

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 410 East Jefferson Street  
 Map and Parcel: 53-45  
 Census Track & Block: 1-111  
 Present Owner: Coalburg Corp.  
 Address: c/o Edwin R. Carter III  
 Present Use: Offices  
 Original Owner: Edward Butler  
 Original Use: Residence

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Butler-Norris House  
 Date/Period: c. 1785  
 Style: Vernacular  
 Height to Cornice: 24.67  
 Height in Stories: 2  
 Present Zoning: B-3  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 45.67 x 84.6  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 10,200 + 7800 = 18,000

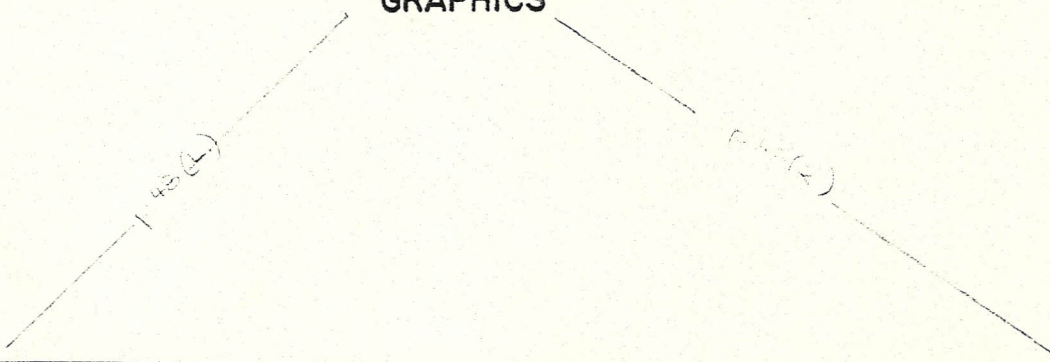
## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Butler-Norris House is the only example of eighteenth century architecture remaining in the Court Square area. As it originally stood, that is without the western addition dating from c. 1880, the Butler-Norris House was a simple three bay, two story building typical of middle class residence of the Eighteenth century. The most notable feature of the exterior is the fine Flemish bond brickwork, and the only molded brick cornice in the city. The interior was originally laid out according to the "London Plan", that is a narrow passage and parlor in the front with a larger room and stair in the rear with the kitchen and possibly a shop in the basement. There remains in the house several fine Georgian mantels, with pilasters and dentils, and other typical Eighteenth century woodwork.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Edward Butler, signer of the Albemarle Declaration of Independence, purchased lot no. 4 from Samuel Woods some time prior to 1774. In 1791, Edward conveyed the property "with all appurtenances there unto belonging to James Nolly--otherwise James Butler, my son...for love and affection...lot no. 4" (ACDB 10-326). In 1808, James and Susannah Butler (later Fowler), his wife, conveyed the property to John Kelly for \$550 with the dower rights not being released by Susannah Butler Fowler until 1813 (ACDB 16-587 & 18-445). In comparison to similar properties sold at the same time, the high selling price would indicate that a structure built by the Butler family was on the property when Kelly bought it. Opie Norris was given the house and lot by John Kelly his father-in-law, and it remained in his estate until 1880. It served as rental property, and one of its most prominent occupants was Dr. Robert Nelson. The house has had many owners including lawyers, a slate company, the Church of Christ, and the current owners, a real estate firm. Deed References: ACDB 10-326, 16-587, 18-445, 20-85, 81-437, 86-117, City DB 3-200, 16-438, 44-259, 139-454, 144-257, 181-220, 202-286, 245-369.

## GRAPHICS



## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

City/County Records, Mr. John Brennan  
 Who Built 410 Jefferson Street?, Margaret Fowler Clark  
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