year Mr. Clement, who lives next door in the old Paxton-Grant house at 815 Main Street, has had Elm Court painted a cheerful yellow.

Two of the original marbleized mantels dating from one of the Ayres' remodelings can be seen in the apartment open for the tour. There also is a beautiful bay window. The curved stairway in the entrance hall also dates from this period.

Tour Book 1993:

Among the few antebellum structures still standing in Danville, Elm Court was converted into a fourplex in 1920 after it was purchased by Dr. Bruce James. He named the place Elm Court for the majestic American Elm that shaded the front yard for many years. Rated as 'Excellent' in Russell Wright's 1971 architectural inventory, the current structure resembles a Mississippi River house more than a city dwelling. Built in 1853 by Jacob Davis, a native of Halifax County, the house on lot 44 -- then on the corner on Main at Jefferson -- was conveyed in 1863 to his new son-in-law, George Ayres for \$20,000.

Elm Court started out as an L-shaped brick cottage, extensively remodeled in 1881 by Mr. Ayres, according to local land book records, and still exists inside the current configuration of the property with its later Italianate modifications, including the prominent central projecting hooded gable with intricate sawn-work scrolling. The Notebook of Jacob Davis, 1855-1877, a black bound typewritten copy, can be found today in the genealogy section of the Public Library. Mr. Davis was known for keeping records of births, deaths, real estate transactions, fires, and other tidbits of life in the city. At his death in 1877, he was buried in the Ayres plot with other family members in the Green Hill Cemetery.

George Ayres together with his brother, David, operated a tobacco factory on Bridge Street, which they inherited from their father, William, an early settler in the village of Danville. George served on the Town Council, was the twenty-fifth mayor, and the foreman of the Grand Jury that investigated the Danville Riot.

Suffering from financial problems in 1897, Ayres conveyed the property to Sara Rhett, to satisfy a debt. Subsequently, it was sold to Annie Morris Smith, who later married R.B. Graham, a well-known architect and builder. In 1920, after T.W. Edmunds sold the home to Dr. James, the notable two level balustraded front porches were added in its conversion to four apartments,

After passing through several other owners, the home was purchased by Ed and Bobbie Thompson from Binghamton, New York, in 1987. The Thompsons were attracted to Danville by its quaintness, wealth of historic architecture, and reminiscences of childhood homes. The Thompsons have painted the exterior clapboarding pink with burgundy accents, sanded floors,

added a chandelier from an estate in South Boston, installed a ceiling medallion, and refurbished the eight existing faux marble mantels and pocket doors. In their front parlor hangs a 1904 photo of the home given to them by Whittington W. Clement, one of the previous owners.

Tour Book 2012:

Elm Court started small -- a brick cottage built on a large corner lot only a few years before the Civil War. By 1920, when a towering American Elm dominated the yard, Elm Court had grown large and lavish like the tree, complete with double porches reminiscent of a Mississippi River steamboat.

Begun originally for Jacob Davis in 1853, the L-shaped cottage occupied a few square feet on a one-acre lot, No. 44, at the corner of Main Street at Jefferson. Besides his modest house, Mr. Davis' other tangible legacy is his Notebook, a journal where, from at least the early-to-mid 1850s until his death in 1877, he recorded local births, deaths, real estate transfers, fires, weather and other phenomena.

In 1863, Mr. Davis conveyed the property to his new son-in-law, George Ayres, for \$20,000 -- a sum reflecting wartime inflation. In 1881 Mr. Ayres, a tobacconist (see also Site #3), remodeled the premises extensively, completely enveloping his father-in-law's old cottage, adding as well a central hooded gable and other Italianate details which survive. Ayres sold the property in 1897 to Sarah Rhett who, two years later, conveyed it to Annie Smith -- who later married R.B. Graham, the prominent Danville architect-contractor. After Dr. Bruce James acquired the house from Dr. T.W. Edmunds in 1920, he retained architect J. Bryant Heard to redesign it as four units.

Over many decades of the 20th century, these spacious apartments were the stylish address of a number of Danville's leading citizens. In more recent years, stewards of this house have included as well some of the city's most valued newcomers. One of these caring owners from a generation ago, Miss Lenice Larkin, was Danville's YWCA director in the early-to-mid 1980s. When that venerable institution at 750 Main Street closed in 2011 -- after 104 years service -- its last director, Carol Ann Lawson, happened also to call Elm Court home. Like her predecessor Miss Larkin, who opened Elm Court for a DHS tour some 30 years ago, Mrs. Lawson graciously followed suit for this, the 40th Annual DHS Tour.

Inside, natural light streams through large windows in high-ceilinged rooms, some of which are graced by faux marble 1880s mantels. Mrs. Lawson, a native of Great Britain, has adorned her apartment with a handsome collection of antiques and appointments respectful of the 19th-century character of this historic residence.

Main St 815**Paxton-Grant House**

PID 22154



1881 Directory		Paxton, Walter T (F X Burton & Co) Paxton, William C, jeweler Paxton, Mary Mrs.
1900 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Servant Servant Brother	Paxton, Walter T, age 45, tobacconist - Elizabeth W, age 33 - S Dabney, age 4 - William C, age 1 Saunders, Kaye, age 20 (B) Stokes, Emerly, age 34 (B) Paxton, John W, age 33, missionary
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Servant Servant	Paxton, Walter T, age 54, leaf tobacco dealer - Elizabeth W, age 43 - Dabney S, age 14 - William C, age 11 Graves, Martha, age 37, wid, cook (B) Blackwell, Mary E, age 25, maid (B)
1920 Census	Owner Son Servant Servant	Paxton, Bessie, age 52, wid - Carter, age 20 Gum, Florence, age 22, cook (B) - Sylvester, age 20, porter (B)
1927 Directory		Paxton, W T
1930 Census	Owner Son Daughter Granddau	Paxton, Elizabeth W, age 61, wid - Carter W, age 30, vice pres & treas, tobacco co Grant, Dabney P, age 33 - Elizabeth, age 9
1935 Directory		Paxton, Mrs. Elizabeth W
1940 Census	Owner Daughter Granddau	Paxton, Elizabeth W, age 73, wid Grant, Dabney P, age 43 div - Elizabeth P, age 19
1945 Directory		Paxton, Elizabeth W Mrs.
1950 Directory		Paxton, Elizabeth W Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Lodger Lodger	Paxton, Elizabeth W, age 82, wid Grant, Dabney P, age 52, wid Clark, Martha, age 38, science teacher, college
1960 Directory		Grant, Dabney P Mrs.
1970 Directory		Grant, Dabney P Mrs.

1977 Directory		Grant, Dabney P Mrs.
1980 Tour		Mr. Whittington W. Clement
1984 Directory		Clement, Wittington W
1990 Directory		Clement, Wittington W
1992 Tour		Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Clement
1998 Assessor	Transfer	To Cahill, Daniel P & Diana B, \$265,000
2000 Tour		Dr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Cahill
2003 Assessor	Transfer	Cahill to Erday, Linda Ellen & Johnson, Donald Randall, \$249,000
2006 Assessor	Transfer	Erday to Sardegna, Robin & Maria, \$290,000
2018 Assessor	Transfer	Sardagna to Robertson, Shaun D & Sarah T, \$217,000

Times Dispatch 21 Feb 1909: Mrs. A. S. Gravely, of Martinsville, has been visiting Mrs. W. T. Paxton, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 26 Mar 1911: Mes. H. S. Williams, of Martinsville, is the guest of Mrs. Walter Paxton, Main Street.

Bee 13 Mar 1924: The handsome two-story frame home at 815 Main street, owned and occupied by Mrs. W. T. Paxton, was extensively damaged yesterday evening between four-thirty and five o'clock by fire which apparently had its inception in the roof and which, swept by high wind destroyed the shingled gables and for ten minutes at least offered a serious menace to adjoining property. Little of the interior of the home was damaged by fire nor were the furnishings but the copious streams of water necessary to control the fire poured into the interior and the loss will be quite extensive. ...

Bee 14 Aug 1924: Mrs. W. T. Paxton has moved into her home, 815 Main Street, which owing to fire has been undergoing repairs.

Bee 21 May 1927: Danville gardens in which roses are now blooming will be thrown open to the public on Monday ... Mrs. W. D. Overbey, 782 Main street ... Mrs. Ruker Penn, 1057 Main street; Mrs. Charles G Evans, 1103 Main street ... Mrs. O. W. Dudley, 926 Main street; Mrs. S. R. Dula, 936 Main street; Mrs. Raymond Hall, 912 Main street; Mrs. Lee Boatwright, 904 Main street ... Mrs. Walter Paxton, 815 Main

Bee 18 Dec 1933: ... Mrs. J. Bernard Grant, 815 Main street ...

Bee 21 Oct 1941: First Lieut. George W. Felker III ... graduated from the Seacoast Artillery course last Saturday and is now stationed at Fort Barrancas, Florida. ... He was married here Saturday evening to Miss Elizabeth Grant, daughter of Mrs. Dabney Grant, of 815 Main street.

Bee 2 Feb 1942: Mrs. John W. Paxton is arriving tomorrow morning for a visit with Mrs. Walter Paxton, 815 Main street.

Bee 7 Dec 1950: A program on "Our Winter Birds" will be given ... in the home of Mrs. Dabney Grant, 815 Main Street. ...

Register 11 May 1966: The home of Mrs. Dabney P. Grant, 815 Main St., was the scene of the annual birthday tea given by the First Presbyterian Women of the Church on Monday afternoon. ...

Register 21 Apr 1968: Annual Tour of Homes and Gardens Here Thursday, April 25

... Starting downtown, visitors will find the home of Mrs. Dabney Paxton Grant at 815 Main Street, one of the few Victorian houses here still occupied by a descendant of the original owner. ...

Tour Book 1980:

The American Picturesque design of this two-story clapboard dwelling also includes a distinctive eyebrow window, and shingled gables and porches, showing the influence of the angular Queen Anne style popular on Main Street, and throughout Danville and America in the 1880s. Early in 1980 the house became the property and residence of Whittington W. Clement, who appreciates and enjoys it now as his home as did its long-time owner who was born here, Dabney Paxton Grant. Her death ended one of the longest associations of one family with a house of any on Main Street.

The land where the house is situated is a portion of a larger Main Street tract owned long before the Civil War by Mrs. Grant's great-grandfather, John W. Paxton, and later deeded to his son William C. Paxton. His homeplace stood on land next door now occupied by the Main Street Methodist parking lot. It was on part of his yard, that his son Walter T. Paxton, Mrs. Grant's father, built the present handsome residence in 1895. Originally the structure is said to have been painted dark red with white trim. The accuracy of this recollection is borne out in a postcard view of the 800 block of Main Street from about 1910 that shows clearly the ruddy late-Victorian color scheme of the house.

Mr. Clement, the present owner, continues to lavish the same care on the house it has received throughout its history, at the same time placing his own stamp on the well-proportioned rooms with their harmonious mantles, moldings, paneling, and stained glass.

Also, open upstairs are the apartments of Bill Hall and Kenneth Smith. They demonstrate well how a beautiful old home can accommodate several living units without compromising or altering the historic integrity of the structure.

Tour Book 1992:

Rambling dwellings of the 1890s were described frequently in their day as "comfortable houses.- This house built on Danville's gracious Main Street is no exception. Its shingled gables, porches, projecting bays and dormers, influenced by the angular Queen Anne style, all contribute to the cozy feeling of hearth and home dear to the hearts of our late-Victorian ancestors.

Its present owners are only the second family to occupy this notable American Picturesque style dwelling. It was built nearly a century ago for Walter T. Paxton, a successful tobacconist, whose daughter Dabney Paxton Grant continued to live in the house until her death in the late 1970s.

The land where the house is situated actually is a portion of a large Main Street tract acquired in antebellum days by Mrs. Grant's great-grandfather, John W. Paxton, Danville's renowned silversmith and clockmaker of the early 19th century. The homeplace of his son, William C. Paxton, once stood on land next door now occupied by the Main Street Methodist parking lot. It was at the left of this broad lot that his son, Walter, built the present house in 1895. During her life Mrs. Grant maintained that early on the structure had been painted in the earthy red tones

popular just before and after the turn of the century. A postcard view of Main Street's 800 block, c 1910, bears out the accuracy of this recollection. It shows clearly the ruddy late-Victorian color scheme of the house at that time.

Since purchasing the house from the Grant estate in 1980, Mr. Clement, Danville's delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, and his wife have continued the care lavished on the structure during its first 85 years as the Paxton-Grant homeplace. This careful maintenance, complemented by antiques and family heirlooms throughout its well-proportioned rooms, extends also to the handsome backyard and garden. In recent years the Clements have revitalized the rear of the house -- the kitchen and butlers pantry -- combining small rooms into a functional and spacious kitchen that retains much of the fabric of the early house, including the mellow heart pine floors and a plate warmer that was integral to the original gas-fired heating system.

Tour Book 2000:

A distinctive eyebrow window and shingled gables and porches are hallmarks of the Queen Anne-style dwelling built in 1895 for a successful tobacconist, Walter T. Paxton. Paxton's property is part of a larger Main Street tract acquired in antebellum days by his father, John W. Paxton, a renowned silversmith and clockmaker of the early 19th century.

His daughter, Dabney Paxton Grant, lived here in the old family home her entire life. Since her death some 20 years ago, three young, active families have called 815 Main Street home. These residents include the Danville-area's legislator in Virginia's House of Delegates, Whittington W. Clement, as well as a young neurologist who moved here from England to establish his practice, Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden.

The most recent of these owners, Dr. & Mrs. Dan Cahill, have lived here for just over two years. Like their predecessors, the Cahills and their growing sons appreciate the American Picturesque styling of the exterior, as well as its spacious rooms, with original features like a radiator plate warmer, and updates like the sensitively renovated kitchen with its AGA cooker.

A sports den upstairs features memorabilia of famous baseball, hockey, and basketball athletes.

Main St 818

1880 Census	Head Wife Son Son Daughter Son Daughter Son Daughter Bro-in-law Sister-in-law Son Son Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant Servant	Holland, C.G., age 45, tobacco manfr. - Mary C., age 40 - Willard, age 21, clerk tobacco factory - Walten, age 18, clerk tobacco factory - Kate Lee, age 16 - Frank, age 12 - Nellie, age 7 - Gilmer, age 4 - Bessie A., age 1 Flinn, C.M. age 45, leaf tobacco dealer - B.W., age 35 - Bernsley, age 3 - A.G., age 4/12 Randolph, Bery, age 50, servant (Mu) - Emma, age 22, servant (B) - Maude, age 4 (Mu) Thornter, Ann, Age 30, servant (B) - J, age 7 (Mu) - Henry, age 3/12 (Mu) Scott, Thos, age 25, servant (Mu) Jefferson, Estelle, age 20, servant (Mu) Jeffries, Fanny age 20, servant (Mu) Ragland, Amanda, age 12, servant (Mu) Packard, Ann, age 25, servant (B)
1888 Directory	Rear	Holland, C G (pres Morotock Cotton Mill) Judkins, W D Leigh, M, gardener (B) Oliver, R, butler (B)
1890 Directory		Holland, C G (pres Holland-Burton Tobacco Co, Henderson & Jones) - F D, bookkeeper - W A, wholesale grocer Walters, R P (Graham & Walters) Graves, Robert, gardener (B) Hayes, Caroline, domestic (B) Wade, Becky, domestic (B) Williams, Lucretia, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Son 9 Boarders Servant Servant	Canady, W Younger, age 43 - May, age 40 - R Owen, age 16 - W Younger Jr., age 11 Crews, John, Age 29 (B) Jackson, Florence, age 21 (B)
1910 Census	Head Son Head	Graham, Richard, age 60, wid - Beverly, age 23 Swanson, Herby, age 40

	Wife	- Ella R, age 36
1920 Census	Owner Wife Stepdaughter Servant	Graham, Richard, age 58 - Annie, age 45 Smith, Martha, age 22 Andrews, Henrietta, age 40
1927 Directory		Graham, R B
1930 Census	Owner Wife Servant	Graham, R B, age 68, value \$40,000 - Ann M, age 54 Jeffreso, Kate, age 52 (B)
1935 Directory		Vacant
1940 Census	Owner Sister Nephew	Robinson, Hattie, age 54 - Rosine, age 55 Addisen, Bill Jr., age 17 16 lodgers
1945 Directory		Robertson, Hattie, boarding
1950 Directory		Robertson, Hattie, boarding
1950 Census	Head Sister Sister-in-law Lodgers - 13	Robertson, Hattie B, age 65, proprietor, rooming house - Rowena G, age 66 - Evelyn B, age 52, wid
1960 Directory		Robertson, Hattie B, furnished rooms
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

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Times Dispatch 5 Feb 1911: Mrs. J. M. F. Trotter, of Norfolk, is the guest of her brother, R. B. Graham, Main Street.

Bee 20 Sep 1923: For Sale – Mains St Shoe Repair shop, best of locations, center of business district, next door W. L. Douglas Shoe store. Apply ... 818 Main St.

Bee 4 Jun 1935: Display Ad: Executor's Sale of Personal Property. As Executor of the will of the late R. B. Graham, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, at the residence, No. 818 Main Street ...

Bee 20 May 1937: The regular weekly meeting of the Woman's Union Prayer Circle will be held Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of Miss Hattie Roberson, 818 Main street.

Bee 10 Feb 1941: Business Men: Comfortable rooms, adjoining baths. Meals optional. 818 Main.

Bee 19 Jun 1941: 1940 CHRYSLER Royal Coupe, maroon paint, white sidewall tires, radio, heater. Driven only 20,000 miles. See H. E. Gardner, 818 Main St.

Bee 11 Dec 1943: Technical Sergeant Bill J. Anderson of Danville, 21-year-old top turret gunner on a Flying Fortress has been missing in action ... since November 29, the War Department notified his aunt, Miss Hattie B. Robertson of 818 Main street today. ...

Bee 19 Jan 1946: Mrs. Mary O. Smith of 818 Main street has been notified of the death of her sister ...

