

Historic Name: Thornton Building

Source: Prince William County Historical Commission-“A Past to Preserve”

Date or Period: Ca. 1895

Original Use: Office Building

Vicinity: Manassas

The architecture of this building is unique in Manassas. It is a simple, two-story, brick structure with a gabled roof and locally quarried, roughly shaped, red sandstone lintels. Its main entrance is in the gable end. Located conveniently near the county courthouse in Manassas, the building was built by J. B. T. Thornton to house a law office shortly after the fifth county courthouse was completed. Thornton was the county judge and commonwealth’s attorney. In 1895 he was the law partner with E. E. Meredith, who served as county prosecuting attorney, state senator, and U.S. representative. In recent years, the building has housed a realty company and an antique shop.

**For a picture of this house see “A Past to Preserve”  
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