

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> 406 Dice Street	<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> Tyree Thomas House
<b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b> 29-122	<b>DATE / PERIOD:</b> 1874, c. 1890
<b>CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:</b>	<b>STYLE:</b> Victorian Vernacular
<b>PRESENT ZONING:</b> R-2	<b>HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:</b> 2 storeys
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> Tyree Thomas	<b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b> 32' x 148' (4736 sq. ft.)
<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Residence	<b>CONDITION:</b> Good
<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Rental Property (Residence)	<b>SURVEYOR:</b> Bibb
<b>PRESENT OWNER:</b> Kevin I. Smith	<b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b> Spring 1984
<b>ADDRESS:</b> P. O. Box 6955	<b>SOURCES:</b> City/County Records, Ch'ville City Directories
Charlottesville, VA 22902	1877 Gray Map
	Sanborn Map Co. - 1907, 1920, 1969

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PO Box 6955

441-815	Kevin L. Smith	1983	\$13,000	plat 441-817
438-324	James N. Fleming	1983		
415-264	" "	1941 <del>1980</del>		Tavoy retained life est
298-18	Cartie Tavoy	1968		117-228
117-228	Christine Brooks			
112- <del>421</del>	Alfred "			

2-3, O Base

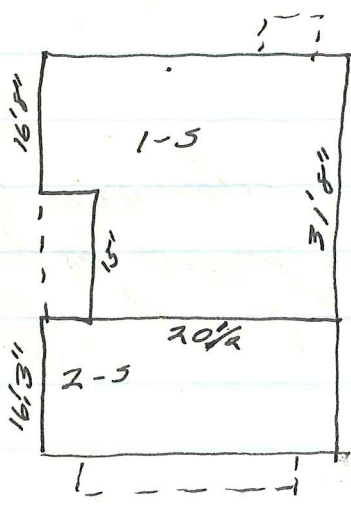
1-fam, brooms

piers, wood siding, metal gable

0 fireplaces

cheap const, "old"

or Thomas-Brooks house  
Tyree Thomas house  
built 1874, c. 1890?



1874 - 1929 = 55 yr - Thomas  
1933 - 1968 = 35 yr - Brooks

Tavoy dec

Sanborn —

essentially in present form by 1907  
one-story rear wing ~~to~~ behind 2-story wing, but not behind porch until 1920 maps

City Directories

1910-13, '13-14 - Lavinia Thomas - 406 D Ave

1953 }  
1962 } - rented

1936, '40 - Alfred (waiter) + Laura Brooks - 406 D Ave

1947 " " nl

David Brooks in house



406 Dice St

~~401 5th~~

- 112-421 Maude & Otha Dabney, Geraldine Crippen (5), &  
4/5/1942 Wilbur L. Brooks (5) → Christine Brooks  
all their int. in lot on S side Dice, N<sup>1/2</sup> Lot 5 in Dolan plat  
same as 79-348  
Alfred Brooks dec 10/23/1942, leaving 3 of 8 chn
- 79-348 Wm M Lightfoot (5) → Alfred Brooks #1300  
8/2/1933 lot on S side Dice, N<sup>1/2</sup> Lot 5 in Dolan plat  
same as 66-30  
(signed w/ mark)
- 66-30 Charles E. & Hattie Thomas → Wm. Lightfoot #1750  
7/20/1929 N<sup>1/2</sup> Lot 5...  
same as 65-414
- 65-414 Lavinia Thomas (wid. Tyree), Lillie B & Daniel C. Nicholas,  
7/8/1929 → Charles E & Hattie M. Thomas  
Lot 5 on Dolan plat  
"a portion of the land known as the Totty Cottage"  
same as ACDB 66-526, Wm M Poole → Tyree Thomas 8/27/1871  
Tyree Thomas dec. 3/12/1878, wife & 2 chn
- ACDB Wm M & Emma J. Poole → Tyra (sic) Thomas #150  
66-526 0.20-acre lot, #5 in Dolan's plat of the Totty Cottage property,  
8/21/1871
- City DB spec. comm. <sup>in Christine Brooks or Lorenz Brooks et al</sup> → Christine Brooks, at auction \$1,200  
117-227 same as 79-348  
7/14/1944