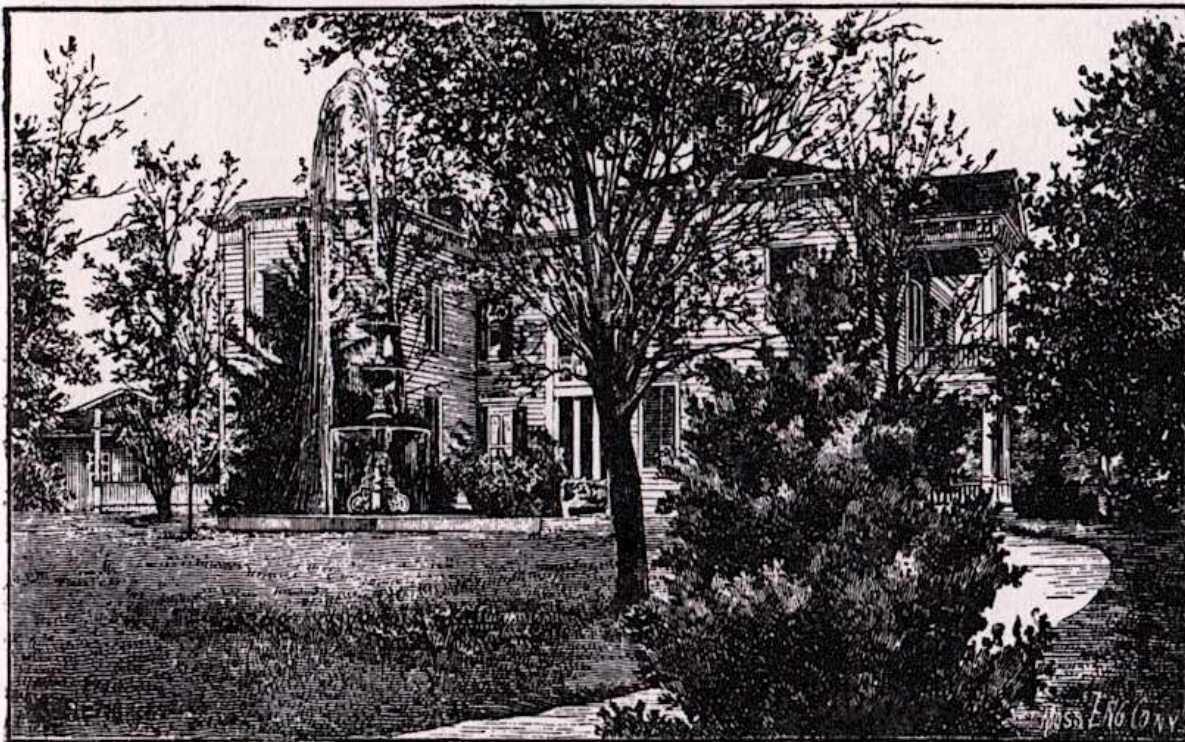
Bee 17 Dec 1952: Irwin A. Motley has returned from Richmond, where he has been in the hospital for the past several months. He is making his home at 818 Main Street.

Bee 25 Aug 1955: Graveside services will be conducted in Leemont Cemetery tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. for Mrs. Mary Corbin Jones ... She was making her home in Boston, Mass., and was on a visit here with her son, George C. Jones, at 818 Main St.

Bee 31 Oct 1962: James Willard Hale, of 818 Main St., was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of assault – striking Nellie Moore ... in the face with a fish and then “slapping her around.” ...

Bee 4 Jan 1964: **Initial Planning for YMCA Campaign** – ... Funds will be sought for the erection of a new building for the Young Men’s Christian Association on the newly-purchased lot of land on Main St. Three houses – number 810, 818, and 824 – were purchased ...

Bee 25 Apr 1970: Mrs. Mary Craddock Johnston, 91, died yesterday in a South Boston hospital. She was born at Black Walnut July 25, 1878, a daughter of the late Dr. John W. Craddock and Mary Easley Craddock. She was married to the late Lewis D. Johnson Sr. ... The body will be at the home, 818 Main St.



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Main St 821

1881 Directory		Paxton, W T (J A Craddock & Co)
1888 Directory		Jones, Robert J (R J Jones & Co, tobacco mfrs) Paxton, J W (F X Burton & Co) - Mrs W C, wid - W T (J A Craddock & Co)
1890 Directory	Rear	Brill, J W (J W Brill & Co watchmakers) Cunningham, Paul, laborer (B) Davis, George, tobacco worker (B)
1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Son Son Son Son Son Servant Servant Servant Servant	Lea, John G, age 55, tobacconist - Mildred P, age 36 - John W, age 22, tobacconist - Weldon T, age 20, tobacco factory manager - Frank W, age 18, warehouse clerk - Barnette, age 12 - Harry G, age 8 - Wallace B, age 7 Coleman, Dac, age 24 (B) - Mattie, age 22 (B) Nelson, Fannie, age 63, housekeeper Thornton, Tom, age 25
1910 Census	Owner Wife	Penn, James G, age 30, tobacco manufacturer - Catherine B, age 29
1920 Census	Owner Wife	Penn, James, age 42, tobacco manufacturer - Catherine, age 40
1927 Directory		Penn, J G
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Penn, James G
1940 Census	Owner Wife	Penn, James G, age 62, pres tobacco co - Katherine Boyd, age 61
1945 Directory		Penn, Katherine B Mrs.
1950 Directory		Penn, Katherine B Mrs.
1950 Census	Head	Penn, Katherine B, age 71, wid
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 12 Jan 1935: First Presbyterian circle no. 1, Mrs. W. E. Gardner, Jr., leader, aith Mrs. J. G. Penn, Jr., 821 Main St.

Bee 10 May 1939: ... At 7:30 o'clock Mrs. James G. Penn, Jr., and Mrs. Rucker Penn will be hostesses at aperitifs at the home of the former at 821 Main street. ...

Bee 27 Apr 1960: Cause and costs of yesterday's fire which swept the stately Swanson and Penn residences on Main St. remain undetermined today ... the fire definitely started in the Swanson home and jumped the narrow alley to the home of Mrs. Kathryn B. Penn which was closed while Mrs. Penn is in a Richmond hospital. ... Both homes were filled with valuable antiques and collector's items from all over the world. ...

Main St 824

1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife Servant Servant	Swanson, John, age 45 - Annie, age 40 Roan, Bell, age 40 (B) Herford, Mary, age 12 (B)
1920 Census	Head Wife Servant	Swanson, John, age 45 - Annie, age 40 Graves, Martha, age 40 (B)
1927 Directory		Swanson, J P
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Norris, George R
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Bro-in-law	Aaron, George W, age 43, owner, automobile dealership - Bertha C, age 31 - Alton, age 8 - Sarah, age 6 Compton, Noue, age 25, salesman, automobile dealership 3 lodgers
1945 Directory		Pritchett, Charles B
1950 Directory		Pritchett, Charles B, physician
1950 Census	Head Wife Daughter	Pritchett, Charles B, age 60, medical doctor - Maud V, age 51 - Martha C, age 19
1960 Directory		Pritchett, Maude M Mrs. Batcher, J Patricia Jordan, Noah L
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

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Bee 14 Nov 1904: Thursday afternoon, between the hour of 3:30 and 6 o'clock, marked one of the most elegant entertainments of the season, when Mrs. John Protchett Swanson was "at home" in honor of Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, at her hospitable home on Main Street. The interior of the ouse was most tastefully decorated ... Mrs. James G. Penn, Mrs. William Averett and Mrs. Roscoe Anderson welcomed the guest and ushered then into the parlor ...

Times-Dispatch 14 Mar 1909: Mrs. Claude A. Swanson was in the city this week while enroute from Chatham to Richmond. She was the guest while here of Mrs. John P. Swanson.

Bee 8 Jan 1925: Wanted: A Good Cook. Apply 824 Main street. Phone 1088-W

Bee 28 Sep 1929: John P. Swanson widely known Danville man died unexpectedly yesterday evening at his home ... Senator Swanson is arriving this afternoon and it is expected that democratic leaders from various parts of the State will be here. The funeral will be conducted at three o'clock Sunday evening

from his home, 824 Main street ... was a son of John M. Swanson and Mrs. Catherine Pritchett Swanson. ... He was born at the old home in Swansonville named for the family, one of the oldest in Pittsylvania ...

Times Dispatch 20 Feb 1910: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Swanson are spending some time in Hot Springs, Ark.

Bee 10 Mar 1934: First Presbyterian circle No. 2 – Mrs. K. B. Grant, leader, with Mrs. T. P. Gates, 824 Main street.

Bee 8 Feb 1936: First Presbyterian circle 7 – Mrs. H. B. Musselman, leader, with Mrs. R. G. Norris, 824 Main street.

Bee 16 Sep 1940: Mr. and Mrs. Archer Pritchett Reynolds announce the marriage of her sister, Miss Laura Mozelle Morgan, to Noel W. Compton ... Mr. and Mrs. Compton will be at home at 824 Main Street.

Bee 21 Jun 1943: The Harry Wooding Garden Club will meet Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. W. Aron, 824 Main Street.

Bee 30 Apr 1946: Mrs. Bernard Pritchett of 824 Main Street, has returned to the city from Greenville, S.C., where she was called on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Moore.

Bee 14 Aug 1946: Wanted: Boy to clean office. Also woman for general housework, cooking. 824 Main St.

Bee 4 Dec 1950: Miss Martha C. Pritchett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Pritchett, 824 Main Street, Danville, has been pledged to the Syracuse University chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi ...

Bee 1 Jun 1953: Doctor's Office with or without equipment. 1st floor. Available now. 824 Main St.

Bee 4 Jan 1958: Very desirable 4 room furnished apartment. Steam heat, private entrance. Also 2 room apartment. 824 Main St.

Bee 2 Jan 1961: Arrests Saturday included Roy Alfred Doss, of 824 Main St., on a charge of forging checks and cashing them at Winn-Dixie and Setliff super markets ...

Bee 27 Apr 1961: A hearing is scheduled ... for Jacqueline Maxwell McCall, 30, of 824 Main St., who was arrested ... on a charge of beating her 10-year-old child. ...

Bee 4 Jan 1964: **Initial Planning for YMCA Campaign** – ... Funds will be sought for the erection of a new building for the Young Men's Christian Association on the newly-purchased lot of land on Main St. Three houses – number 810, 818, and 824 – were purchased ...

Bee 15 Nov 1976: ... the American Red Cross is making available its chapter house at 824 Main St. for persons found to have elevated pressure to have it rechecked ...

Main St 827

1888 Directory		Anderson, Abner Cole, Dr. Howson W, druggist
1890 Directory		Anderson, A, farmer Cole, Dr. Howson W, druggist Haley, Miss Maggie Watkins, Asa, student Clairborne, Ciny, domestic (B) Williams, Emily, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Owner Son Son Boarder Sister-in-law Servant	Cole, Howson W, age 69, druggist - Howson W, age 21 - Lanillon, age 19 Anderson, Abner, age 67, supt public school - Maria L, age 49 Williams Emaly, age 45
1910 Census	Owner Daughter Boarder Boarder Servant Servant	Cole, H W, age 25 - Lavalett, age 4 Anderson, M, age 69 Pendleton, Edgar, age 17 Brown, Albert, age 30, butler (B) Smith, Tildia, age 17, nurse (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife	Swanson, Henry, age 47, tobacco - Ella C, age 48
1927 Directory		Swanson, H C
1930 Census	Owner Wife	Swanson, Henry C, age 59, manager, tobacco warehouse - Ella C, age 54
1935 Directory		Swanson, Henry C
1940 Census	Owner Wife	Swanson, Henry C, age 69, postmaster - Ella C, age 65
1945 Directory		Swanson, Henry C
1950 Directory		Swanson, Henry C
1950 Census	Head Wife Servant	Swanson, Henry C, age 79 - Ella C, age 76 Mimms, Lydia A, age 57, wid (B) cook
1960 Directory		Swanson, Ella C Mrs.
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Times Dispatch 30 May 1909: Miss Howson Cole and little daughter, Lavlette, left this week for Baltimore, where they will visit before leaving for the Northwest to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, at the Seattle Navy Yard, Washington State.

Times Dispatch 2 Jan 1910: Lieutenant Mayo, U.S.N., and Dr. Howson Cole, U.S.N., stationed on the United States Ship Yankton, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Cole.

Times Dispatch 3 Apr 1910: Mrs. Howson Cole is at the Chamberlin, Old Point, for several days.

Times Dispatch 23 Oct 1910: Mrs. Howson Cole is spending several days at the Astor, New York.

Times Dispatch 9 Apr 1911: Dr. Howson W. Cole, United States Navy, is at home on a short leave.

Times Dispatch 14 May 1911: the engagement of Miss Ella C. Jackson, of Richmond, to Donald S. Harrison, of this city, was announced Wednesday at a beautiful luncheon given by Mrs. Howson W. Cole at her residence of Main Street, where Miss Jackson has been spending the winter. ...

Times Dispatch 4 Jun 1911: Mrs. Howson Cole will spend the month of June with Miss Bessie Carter before going to Provincetown, Mass., to join Dr. Cole, United States Navy, who will be stationed there this summer.

Bee 23 Nov 1923: For Sale – Colonial dining room suite, in good condition. Mrs. H. C. Swanson, 827 Main St.

Bee 2 Jul 1927: Senator and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, of Washington, who were the guests last night of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swanson, left this morning to spend a few days at Swansonville.

Bee 2 Jul 1927: Mrs. Dora Douglas, of Texas, was the guest yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swanson. Mrs. Douglas left this morning to visit Swansonville.

Bee 19 Jul 1927: Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swanson are leaving tonight to spend some time at Atlantic City.

Bee 5 Jul 1930: Garnet Cousins, of Shanghai ... returned to Danville Friday to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swanson.

Bee 1 May 1931: Senator Claude Swanson, of Washington, will arrive today to be the guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swanson.

Bee 26 Oct 1933: Death early this morning claimed Miss Julia Swanson at the old family home in Swansonville ... a sister of Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson ... another brother Henry C. Swanson of this city. Secretary Swanson is in California at the present time and cannot reach here in time for the funeral ...

Bee 2 Nov 1933: Henry C. Swanson was last night selected postmaster of Danville by Congressman Thomas G. Burch ...

Bee 5 Dec 1942: Main St. Methodist circle No. 5. Mrs. N. C. Jones, leader, will meet with Mrs. Henry Swanson, 827 Main Street.

Bee 25 Jul 1944: Wanted: Good Cook. Family of two. 827 Main St. Phone 882.

Bee 27 Apr 1960: Cause and costs of yesterday's fire which swept the stately Swanson and Penn residences on Main St. remain undetermined today ... Mrs. Henry Swanson, 85, who was overcome by the dense smoke, was listed in fair condition at Memorial Hospital today. ... the fire definitely started in the Swanson home and jumped the narrow alley to the home of Mrs. Kathryn B. Penn which was closed

while Mrs. Penn is in a Richmond hospital. ... Both homes were filled with valuable antiques and collector's items from all over the world. ...

Bee 28 Apr 1960: Mrs. Henry C. Swanson, who was overcome with smoke during the fire which on Tuesday destroyed her home and virtually gutted that of her neighbor ... died at Memorial Hospital ... this morning. ... Her husband, Henry C. Swanson, was postmaster of Danville for many years, dying September 1, 1952 ...



Main St 828

1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife	Perkinson, John, age 48 - Lizzie, age 33
1920 Census	Owner Wife Nephew Servant	Perkinson, John E, age 57 - Lizzie, age 45 - Randolph, age 24 Brandon, Emma, age 22 (B)
1927 Directory		Perkinson, J E
1930 Census	Owner Wife	Perkinson, John E, age 68, value \$25,000 - Lizzie F, age 55
1935 Directory		Perkinson, J Edward
1940 Census	Owner Servant	Perkinson, Lizzie, age 65, wid Adams, Nora L, age 36, cook (Mu)
1945 Directory		Perkinson, Lizzie F Mrs.
1950 Directory		Perkinson, Lizzie F Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Servant	Perkinson, Lizzie F, age 75, wid Adams, Nora L, age 46 (B) maid
1960 Directory		Perkinson, Lizzie F Mrs.
1970 Directory		Danville Reading Center Inc.
1977 Directory		Senior Citizens Center
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Part of YMCA property

Times Dispatch 2 May 1909: Mrs. J. E. Perkinson is visiting friends in New York.

Times Dispatch 24 Oct 1909: Mrs. Rutherford Dula, Mrs. James G. Penn, and Mrs. John Edward Perkinson attended the Horner-Dula wedding at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson last Saturday. They will return to Danville shortly.

Times Dispatch 9 Jan 1910: Mrs. John Edward Perkinson entertained at a beautiful tea Monday afternoon in honor of her house guests ...

Times Dispatch 6 Feb 1910: Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Perkinson have returned from a pleasant trip to Atlanta, Mobile, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Palm Beach, Miami, and Nassau.

Times Dispatch 24 Apr 1910: Mrs. Smauel Washington Helm and little daughter, Eva, have returned to New York, after a delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkinson.

Times Dispatch 8 May 1910: Mrs. John D. Spencer and Mrs. J. E. Perkinson have returned from a visit to Mrs. Hardin Hairston at "Briarfield."

Times Dispatch 19 Jun 1910: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkinson and Miss Theodosia Gray are traveling in Europe.

Bee 9 Nov 1922: Wanted – Good, reliable, experienced man-servant. References required. Mrs. J. S. Perkinson, 828 Main St.

Bee 17 Nov 1934: First Presbyterian circle 7. Mrs. H. L. Turpin with Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, 828 Main street

Bee 18 Jun 1941: Mrs. Walter Calley and Walker Marston, of St. Petersburg, Fla., will spend Thursday night with Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, 828 Main St.

Bee 8 Sep 1947: George M. Brown of Altavista faces a hearing in police court next Saturday on a charge of breaking and entering as a result of an incident last Friday when he was alleged to have been discovered in the home of Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, 826 Main street. Police officers said when he was first discovered, he was playing a piano.

Bee 23 Jan 1966: Final services for Mrs. Lizzie Fitzgerald Perkinson were conducted yesterday afternoon from the residence, 828 Main St. ...

