

Wilmington Historic District
Jowaha Building
2 South Water Street
Wilmington
New Hanover County
North Carolina

HABS No. NC-325A

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Southeast Region
Department of the Interior
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

STATE North Carolina	COUNTY New Hanover	TOWN DR VICINITY Wilmington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Washington Historic District, Jowaha Building		HABS NO. NC-325A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2 South Water Street, Wilmington, North Carolina		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1904 (The Morning Star, Wilmington, NC, October 13, 1904)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Jowaha Building was constructed for Captain John W. Harper; its name combines the first letters of his name. Purchased in 1911 by B.O. and R.R. Stone, a wholesale grocery company, the building was occupied by various grocers, ships chandlers, and an iron works. The building remained in possession of the Stone family (continued below)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial, Italianate-influenced		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame, covered with seamed tin		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 26 x 29 feet		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Building is 3 bays on each side, with 2/2 double-hung sash windows. The street elevation (east side) has a transomed entry (probably original) and a latter double door. The rear elevation (west side) has a projecting 10' balcony of later construction from the second floor. Hip roof. Building leans away from river.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) no access		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The building was sided with tin, date unknown.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Commercial use, vacant since 1978.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE SIGNIFICANCE (cont) from 1911 to the present. O. E. Durant, a wholesale grocer and ship's chandler occupied the building from 1918 to 1972, evolving into one of the area's leading ship chandling operations.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Wilmington City Directories Morning Star, Wilmington Messenger, Evening Dispatch newspaper articles Interview with Budd Thacker, partner, O. E. Durant, Inc., November 1980		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Carol Gunter City of Wilmington		DATE January 1981