

## **Lee Medical Building**

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***Location and Current National Register Status:*** The Lee Medical Building is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is within the Monument Avenue Historic District, however its 1952 construction date places it outside of the period of significance for the historic district. The building is located on Lee Circle, at the southwest quadrant of Monument Avenue and North Allen Avenue.

***History and Significance:*** The Lee Medical Building is being nominated under National Register Criterion C at the local level. The period of significance is 1952, the year construction of the building was completed, under opposition from the city's most prestigious residential neighborhood. The building was designed by Richmond architect W. Harrison Pringle and was built by local builder and developer Franklin A. Trice. The site remained vacant until the 1950's when Trice saw an opportunity to provide a centralized location for the small medical offices scattered throughout the neighborhood. The building was designed in the Colonial Revival style with architectural references to the Monument Avenue and Lee Circle context.

***Staff Recommendations and Comments:***

The application of the National Register criteria indicates that the building is eligible for listing under Criterion C at the local level. The building is a prominent example of the work of W. Harrison Pringle and Franklin A. Trice that reflects the time and setting in which the building was constructed and retains a high level of integrity. Staff recommends that the Commission support the nomination of the building under National Register Criterion C at the local level.