

Peter Scott Necessary House Architectural Report, Block 13-1 Building 31A

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HOUSE:	Cole Shop	RECORD BY WHOM:	George S. Campbell
LOCATION:	Block 13, Building 31	DATE OF RECORD:	September 15, 1936
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EXTERIOR

GENERAL NOTES

The general outline of this building differs very little from the original building. In fact, the over-all dimensions are the same. These changes occurred briefly on the North Elevation, which is the front, which had a new shop front of colonial detail, and new display windows. The pediment is similar to the original and had minor work done to it. See detailed description. The building was raised from its pre-restoration level to bring the floor approximately three feet above the sidewalk. This was done as it was presumed the building originally had a higher floor grade. A new set of entrance steps were also erected at that time.

The south elevation was given a new entrance door and a four light casement window; also new weatherboards; original termination of south elevation was nearer to the north facade as the building was much shorter. The east elevation originally had a modern window near south east corner, which was removed and two new windows of colonial detail substituted; also new beaded weatherboards.

The west elevation had but one modern window near the north corner, and this was superseded with a new one of colonial lines.

The complete building was given new beaded weatherboards of colonial.

New shingles of asbestos fireproof quality known as "Mohawk" shingles were used in re-roofing.

NORTH ELEVATION.

SHINGLES: None.

DORMER WINDOWS: None.

CORNICE: Cornice is original but has new cymation and fascia.

GUTTER AND LEADER: None.

WALL SURFACE: Shop front glazed with brick foundation.

PORCH: None.

FRONT DOOR: Glazed door. Mr. Macomber's detail carrying out scale of shop front windows as far as possible. Door also had transom of local model.

WINDOWS: Twelve lights each with entry in center and set back from main shop front. Typical shop front character for colonial times. Fast detail, wide muntins.

SHUTTERS: None.

BASEMENT WALL: Brick new wall, common bond.

CHIMNEYS: None.

BARGE BOARDS (END BOARDS) CORNER BOARDS: None. Modillion pediment.

GENERAL NOTES: It was through interpretation of this cornice and pediment that the building was proved to be of early origin. See also interior notes for further proof.

SOUTH ELEVATION.

SHINGLES: None.

DORMER WINDOWS: None.

CORNICE: Done.

GUTTER AND LEADER: None.

WALL SURFACE: Beaded weatherboards new colonial type.

PORCH: None.

FRONT DOOR: Door is new colonial models six panel. Trim is double molding colonial local model.

WINDOWS: Four light casement window, typical local model.

SHUTTERS: None.

BASEMENT WALL: Brick common bond.

CHIMNEYS: New chimney for utilitarian purposes shows at ridge, and was constructed to take care of heater in stop.

BARGE BOARDS (END BOARDS) CORNER BOARDS: Colonial type end boards and rake.

GENERAL NOTES:

EAST ELEVATION.

SINGLES: Mohawk asbestos shingles made to resemble colonial wood shingles but of fireproof qualities.

DORMER WINDOWS: None.

CORNICE: Cornice has new cyma, and new sub fascia to take the place of modern bed mold. This fascia also takes return of at north east and north west corners of member of cornice with modillions attached.

GUTTER AND LEADER: Brick gutter.

WALL SURFACE: Beaded new colonial type weatherboards.

PORCH: None.

FRONT DOOR: None.

WINDOWS: Twelve light new colonial model.

SHUTTERS: There are no shutters to windows.

BASEMENT WALL: New brick wall common bond.

CHIMNEYS: None.

BARGE BOARDS (END BOARDS) CORNER BOARDS: None.

GENERAL NOTES:

WEST ELEVATION.

SHINGLES: See East Elevation.

DORMER WINDOWS: None.

CORNICE: See East Elevation.

GUTTER AND LEADER: Brick gutter at grade.

WALL SURFACE: See East Elevation.

PORCH: None.

FRONT DOOR: None.

WINDOWS See East Elevation.

SHUTTERS See East Elevation.

BASEMENT WELL: See East Elevation.

CHIMNEYS: None.

BARGE BOARDS (END BOARDS) CORNER BOARDS: None.

GENERAL NOTES:

INTERIOR.

GENERAL NOTES:

After removal of plaster the studding and ceiling joists and rafters were examined closely. The original building was thus traced and was found to be much shorter than that now standing; however, in restoring the foundation wall a vertical joint was allowed which shows the rear termination of the building.

On examining the floor beams at that time numerous of them were found to be quartered timbers still carrying bark. The sill was in a badly rotted condition, and in restoring complete floor framing was renewed. The roof was reinforced and also studs. The interior is plastered simply and has a modern floor.

FLOOR: FIRST ROOM: SHOP.

FLOOR: Modern floor on modern joists.

FLOOR NAILS: Modern.

BEAMS: Modern sill and beams.

WALLS AND WALL COVERING: Plaster.

CEILING: Plaster.

BASEBOARD: Beaded colonial type base.

CHAIR RAIL: None.

CORNICE: None.

PANELLING OR WAINSCOT: None, except back of display window where woodwork occurs.

MANTEL None.

FIREPLACE AND HEARTH: None, but a flue for stove is located in new chimney stack.

WINDOWS (SASH, TRIM AND FRAME, AND METAL WORK): As described in elevation.

CLOSETS: None, except where toilet occurs at rear on south west corner.

DOORS AND TRIM: See south and north elevation.

METAL WORK ON DOORS: (LATCH, HINGES, DOOR KNOB, FASTENINGS, ETC.):

EQUIPMENT:

GENERAL NOTES: Studding is for the most part original. The building originally was much shorter and by examining the foundation wall east side, the termination of the original building can be seen.

OUTHOUSES.

(NOTE: See outhouse sheet of Montague House in sample record. In general give approximate age of outbuilding, record-character, and its former site if moved to its restoration location from another place. If "original" on the site, record it briefly as you would a house. If new, give authority or precedent for its design. If new — or moved from somewhere else — but standing on an old foundation, mention the fact and also note what formerly stood there.)

Outbuildings comprise one privy, only, which is new and was designed from example found behind the Cole's house, being a gift

from him. The foundation is new in new location and the building was designed for utilitarian purposes and can be used as a wood shed, as its colonial purpose has been superseded by toilet installed in shop proper.

Building is roofed with similar shingles to shop, and has flush boards random widths, whitewashed.