Bee 23 Mar 1966: For Sale: 828 Main Street. Home of the late Mrs. J. E. Perkinson ...

Bee 14 Sep 1968: Applications are now being accepted at the Danville Remedial Reading Center for fall classes ... The center, located at the YMCA Annex, 828 Main St. ...

Bee 5 May 1971: A Defensive Driving course ... will be conducted ... at Danville's YMCA, 828 Main St.

Bee 17 Dec 1976: Danville's Commission of Architectural Review voted Thursday to deny permission on a request by the YMCA to demolish a vacant house it owns at 828 Main Street. The Queen Anne-style frame house has wooden shingles and is richly ornamented ...



The Sun Shines For Another Day On This 828 Main Street House.

Main St 833**The Acree House**

PID 25186



1890 Directory		Acree, Edward F (E F Acree & Bro) - James P (E F Acree & Bro) - R F, clerk Breedlove, Ella, domestic (B) Mebane, Belle, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Owner Wife Son Brother Servant Servant	Acree, Edward , age 58, tobacconist - Leah R, age 50 - Robert F, age 31, leaf tobacconist - James P, age 43, leaf tobacconist Lucus, Georgia age 34 Lipscomb, Carrie, age 46, wid
1910 Census	Owner Stepson Boarder Servant	Acree, L R, age 60 - Robert F, age 40, stock broker Kenady, Mable, age 25, school teacher McAlister, Claudie, age 23, cook
1920 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Servant	Conway, P F, age 52, lumber manufacturing - Maggie, age 47 - Margrett, age 23 Smith, Earlest, age 18, cook (B)
1927 Directory		Conway, P F
1930 Census	Owner Wife	Conway, Powhatan F, age 62, lumber manufacturer - Frances R, age 51
1935 Directory		Conway, Powhatan F
1940 Census	Owner Wife Servant	Conway, Powtan F, age 72, pres lumber mfg - Annie C, age 50 Reynolds, Albert, age 32, butler (B)
1945 Directory		Conway, Powhatan F
1950 Directory		Terry, W Aubrey Terry, Eva D Mrs., boarding
1950 Census	Head Wife Daughter Son Lodgers - 13	Terry, Aubrey W, age 59, salesman, retail hardware - Eva C, age 54 - Nancy E, age 24, saleslady, cloth store - Marvin E, age 21, engineer, broadcasting
1960 Directory		Terry, W Aubrey Terry, Eva D Mrs., boarding

		Lewis, Charles C, painter
1970 Directory		Terry, W Aubrey Terry, Nancy E
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Adams, Marie Terry, Eva D Mrs.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1978 Tour		Mrs. W. A. Terry and Miss Nancy Terry
1984 Directory		Terry, Nancy E
1990 Directory		Terry, Nancy E
2020 Assessor	Transfer	Terry, Nancy E to HUD, n/a
2021 Assessor	Transfer	HUD to Chumley, Elecia D, \$177,337

Times-Dispatch 25 Dec 1904: Mr. Edward Fox Axree, one of the most influential and highly-esteemed citizens of Danville, died this morning at his home on Main Street after a brief illness. The death was unexpected. He served with distinction during the Civil War and moved to this city shortly after ... first embarked in the grocery and mercantile business ... At the time of his death, Mr. Axree was the president of the Danville Co-operative Warehouse Company and manager of the warehouses of E.F. Axree and Brother. ...

Times-Dispatch 19 Feb 1911: A beautiful courtesy extended their mothers-in-law was the ... reception tendered by Mrs. P. F. Conway and Mrs. J. Turner Hamlin at the lovely home of Mrs. Conway, 833 Main Street ...

Times Dispatch 28 May 1911: Miss Marie Brown, of Richmond, and Miss Josephine Wright, of Fredericksburg, are the charming house guests of Mrs. P. F. Conway, on Main Street.

Bee 2 Apr 1925: Mrs. Maggie Brown Conway, wife of Powhatan Fitzhugh Conway on the stroke of three o'clock this morning at her home 833 Main street following an attack of influenza contracted about two weeks ago and from which pneumonia developed with fatal rapidity. Mrs. Conway was a daughter of General and Mrs. J. Thompson Brown of Richmond. Her father who died about three years ago was a noteworthy figure in the annals of the Confederacy. She was born on November 6, 1873 ...

Bee 21 Mar 1938: Dr. Joseph Emerson Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., is arriving today to be the guest of Powhatan F. Conway, 833 Main Street for several days.

Bee 28 Dec 1939: Mr. and Mrs. Powhatan Fitzhugh Conway have returned to the city from Florida and are at home at 833 Main street.

Bee 20 Oct 1941: The Harry Wooding Garden Club will meet with Mrs. P. F. Conway, 833 Main St. ...

Bee 6 Aug 1942: Mrs. K. C. Mooers and Warner Moore, III, of Virginia Beach, are the guests of Mrs. Mooers' father, P. F. Conway, and Mrs. Conway, 833 Main Street.

Bee 6 Mar 1952: Room and board for several men. 833 Main St. Phone 4444-J.

Bee 21 Aug 1957: Cecil Stanley Collins of 833 Main St. is charged with breaking and entering in the night time and taking \$18. ...

Bee 8 Oct 1962: The Danville Police Department was brought up to full strength today with the appointment of James Lloyd Miller, of 833 Main St., to the force.

Bee 25 Jun 1969: B. C. Dodson Sr. of Dallas, Texas is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Terry, 833 Main Street.

Bee 26 Jul 1969: Last rites for William Aubrey Terry will be conducted tomorrow ... A native of Pittsylvania County, he was born May 20, 1890, a son of the late Patrick Henry Terry and Betty Dodson Terry. ... the family is at the residence, 833 Main St.

Bee 16 Nov 1970: Wanted: Will pay salary plus give home to right person doing general housekeeping. Apply in person 833 Main St.

Bee 17 May 1972: Brooks C. Dodson Sr. of Oxon Hill, Md., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Terry, 833 Main St.

Bee 26 Nov 1973: Roger Allen, 35, of 833 Main St. was charged ... with felonious cutting, with a knife, Charles G. Lewis of 802 Main St. ...

Bee 27 Feb 1976: The Danville Commission on Architectural Review ... following an hour of discussion ... voted 4 to 2 to allow Mrs. W. A. Terry, 833 Main Street, to cover the exterior of her home with aluminum siding. She said one side of her home was burned during the 1960s and paint will no longer hold to the boards. ...

Bee 11 Jun 1977: A funeral for Mrs. Melissa May Dodson Terry will be held Saturday ... Mrs. Terry, 70, of 833 Main St., died Thursday night in the Memorial Hospital ... she was a daughter of the late Peter T and Nancy Chaney Dodson. She was married to the late James Howard Terry on Dec. 26, 1906. ...

1978 Tour:

Its original wooden trim work intact, this Main Street house is immediately identified as the one with the "gingerbread.- Richly ornamental, it exhibits architectural features characteristic of the Eastlake, Queen Anne and Shingle styles. Edward Fox Acree built the complex dwelling in 1881. He and his brother, James, who also lived here, purchased the old Eagle Warehouse on Craghead Street and changed its name to Acree's. When they died early in this century, the Acree brothers headed the Danville Cooperative Warehouse Company. They were considered leaders in Danville's emergence as the world's largest loose leaf tobacco market.

In 1910 Mrs. E. F. Acree and her sons sold the house to P. F. Conway, for many years president of the Danville Lumber and Manufacturing Company. After his death, the house was sold by Mrs. Conway to William Aubrey Terry, in 1949. His widow, the former Eva Chaney Dodson, and his daughter, Miss Nancy Terry, continue to reside there.

A commanding feature of the house is a corner tower rising three stories above the street. Inside, its four stained glass windows illuminate the dark paneling beneath. Pairs of Ionic columns at the end of the long entrance hall and in the divided living room lend dignity to the interior. Other classical motifs include a dentil design in the cornices, repeated in the mirrored mantels, and a Greek key pattern bordering the parquet floors.

Main St 840**E. G. Moseley House**

PID 25180



1880 Census	Head Wife Daughter Son Mother Sister Servant Servant Servant	Wisemam, H.A., age 35, druggist - W.A., age 29 - Mary W., age 8 - H.A., age 2 - Mary A, age 57 (wid) - Annie E., age 30 Smth, Betsy, age 55, servant (Mu) McLaughten, Peter, age 22 (B) Smith, Wm., age 10, servant (Mu)
1900 Census		
1910 Census	Head Wife Niece Servant Servant	Moseley, Edward, age 55 (listed at 832 Main) - Sue N, age 51 - Nora E, age 22 Chaffin, Maria, age 51, wid Lee, George, age 25 (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son-in-law Daughter Grandson Grandson	Moseley, Edward, age 65 - Lora, age 61 Wiseman, Plummer, age 38 - Nora, age 31 - Edward, age 7 - Plummer Jr, age 5
1927 Directory		Moseley, E G
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son-in-law Daughter Grandson Grandson Grandson Sister	Mosely, E G, age 75, value \$15,000 - Sue N, age 71 Wiseman, Plumer, age 48 - Nora, age 42 - Edward M, age 17 - William D, age 15 - Robert W, age 9 Coleman, Fannie M, age 40, wid
1935 Directory		Mosely, Mrs. Nora M
1940 Census	Owner Servant Servant	Ley, Mary M, age 53, wid, manager, boarding house Baskerville, Martha, age 31, cook (B) - Ruth, age 15 11 lodgers
1945 Directory		Terry, George W

1950 Directory		Terry, Delphia H Mrs.
1950 Census	Head Lodger Head Wife Head	Terry, Delphia H, age 59, wid Brander, Helen, age 50, div, teacher, grammar school Burke, Arthur E, age 53, merchandise manager, department store - Beatrice E, age 41 Ayrea, Annie W, age 77
1960 Directory		Garnett, Richard W Curlee, William O
1970 Directory		Garnett, Richard W Garnett, Delphia H Mrs.
1977 Directory		Widner, William Garnett, Delphia H Mrs.
1984 Directory		Vacant
1984 Tour		Mr. Ray W. Harris and Mr. Charles R. Staubus
1990 Directory		Staubus, Charles R
1993 Tour	Owner	Staubus, Charles R
2003 Assessor	Transfer	Staubus, Charles R, to Wells Fargo Bank, \$138,711
2004 Assessor	Owner	Wells Fargo Bank to Latham, \$91,000
2005 Tour	Owner	Sarah and Dan Latham
2009 Tour		Dan and Sarah Latham
2016 Assessor	Transfer	Latham, Danny W & Sarah H to Delgiorno, Steven and Park Hae Yun, \$100,000

Times Dispatch 23 Jul 1911: Mrs. Plummer Wiseman, of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moseley, Main Street.

Bee 25 Apr 1928: The regular meeting of the Shakespeare Study club will be held at the residence of Mrs. Plumer Wiseman, 840 Main street, on Thursday afternoon ...

Bee 1 Oct 1930: The will of the late Edward Gannaway Moseley, who died here recently, was admitted to probate ... he was worth \$400,000, free of all indebtedness ... A house, No. 815 Paxton street, is left to Mr. Moseley's sister, Mrs. Ella Coles ... a request that his widow will the home at 840 Main street to his daughter

Bee 3 Feb 1939: Mrs. James M. Ley moved several days ago from her home on Green street to her new home at 840 Main street.

Bee 14 Dec 1940: Miss Kitty Woody, student at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., is arriving Thursday to be with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Woody, for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Woody and Miss Woody will spend the time in the home of Mrs. James M. Ley, 840 Main Street.

Bee 13 Mar 1941: B. Kyle Jones, Jr., student at Choate School, Wallingford, Conn., is arriving Friday to spend spring vacation with his mother, Mrs. Kyle Jones, 840 Main Street.

Bee 29 Jul 1941: Wanted: Butler and houseman with expereicne and references. 840 Main St.

Bee 2 Sep 1941: For Rent: Attractive room. Connecting bath. Meals. 840 Main St.

Bee 31 Jan 1942: Mount Vernon Methodist circle 9. Miss Evelyn Byrd, leader, with Miss Byrd, 840 Main Street ...

Bee 23 Jun 1943: Miss Mary Evans who has been a patient at Memorial Hospital for several days has returned to her home at 840 Main Street.

Bee 26 Sep 1946: The Harry Wooding Club will hold a business meeting ... at the home of Mrs. George Terry, 840 Main Street. ...

Bee 27 May 1950: Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Garnett have returned from their wedding trip through western north Carolina and the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, and are now at home at 840 Main Street.

Bee 2 Aug 1970: the Danville Chapter of the American red Cross ask the checks ... designated "For Peruvian Relief" be sent to Louis Berman, chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee, 840 Main St., or 406 Main St.

Bee 5 May 1945: Jeffrey William Fiske, 28, of 840 Main St. was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana Jan. 14.

Bee 6 Sep 1976: Dr. Richard Wingfield Garnett, former director of the City of Danville Health Department for 30 years, died yesterday at 12:35 a.m. in Roman Eagle Memorial Home after a decline in health for a number of years. He was 96 years old. Born in Albermarle County Feb. 17, 1881, he was a son of the late James Muscoe Garnett and Cornelia Wingfield Garnett. ... Dr. Garnett was first married to the former Edwina Leavell of Rappahannock County who died in 1950. He later married the former Delphia Herndon Terry of Danville, who survives.

Tour Book 1984:

A fine restoration completed by the present owners within the past year has returned this dwelling to the elegance of the dawn of the Edwardian era when it was built. Local contractor Henry A. Osborne constructed the house -- a notable combination of the Queen Anne, Shingle and Neo-Classical Revival styles -- for Edward G. Moseley in 1902. Among the last of the influential Danvillians to move to Main Street during its original heyday, Moseley rose to prominence locally as a tobacco manufacturer and leaf dealer, and as president of the Danville Tobacco Association. Also, as a lay leader in Main Street Methodist Church, Moseley began a mission in a Cabell Street home that under his leadership grew spiritually and numerically into Cabell Street Church. This congregation later built the present handsome Tudor Gothic structure on Berryman Avenue at Colquhoun Street -- the church subsequently renamed Moseley Memorial after its founder died in 1930.

In 1938, Moseley's widow sold the house to a relative, Mary Moseley Ley. Nearly six years later the house was conveyed to George Wesley Terry and Delphia Herndon Terry. After Mr. Terry's death in 1949, Mrs. Terry married Dr. R.W. Garnett, director of Danville's Health Department for 30 years. With his wife Dr. Garnett lived here until 1976 when he died at age 95. After Mrs. Garnett's death in April 1982, the house was purchased by Charles Staibus and Ray Harris.

Making very few interior changes, the owners have made the house eminently functional with a contemporary kitchen and baths. At the same time they have retained and renewed original features elsewhere in the house -- parquet floors, mantels, moldings and fine stained glass -- to

name a few. A subtle, mostly neutral color scheme is an effective foil for the owners' collection of antiques, oriental rugs and local art. For the holiday season a unique collection of Christmas ornaments will also be on display.

Tour Book 1993:

Built in 1902, with a notable combination of styles from the Queen Anne, Shingle, and Neoclassical revivals, this house was purchased by Charles R. Staubus, its third owner, in 1983. The original owner, E.G. Moseley, was a tobacconist who served as President of the Danville Tobacco Association. This beloved minister, for whom Moseley Memorial Methodist Church was named, also was among the last influential Danvillians to move to Main Street during its heyday. Local contractor, Henry A. Osborne, built this home at the dawn of the Edwardian era.

In 1938, Moseley's widow sold the home to a relative, Mary Moseley Ley, who lived here six years before conveying the property to George Wesley Terry and his wife, Delphia Herndon. After Mr. Terry's death in 1949, Mrs. Terry married Dr. R.W. Garnett, Director of Danville's Health Department for 30 years.

The formal entrance foyer, parlor, and dining room feature elegant parquet flooring, which is still in excellent condition, and creates an inviting floor plan for entertaining. The crystal chandelier, Italian tile, and two stained glass windows lend a warm ambience to the formal parlor. The four-foot-high wainscot with plate rail frames the setting for formal dining under a second crystal chandelier. The library lined with a handsome collection of books features an 1842 Charles Steiff square concert grand pianoforte. Mr. Staubus has collected unusual antiques, oriental rugs, and over 100 works by artist Carson Davenport, some of which are on displayed.

On view for the holidays will be five Christmas trees: a Scandinavian tree with a bird motif; a tree featuring gold, silver and crystal ornaments; a gingerbread tree in the kitchen; a Victorian tree with ribbon, popcorn, and cranberries; and in the entrance foyer, a tree with 6,000 ornaments from travels around the world.

In his extensive restoration to the exterior, Mr. Staubus plans a seven-color paint scheme with a muted Victorian blue for the clapboard, eggshell white for windows, cranberry for the ribbing elements, three shades of pink for the shake-shingle gables, with navy accents for the front medallion. The rear garden is magnificent in the spring with its brick walk and plantings of fig, hyacinths, daffodils, peonies, narcissus, and a vast array of iris.

Tour Book 2005:

After languishing for some years, this Queen Anne style house with decided Shingle and Neo-Classical Revival influence has been resurrected in less than two years. In January 2004, Sarah and Dan Latham purchased the sagging structure and soon began the herculean task of its rehabilitation.

This impressive dwelling, built in 1902/03 for Mr. E.G. Moseley, now sports a rich palette of late Victorian earth tones. Supporting that new curb appeal are lots of new bones -- foundation, roof, and much of its framing -- which the Lathams renewed and reinforced long before they

applied the striking cosmetic touches that help the house reclaim its place of honor on Millionaires Row.

The original owner, E.G. Moseley, was a tobacconist who served as president of the Danville Tobacco Association. This beloved minister, for whom Moseley Memorial Methodist Church was named, also was among the last influential Danvillians to move to Main Street during its heyday. Local contractor Henry A. Osborne built the Moseley House at the dawn of the Edwardian Era.

In 1938, the Rev. Moseley's widow sold her home to a relative, Mary Moseley Ley, who lived here six years before conveying the property to George Wesley Terry and his wife, the former Delphia Herndon. After Mr. Terry's death in 1949, Mrs. Terry married Dr. R.W. Garnett, the City's chief health officer for some 30 years.

