

CHRONICLE BUILDING - 302 HIGH STREET

The old Chronicle Building is one of the few late 19th century buildings in Cambridge that remains practically unaltered. The molded plaster cornice is embellished by egg and dart borders, spirals, and other ornamentation. Above the second story center windows of this brick building is a tablet inscribed "Chronicle Building 1892", underneath an arch. At the corners of the first story, and flanking the door, are pilasters with ornamented capitals.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Chronicle Building

AND/OR COMMON

The Banner Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

302 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Arnold Daane, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 176

Folio #: 13

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION**CHECK ONE****CHECK ONE** EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED

DATE _____

 FAIR UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old photographs show that this small late 19th century two story brick commercial building remains practically unaltered. The ornamental cornice is bordered by an egg and dart motif. Just below the cornice is a horizontal plaster band of spirals and another egg and dart molding. The latter motif is repeated again with dentils on the cornice between the first and second stories.

There are four bays on the front of this building. Above each second story end window is a segmental arch, and above the two center windows is an ornamented tablet, underneath an arch, inscribed "Chronicle Building 1892". The date indicates that this building was built directly after the fire of 1892, which destroyed almost all of this block of High Street.

The second story tan brick has been left natural colored, while the first story has been painted white. On the first story, at the corners of the building, and flanking the door are pilasters with molded capitals.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is one of the few surviving late 19th century commercial structures in Cambridge that remains practically unaltered. The Chronicle Building, with its variety of architectural details, contributes significantly to the late 19th century flavor of this block of High Street.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------|--|
| NAME / TITLE | | DATE | |
| Catherine L. Moore | | 12/4/75 | |
| ORGANIZATION | | TELEPHONE | |
| STREET & NUMBER | | STATE | |
| Route 3, Box 32 | | Maryland | |
| CITY OR TOWN | | | |
| Cambridge | | | |

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

302 HIGH STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

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This building was constructed in 1893 to replace an earlier structure destroyed in the fire of July 30, 1892. At that time it was the office of the Cambridge Chronicle, later the Cambridge Daily Banner. The building is a good example of commercial architecture in the 1890's. The exterior has been altered very little since then. The property is one of several business structures on this block of High Street that were built after the 1892 fire and that are relatively unchanged since the 1890's. They add a great deal to the historical and architectural character of this part of High Street and downtown Cambridge.

