

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 608 Preston Avenue
 MAP & PARCEL: 32-14
 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-331
 PRESENT ZONING: M-1
 ORIGINAL OWNER: W. W. King
 ORIGINAL USE: Warehouse
 PRESENT USE: Warehouse
 PRESENT OWNER: Duanne D. Carter, Exec.
 ADDRESS: Stribling Avenue, Extd.
 Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: King Lumber Company Warehouse
 DATE / PERIOD: 1909
 STYLE: Vernacular
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 3 storeys
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 163.7' x 566' (74,052 sq. ft.)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1980
 SOURCES: City Records

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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SIGNIFICANCE

This early 20th century vernacular structure has the stepped gables and corbeled cornice stops popular a century earlier.

UTM: 17/720600/4212460

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

King Lumber Company Warehouse (Charlottesville MRA)
VIRGINIA

Substantive Review

Working No. 9/7/82-2435

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

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

Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 10/21/82
 REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: Sign

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

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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

Please provide a statement of significance that identifies area of significance, discusses distinctive features, and provides evaluation of resource in city-wide context.

Address historic and architectural significance and integrity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____
 Quadrangle name _____
 UBT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
 _____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____
 title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

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

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SIGNIFICANCE

The King Lumber Company was one of Charlottesville's principal industries at the turn of the century. Founded in 1899 by Walter King, the King Lumber Company manufactured building materials that were used throughout the United States, including in many buildings at the University of Virginia. By 1920, the company was Charlottesville's largest employer, employing over 300 people with an annual payroll of over \$400,000. By the 1930's, the King Lumber Company had gone out of business, particularly because of the Great Depression, but largely because of the suicide of its owner. This building is all that remains of that once large manufacturing concern.

UTM: 17/720600/4212460

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. White, John S., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

42. Hill-Holladay House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

43. House at 867 Locust Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

44. Landrum-Irving House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

45. House at 1025 Locust Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

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46. Smith, John A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

47. Phi Kappa Sigma House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

48. Hard Bargain

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept Lisa Dinkin 1/10/84

Attest

49. King Lumber Company
Warehouse

Substantive Review

Keeper

for accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83

Attest

50. Wyndhurst
(605 Preston Pl.)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-20-80

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

King Lumber Company Warehouse (Charlottesville MRA)
Charlottesville (Independent City)
VIRGINIA

Working No. 9.7.52-2435

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 8/13/83

Action: ACCEPT 8/10/83

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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Substantive Review: sample request appeal

NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Stronger statement of significance on resubmission - bld. is historically significant as the only remaining component of the King Lumber Co., ^{one} of the city's principal industries in the early 20th century

Recom./Criteria accept A

Reviewer Patrick Adams

Discipline Historian

Date 8/10/83

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