In 1983, the house was purchased by only its fourth owner in as many generations, Mr. Charles Staubus. Mr. Staubus, a local hairdresser, worked for many years to stabilize the property, restoring many of its principal rooms. Failing health curtailed his planned exterior restoration, and the property remained in limbo for several years.

The house and community were blessed by the arrival of Sarah and Dan Latham -- from a city known for its preservation ethic, Annapolis, Maryland. In lavishing their enthusiasm and means on the historic E.G. Moseley House, the Lathams also have demonstrated the transformation possible with tenacity and know-how.

Main St 841**Flinn House**

PID 25679



1888 Directory		<p>Beadles, Dr. Edward P (dentist) Brown, Richmond, tobacco worker Diggs, T C (secretary, YMCA) Moncure, W A, high school teacher Moorman, W A (Wemple Ellerson & Co) Orgain, John T, buyer Payne, CC (Payne Bros & Co) Stokes, Allen, tobacco buyer</p>
1890 Directory		<p>Douglass, R B, station agent, A&DRR Noell, Miss Fannie - James L, sales stables - Walter C, runner Strange, W O, boots, shoes, hats Gunn, Dillie, cook (B) Pritchett, Mattie, domestic (B) - Sarah, domestic (B)</p>
1900 Census	<p>Renter Son Son Mother Boarder Boarder Boarder Boarder Boarder Boarder Brother Servant Servant Boarder</p>	<p>Martin, Faith H, age 49, wid - George H, age 24, bookkeeper - France C, age 19, shipping clerk France, Kittie, age 79, wid Peterson, Percy, age 30, hardware merchant James, Spencer, age 31, hardware salesman Neal, Philipp H, age 26, hardware salesman Adkins, Jjames, age 24, hardware salesman Scofield, Robert P, age 24, hardware salesman Vass, James, age 58, hardware bookkeeper France, Peter, age 45, day laborer Broadnax, Kathie, age 61, wid (B) Carter, Leamus, age 21 Slade, William, age 21, bookkeeper</p>
1910 Census	<p>Renter Wife Son Daughter Grandson Sister-in-law</p>	<p>Wooding, Harry, age 65, mayor - Ella M, age 56 - Harry, age 26, attorney Spencer, E A, age 35 - Harry W, age 5 Barkesdale, Emma B, age 56</p>

		4 boarders
1920 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Daughter Grandson	Wooding, Harry, age 75, mayor - Mary Ella, age 67 - Harry, age 35, lawyer - Elmora, age 27 Spencer, Emily, age 46, div, stenographer, rail co. - Harry W, age 15
1927 Directory		Smoot, T A Rev., pastor, Main Street Methodist Church
1930 Census	Renter Wife Servant	Means, Eldred R, age 33, Methodist clergyman - Ella G, age 55 Williams, Ola, age 23 (B)
1935 Directory		Chenault, Fred R, Rev.
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son	Wright, William Archer, age 51, Methodist minister - Lucille C, age 55 - William Archer Jr., age 21
1945 Directory		Acey, Archie E Rev.
1950 Directory		Beale, Jefferson D Jr., physician
1950 Census	Head Wife Daughter	Beale, Jefferson D Jr, age 34, pediatric physician - Louise R, age 33 - Jane E, age 2
1960 Directory		Williams, Mary H Mrs., lawyer Williams, Frank H Piedmont Girl Scout Council
1970 Directory		Williams, Mary H Mrs., lawyer Care, Fred
1977 Directory		Oakes, Doris
1984 Directory		Realty World Bengston & Co. Ltd. Chiropractic Health Center Bengston, Gary L, lawyer
1990 Directory		Bengston, Gary L, lawyer
2007 Assessor	Owner	Bengston, Evelyn (wid Gary L) to 841 Main Street Inc., \$10,000

Times-Dispatch 18 Oct 1903: A prospective wedding of great interest in this city is that of Miss Empsie Ayres Wooding, second daughter of Captain and Mrs. Harry Wooding, of Danville, to Mr. Frank Fessenden Spencer. The nuptials are to be celebrated on Wednesday, October 28th ...

Times Dispatch 5 Dec 1909: Mrs. Overton Boatwright entertained the Sans Souci Club at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Harry Wooding, on Main Street ...

Bee 22 Sep 1922: Trustees Sale of Real Estate: Pursuant to the terms of a Deed of Trust to me from C. M. Flinn and wife ...

Bee 31 Jan 1925: Main Street M. E. Church Circle no. 6. Mrs. J. C. Jordan, chairman, with Mrs. T. A. Smoot, 841 Main street.

Bee 3 Feb 1930: Circle 2, of the Main Street Methodist church auxiliary will give a Valentine tea at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Means, 841 Main Street ...

Bee 28 Jul 1934: Danville's two dispensaries will open one within a few weeks of the other. George Snead who selects sites for the state stores for the ABC board ... Good progress is being made on the dispensary at 841 Main street just above the Stonewall hotel ...

Bee 1 Feb 1941: Main Street Methodist church circle No. 2, Mrs. W. A. Barr, leader, with Mrs. H. P. Myers, 841 Main Street. ...

Bee 24 Jan 1945: In an effort to conserve fuel, the regular Wednesday night prayer meetings of Main Street Church are being held in the homes of members of the congregation. Tonight the worship will be held at three homes ... and at the parsonage at 841 Main Street. The Rev. A. E. Acey stated ...

Bee 18 Dec 1952: The Glenwood Woman's Club will meet this evening with Mrs. Hugh T. Williams, 841 Main St. Christmas gifts will be exchanged.

Bee 18 May 1953: Capt. Jefferson D. Beale, Jr., of 841 Main, Danville, is now at the Medical Field Service School, located at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to attend a four weeks orientation course in military medical service. The class is made up of officers recently called to duty ...

Bee 24 Oct 1953: Display Ad: Jefferson D. Beale, Jr., M.D., announces the re-opening of offices at 841 Main Street. Practice limited to infants and children.

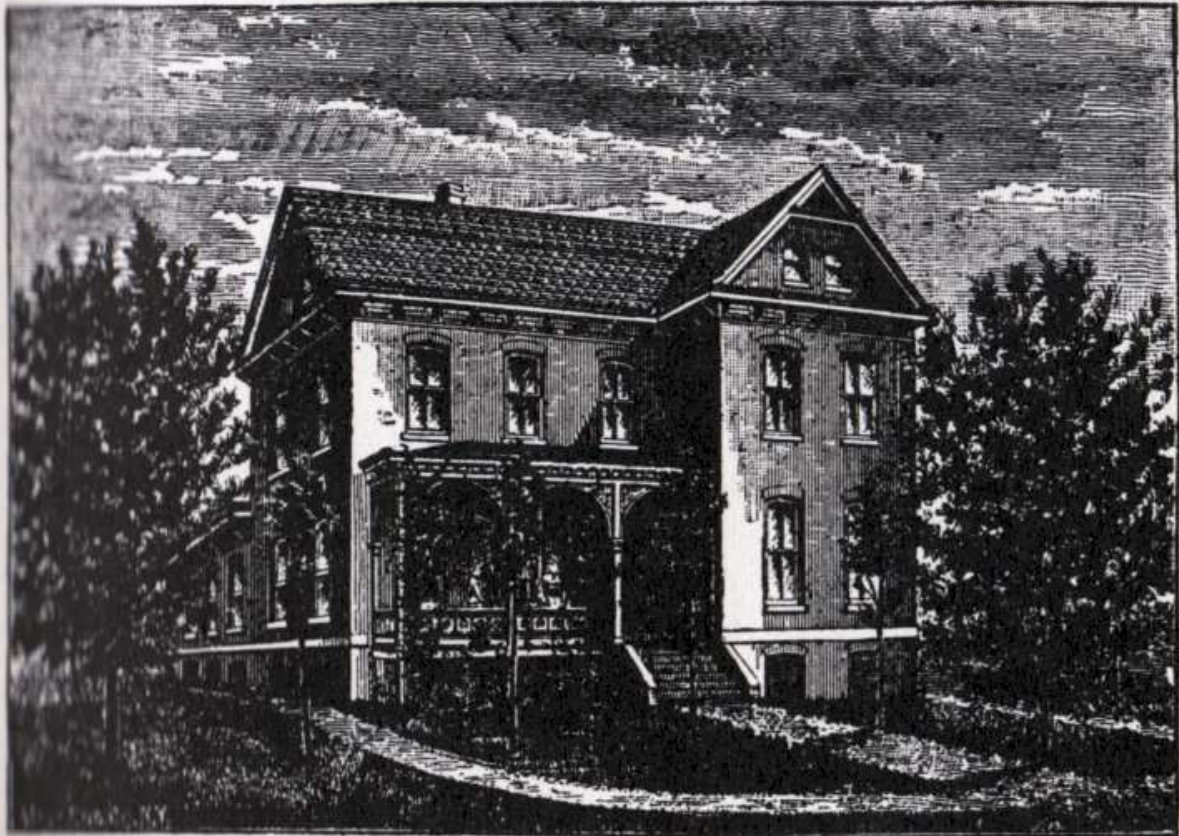
Bee 3 Jul 1957: Complimenting Mrs. E. S. Douglas Jr., a recent bride, Mrs. Frank H. Williams and Miss Eva Marshall entertained at a bride-canasta party last evening at the Williams apartment, 841 Main St.

Bee 13 Jun 1971: Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Hugh T. Williams, Jr., son of Mrs. Mary H. Williams of 841 Main St., has deployed from New York aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Spencer ...

Bee 24 Jun 1973: Two houses at 841 and 855 Main St. may be torn down to make way for a professional building for doctors if the Architectural Review Board grants a request coming before it Tuesday. ...

Bee 27 Jun 1973: The Commission for Architectural Review yesterday approved 4-2 a request for the demolition of houses at 841 and 855 Main St. Whether the houses are actually torn down depends on approval of plans for a doctor's building ...

Bee 2 Feb 1977: Houses for Sale: 841 Main St. Nice income property in the heart of the Historic District. 5 apartments renting for \$610 monthly. Price includes all furniture and appliances. ...



RESIDENCE OF C. M. FLINN, Esq.

Main St 842**Wiseman House**

PID 26399



1881 Directory		Wiseman, Henry A, druggist - Mary A, wid
1888 Directory	Rear	Wiseman, Henry A, druggist - Miss Mary - Mrs. Mary, wid - Miss N E Brown, Charles, boarder (Kinney Tobacco Works) Parriss, Percy, boarder, clerk Dalton, Kenny, cook (B) Haston, Mary, washer (B) Hunt, Mat, coachman (B)
1890 Directory	Rear	Wiseman, Henry A, druggist - Miss Mary W - Mrs. Mary A, wid Dalton, Kenny, domestic (B) Douglas, Kate, domestic (B) Hoddie, John, tobacco worker (B) Valentine, Jeff, driver (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Son Daughter Mother Sister Head Wife Head Daughter Head	Wiseman, Henry, age 56 - Willa, age 52 - Henry, age 22 - P Willie, age 18 - W Annie, age 14 - May A, age 77 - A Ellie, age 54 Nunely, Henry, age 60 (B) - Nancy, age 53 (B) Burton, N Belle, age 23 (B) Falden, N Ellen, age 9 (B) Wary, Hattie, age 25 (B)
1910 Census	Head Son Daughter Sister-in-law Boarder Boarder	Wiseman, Willis A, age 60, wid - Henry J, age 32 - Willie A, age 23 - Nannie, age 62 Crews, Frances, age 40 - Louise, age 29

	Servant Rear Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Rear Daughter	Ragsdale, John, age 18 (B) Newman, Robert, age 41 - Ida, age 35 - Sallie, age 17 - Nora, age 19 - Nannie, age 14 Rhineheart, Ellen, age 38, wid - Mary, age 13
1920 Census	Rear Servant	Tanner, Mary, age 40 (B) Wyatt, Camilla, age 21 (B)
1927 Directory		Wiseman H A Jr., physician
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son Mother Aunt Servant Servant	Wiseman, Henry A, age 52, value \$18,000 - Annie B, age 43 - Henry A III, age 10 - Annie B, age 6 - Plumer, age 3 - Willie A, age 82, wid - Nannie E, age 83 Freeman, Mary, age 50, wid (B) - Ruby, age 18 (B)
1935 Directory		Wiseman, Henry A, physician
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son	Wiseman, Henry A, age 62, medical doctor, private practice - Annie B, age 52 - Henry A III, age 19 - Annie B, age 16 - Plumer W, age 13
1945 Directory		Wiseman, Henry A Jr., physician
1950 Directory		Wiseman, Henry A Jr., physician Wiseman, Henry A III, physician
1950 Census	Head Wife Son	Wiseman, Henry A Jr, age 72, medical doctor - Annie B, age 63 - Plumer W, age 23, bookkeeper, tobacco factory
1960 Directory		Wiseman, Henry A Jr., physician
1970 Directory		American National Red Cross (Danville Chapter)
1977 Directory		American National Red Cross
1984 Directory		American National Red Cross
1990 Directory		American Red Cross
2006 Assessor	Transfer	Gray, Pamela J to Holloway, \$250,050
2007 Tour	Owner	Brian and Laura Holloway
2012 Assessor	Transfer	Holloway, Brian C & Laura L to Thompson, Allen M, \$176,000
2018 Assessor	Transfer	Thompson, Allen M to Kent, John Eugene & Mary, \$178,000

Times-Dispatch 9 Jul 1904: Miss Nannie Wiseman, of Danville, is the guest of Mrs. Norman Randolph, this city.

Times-Dispatch 15 Oct 1911: Mrs. Henry A. Wiseman has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Williwee, to Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, N.C., the ceremony to take place ... in the First Prebyterian Church. This will be the first wedding to be celebrated in the new church.

Bee 7 Aug 1934: Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for Miss Anne Eliza Wiseman, known to hundreds of Danville people as Miss Nannie Wiseman, who passed away in her ninetieth year ... at the home of her nephew, Dr. Henry A. Wiseman, 842 Main street. ...

Bee 18 Sep 1950: The West End Garden Club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Henry A. Wiseman Jr., 842 Main Street ...

Bee 2 Apr 1969: The Danville Chapter of the American Red Cross will move by the end of April or possibly early May from its present address 803 Main Street to the former Wiseman residence at 842 Main Street ...

Tour Book 2007:

Dr. Henry A. Wiseman, Jr., completed this stuccoed, English-cottage-style house for his bride on the eve of the First World War. The row of large boxwood bordering the front yard actually leads to the site of an earlier family home -- built in 1870 -- where Dr. Wiseman was born, and which stood somewhat behind the setback of the present house. In fact, three successive generations named Henry A. Wiseman -- each associated with the medical profession -- lived either in the earlier or the present house on the property, which once comprised an acre. That acreage was reduced substantially after 1901, when the elder Wiseman sold the right side yard for Mr. E.G. Moseley to build his house at 840 Main which, judging from old maps, virtually hugged the old Wiseman homeplace.

Following a century of ownership by the Wiseman family -- from 1869 to 1969 in two successive houses -- the property served as headquarters for the Danville-area chapter of the American Red Cross for over three decades. In 2002, the house began its long journey back from years of institutional use when the first owner-occupants in many years, Pam Gray and Mike Sampson -- both skilled at old house rejuvenation -- turned their attention to this diamond in the rough and reclaimed it for their home.

The next, and current, owners have continued the transformation, working to recapture the charm of the old Wiseman house, built from plans by the architect J. Bryant Heard. Since their 2006 relocation to Danville for Mr. Holloway's job with LunaNanoWorks, the couple have rehung shutters original to the windows on a newly-repainted, cheerful facade. Inside, they are fine-tuning the renovation initiated five years ago, adding their personal stamp to the 90-year-old Wiseman house.

Main St 847

1888 Directory		Cosby, J H (J H Cosby & Bro) Caitlin, James T, insurance, real estate, and bank cashier Law, J W, bookkeeper - Peter B, tobacco buyer
1890 Directory		Exall, Miss Susan Wheat, M B Alexander, Signora, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Renter Daughter Head Wife Daughter Daughter Boarder Boarder Boarder	Pierce, Hannah E, age 65 - Maud B, age 27 Corbin, Thomas A, age 40, tobacconist - Cora R, age 40 - Ethel C, age 15 - Evleyene R, age 6 Sevithsom, Charles C, age 37, grocery merchant Goldsborough, Harry, age 20, baggage clerk Fields, John B, age 31, tobacconist
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Daughter Sister-in-law Lodger	Wadill, E R, age 60, printer, own business - Elizabeth R, age 40 - Hillin M, age 22, music teacher - Norah L, age 20 - Lucy C, age 17 - Elizabeth R, age 13 Miller, Maud, age 45 Wallise, E M, age 29, druggist
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Vacant
1930 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter	Yarborough, E Page, age 33, clerk, railroad - Meekie, age 30 - E page Jr., age 16 - Mary A D, age 3
1935 Directory		Savage, George N
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Son Daughter Daughter Son Son Daughter Moth-in-law Head Wife Head	Savage, George N, age 57, physical director YMCA - Ruth E, age 47 - James, age 18 - Barbara, age 17 - John F, age 16, roving hauling, Dan River Mills - Betty, age 15 - Ruth, age 13 - Richard E, age 11 - Robert I, age 9 - Ann, age 6 Trowbridge, Fannie, age 74, wid Savage, Harry M, age 23, shipping clerk, cotton mills - Margaret, age 19 Burnett, Ben, age 21, shipping clerk, cotton mills

	Wife Son	- Annie B, age 18 - Bobbie D, age 10/12
1945 Directory		Savage, George N
1950 Directory		Hall, Henry
1950 Census	Head Wife Head Wife Son Lodgers - 7	Shelton, Thomas J, age 25, watch repair, jewelry store - Mary A, age 21, operator, telephone co Hall, Henry, age 61, mill manager, lumber mill - Ruby I, age 44 - Dennis E, age 25, insulation salesman, wholesale insulation co
1960 Directory		Thomas, Mattie R Mrs. Rear vacant
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Joined to 849

Bee 31 Jan 1922: One steam-heated furnished room for one or two gentlemen. 847 Main St.

