

Commercial Building Front  
227 Meeting Street  
Charleston  
Charleston County  
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-305

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Eastern Office, Design and Construction  
143 South Third Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ADDENDUM  
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## COMMERCIAL BUILDING FRONT

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Address: 227 Meeting Street, Charleston, Charleston  
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Present Occupant: "The Hanover" tavern.

Statement of  
Significance: A mid-19th century small commercial-front building  
with interesting architectural features, and cast-  
iron lower story of attractive design; in fairly  
good condition. Built c. 1840; lower story apparently  
altered before 1860.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This building contains three stories, three bays, and about a 16' frontage; faces east.

First story: Faced with cast iron, upper stories brick. Four square Corinthianesque piers, corners chamfered, with rope molding in panel on the face. Semielliptical heads, with ornamented molded archivolt. Over each pier is an inverted bell-shaped corbel, with acanthus leaves curling over the top rim. Between them in the spandrels are foliated scrolls, symmetrically disposed. The cornice is relatively simple, breaking out slightly over each corbel. In the central bay is a modern double door.

Second and third stories are similar: Three windows with stone lintels and sills. Double-hung sash; one maintains six panes, others are two-over-two lights.

Attic: Three horizontal panels contain cast-iron grilles, having a narrow fret band across the bottom and anthemion design filling the remaining area. A gabled parapet with narrow brick coping above.

Site: This building is on the west side of Meeting Street, opposite the end of Pinckney Street.

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Southeast Region  
Department of the Interior  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

STATE South Carolina	COUNTY Charleston	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 227 MEETING STREET (Commercial Building Front)		HABS NO. SC-305
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 1840 - W.N. Barnett, 1855 - H. H. Williams (Hats & Caps - Wholesale), 1910 - Star Bargain House (Wholesale Clothing), 1928 - The Vulcanizing & Auto Accessory Co., 1940 - Hanover Beer Parlor		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 227 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) After 1838 Fire (News & Courier)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not Available	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Structure is one of a row of 19th Century commercial buildings and have housed a variety of tenants. (See Above)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival (Modified)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick load bearing side walls, brick facade, iron columns and cornice on ground floor. Modern brick infill.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Simplicity of Greek Revival has been modified with a brick parapet and iron elements (columns and cornice) on the first floor.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by the Office of Downtown Revitalization, City of Charleston, in compliance with the Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, HUD, EDA & Holywell Corporation (Developer)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Property is in the Old & Historic District, both a local zoning district and a historic district on the National Register, extended in 1975. Information: derived from News & Courier articles and the City of Charleston Archives.		
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