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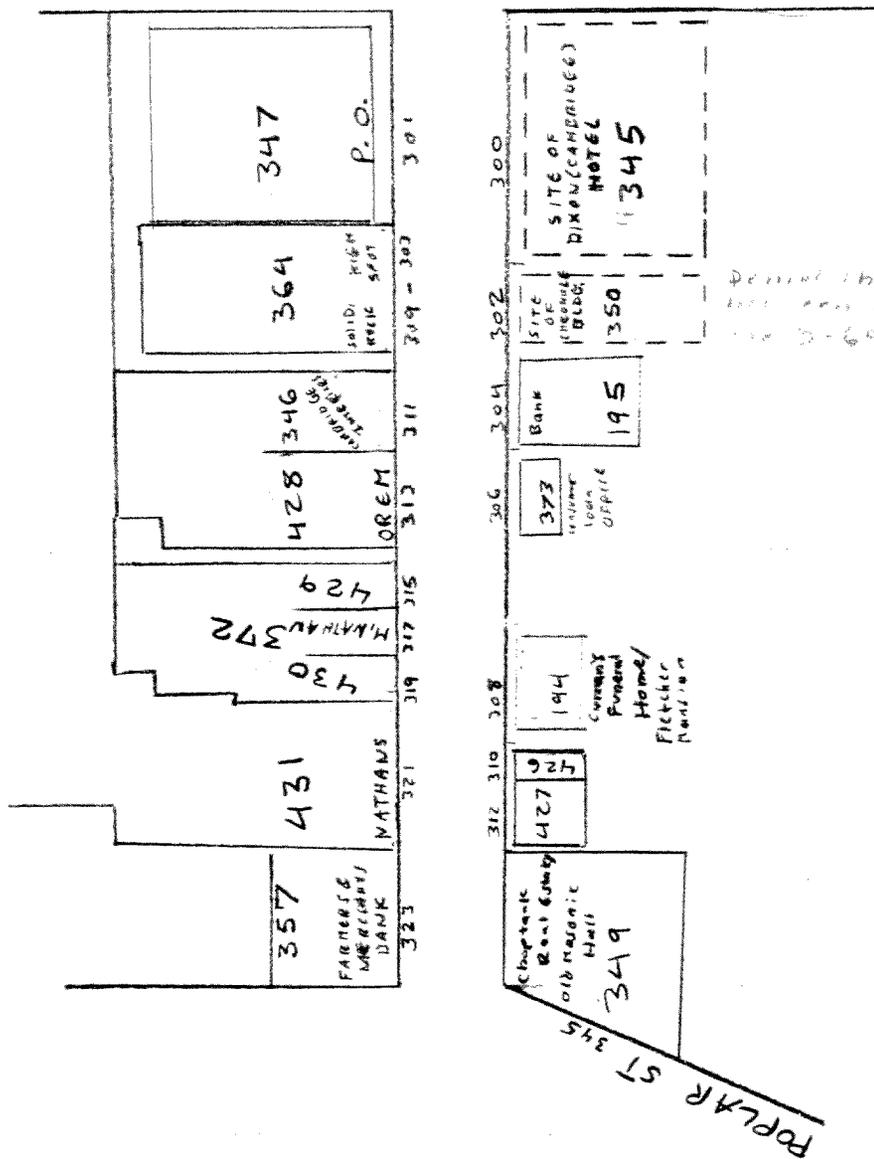
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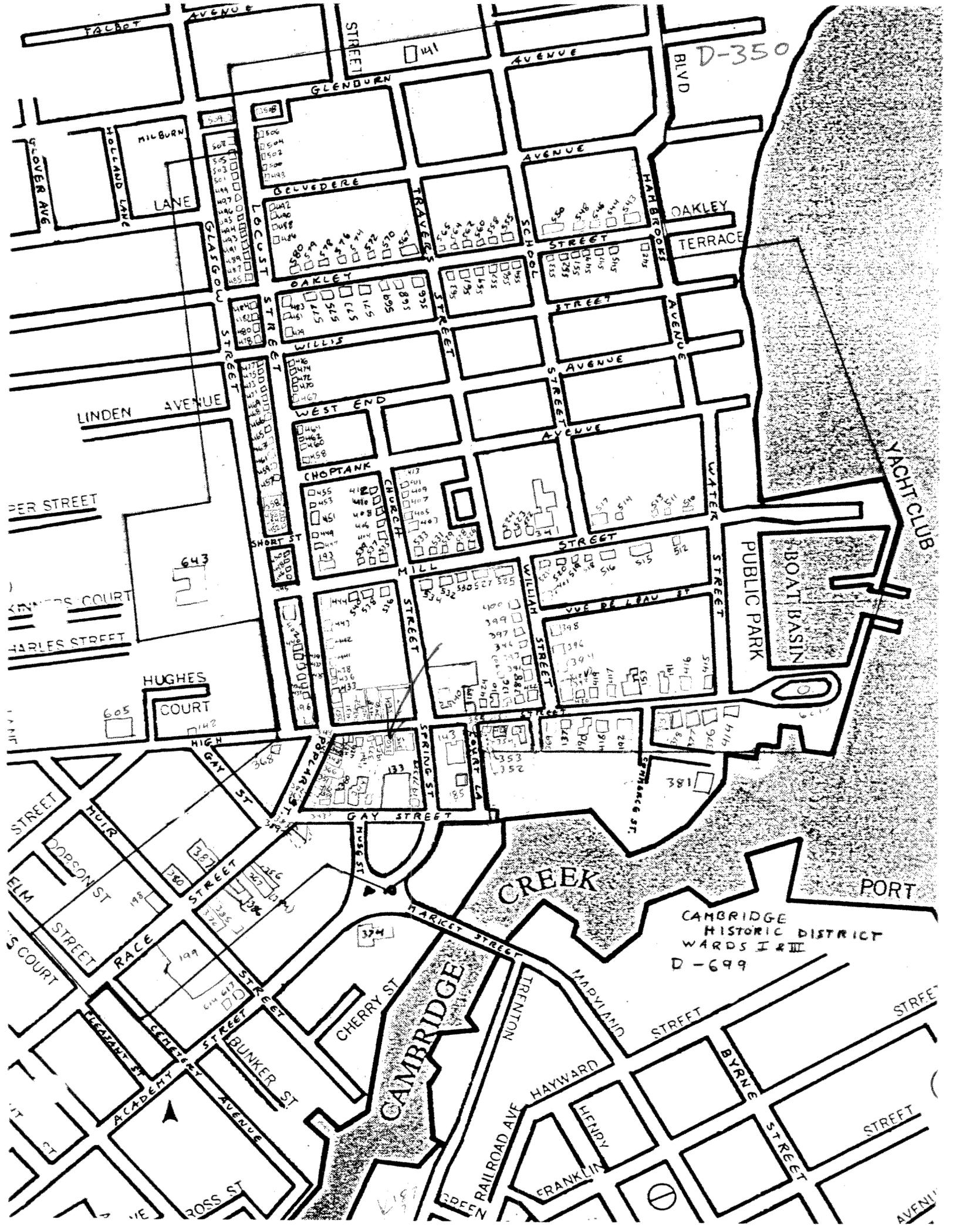
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J. KOZLAY
12/21/93