Bee 30 May 1923: Two gambling raids featured the activities of the police during the night. One was conducted this morning at 1:30 o'clock at 847 Main street, next door above Mayor Wooding's old residence and resulted in six arrests ...

Bee 19 Sep 1925: Display Ad: Auction Sale. On Wednesday next we are going to sell for Mrs. N. R. Sandy, 847 Main Street ... the contents of her fine home ...

Bee 22 Jun 1928: Miles Maloney, Jr., six-year-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Maloney, was recovering at his home, 847 Main street today, from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car ...

Bee 11 Dec 1930: Mrs. C. L. Holland, who has been a patient at Memorial hospital for two weeks, is recuperating at the home of Mrs. Page Yarborough, 847 Main street.

Bee 6 Dec 1937: Display Ad: White's Beauty Shop, 847 Main Street, Phone 2387

Bee 30 Aug 1938: In an informal ceremony, the marriage of two popular young people ... Miss Margaret Bowden Motley was married to Harry Milton Savage. ... Mr. Savage is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Savage, 847 Main Street ...

Bee 2 Dec 1941: The course of instruction given recruits at the Naval Training Station at Norfolk has been completed by James L. Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Savage, of 847 Main street ...

Bee 13 Apr 1943: Danville mothers with four or more children in the armed services are being honored with special emblems ... Two more are to be given the awards today – Mrs. J. C. Jordan of 869 Main Street, who has four sons in the services, and Mrs. George N. Savage, 847 Main Street, with three sons and a daughter in the services.

Bee 26 Jun 1943: George N. Savage of 847 Main Street, will appear on a broadcast with members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps over Radio Station WBTM, Monday, from 4:45 to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Savage is the father of Corporal Barbara Abbott, who is now stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida. ...

Bee 31 Jul 1945: ... Sgt. Barbara Abbott ... had seven brothers in the service.

Bee 16 May 1946: The Main street property of the late Mrs. Bessie Waddill was put up at public auction yesterday afternoon and was sold to Mrs. R. S. Wooten for \$6,226 ...

Bee 24 Aug 1950: Dennis Earl Hall, 26, of 847 Main Street was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days on a reckless driving charge ...

Bee 6 Aug 1955: Display Ad: Trustee Sale. 15-Room Apartment House, 847 Main Street ...

Register 27 Mar 1962: A building permit was issued yesterday for demolition of the apartment building at 847-849 Main St., which now houses Belmont Rooms.

Bee 1 Apr 1962: Belmont Apartments at 847 Main Street has been purchased by Larry Miller and will be torn down within the next 60 days. Larry has plans for a ultra modern 16 unit apartment building on the site.



Main St 849

1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Stacy, A J
1930 Census	Renter Daughter Granddau Renter Wife Daughter Grandson Grandson Renter Wife Son Son Son	Peterson, Camelia, age 65, wid Mason, Lizzie P, age 38, cotton mill - Unice, age 16 Wooding, Garland S, age 45, salesman - Annie C, age 68 Schoolfield, Mary W, age 38, div - James E, age 13 - Sam Jr., age 11 Brown, Hendricks T, age 45, buyer, tobacco warehouse - Eula E, age 40 - Douglas R, age 17, tobacco manufacturing - Taylor E, age 16 - Curtis W, age 13
1935 Directory		Hyler, Oscar Kambisis, Michael S Stout, William M
1940 Census		5 apartments
1945 Directory	a b	Johnson, Vannie Mrs. Lobl, Victor Kapustin, Max Rev.
1950 Directory	a b	Johnson, Vannie Mrs. Lobl, Victor Massis, David Rev.
1950 Census	Head Wife Head Wife Daughter Son Head Mother	Massis, David, age 29, rabbi - Bettie, age 25 Lobl, Victor, age 48, technical engineer, cotton mill - Olga, age 37 - Vera, age 13 - Tommy J, age 5 Grey, John C, age 33, insulation salesman, insulation co - Bernice, age 52, wid
1960 Directory		Belmont Rooms, furnished rooms Marvin, Vivian F Mrs.
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Joined to 847

Bee 25 Jun 1934: Display Ad: Lasting and Lovely Permanent Waves ... Artistic Wave Shop, 849 Main Street.

Bee 19 Nov 1936: There will be a meeting of the Woman's Union Prayer circle at the residence of Mrs. T. J. Hall, 849 Main street ...

Bee 1 Dec 1954: Miss Vera Lobl, 849 Main St., has been selected as the local community winner of the eighth annual Voice of Democracy Contest held last week ...

Bee 27 Mar 1962: A building permit was issued yesterday for the demolition of the apartment building at 847-849 Main St., which now houses Belmont Rooms. ...

Main St 854**Lipscomb House**

PID 25523



1888 Directory	Rear	Lipscomb, Miss Lizzie - William H (W H Lipscomb & Bro) Graves, L, Cook (B)
1890 Directory		Lipscomb, William H (W H Lipscomb & Bro) Montague, Andrew J, lawyer Mayham, Drew, cook (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Daughter Brother Boarder Biarder	Lipscomb, William, age 54 - Mary, age 47 - M Elizabeth, age 17 - Robert H, age 40 Perkinson, J Edward, age 34 - Lillie, age 25
1910 Census	Head Wife Son-in-law Daughter Grandson	Lipscomb, William B, age 65 - Mary, age 2 Gravely, Treadway, age 32 - Ethel, age 28 - William T, age 4
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Gravely, W T
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son Son Mother	Gravely, W T, age 49, value \$15,000 - Ethel L, age 40 - W T Jr., age 23 - Fenton N, age 14 Lipscomb, Mrs. L A, age 79
1935 Directory		Gravely, W Tredway
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son Dau-in-law	Gravely, W Tredway, age 60, senior partner, real estate & insurance - Ethel L, age 58 - Fenton N, age 25, leaf tobacco factory - Mary E, age 22
1945 Directory		Gravely, W Tredway
1950 Directory		Gravely, W Tredway
1950 Census	Head Wife	Gravely, Willis T, age 70 - mary E, age 69
1960 Directory		Vacant
1970 Directory		Watson, M Howell
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent

1977 Directory		Watson, M Howell, physician
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Watson, M Howell
1990 Directory		Watson, M Howell
1996 Tour	Owner	Dr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Starr
2002 Tour	Owner	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher M Okay
2007 Assessor	Transfer	Okay, Christopher M & Priscilla D to Primary Closing, \$300,000
2008 Assessor	Transfer	Primacy Closing Corporation to Raynor, Robert Allen & Bertellotti, Rae, \$235,000
2019 Assessor	Transfer	Rayner, Robert Allen to Marklew, Christina Dim, \$199,500

Times-Dispatch 17 May 1904: Mrs. W. H. Lipscomb, of Danville, Va., is the guest of Governor and Mrs. Montague at the Mansion.

Times-Dispatch 22 Dec 1904: Mr. Tredway Gravely and Miss May Ethel Lipscomb were married at the First Baptist Church her this evening. Rev. J. C. Hicks officiated.

Times-Dispatch 5 Feb 1911: The Sans Souci Card Club was entertained by Mrs. Treadway Gravely ... at her home on Main Street. ...

Times-Dispatch 8 Oct 1911: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Catlin, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Tredway Graveley have retruned from Martinsville, where they attended the Dodson-Mullins nuptials ...

Bee 14 Mar 1923: Wanted: A good cook. Apply to Mrs. Tredway Graveley, 854 Main street.

Bee 12 Dec 1927: Invitations have been issued for the marriage on Wednesday, December 21st of Miss Ethel Lipscomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Henry Lipscomb, to Willis Tredway Graveley, the ceremony to be performed at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist church. A wedding reception will follow at the home of the bride's parents, 854 Main street.

Register 24 Nov 1962: Display Ad: Dr. M. H. Watson announces the removal of offices from 705 Main Street to 854 Main St.

Register 19 Feb 1967: The Fireside Book Club will meet Thursday ... with Mrs. M.H. Watson at her home, 854 Main St. ...

Tour Book 1996:

With preservation in their bloodlines, Dr. Starr and his wife, Kelly, found their way to River City to join the Neurology Clinic of Dr. Jeff Crittenden and family who are busy finishing the restoration of the Paxton House at 815 Main Street for the Spring 1997 Garden Tour. The William H. Lipscomb home at 854 Main Street had been rescued recently from years as a medical office by local attorney, Brian Turpin, and family, who needed more bedrooms with the birth of their third child, and decided to sell about the time of the Starrs' arrival.

As a result of an 1883 chancery suit presided over by Harry Wooding, Special Commissioner, this eighty-foot lot was sold by R. W. Hobson for \$4,350 to devoted brothers and business partners, James E. and W.H. Lipscomb, to be divided and shared for the construction of their mirror image homes in 1885. The existing driveway divided the lot between the long facing porches of each

dwelling. When James died in 1902, his property was sold to his wealthy neighbor to the south, James Gabriel Penn, and second wife, Sallie. This twin dwelling was demolished and the brick reused to build the carriage house and servant quarters on tour today at 862 Main Street.

The Lipscomb brothers operated a successful grocery and general merchandise business at the bottom of Main Street near its intersection with Bridge. In such a prime location near the Riverside Cotton Mills and the tobacco warehouses, the Lipscombs surely profited handsomely from the burgeoning local economy. Migrating from Pittsylvania County with his parents, William - one of twelve children - served in the Confederate Army's Danville Grays, Company B, 18th Virginia Regiment. He married Mary Augusta North, who died in 1938. The home was left to their daughter, Ethel, who married Willis Tredway Gravely. While residing there, Mr. Gravely operated the firm of Gravely Brothers, an insurance, real estate, and banking concern. With his brother, W. Tredway, he co-founded Union Mutual Building and Loan Association, later known as First Federal. His obituary related that he was a member of the Danville Philosopher's Club when spirited discussions emanated from the late Alonza Traylor, Arthur Taylor, and Harry Ficklen.

In the 1950s, their son, Fenton North Gravely, and family moved back to his childhood home to be with his mother, making the fourth generation of the same family in a span of over seventy-seven years to occupy the home. In 1962, the property was sold to Dr. and Mrs. M. Howell Watson who resided upstairs over the office of his ophthalmology practice. When the Turpins arrived on the scene, the now-spacious kitchen was created from small rooms with lowered ceilings into a state-of-the-art culinary delight, especially with the addition of the French doors and a deck. Of special note in the formal parlor, the egg and dart crown molding enhances the decorative style.

Tour Book 2002:

In the heady days of Danville's tobacco boom, business partners and devoted brothers James and William Lipscomb had brick "townhouses" built side by side, each nearly the mirror image of the other. James' house was razed just after the turn of the 20th century for the expansion of James G. Penn's mansion and carriage drive next door. William's house survives at 854 Main Street. Built in 1885, it shows Italian and French Renaissance influence, with a Gothic window added for good measure. A rich bracketed cornice and colored slates on the octagonal roof complete its well-developed architectural character.

Members of the Lipscomb and Gravely families -- related by marriage -- continued to reside here for many years, followed by Dr. and Mrs. M. Howell Watson. Since 1993, a series of young couples has renovated the house in succession, most recently Chris and Priscilla Okay. Since moving to Danville from Washington, D.C., only two years ago, the Okays have lavished considerable attention, inside and out, on the proud structure, as well as its rear garden.

Main St 855**Fernald House**

PID 22418



1881 Directory		Fernald, Mrs. W L, wid
1888 Directory	Rear	Talbott, G P, bookkeeper Pace, Maria (B)
1890 Directory		Fernald, Mrs. W L Puryear, George, domestic (B)
1900 Census		
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Servant Rear Head Lodger Lodger	Allin, Montgomery A, age 56, leaf tobacco dealer - Pattie T, age 55 - Isibell M, age 22 Hutson, Hattie, age 45, housekeeper Hughes, Ann, age 60, cook (B) Tinsley, Caroline, age 60, wid, cook (B) Darling, George, age 30, presser (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son-in-law Daughter Servant Servant Servant	Allen, M I, age 65 - Pattie, age 72 Young, Eddie B, age 34, bookkeeper - Ima, age 32 Hendson, Hattie, age 49, housekeeper Rown, Laura, age 65, cook (B) Lee, Ada, age 40, factory laborer (B)
1927 Directory		Ahen, M I Mrs.
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Daughter Lodger	Butler, Jackson M, age 33, manager, dept. chain store - Angie, age 30 - Carolina, age 8 - Virginia, age 5 Chatelein, Mathilda, age 45, insurance agent
1935 Directory		Holcombe, Annie L, Mrs.
1940 Census	Renter Wife Lodger Lodger	Sykes, H B, age 51, decorator - Ola S, age 53 Grant, Eleanor, age 35, hat shop saleslady Clark, Brady, age 32, retail salesman
1945 Directory		Sykes, Harry B, interior decorator and antiques
1950 Directory		Sykes, Harry B, interior decorator and antiques
1950 Census	Head Wife Lodgers - 3	Sykes, Harry B, age 73 - Ola S, age 69, antique dealer

1960 Directory		Gordon, Henry H Cobb, Janie H Mrs.
1970 Directory		Guest Home
1977 Directory		Guest Home
1984 Directory	a b	Canavan, Michael T, podiatrist Vacant Southworth, Amy E
1990 Directory	a b	Ambulatory Foot Care Center Inc. Canavan, Michael T, podiatrist Steffan, Steve G, podiatrist Vacant Vacant
1996 Tour	Owner	Mr. & Mrs. Brad Whichard
2000 Assessor	Transfer	Beverly, Darrell L to Vick, Thomas M & Wendy M, \$85,000
2014 Assessor	Transfer	Vick, Thomas M & Wendy M to Johnson, \$120,000
2015 Assessor	Owner	Johnson, Chanise D

Times Dispatch 18 Jun 1911: Mrs. Joseph Moye, of Greenville, is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Allen, Main Street.

Bee 7 Nov 1924: The Shakespeare Club meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. E. B. Young, 855 Main street ...

Bee 16 Dec 1926: The Woman's Union Prayer meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Allen, 855 Main street ...

Bee 11 Mar 1939: First Presbyterian Church circle No. 1, Mrs. Floyd Revere, leader, with Mrs. H. B. Sykes, 855 Main St.

Bee 12 May 1942: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sykes, of 855 Main street, have received word that their son, Philip A. Sykes, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. ...

Bee 4 Mar 1944: ... outstanding performances like that of Lieutenant Colonel Philip Sykes, 855 Main St., Danville, Va., in a recent mission against the enemy ...

Bee 21 Aug 1946: Col. Phil A. Sykes left yesterday for Colorado Springs ... his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sykes, of 855 Main Street.

Bee 30 Nov 1950: H. B. Sykes, aged 73, well known in Danville as a dealer in antiques and as an interior decorator, died at his home 855 Main Street at four o'clock this morning ... He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ola Searcy Sykes of Danville; two sons, Col. Philip Sykes with the U. S. Army Air Force stationed at Lima, Peru, and Binford H. Sykes of Detroit, Michigan ...

Bee 18 Jun 1952: Display Ad: Auction Sale. Property of the late Kate M. Throckmorton ... 855 Main Street, 2 story frame, 8 rooms, 2 baths, steam heat ... 848-50 Green Street, 2 story frame, 16 rooms, 2 baths, oil heat, 4 apartments ... 905-7 Green Street, 2 story frame, 12 rooms, 2 full baths, 2 apartments, stove heat ...

Bee 27 Jun 1973: The Commission for Architectural Review yesterday approved 4-2 a request for the demolition of houses at 841 and 855 Main St. Whether the houses are actually torn down depends on approval of plans for a doctor's building ...

Tour Book 1996:

According to architectural historian, Russell Wright the American Picturesque home at 855 Main Street is uniquely detailed, which has become evident again with the restoration painting this year by its new residents.

The circular pavilion porch, bracketed cornice, and elaborate window heads now draw the attention of the touring pedestrian when just months ago the home was neglected and deteriorated from its life as a medical office.

Having faced the threat of demolition several times since it was built in 1878, the home of William L. Fernald, local IRS collector, had a checkered past after the early death of its first owner in 1885. Fernald's widow, Julia Alberta Gravely, came from Henry County where her father headed the successful tobacco manufacturing firm of B.F. Gravely & Sons. Suffering extreme financial difficulties, she mortgaged the home to her brother and returned to Henry County until her death in 1939. In 1904, Montgomery Adkins Allen and his wife, Martha Isabelle Thompson, purchased the home for \$4,000. Mr. Allen moved here from Reidsville, N.C., where he served as mayor while working as a tobacco buyer for American Tobacco Company and later Export Tobacco Company.

Their only child, Ima Allen, married Edward Bickford Young who had relocated to Danville from Rochester, N.Y., with his parents. Mr. Young, a local tobacconist, formed a partnership with Emmett McGee in the Reliance Tobacco Company and Reliance Storage Company in a brick warehouse still standing below DIMON, Inc.'s headquarters on the corner of Bridge and Colquhoun Streets. The young couple resided here with her parents until they moved to 911 Main Street which later was demolished for the educational building of First Presbyterian Church.

In 1931, Emma Throckmorton purchased the property for \$6,500, but never moved from her home on Broad Street. During her twenty-one years of ownership, the home was rental property. In 1952, the home was sold to local real estate salesman, Henry Hobson Gordon, and his wife, Virginia Mann, who resided here for twelve years and converted the basement to apartments. In 1964, William L. Miller and Fred B. Leggett, Jr., purchased this home and an adjacent property, which was demolished, with plans to build an apartment complex or office building. Blocked by neighborhood opposition, the project never materialized. In 1975, its proximity to a project proposed on Pine Street, a high-rise apartment complex to house elderly and handi- capped residents, again threatened demolition. Preservation-minded neighbors again rose in protest and this project was built instead as Holiday Village on Riverside Drive.

Purchased in 1996 by Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Beverly for their son and his family, the future portends a hopeful life for this charming Victorian home, which is open for tour as a "restoration in progress".

