

Patterson-Fitzgerald Warehouse
(John Fitzgerald's Warehouse)
101-105 S. Union Street
Alexandria, Virginia

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Present Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Albert D. Schmutzer - Mrs. Norman Monfalcone

Present Occupant and Use: Restaurant and Antique Shop

Description

Stone and Brick, Utilitarian Style

Number of stories: 3½

Historical Data

Year of erection: Prior to 1765

Built for : (first Owner): John Patterson

Architect: Probably Patterson, local building contractor

Builder: John Patterson

Notable events and occupants

This structure is the largest and best preserved of Alexandria's once numerous examples of utilitarian buildings located along the active waterfront of the thriving port. The high basement is sturdily constructed of stone and the superstructure is brick, lighted by 8/8 and 12/12 sash.

First owned by Patterson, the property was acquired in 1778 from his widow by John Fitzgerald for 1400 pounds Virginia money. This building together with sheds and wharves serving it, bore the name of Fitzgerald's wharf for more than a hundred years. The first two floors served as warehouse and salesroom; the top floor housed a sail loft 42 feet by 83 feet in length.

Fitzgerald was prominent in the life of Alexandria and closely associated with Washington in the Potamoc Company, the Free School, the Society of the Cincinnati. He was Mayor of Alexandria from 1792 to 1794 and Collector of Customs until his death in 1799.

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