HIGH STREET
(300 BLOCK)

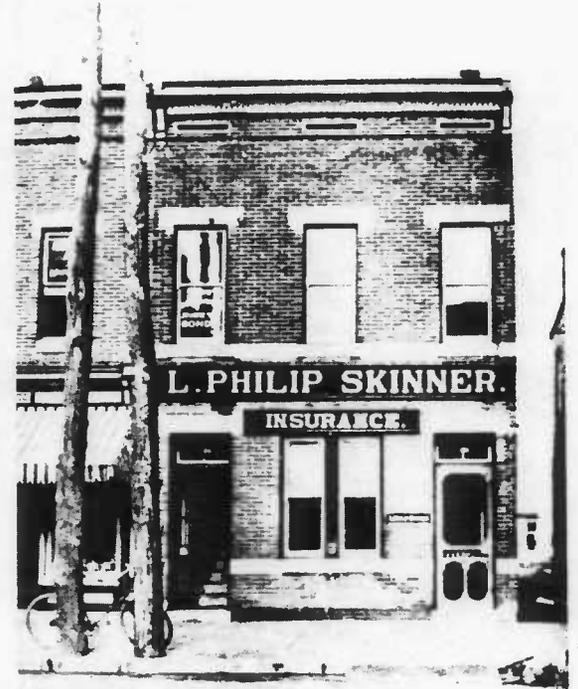


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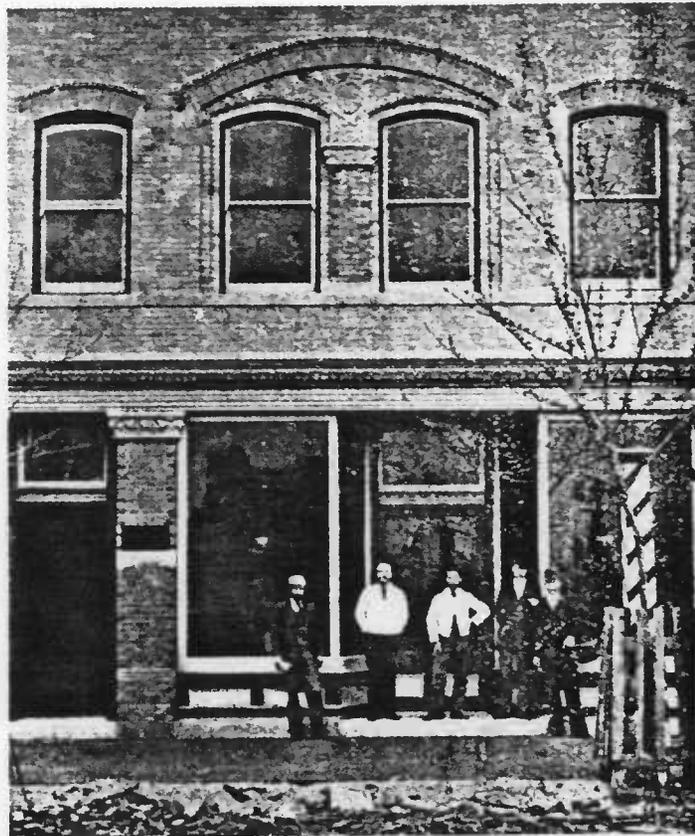




The Orem Building, formerly the Standard Building, housed the Democrat and News printing presses until December 30, 1965. Pictured are the employees of the newspaper in 1915; reading from left to right, they are identified as Andrew Steiner, John Rozelle, Joseph Mayne, Earl W. Orem, Edwin "Babe" Mobray, and Fred Flowers. Courtesy of Reginald Orem