Main St 856

1888 Directory		Lipscomb, Miss Binner - Mrs. Sarah, wid - James E (W H Lipscomb & Bro)
1890 Directory		Lipscomb, Miss Benna - James E (W H Lipscomb & Bro) - Robert (Williamson & Lipscomb) - Mrs. Sallie, wid Lovelace, Martha, domestic (B) Medley, Martha, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Dau-in-law Daughter Servant	Lipscomb, James, age 52 - Lillian, age 33 - James Jr., age 24 - B Rosa, age 20 M Belle, age 9 Powell, Alice, age 35 (B)
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		

This house removed to create carriage house for 862 Main

Main St 861

1888 Directory		Ferrell, Miss Lena - P W, leaf dealer (E T Ferrell & Co) - Miss Rosa Allen - T N, tobacco buyer Fitzgerald, William R, clerk rear Davis, George, tobacco worker (B)
1890 Directory		Ferrell, P W, leaf dealer (E T Ferrell & Co) - Thomas N, tobacconist Miller, John G, bank clerk Paxton, W T (J A Craddock & Co) Hairston, Salle, domestic (B) Medley, Mose, laborer (B)
1900 Census	Owner Nephew Niece Boarder Boarder Servant Servant	Ferrell, Peter W, age 68, tobacconist - Alfred R, age 38, tobacconist - Mable H, age 20 Fitzgerald, William P, age 35, tobacconist Purtz, R Lundy, age 31, druggist Towens, Ettie J, age 20 (B) Edwill, Silvester, age 54 (B)
1910 Census	Owner Daughter Grandson Boarder Boarder Servant Servant	Ferrell, Peter W, age 78, wid, leaf tobacco dealer Weller, Lizzie F, age 42 - William T, Jr., age 9 Fitzgerald, W R, age 44 Hubbard, P E age, 32, bookkeeper, tobacco factory Holland, Annie N, age 54, cook (B) - Wesley J, age 56
1920 Census	Owner Son Servant	Weller, Laura, age 50, boarding house keeper - William, age 18, real estate salesman 9 boarders Nelson, Bettie, age 50, cook (B)
1927 Directory		Weller, T A
1930 Census	Owner Son Dau-in-law Servant	Weller, Lizzie F, age 62 - William, age 29, salesman - Julia, age 24 Hatchet, Mary, age 35 (B)
1935 Directory		Raymond, Willard K
1940 Census	Owner Lodger	Dickerson, Delphia, age 49, wid, city school teacher Shelton, Windsor, stock room clerk 3 apartments
1945 Directory		Messenger, G L Rev. Moore, William L
1950 Directory		Moore, William L Fulton, Warren C Poindexter, Miles II Walton, E L Jr.

1950 Census	Head Lodger Head Wife Son Head Wife Son	Walton, Mamie I, age 67, wid Ashworth, velma, age 24, secretary, wholesale printing Fulton, WarrenC, age 37, teller, bank - Barbara P, age 27 - Warren c Jr, age 2 Poindexter, Miles, age 39, trust officer, bank - Ellen J, age 37 - Miles III, age 4
1960 Directory	1 2 3 4 rear	Vicks, Daniel L Vacant Kodejs, Edward Turner, Jack O Lynch, Florence Mrs.
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Times-Dispatch 9 Jul 1904: Mr. T. Ashby Weller has joined his wife, who is visiting her father, Mr. P. W. Ferrell, in Danville.

Times-Dispatch 22 Aug 1909: Mrs. John G. Miller and daughter, Lena, of Richmond, are the guests of P. W. Ferrell, Main Street.

Times-Dispatch 6 Mar 1910: Mrs. John Miller, of Richmond, is the guest of her father, P. W. Ferrell, Main Street.

Bee 4 Dec 1928: For Rent: Living room, dressing room, bath, bed room on first floor – open fires, kitchen privileges if desired. Apply by letter to Mrs. T. A. Weller, 861 Main St.

Bee 23 Jul 1929: Display Ad: We recommend the purchase of Prudential Investors, Inc. ... William A. Weller, 861 Main Street ...

Bee 25 Jun 1936: The regular meeting of the Woman's Union Prayer Circle will be held ... with Mrs. J. H. Dickerson, 861 Main street.

Bee 6 Feb 1937: First Presbyterian Church circle No. 5 – Mrs. A. C. Franklin, leader, with Mrs. W. M. Miller, 861 Main street.

Bee 7 Jun 1937: Large Four-Room Apartment. Water, heat, garage furnished. 861 Main St. Phone 2413-W. Mrs. J. H. Dickerson.

Bee 29 Jul 1937: J. B. Dickerson and wife of Hamburg, Conn., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dickerson, at their home, 861 Main Street.

Bee 14 Mar 1941: Miss Mary Lou Nussman of 861 Main Street left Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. Wayland Weld, for a visit to relatives in Greenfield, Mass.

Bee 30 Dec 1941: Mr. and Mrs. George Terry arrived Sunday from their wedding trip to New Orleans, and are now making their home at 861 Main Street.

Bee 5 Aug 1943: News of the death of First Lieutenant George W. Terry Jr., in North Africa on July 25 following a serious illness, was received by his father, G. W. Terry, 861 Main street, last night. ... Mr. Terry was called by his son's wife, the former Miss Kathryn Crooks, of Concord, N.C., who had received a wire from the War Department ... He was born in Norfolk December 25, 1920, the son of Mr. Terry and the late Mrs. Leavie Turner Terry. ...

Bee 6 Nov 1943: E. Byron Meador, Jr., grandson of Mrs. W, A. Meador and a nephew of Mrs. Jesse M. Travis, both of 861 Main Street, died on Monday as a result of injuries sustained in a motor accident at a California camp where he was stationed with an infantry unit. ...

Bee 1 Oct 1945: Display Ad: Auction Sale. 4-Apartment House – No. 861 Main St.



Bee 30 Aug 1946: Display Ad: At Auction ... This apartment house property, 861 Main St.

Bee 15 Aug 1947: Display Ad: 19 Room Apartment House – five apartments. 861 Main Street. At Auction.

Bee 6 Apr 1950: Display Ad: Valuable 5-Apt. Building, 861 Main St.

Bee 30 Oct 1950: Wanted: Maid for general housework. Apply Mrs. Warren Fulton, 861 Main St. ...

Bee 11 Jun 1953: Call 5141-R for your next permanent wave ... Mrs. Grace Robinson, 861 Main St.

Bee 13 Jan 1955: Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie Irby Walton, of 861 Main St., who died in Sunnyvale Nursing Home at Alexandria ... She was the mother of the late Marvin I. Walton, a well-known Danville attorney. ...

Bee 26 Jan 1956: Final services for John Lindsay Moore, 71, who died late yesterday at his home, 861 Main St. ...

Bee 5 Oct 1961: The old residence at 861 Main St. on premises owned by the First Baptist Church, is being dismantled.

Main St 862**James G. Penn House**

PID 25927



1880 Census	Head Wife Daughter Son Son Daughter Moth-in-law Servant Servant Servant Servant	Penn, J.G., age 34, tobacco com mercht - Sallie, age 28 - Mary, age 7 - Pemberton, age 5 - James, age 3 - Annie, age 8/12 Pemberton, Mary, age 50 Fortune, L, age 36, servant (Mu) Booker, Rosa, age 28, servant (Mu) Bratoter, Cultirn, age 20, (B) Corbin, Anderson, age 21, servant (B)
1881 Directory		Penn, James G (Pemberton & Penn)
1888 Directory		Cabiness, Miss Ada Penn, James G (Pemberton & Penn)
1890 Directory		Penn, James G (Pemberton & Penn) Nunally, John, gardener (B) Price, Elijah, tobacco worker (B) Turner, Jim, driver (B)
1900 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter Servant Servant Servant	Penn, James G, age 52 - S Mary, age 44 - James G Jr., age 23 - A Lee, age 20 Williamson, Louise, age 19 (B) Turner, R Belle, age 43 (B) - James, age 50 (B)
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Penn, S J Mrs.
1930 Census	Owner Wife	Penn, James G, age 52, proprietor, leaf tobacco co - Kathryn age 51
1935 Directory		Wyatt, Landon R
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Daughter	Wyatt, Landon R, age 49, proprietor, automobile dealership - Beulah H, age 42 - Landon Jr, age 14 - Catherine A, age 12 - Dorothy H, age 10

	Daughter Nephew Niece Lodger Lodger Servant Servant	- Bernice B, age 8 Richardson, Edwin R, salesman, automobile dealership Warter, Ina, age 22, clerk, unemployment office Durham, Harold, age 24, salesman, separtment store Lanier, Horace, age 21, clerk, fertilizer manufacturer Ginter, McKinley, age 35, butler (B) Graves, Audrey, age 23, cook (B)
1945 Directory		Wyatt, Landon R
1950 Directory		Wyatt, Landon R
1950 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter Daughter Daughter	Wyatt, Landon R, age 57, proprietor, automobile co - Beula H, age 51 - Landon R Jr, age 24, salesman, automobile - Catherine S, age 22, math teacher, elementary school - Dorothy H, age 20 - Bernice B, age 17
1960 Directory		Wyatt, Landon R
1970 Directory		Wyatt, Landon R
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Wyatt, Beulah H Mrs.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1978 Tour		Dr. and Mrs. Allan A. Hoffman
1990 Directory		Hoffman, Allan A
1990 Tour	Owner	Dr. Allan A Hoffman
1994 Tour		Dr. Allan Hoffman
1995 Assessor	Transfer	To Levine, Max P & Sara F, \$265,000
1996 Tour	Owner	Dr. & Mrs. Max Levine (carriage house)
2010 Assessor	Transfer	Levine, Max P to Federal National Mortgage Association, \$313,870
2011 Assessor	Transfer	Federal National Mortgage Association to Parish, Margaret, \$262,500
2012 Tour	Owner	Peggy Parrish

Times Dispatch 14 Feb 1909: The Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held an interesting meeting Thursday with the vice-regent, Mrs. R. W. Peatross, Main Street. Mrs. James G. Penn, the regent, is spending some time in Europe.

Times Dispatch 30 May 1909: Mrs. James G. Penn and her mother, Mrs. Anna J. Johnson, returned to the city this week after an absence of four months abroad. Mrs. penn and Mrs. Johnson toured Constantinople, Cairo, the Holy Land, and other places of interest in the East.

Times Dispatch 24 Oct 1909: Mrs. Rutherford Dula, Mrs. James G. Penn, and Mrs. John Edward Perkinson attended the Horner-Dula wedding at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson last Saturday. They will return to Danville shortly.

Times Dispatch 28 Nov 1909: Mrs. Boyd, of Charlotte, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James G. Penn, for Thanksgiving.

Times Dispatch 12 Dec 1909: Miss Goldylochs Johnston is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James G. Penn, Sr.

Times Dispatch 6 Feb 1910: Mrs. James G. Penn sails next week from San Francisco on the steamship Cleveland, for Honolulu, Manila, New Zealand, China, Japan, Germany, and the British Isle. She will return to Danville in the early summer.

Times Dispatch 19 Jun 1910: Mrs. James G. Penn, who left San Francisco, on February 6 for a tour of the world, is expected home shortly.

Times Dispatch 17 Jul 1910: Mr. and Mrs. James G. Penn and Mrs. Robert Boyd are at Rockbridge Alum.

Times Dispatch 3 Sep 1911: Mrs. James G. Penn, Sr., who has been traveling in Russia and Poland, is now in Norway.

Times Dispatch 29 Oct 1911: Miss Mary Duke and Miss Caddie Fuller, of New York, are the guests of Mrs. James G. Penn, Sr., Main Street.

Bee 5 Oct 1936: The October meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club will be held ... at the residence of Mrs. Landon Wyatt, 862 Main street. ...

Bee 29 Sep 1947: Three Danville girls who began their studies this week with the formal opening of Converse College at Spartanburg, S.C. are ... Miss Dorothy Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landon R. Wyatt, 862 Main Street.

Bee 15 Jun 1950: A meeting of the Maids-in-Waiting Club has been called tonight ... Miss Kitty Wyatt, of 862 Main Street, will be hostess for the meeting. ...

Bee 18 Jul 1955: Miss Bernice Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landon R. Wyatt, of 862 Main Street ... aboard the liner United States just before sailing from New York harbor on a two-months tour of England, Scotland, and the continent.

Bee 5 Oct 1960: the blue-ribbon winner ... was Mrs. Pearl Allen of 862 Main Street ...

Bee 1 Nov 1961: ... James E. Ferguson of 862 Main St. ...

Bee 24 Aug 1962: Display Ad: Racing Tonight ... Top Modified Driver For Week: Cooper Norman, 862 Main St.

Bee 30 Mar 1968: Jack H. Wyatt, husband of the former Bernice Wyatt of Danville, has been named assistant vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. ... His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landon R. Wyatt, 862 Main St.

Bee 8 Mar 1971: "Probably one of the finest mansions in Danville and certainly a house of statewide architectural significance" is the way the 95-year-old Penn-Wyatt home at 862 Main St. is described by Calder Loth, architectural historian for the Virginia Landmarks Commission. The house was built in 1876 by James Gabriel Penn ...

Bee 14 Jul 1971: Landon Russell Wyatt, Danville businessman and former state legislator, died last night shortly after 10 o'clock at Memorial Hospital. He was 80. ... Wyatt was born Jan 1, 1891, in the Callands community of Pittsylvania County ... He was married to the former Mary Beulah Hundlet who survives along with one son, Landon R. Wyatt Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. F. W. Townes III and Mrs. Robert J. Adams, both of Danville, and Mrs. Jack H. Wyatt of Richmond. ...

Register 17 Oct 1976: Mrs. Mary Beulah Hundley Wyatt, 78, ... died yesterday at her home, 862 Main St., after a lengthy illness. She was born April 25, 1897, at Sandy River, a daughter of the late John Thomas and Christian (Kate) Gravely Hundley. ...

Register 14 Aug 1977: ... "I find an increasing enthusiasm among the people who have chosen to live in the Historic District," says Dr. Allan Hoffman, 862 Main St. ...

Tour Book 1978:

Boldly formed and lavishly detailed, the James G. Penn House exemplifies the eclectic taste of prosperous Danvillians in the last quarter of the 19th century. In October 1978 It was selected as a Virginia Historic Landmark and has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. According to the state landmarks commission the house gains importance from its "especially significant and varied interior and a notable facade that combines Second Empire monumentality and Italianate detailing."

James Gabriel Penn, a tobacco-commission merchant and a partner in the highly successful Pemberton and Penn, Inc., built the house in 1876, only eight years after he settled in Danville. He and his second wife, Sallie Johnson Penn, had it remodeled several times between 1887 and 1903. In 1934 Landon R. Wyatt, especially remembered for his service in the state senate, purchased the house and most of its furnishings. Some of these same pieces were in turn sold to Dr. Allan A. Hoffman when he bought the house from the Wyatt heirs In May of 1977. The keen appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman for their landmark residence is also evident in the well-maintained carriage house, currently the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Norman, Jr., and the garden where perennials typical of the Victorian era have been planted.

Tour Book 1990:

The individual character of this mansion on Main Street draws its architectural significance from creative design and quality craftsmanship. Its contribution to the community includes the stories of the Penns and Wyatts, who resided here during its first hundred years.

The curved cast-iron lintels over the windows, the patterned and colored slate roof, and the three-and-a-half story central tower with its mansard roofline attract the attention of visitors to Millionaires' Row. Although the identity of its architect and contractor are unknown, it is among four Danville buildings listed on the State and National registers. The Ionic columns on the Neo-Classical front porch and the two-level circular pavilion at the corner are impressive additions to the home built in 1876. James Gabriel Penn started to make these changes to the exterior of the home in 1885, the year he married his second wife. In 1903, he demolished the J. E. Lipscomb home next door and used the brick to build a carriage house and servants quarters. Before coming to Danville in 1868 from his native Patrick County, Penn fought in the Battle of New Market as a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute. After abandoning law and banking, Penn pursued tobacco manufacturing in the partnership of Pemberton and Penn, Inc., which carried him to many lucrative foreign markets.

Penn's second wife, Sallie Johnson of Madison, Georgia, adds to the local folklore with her lavish entertainment, exquisite dress, and daily carriage rides through the city. She was the organizing regent of the Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which she

founded in this home. Overwhelmed by profligate spending and declining stocks, she lost the home in a public auction to Landon R. Wyatt, Sr., in 1934. An accomplished businessman and politician, Wyatt served on Danville's City Council and spent many years in the State Senate. Some of the Penn furnishings, which were bought by the Wyatts, remain in the home.

The elegance of the interior is enhanced by the marble mantels, parquet flooring, and the stained and leaded glass windows and doors. The Wyatt heirs sold the home in 1977 to Dr. Allan A. Hoffman. The high ceilings and spacious rooms create a splendid gallery for Dr. Hoffman's collection of art and passion for photography.

Tour Book 1994:

Opulence reigns in the extravagant architecture of this Danville landmark -- its bold, Italianate Empire style central tower, complete with circular two-story pavilion porch, and Neo-Classical Revival front porch. Its lavish interior is marked by painstaking attention to detail equal to that outside.

The formal parlors, dining room, library, study and first floor bedroom are exquisite with details such as birdseye maple trim, marble mantels, a hand-painted overmantel mirror, carved foyer trim and elaborate statuary lamps on the newel posts. Stained and leaded glass windows, pocket and exterior doors are of exceptional quality. Intricate parquet flooring and elaborate original chandeliers are sumptuous as well.

Built in 1876 for James Gabriel Penn of Patrick County, and remodeled in the late 1880s under the influence of his second wife, the former Sallie Johnson of Madison, Georgia, the house gave birth to the Dorothea Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Penn formed the tobacco merchant firm Pemberton and Penn in 1872 after abandoning law and banking.

In the economic turmoil of the 1930s, the Penn home was sold at public auction to Landon R. Wyatt, Sr., a local automobile dealer whose political career ranged from City Council to the Virginia State Senate. In the late 1970s, Dr. Allan A. Hoffman purchased the mansion with a number of the original Penn family furnishings which remain to this day.

