

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1200 Carlton Avenue
Map and Parcel: 57-133
Census Tract & Block: 4-126
Present Owner: Carlton Associates
Address: c/o John Marr
615 East High Street
Present Use: Rental Property (residential)
Original Owner: Slaughter W. Ficklin
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Ficklin-Crawford Cottage
Date/Period: before 1886
Style: Gothic Revival
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 1½
Present Zoning: R-3
Land Area (sq.ft.): 2 lots: 50' x 137', 50' x 162'
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 7,000 + 10,500 = 17,500

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a fine example of a small Gothic cottage. It is three bays wide, single pile, weatherboarded, 1½ stories above a brick English basement. The deeply projecting eaves and verges of the steep bellcast gable roof are unornamented except for a pair of brackets at each corner and one at the peak of each gable. A wide cornice board runs around the entire structure. There is a high central gable on the front and two dormers on the rear. Originally there were two interior chimneys, one on either side of the central hall, but one was removed in 1969. The windows are double sash, 2-over-2, with plain pediments on the main level, shorter and without pediments in the basement, and pointed with pediment-like trim in the upstairs gables. The bay window on the parlor end has decorated paneled spandrels with moulded rails. Both the bay window and the entrance porch have truncated hip rooves with overhanging bracketed cornices. The porch has chamfered posts with wide brackets and sawn ballustrade. The entrance door has four raised panels with moulded rails. The glass in its rectangular transom and narrow sidelights was replaced with amber-colored plexiglass in 1969. Originally there were two rooms and central hall on each level, but the basement at the new site was only partially excavated and only the kitchen finished. It was abandoned in 1969 when a room on the main level was converted into a modern kitchen. Both single-flight staircases have quarter-turn winders at the main floor level. The doors on the upper level are beaded board-and-batten with slanting tops. The roof was originally decorated with iron cresting.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Slaughter W. Ficklin purchased the Belmont Farm from the estate of John Winn in 1847 and lived there until his death in 1886. The cottage was built before 1886, but no record of the exact date has been found. Stylistically it appears to date from the 1865-1885 period. It originally stood on the southwest corner of Belmont Avenue and Castalia Street, where Clarke School stands today, 2½ blocks from "Belmont", the Ficklin mansion. The farm was subdivided after Ficklin's death, and D.C. Carver purchased "the Cottage" and one acre of land in 1891. He sold it in 1903 to C.E. Crawford whose family lived there for the next 26 years. They sold the land along to the Charlottesville School Board in 1929 and moved the cottage on rollers two blocks downhill to its present site. Since then it has been used as rental property and has had several owners. Cecil Higgins modernized it in 1969, built a one-room addition behind the parlor, enclosed the back porch for a larger bath, and converted a bedroom into a modern kitchen. The present owners purchased it in 1977.
Deed References: ACDB 45-368, 96-322, 127-162, City DB 65-292, 106-54, 267-250, 289-78.

SIGNIFICANCE

This distinctive cottage was a part of the Belmont estate of Slaughter W. Ficklin. It is a fine example of the Victorian style.

CONDITIONS

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Mrs. Cecil Higgins

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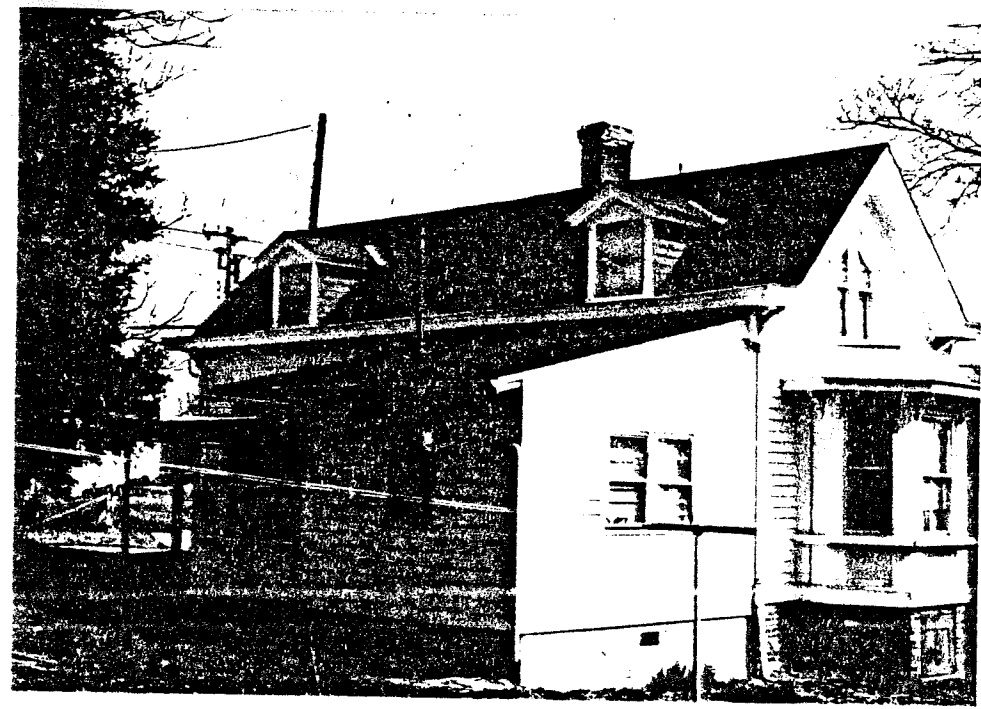
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Survey

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Oct. 26, 1981

Twins Saved From Fire

Two 4-year-old twins, Lucella and Sadina Arnette, were rescued from a fire at their 1200¹ Carlton Ave. house this morning when their babysitter, Marcella White, walked out of the kitchen where she was cooking, smelled smoke, and opened the door of the master bedroom, where the children were playing in a roomful of smoke. She took the twins, who are the daughters of James and Doris Arnette, next door and later told authorities that there were no matches or lighters in the house. The fire, which heavily damaged the house, still burned late this morning. Damage estimates were not available.



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DJ contact

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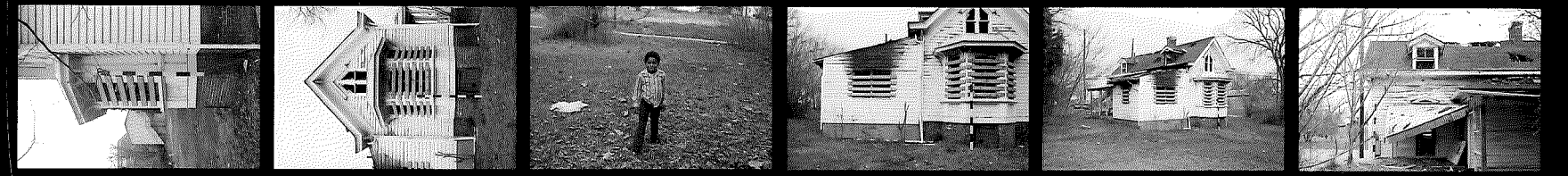
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1200 CARLTON AVE.

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1-story addition 1969

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Higgins rec.



owner: Cecil & Doris J. Higgins
1200 Carlton Ave.

orig: C.E. Crawford

c. 1970