L. Philip Skinner's insurance office was located at 121 High Street (formerly the site of the Democrat and News Building) in the 1930s. Courtesy of Ruth P. Meekins



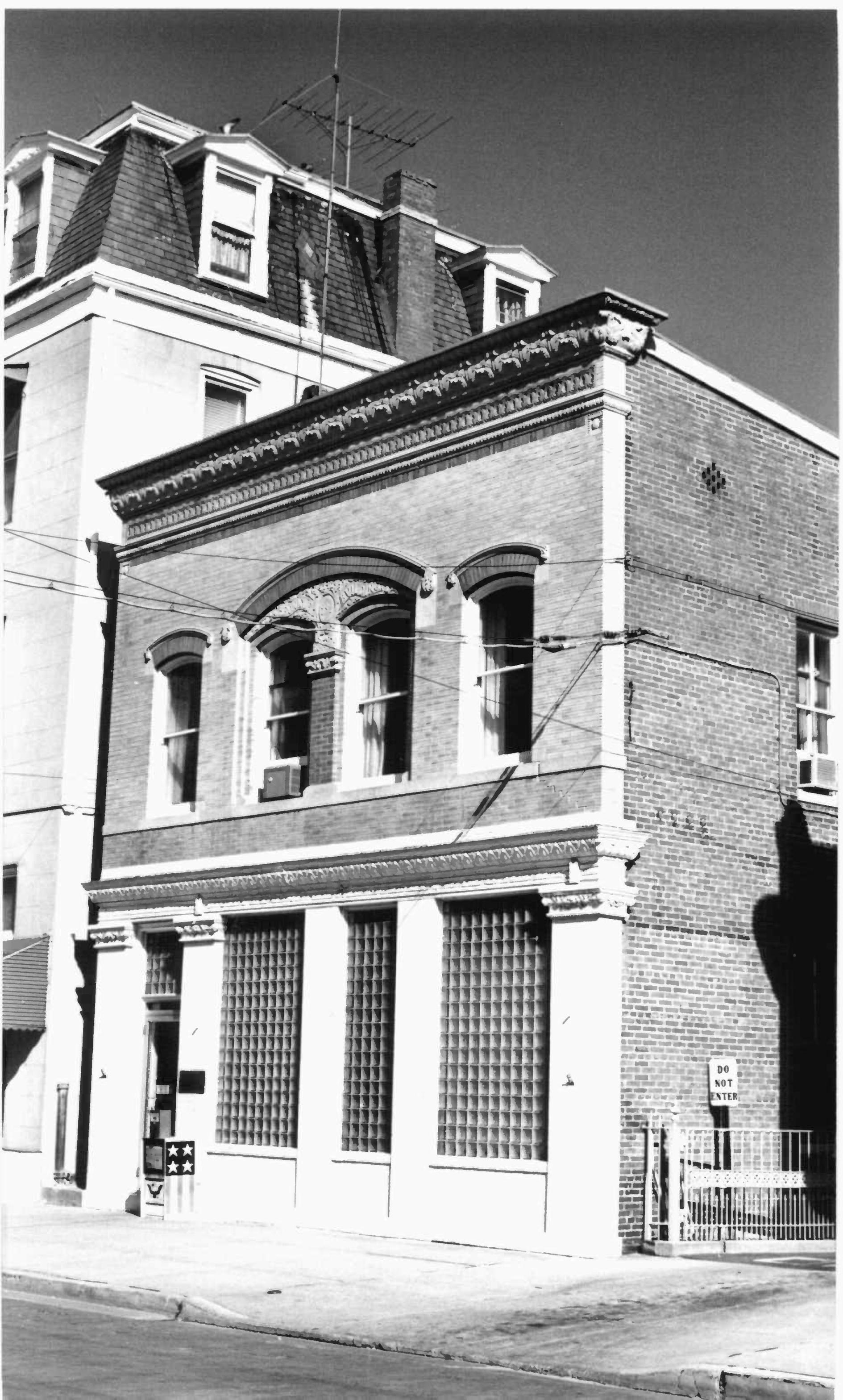
The Chronicle Building, erected in 1892 on High Street, is now owned and occupied by the Banner Corporation; Ransom's barbershop shared the first floor with the newspaper at one time.

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