

# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104-70 Negative no(s). 5124 (27)

**SURVEY FORM** 

Historic name Common name Saint Elmos

County/Town/City Albemanle, Charlottesuille Street address or route number 130 Modison St

USGS Quad Charlottesville West, Va. Original owner

Original use fraternity

Present owner Saint Elmos

Present owner address

130 Wagison

Present use traternity
Acreage

Date or period 417 Architect/builder/craftsmen

Source of name Source of date

Stories

Foundation and wall const'n

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs 2002

State potential threats to structure Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes no X

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

130: brick (7 course common bond) on low cement foundation;

2'/z stories; truncated hip roof with non balastiade and 3

Semi-circular dormers; 5 bay; 2 story, 3 boy portico with
4 attenuated untlibed Tuscan columns and 2 reflective:
plasters. Colonial Reurial. C. 1915. gutter cornice with
"wall of troy" dentils brick belt course. triportite entance
in center boy with 4 attenuated, thited engaged columns
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upper windows - B over 8 light sash with stone sills, end
boys have Jack arches with large stone keys, 1st floor
windows - 12 over 12 light, end boys have brick jack arches
with stone keys, middle boys have stone jack arches with
large stone keys and end blocks. 2 interior and chimneys.

Interior inspected? no

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Shown on 1920 Sandborn map as fraternity.

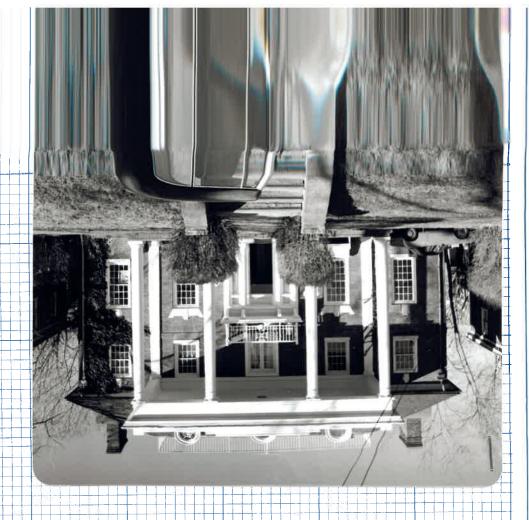
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

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 $N_{ames}$  and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)

Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)





### **VIRGINIA** HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File No. 104-130

Negative no(s). 7230

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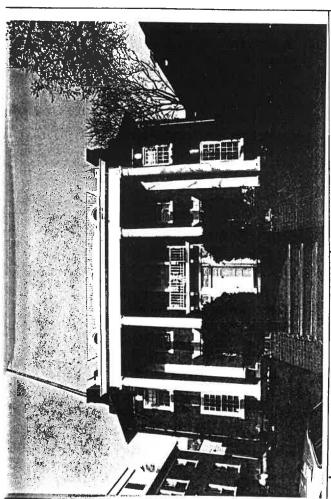
# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-130 Negative no(s). 7230

Page 1 of 2

Street address 130 Madison Lane Fown/City Charlottesville						
distoric name St. Elmo's Hall		Common name De 1	ta Phi Fraternity F	House		
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Style/period Georgian Revival	Date C	a. 1912-13 Architect	/builder			
Location and description of entrance	arge Prominent cent			ts.		



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This house is distinctive because of its tall, flat-roofed portico and round-headed dormers. It remains virgually unaltered on the exterior except for the addition of modern iron railings.

Historical information

This house was built ca. 1912-13 as St. Elmo Hall for Delta Phi fratermity, which still occupies it.

An older frame building stood on the site.

Source Sanborn maps; T. Bishop, "Fraternities at UVa...

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 8-83

130 Madison Lane - St Elmo

1978 St. Elmo Club of

1944

the Union of Va, Inc

391-4.746

Della Phi Found., Inc.

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ACDB 117-339

The Et Elmo Club

225 + basement, 14 rooms built 1912, good constr 1978 - remodel + repair 1956 - fire walk

built 1913 by St Elmo (Della Phi)
5th to blild, 3rd on Mad. Lane (not conting) St. Peters For. Half Banbon; on site of older frame bldg CORRECTED IN 1942 questionaire: 1915 1970 booklet: (nothing much) P.17 "St Elmo Hall exhibite the most adamsesque of portions of extremely thin columns supporting a light portico. Its windows wf stone jack where having raised ende and execute a central keystone superimposed on another, & its elaborate front door \_\_\_\_\_ distinguish its facade. The door has a small balcony cantilevered on consoler overhead." when founded? one of oldest & built by fresternity.