Tour Book 2012:

With origins coinciding with America's centennial year, 1876, this "house that tobacco built" continued to evolve over the next quarter century as the home of James Gabriel Penn, a native of Penn's Store in Patrick County. It blossomed especially in the late 1880s -- under the watch of Penn's second wife, the former Sallie Johnson of Madison, Georgia. Renowned for her lavish entertainment, exquisite dress, and daily turns in her carriage, Mrs. Penn also organized in this house the Dorothea Henry Chapter, DAR. Her husband, a former VMI cadet who served in the Battle of New Market, hailed from a Patrick County, Virginia, tobacco family. After the Civil War he came to Danville -- first trying law and banking -- before making his name and fortune relying on the commodity, tobacco, he knew well as a partner in the international leaf dealership he helped establish, Pemberton & Penn.

A bold, Italianate exterior, punctuated by a three-story Second Empire central tower, exudes the robust opulence of Danville's tobacco wealth. Its Neo-Classical Revival front porch terminates in a circular two-story pavilion. The interior is equally lavish.

Formal parlors, dining room, library, and the first floor bedroom are adorned either with molded grain-painted wood, or hardwoods such as oak or birdseye maple. Elegant mantels are faux marble, including one with a hand-painted overmantel mirror. Stained and leaded glass pocket doors, and exterior doors and windows, are of exceptional quality, set off with intricate parquet flooring.

The Great Depression of the 1930s forced the sale of Mrs. Penn's house. A local automobile dealer, Landon R. Wyatt (Sr.), whose political career took him from Danville's City Council to the Virginia State Senate, purchased the property at auction in 1934. Following the long tenure of the Penns and the Wyatts, whose stewardship spanned a century, the house sheltered a succession of physicians and their families, beginning with Dr. Allan Hoffman III the late 1970s. From 1995 to 2011, it was home to Dr. and Mrs. Max Levine and their four children.

In May 2012, Peggy Parrish became the property's fifth owner in 135 years. Mrs. Parrish had stumbled upon the mansion while visiting Danville with a friend who was shopping for houses. No stranger to historic preservation, this university professor and old-house aficionado relocated here from Richmond, where she restored more than one venerable old landmark.

Main St 862-½ (Carriage House)

1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Not listed
1930 Census		
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son Lodger Lodger	Norman, William Jr., age 30, case worker, city social services - Alice, age 29 - William, age 2 Garland, Robert, age 23, clerk Clancie, Henry, age 24, bookkeeper
1945 Directory		Norman, William S Jr.
1950 Directory		Norman, William S Jr.
1950 Census	Head Wife Son Son	Norman, William S Jr, age 40, manager, automobile co - Alice W, age 39 - William S III, age 12 - Coper W, age 2
1960 Directory		Norman, William S Jr.
1970 Directory		Norman, William S Jr.
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not applicable

Bee 10 Aug 1940: Robert Garland is sick at his home, 862 Main Street.

Bee 19 May 1945: The Junior Group of the D. A. R. will meet ... with Mrs. W. S. Norman, 862 Main Street. ...

Bee 17 Jan 1955: Display Ad: W. S. "Bill" Norman, who lives at 862 Main St., has been with WYATT BUICK for two years selling both the glamorous new 1955 Buicks and the used cars traded on them. ...

Register 7 Feb 1970: Mrs. W. S. Norman Jr., who has been a surgical patient in Memorial Hospital, has returned to her home, 862 Main St.

Main St 865

1900 Census		
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son	Parham, E J, age 48, supt., insurance co. - Hettie M, age 49 - Grace A, age 22 - Edward P, age 16
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son	Pasham, Edward, age 58, life insurance - Harriet P, age 54 - Paine, age 24, bookkeeper
1927 Directory		Dickenson, Vincent
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Boarder Boarder	Bass, George H, age 65, tobacco - Minnie, age 50 - Kathleen, age 17 Rorrer, Annie C, age 22, graduate nurse Hall, Albert A, age 44, piano tuner
1935 Directory		Sykes, Harry P, interior decorator
1940 Census	Owner Son Son Daughter Daughter Lodger Head Lodger	Burton, Ida K, age 53, wid - Ralph L, age 18, machinist, mills - Joseph James, age 16 - Peggy Ann, age 10 Gentile, Mary L, age 22, stenograph, physician office Hoyle, Wilma, age 23, cloth room inspector Mabry, Gladys, age 27, stitch hand, Dan River Mills Puckett, Marguerette, age 22, office lady, laundry
1945 Directory		Worsham, James P
1950 Directory		Worsham, James P
1950 Census	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Head	Worsham, James P, age 63, engineer, railway - Annie L, age 54 - Helen H, age 25, teacher, elementary school - Anne B, age 11 Loyd, Lwlie L, age 64, wid, altering seamstress, department store
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 19 Sep 1924: Mrs. Hattie Prince Perham ... wife of Edward T. Parham, passed peacefully away at 8:30 o'clock last night at the family residence, 865 Main street ... Mrs. Parham was born in Sussex county, Va., August 26, 1865, being a daughter of the lamented Mr. and Mrs. George W. Price ...

Bee 3 May 1926: For Rent: Furnished Front Room to one or two men, private lavatory. 865 Main St.

Bee 16 Sep 1929: Foster Murray, aged 33, was discharged Sunday evening from Memorial hospital, whither he was taken at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon suffering from gas poisoning at his room, 865 Main street.

Bee 7 Jan 1930: Nice steam-heated room with board. 865 Main street. Phone 1756-J.

Bee 24 Apr 1933: After May 1st, the H. B. Sykes Interior Decorating Shop will be located at 865 Main St.

Bee 22 Sep 1938: Ralph Lawrence Burton, 44, of 865 Main street, died at Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C., last night at 8 o'clock. ...

Bee 13 Nov 1939: Mrs. R. L Burton announces the marriage of her daughter, Mary Louise to Samuel C. Gentile ... Mr. and Mrs. Gentile will make their home at 865 Main street.

Bee 28 Mar 1945: First Lieutenant James Paul Worsham, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Worsham of 865 Main Street, was killed in action on Luzon Island of the Philippines on March 3, when leading his infantry company in an attack against the Japanese ...

Bee 18 Dec 1947: Display Ad: ... Sonotone Hearing Service, 865 Main St. ...

Bee 19 Mar 1956: The Dorothea Spottswood Henry society, Children of the American Revolution, will hold its March meeting ... with Miss Ann Bruce Worsham at her home, 865 Main Street. ...

Main St 868

1890 Directory		Lee, Rosa, domestic (B)
1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		Ashworth, H R
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Mundy, Jack J
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 3 Aug 1923: Garage for rent at once – opposite Stonewall Apts. 868 Main St.

Bee 4 Sep 1923: For Rent: One furnished room, with bath and heat, convenient to school, college and churches. Phone 2398-W, 868 Main street.

Bee 27 Oct 1923: Miss Nannie L. Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yates, 868 Main street, has completed a course at University Training School for Nurses, and is now a registered nurse at University Hospital, University, Va.

Bee 10 May 1937: Large Cool Front Bedroom next to bath, suitable for couple or two men. 868 Main

Main St 869

1881 Directory		Blair, Joseph D (pres Commercial Bank)
1890 Directory		Blair, Joseph D (pres Commercial Bank) Hutchings, Mrs. S A, wid Keesee, C B (Star Warehouse) Hutchings, Silvia, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Owner Son Son Daughter Son Boarder Boarder Sister-in-law Servant Servant	Dixon, Edward, age 47, wid, tobacconist - Jesse E, age 18, day laborer - Clarence W, age 16 - Blanche E, age 12 - Edward H, age 7 Carldan, Edward S, age 33, tobacconist Stark, Luther W, age 33, auctioneer Turner, Ella, age 28 Brown, Mit, age 26 (B) Newman, Jane, age 40, wid (B)
1910 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son Daughter Son Sister Servant rear Renter	Jordan, Julian C, age 35, leaf tobacco dealer - Evelin J, age 32 - Julian C, Jr., age 10 - Margaret C, age 8 - Charles F, age 6 - Evelan, age 2 - Irvin W, age 1 - Margret C, age 24 Rodger, Roda, age 18, nurse (B) Rane, Lanna, age 55, cook (B)
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son Daughter Son Son	Jordan, Julian, age 44, tobacco proprietor - Evelyn, age 42 - Julian Jr, age 20 - Margaret, age 18 - Charles, age 15 - Evelyn, age 12 - Irving, age 11 - Matthew, age 8
1927 Directory		Jordan, J C
1930 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Son Son Mother Renter Son Daughter Daughter	Jordan, Julian C, age 53, head branch office, tobacco co - Evelyn, age 50 - Evelyn, age 22, church secretary - Irvin, age 21, factory man, tobacco - Matthew P, age 17 - John M, age 9 - Alice, age 72, wid Seawell, Annie D, age 51, school office - John L, age 15 - Sarah E, age 14 - Margaret O, age 11

	Son	- S David, age 9
1935 Directory		Jordan, Julian C
1940 Census	Owner	Jordan, J C, age 64
	Wife	- Evelyn J, age 62
	Son	- Julian C Jr., age 40, wid, tobacco buyer
	Daughter	- Evelyn J, age 32, secretary, Danville Milk
	Son	- Irvin, age 31
	Son	- Matt P, age 27, tobacconist
	Son	- John M, age 20
	Grandson	- Julian C III, age 15
	Grandson	- Edward B, age 11
1945 Directory		Jordan, Julian C
1950 Directory		Jordan, Julian C
1950 Census	Head	Jordan, Julian C, age 74
	Wife	- Evelyn J, age 72
	Son	- Erwin W, age 41, foreman, tobacco storage
	Daughter	- Evelyn J, age 43, div
1960 Directory		First Baptist Church Sunday School
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Times Dispatch 14 Mar 1909: Mrs. M. P. Jordan, who has for the past year been visiting her son, Dan Jordan, in Oregon, in the interest of her health, has returned to the city and is making her home with her son, Juliam C. Jordan, Main Street.

Times Dispatch 20 Feb 1910: Mrs. M. P. Jordan, of near Grants Pass, Ore., is the guest of her son, Julian Jordan.

Times Dispatch 26 Feb 1911: ... Miss Julian Jordan and Miss Marguerite Jordan were the charming hostesses at a beautiful pre-Lenten tea, to which a coterie of their friends had been previously bidden. ...

Times Dispatch 5 Mar 1911: Mrs. C. E. Dougherty, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. Julian Jordan, on Main Street.

Bee 4 May 1927: There will be a meeting of the Danville District of the Hollins Alumnae association on Thursday ... at the home of Mrs. J. C. Jordan, 869 Main street. ...

Bee 29 Oct 1927: Wanted: A Maid. Apply 869 Main Street. Phone 501. References required.

Bee 27 Feb 1937: Main Street M. E. Church Circle No. 3 – Miss Juliet Catlin, chairman, with Miss Evelyn Jordan, 869 Main street ...

Bee 2 Jun 1941: ... John Minor Jordan, of 869 Main Street, sustained a sprained back and lacerated knee

Bee 21 Aug 1941: Mrs. T. A. Smoot of Wilmington, N.C., is arriving today to be the guest of Mrs. Julian C. Jordan, 869 Main Street.

Bee 13 Apr 1943: Danville mothers with four or more children in the armed services are being honored with special emblems ... Two more are to be given the awards today – Mrs. J. C. Jordan of 869 Main Street, who has four sons in the services, and Mrs. George N. Savage, 847 Main Street, with three sons and a daughter in the services.

Bee 8 Feb 1944: Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Witcher Jordan ... will be held ... from the home of her son, Julian C. Jordan, 869 Main street, where she died yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Jordan, wife of the late Matthew Pate Jordan ... Born in Pittsylvania county, daughter of the late Daniel Patrick Witcher and Mrs. Martha Anne Millner Witcher ... Mts. Jordan was the oldest living alumnae of the old Methodist College which successively bore the name of Randolph-Macon Institute ...

Bee 12 Sep 1946: Attention of the members of the Wayside Garden Club is called to a change in place of meeting ... tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Charles Jordan will be hostess at the home of Mrs. Julian C. Jordan, 869 Main Street ...

Bee 24 Apr 1950: Mrs. Evelyn James Jordan, wife of Julian C. Jordan, a well-known retired tobacco executive, died on Sunday afternoon at her home, 869 Main Street ... The funeral will be conducted ... from the home. ... a daughter of the late Rev. Charles Fenton James, D. D., and Mrs. Alice Chamblin James. She came to Danville early in life when her father was called here to assume the presidency of the old Roanoke Female College on Patton Street, rechristened Averett College many years later. ...

Bee 5 Nov 1952: For Sale: Residence property of the late Julian C. Jordan, located at 8609 Main Street. Convenient location. Large frame dwelling, in good condition of repair. Five bedrooms, three tiled baths, two comfortable living rooms. Garage and servants' quarters on premises ...

Main St 870

1880 Census	Head Wife Daughter Son Son Sister Servant Servant Servant Servant	Gravely, P.B., age 45, tobacco manufacturer - M.F., age 34 - Kate W., age 7 Payton, age 4 Jas. G, age 2 - Annie, age 26 Morton, Catherine, age 23, servant (B) Puryear, Licy, age 20, servant (Mu) Peatross, Lewis, age 15, servant (Mu) Coleman, Ed., age 30, servant (B)
1881 Directory		Gravely, Peyton (P B Gravely & Co)
1888 Directory	rear	Golden, Martha, cook (B)
1890 Directory		Gravely, P B (P B Gravely & Co. tobacco mfrs) Jacob, A W, drug clerk Coleman, Ed, butler (B) Walters, Bettie, nurse (B) - Pheobe, cook (B)
1900 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Daughter Servant Servt son Rear Daughter Daughter Rear Daughter Daughter	Gravely, Payton, age 65 - Mary, age 48 - J George, age 21 - N Daisy, age 18 - Mary, age 14 Olliver, Annie, age 27 (B) - Otis, age 5 (B) Jones, Warren, age 49, wid (B) - Fannie, age 4 (B) - Nannie, age 9 (B) Clark, Lilly, age 36, wid (B) - Maggie, age 12 (B) - Eliza, age 20 (B)
1910 Census	Head Wife Son Dau-in-law Son Lodger Rear	Gravely, Peyton B, age 74 - Mary T, age 69 - James G, age 34 - Mary A, age 30 - Peyton, age 32 Jacobs, Alexander, age 55 Cobb, George, age 32 (B)
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Renter Wife	James, John A, age 60, rent \$55 - Minie E, age 54 - Kathryn, age 21 Barker, T J, age 50, rent \$15 - Lula J, age 49
870-½		
1935 Directory		Wright, Maude E Mrs.

1940 Census		
1945 Directory		
1950 Directory		
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor	Owner	First Baptist Church of Danville (parking)

Times Dispatch 6 Jun 1909: Captain P. B. Gravely is spending some time at Patrick Springs.

Times Dispatch 15 Aug 1909: Mrs. P. B. Gravely has returned to the city, after a visit of several weeks.

Times Dispatch 20 Feb 1910: Mrs. P. B. Gravely has returned from a pleasant visit to Greensboro.

Times Dispatch 6 Mar 1910: Mrs. Ernest Turpin and little son, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Gravely, have returned to their home in Colorado.

Times Dispatch 10 Jul 1910: Mrs. P. B. Gravely is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Clapp, in Greensboro.

Times Dispatch 16 Apr 1911: Miss Mary Hunter Bethell and Mrs. Ernest Clapp are visiting Mrs. P. B. Graveley, Main Street.

Bee 6 May 1922: Mrs. L. D. Bullock, of Rocky Mount, who has been attending the Woman's Club convention in Greensboro, is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kress, 870 Main street.

Bee 12 May 1922: For Rent – That very desirable residence No. 970 Main street – 9 rooms, 3 baths, Caloric heated, garden garage, large yard. Possession about June 1st. Phone 359 or 4211. R. W. Carter.

Bee 26 Aug 1935: Funeral services for Alvin Lee Payne, Jr., age seven ... from his home at 870 Main street. ...

Bee 9 Aug 1937: Basil Leslie Bryant and Miss Gladys Wiladel Sutton, both of Danville, were married ... at the home of Mrs. Edna Bryant, 870 Main Street ...



RESIDENCE OF PEYTON B. GRAVELY, Esq.

Main St 871**First Baptist Church**

PID 26410



1900 Census		
1906 Directory	Pastor	First Baptist Church Rev. Joseph Hicks
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		First Baptist Church
1930 Census		
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		First Baptist Church
1950 Directory		First Baptist Church
1960 Directory		First Baptist Church
1970 Directory		First Baptist Church
1977 Directory		First Baptist Church
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		First Baptist Church
1984 Tour		First Baptist Church
1990 Directory		First Baptist Church
2004 Tour		First Baptist Church
2009 Tour		First Baptist Church
2015 Assessor	Owner	First Baptist Church of Danville

Tour Book 1984:

Throughout 1984 the congregation of First Baptist Church has been observing its 150th anniversary or Third Jubilee, a reference to the Old Testament (Leviticus) Jubilee -- the 50th year -- in which liberty was proclaimed throughout the land. With this tour the Danville Historical Society is pleased to highlight the history of this venerable church.

Established on June 28, 1834, First Baptist was the second denomination to organize a church locally. Beginning with 25 members in a building on Craghead Street, the church then moved to the corner of Patton and Ridge street across from where the Baptist- supported Union Female College (now Averett) was founded in 1859. These sites, once known together as Baptist Hill, are now occupied respectively by First Virginia Bank, South, and Biscuitville.

Following the Civil War, the congregation and the town grew so much that the members purchased a lot on Main Street where the present church was begun in 1882. A local contractor, J.R. Pleasants, and brick manufacturer, John T. Watson, completed the work on the edifice, dedicated in 1885.

In 1905 a springtime electrical storm started a fire that gutted the interior, leaving only the walls intact. Temple Beth Shalom and Roanoke College (Averett) served as meeting places for the congregation until restoration and improvements to the church were completed by builders Deitrick and Pearson. Notable features added at this time included the handsome stained-glass windows and the sturdy pews, guaranteed for fifteen years and still in use.