406 ~~411~~ Dice

1871, 72	Tyras Thomas	<sup>Union</sup> 3/4 ac 1 mi W	+150 = 300	
1872, 73	Tyras Thomas	1/5 ac 1/4 mi S	+ - = 70	for Covington
1874	not on microfilm			
1875	Tyras Thomas	1/5 ac 1/4 mi S	+150 = 220	\$150 added for report
1876	"	1/10 " " "	+200 = 250	1/2 -> Elijah Thoe
"	Elijah	1/10 " " "	+200 = 250	for Tyras Thoe

~~1888~~

1889, 90, 91	Tyras Thomas		+250 = 450	for Ridge
1891, 94, 96, 98	"	✓	+350 = 450	✓
1891	3rd		+350 = 450	
+90				
1903, '06, '08, '11	"	est.	100 + 300 = 400	406 Dice



Chimneys


406 Fire

2-5, 2-bay (very #  $\begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \end{bmatrix}$ ) single pile w/ large 25 rear wing covering whole

✓ found. - med,  $\phi$  com-covered, <sup>brick</sup> piers &  $\underline{B}$

white weatherboarding w/ dk green trim

med gable roof w/ very steep cent gable on facade: proj eaves & verges, boxed cornice, pl frieze, 55m

✓  
\* windows 6/6 w/ pl surrounds &  cornice w/ <sup>low</sup> cent gables supported on console ~~only on facade~~  
porch roof cut out around ~~the~~ <sup>only on facade</sup>  
E end window lowered ~~the~~ <sup>only on facade</sup> vent, W & rear wing  
~~these~~ pl, arch, & moulded, all 6/6

✓ 1-5 veranda covers facade  
bellcast truncated hip roof, sheet metal, boxed cornice  
pl frieze, sq pillars, simple balc

ent E bay - 2-l rect. transom, old 4-panel door w/ moulded rail; consoles touch ceiling

rear section - matching, but seam in WB  
" " roof, Phila gables, gable, <sup>pitched</sup>

1-5 shed wing behind  
2/2 windows w/ pl trim  
nearly flat shed roof  
curving brick retaining wall

2-5 porch E side rear wing:

2nd - open w/ sq posts & Vix bal

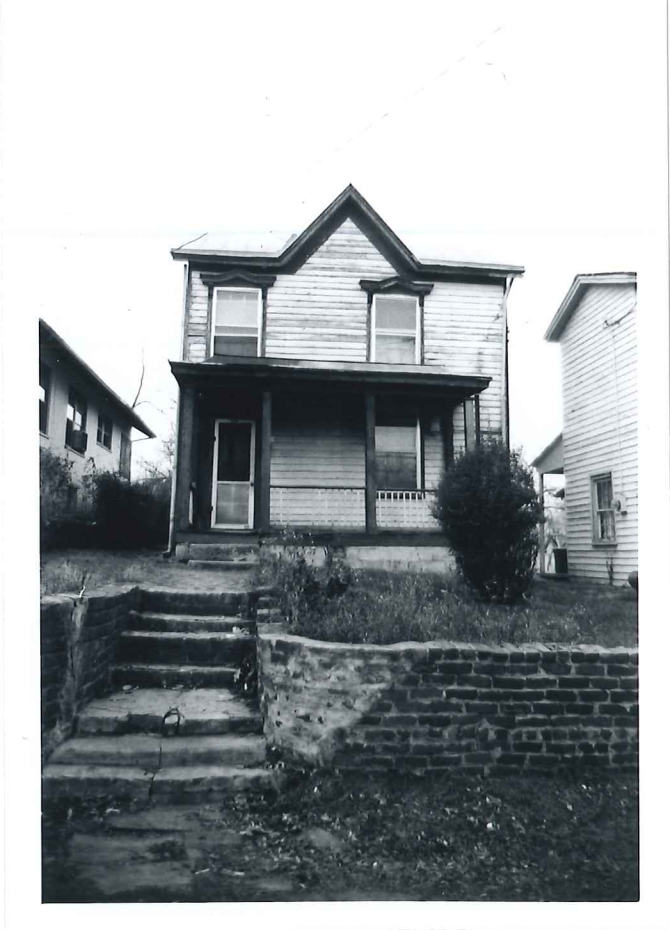
1st - encl w/b

chim w/ sun caps int to rear wall orig section, W side

window cornice match 400 + 406 Ridge; 4th NE pedimented

144  
+ 92  
296  
444  
4736





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