An outstanding building architecturally, First Baptist Church is a fine brick Gothic Revival structure consisting of gable ends facing both Main and Chestnut streets. A square tower at the corner rises to meet the slender octagonal spire, like Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. First Baptist features a variety of geometrical shapes molded into a compact harmonious whole.

Tour Book 2004:

Just above Penn's Bottom, a soaring steeple lifts every eye heavenward above the mansions of Millionaires Row. Some 120 years ago, this precipitous spire topped off the massive edifice of red brick open to visitors during the afternoon. Today, members of First Baptist Church remain faithful to their spiritual predecessors who organized this congregation, one of the city's "first" churches, in 1834.

Organized temporarily on Craghead Street, the church soon moved to its first permanent home on the corner of Patton Street at Ridge, a knoll which came to be known as "Baptist Hill" after 1859, when the Baptist-supported school now known as Averett University located on the opposite corner, the present site of Biscuitville.

Nearly a half century after its founding, the congregation -- by then too large for its Patton Street facilities -- chose the site of its present church, a lot valued at \$8,000, fronting 100 feet on Main Street as it intersects with Chestnut Street. For \$32,500 the local builder J.R. Pleasants constructed the massive brick High Victorian Gothic edifice, with thousands of bricks provided by John T. Watson, also of Danville.

The design, however, appears to have come from an architect of national reputation, John Rochester Thomas, of Rochester, New York. Both the First Baptist Church of Danville, completed in 1885, and Lynchburg's First Baptist, completed in 1886, appear nearly identical to an illustration of the day showing a church by Thomas in Auburn, New York.

The church grew and prospered until lightning struck the building during a severe storm in May of 1905 resulting in a fire which left only the walls, tower, and part of the steeple standing. During reconstruction, Temple Beth Shalom and Roanoke College (Averett) served as meeting places for the congregation.

Following plans of a Greensboro (NC) architect, the builders Deitrick and Pearson of Danville reconstructed the church with form and details which survive to this day adding the present stained-glass windows and oak pews -- now nearly a century old. The addition of more spacious

educational facilities date from the 1930s and 1960s. The Moller organ in the sanctuary dates from a refurbishing of that space in 1947.

Main St 878**Sublett-Miller House**

PID 25043



1888 Directory		Miller, E H (Gravely & Miller, also G W Bateman & Co)
1890 Directory		Hansen, Miss Annie Miller, E H (Gravely & Miller) Harvey, Clay (B) - Sue, cook (B)
1900 Census	Owner Wife	Miller, E Henry, age 53 - Jennie, age 51
1910 Census	Head Wife Son	Miller, Edward, age 61 - Jennie E, age 59 - Edward H, age 30
1920 Census	Owner Son Wife Grandson Servant	Miller, Edward H, age 73 - Edward H Jr., age 39 - Elizabeth, age 29 - Edward H III, age 4 Cook, Oscar, age 31 (B)
1927 Directory		Miller, E H Jr., physician
1930 Census	Owner Wife Son	Miller, Edward H, age 49, value \$20,000 - Elizabeth N, age 40 - Edward H Jr., age 14
1935 Directory		Miller, Edwin H, physician
1940 Census	Owner Wife Son	Miller, E Howe, age 59, medical doctor - Elizabeth, age 50 - E Howe, age 25, foreman, tobacco factory
1945 Directory		Miller, Edward H
1950 Directory		Miller, E Howe
1950 Census	Head Son Dau-in-law	Miller, Edward H, age 69, wid, medical doctor Miller, Edward H Jr, age 35, manager, golf course - Louise W, age 30
1960 Directory		Miller, E Howe
1970 Directory		Miller, E Howe Jr.
1971 Survey		Rated Outstanding
1977 Directory		Miller, E Howe Jr.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1983 Tour		Mr. and Mrs. E. Howe Miller, Jr.
1984 Directory		Miller, Edward Jr.

1990 Directory		
2000 Assessor	Transfer	American National Bank to Belles, Thomas A & Minosh, Carla M \$120,000
2000 Tour	Owner	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Belles
2015 Assessor	Owner	Belles, Thomas A & Minosh, Carla M

Bee 18 Jul 1922: Wanted – First class cook, apply 878 Main Street.

Bee 14 Nov 1925: Wanted – House girl – good wages. Apply 878 Main.

Bee 7 Nov 1927: Edward Howe Miller, for half a century identified with the development of Danville, died on Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock, unexpectedly from a sudden heart seizure. He passed away at his home, 878 Main street, where of recent months the infirmities of old age and heart weakness caused anxiety among members of his family. ... The funeral services are being held at half past three o'clock this afternoon from the home of Rev. Thomas A. Smoot, D. D., pastor of Main street church of which Mr. Miller had for years been a devoted member. ... Mr. Miller was identified with two of Danville's best known firms in its earlier history. He first associated himself with C. M. Cosby in the hardware and cutlery business later being a principal of the noted tobacco firm of Graveley and Miller, which had extensive quarters on Craghead street ... Mr. Miller was married to Mrs. Jennie E. Sublett, nee Cosby, who died in July 1917. ... His only son is Dr. E. Howe Miller of this city.

Bee 3 Apr 1940: Death early this morning claimed the life of Mrs. E. Howe Miller, wife of Dr. E. Howe Miller, Jr., at Memorial Hospital where for the past two weeks she had steadily declined ... The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow from the home, 878 Main St. ... All the resources of medical science were availed of in the effort to determine fully the nature of Mrs. Miller's illness which was baffling to ranking diagnosticians who were brought here from Richmond, from University Hospital at Charlottesville, from Johns Hopkins University Hospital and from Duke Memorial Hospital in Durham, N.C. ... Mrs. Miller was one of five sisters who during their girlhood and young womanhood were noted for their beauty and for their typically southern graciousness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Noell, an old established family, he being identified with the leaf tobacco business ... In 1913 she was married to Dr. Miller, maintaining her residence here during the period of her husband's service during the World War ... Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, E. Howe Miller, 3rd ...

Bee 17 Apr 1952: Mrs. E. Howe Miller, Jr., will be hostess to a business meeting of the Gabriella Garden Club Friday afternoon ... 878 Main Street, ...

Bee 2 Nov 1961: Dr. E. Howe Miller, most of whose adult life had been spent as a practicing physician here, died at 3 o'clock this morning at memorial Hospital ... He was born here June 10, 1880, a son of the late Edward Howe Miller of Franklin, Mass., and Mrs. Jennie Crosby Miller of Danville, his father being a magistrate here for many years. ... In 1913 he was married to Miss Anne Elizabeth Noell of this city ... the funeral will be conducted from the residence, 878 Main St. ...

Register 23 Aug 1970: Book review: "Listen to the Wind.- Howe Miller of Danville is a lucky man, He has done two things a lot of people only dream about doing. One, in 1941 he got into his car and made a tour of these United States. Two, in 1970 he write a book about it along with his personal recollections of his tour of duty in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II. ...

Register 17 Oct 1970: A Danville resident received a letter from the president of the Republic of Korea last week thanking him for supporting Radio of Free Asia ... Gen. Ching Hee Park, in his letter to E. H. Miller of 878 Main St., said, "ROFA's Vietnamese program will now bring pressure upon Hanoi for their inhumane treatment of the U.S. POWs and their continued refusal to abide by the terms of the Geneva Convention." ...

Register 22 Jul 1973: Mrs. E. H. Miller of 878 Main St. honored her mother, Mrs. C. A. Wetterstrom, and Mrs. A. T. Gunn, whose birthdays fall on the same day, July 19, at a luncheon at the Miller home. ...

Register 20 Apr 1975: Four homes will open their doors Thursday for the annual Historic Garden Week tour ... The Miller home is a three-story Victorian house of white painted brick with gray trim and is located on the center of the city designated for preservation of residences and buildings of historical and architectural significance. In this outstanding restoration are many interesting architectural features including the long narrow windows, the Mansard slate roof, copper-domed entrances and the original iron fretwork. Also noteworthy are the handsome crystal chandeliers and original marble mantles. The fine family portraits and furnishings include 18th century, Victorian and contemporary pieces, represent the tastes of three generations of one family who have lived in this home. Extensively restored in 1962, the present owners have recently treated the wood moldings, wainscoting and crown cornices in the first floor living area, enclosed the porches and covered the patio leading to the informal garden of azaleas and spring bulbs. The swimming pool and deck are interesting to the garden design.

Bee 7 Jul 1976: Detective John Martin is investigating a grand larceny reported by E. H. Miller Jr., of 878 Main St. Listed as missing was approximately \$300 worth of stereo equipment, including such items as an electrophonic radio, speakers, and two tape players.

Bee 11 Apr 1977: Sunny skies prevailed Sunday for Danville's first Easter Fashion Parade as about three dozen strolled down Main Street in their finest attire. ... The oldest lady participating in the parade was Mrs. Mamie Wetterson, 87, of 878 Main St. ...

Register 14 Aug 1977: Headline: Restoration becoming a way of life. ... Mr. and Mrs. E. Howe Miller, Jr., of 878 Main St., recently painted the exteriors of their rental property on Chestnut Place. The attractive row houses, built around 1900 ...

Tour Book 1983:

This architectural fantasy built for a young bride by her husband in 1874 is recognized today as an outstanding and rare example of a fully-developed High Victorian Gothic style mansion. Rich Gothic details such as the pointed arched windows, corbeled cornices, finials, and corner engaged columns, serve to emphasize the complex but controlled Medieval-type massing. Dominating the composition is a three-and-a-half-story central tower terminating in a wedge-like Chateausque roof with iron cresting.

The lacy iron work of the porches with their curved mansard roofs is thought to be a product of the famed Richmond foundry, Tredegar.

Although Charles M. Sublett came to Danville from his native Lynchburg in 1858 at the age of 23, it was after his postwar return from Confederate service and his marriage to Jennie E. Cosby in 1866 that he achieved the status of a well-to-do local businessman. Despite ill health brought

on by the war's hardships, he prospered in the hardware partnership of Hickey & Sublett and later with R.W. Lawson & Co., tobacco manufacturers, where he worked at the time of his death in 1876. His widow, Jennie, the daughter of one of Danville's most prominent early families, was remarried in 1878 to a native of Franklin, Massachusetts -- Edward Howe Miller. Several years after their marriage, in 1885, a local tile and plaster contractor, Charles Orchard, supervised extensive improvements to the dwelling, enlarging the house from its original square shape, shown on Beers' 1877 Map of Danville.

Miller had come to Danville in 1877. The 1881 city directory lists him as a dealer in china, greenware, glass, stoves and tinware at 79 Main Street, a business probably much like his earlier Illinois hardware operation wiped out a decade earlier in the Great Chicago Fire. His grandson and namesake has a jug bearing the name "E.H. Miller.- Later Miller became a co-proprietor with Graveley & Miller, tobacco manufacturers.

His son, Dr. E. Howe Miller, Jr., converted the house to an office/ residence combination to begin his medical practice here just prior to World War I, and during that conflict he rendered invaluable service as chief surgeon at the University of Virginia's base hospital in France.

The son of Dr. Miller and his wife, the former Elizabeth Noell, is the third E. Howe Miller to reside here. He and his wife, the former Louise Wetterstrom of Oregon, have devoted a great deal of attention to the preservation of the house, enhancing its livability while retaining its architectural integrity.

Tour Book 2000:

After 125 years in the same family, the Sublett-Miller House was purchased at an estate auction in April 2000, by Tom and Carla Belles. Attracted by an advertisement in the National Trust's magazine Preservation, the couple from Falls Church, Virginia, placed the high bid for this High Victorian Gothic-style brick mansion with pointed arched windows and lacy cast-iron porches.

Currently, they are engaged in an ambitious restoration of the property, carefully refurbishing original features of the mansion from its earliest days in 1874, when Charles M. Sublett built this architectural fantasy as a dream house for his bride, the former Jennie Cosby.

The new owners also are preserving and enhancing the house's early additions and embellishments, many dating from the 1880s, about a decade after Mr. Sublett had died, and his widow, Jennie, married E. Howe Miller. Their son, and then their grandson, lived here for most of the 20th century, the latter until his death in 1997.



VIEW ON UPPER MAIN STREET.
(Residence of E. H. MILLER, ESQ., in the Foreground.)

Main St 885

1888 Directory	Rear	Talbott, S - T J (Pace Talbott & Co) Davis, Jim (B) Lovelace, Lucy, cook (B)
1890 Directory		Talbott, Frank, cashier P O - G P, Patton & Talbott - Miss Lucy H - Miss Mary P - Samuel G, (Pace, Talbott & Co) - T J, (Pace, Talbott & Co) - T S, (Pace, Talbott & Co) Lovelace, Lucy, domestic (B) Pace, Maria, domestic (B)
1900 Census	Renter Wife Son Daughter Son Head Wife Head Wife Niece Boarder Boarder Servant Servant Head Wife Son	Audery, Joseph, age 51, commissioner of revenue - Julia, age 44 - Thomas T, age 22, tobacconist - Henrietta T, age 21 - Rosco J, age 15 Swanson, John P, age 35, grocer - Claire E, age 30 Averett, Julian P, age 37, insurance - Mary W, age 37 Wilson, Julia A, age 11 Alabero, David, age 24, manufacturer - Willie M, age 21, tobacconist Lea, Weedan, age 28 (B) Palmer, Lucy, age 26 Jones, Dorsey, age 41, tobacconist - Mary, age 30 - Glenn, age 11
1910 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Son Son Daughter Son Sister-in-law Boarder	Hodnett, W P, age 59, clothing merchant - Essie Bell, age 52 - Pricey N, age 25 - Benton B, age 23 - Archir P, age 20, salesman, clothing - Victor J, age 15 - Susie B, age 13 - Harrold J, age 10 Price, Mary K, age 55, saleslady, jewelry Clemance, Charles B, age 25, salesman, furniture
1920 Census	Owner Daughter Daughter	Wemple, Mrs. O, age 68 - Blanche, age 48 Hagedorn, Mary, age 45 17 apartments
1927 Directory		Stonewall Apartments

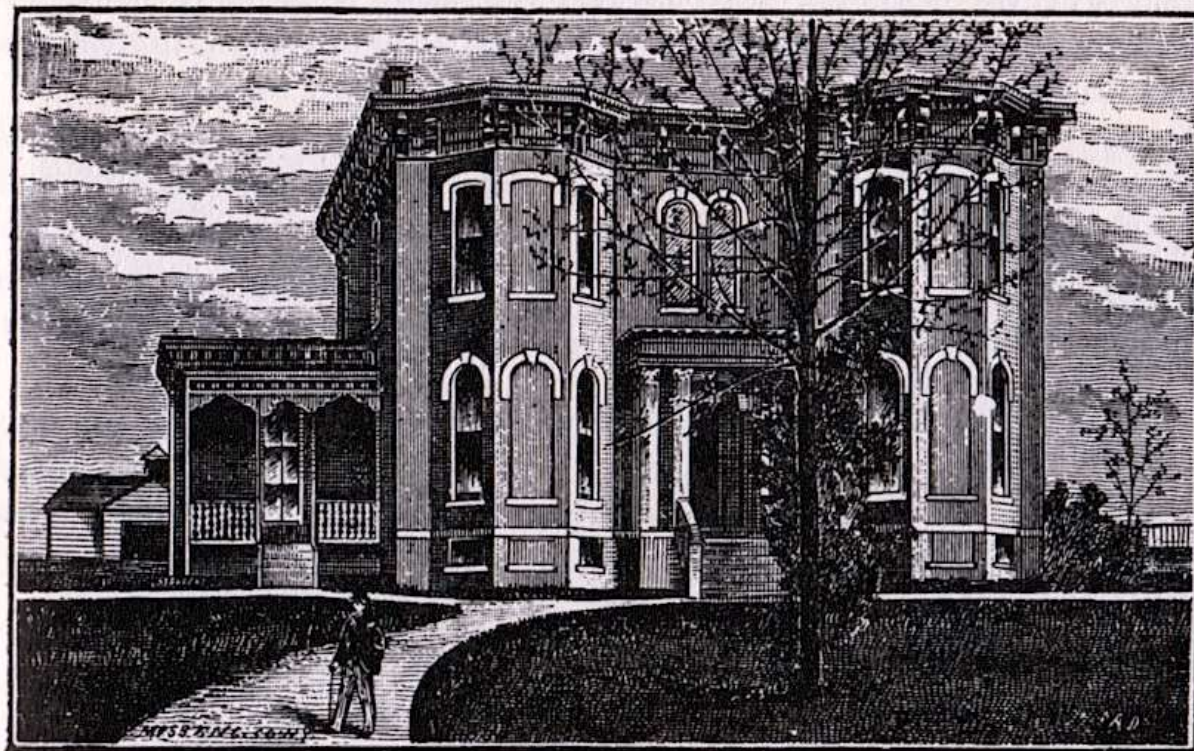
1930 Census		Stonewall Apartments
1935 Directory		Stonewall Apartments
1940 Census		17 apartments
1945 Directory		Stonewall Apartments
1950 Directory		Stonewall Apartments (18 units)
1950 Census		
1960 Directory		Stonewall Apartments (18 units)
1970 Directory		Stonewall Apartments (18 units)
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 24 ar 1961: Damages amounted to \$450 in the collision of two cars in the George Washington High School parking lot yesterday afternoon. Drivers were Sara Barnes Pearson of 885 Main St., and Willie Arnie Stephens, of 1513 Claiborne St.

Bee 9 Jan 1964: Apartments for Rent: 3 rooms, 885 Main St., \$65 ...

Register 8 Jun 1965: ... Jacie Lee Lewter, 22, of 885 Main St., drew prison terms on each of two charges of passing bad checks for \$10 ...

Register 3 Nov 1967: The First Baptist Church acquired Wednesday three adjacent apartment buildings as a part of its continuing plan to anticipate needs for future expansion. The properties include the Stonewall Apartments, facing Main and Chestnut Sts. ... the Chesland Apartments at 113-115 Chestnut Street ... and a three-family apartment building at 115-17-19 Chestnut St ... The home of the late Crispen Dickenson located behind the church on Pine St. was acquired by the church earlier.



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