3 Description of Physical appearance fraternity, is a 2'2-storey, 5-bay, double-pile house on a full basement, Wall construction is of brisk laid in 7-course american bond. I It has a truncated hips noof with balustrade. There are three circular-headed dormers on the front & rear elevations and two on the side elevations. a 2-storey, flat-roofed portico with slender Roman D'oric columns covers three bays of the facade. The central entrance has leaded sidelights & transom & there is a second storey balcony support on consoler above it. Windows are \$ over & light at the first level + 8-over - 8 heystone + end block at the second, with althous jack when some of east stone, with, There two interior end chimneys with caps & string courses. The foral point of the parlor'u a graneled chimney breast with full height engaged Roman Doric columns carrying an entablative with destil moulding. A Palladian window above the upper stair landing, is centered on the near elevation.

## 3) Statement of Significance

was built in 1912-13 by the St. Elmo Club of U.Va. (Delta The architect in unknown. Phi fraternity) (alb. Co. DB 149-80). At was the fifth home to be built by a fraternity at U.Va. 4 the third on Madison Lane. This group of swen buildings, five of them originally designed as fraternity houses, presents a unique streetscape: all are on the east side of the street; on the west, Madison. Bowl effends beg between Madison Lane & Rugly Road, so that the houses are viewed from a distance, across Madison Dowl. This is one of the most familiar streetscapes at the Univ. of Va. 4 the familiar streetscapes at the Univ. of Va. 4 the familiar is the same to symbolize fraternity, life there. A Each house in the row is unique, s'its preservation is excessary for the survival of the whole.

St. Elmo Hall is especially noteworthy, for its decoratively sidelights & transon, with its balcony cantilwered above the entrance, a its eincular-headed dormers, & its delicate portico which has been described as "the most adamsesque" of the fraternity houses.

Although two houses, both mently converted from bounding house to spartments houses, have been altered, the facades of the five braternity, houses remain more intent.

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### St Elmo

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72-422 deed of trust 1931 same as ACDB 149-80, 4/6/1912, for trustees

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142-35 X2 plat ACDB 121.384

City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Idenfication Number: 104-0133-0019

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1912 -13

PROPERTY NAMES

Delta Phi Fraternity House

EXPLANATION
Historic/Current

St. Elmo Hall

Historic/Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-138

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number

Thoroughfare Name

Explanation

130 -

Madison Lane

Current

Vicinity:

Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

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Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

On slightly elevated site, front yard edged with hedge and plantd with shrubs; driveway on northeast side of property.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Historic
1.1	1	Carport	Non-historic

TOTAL:

Historic:
Non-Historic:

#### PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney Cornice Dormer Foundation	2 0 8 0	Interior end Boxed Round-arched Continuous	Brick Wood Wood Brick	
Porch Roof	0 0	2-story, 1-level Hipped	Wood Slate	Classical Revival
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	7-course common
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	8/8
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	12/12

#### INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1912 -13

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written Architectural Style: Classical Revival

Description:

Classical Revival dwelling with rectangular form, hipped roof with flat top surrounded by metal balustrade (later); two dormers, each side, front, and rear, with round-arched tops and multi-light round-arched double-hung sash windows. Five-bay front facade with central entrance has full-height tetrastyle portico with Doric columns; balcony at center bay supported on curved-profile brackets. Entrance is single-leaf with panelled door, transom and sidelights, and Doric half-columns framing door and outer edge of sidelights. First-floor windows are twelve-over-twelve, second-floor windows are eight-over-eight; sills are stone, and lintels are jack-arched, with keystones; first-floor windows flanking entrance have stone voussoirs. Rear facade has small gabled wall dormer in center, containing Palladian window.facade is a recessed one-story porch next to one-story bay. There is a three-course belt course just below the second-floor windows.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Iron railings serving as balustrade on roof are probably mid-twentieth-century (O'Dell 1983).

Number of Stories: 2.5

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property: Carport to rear of house, added since 1969.

DHR Historic Context: Domestic

Significance Statement:

Apparently built in 1912-13 as the Delta Phi Fraternity House, its site had a two-story frame house on it in 1907, which was probably demolished for the The house has a high level of integrity, and construction of this building. is unusual for its round-headed dormers; also its window openings are highly articulated. It contributes to the historic district (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; Bishop 1981: 11; O'Dell 1983).

#### GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium Medium ID # Frames Date B&W 35mm Photos 14645 6 – 8 3/ 9/1996

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M. Citation Abbreviation: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey

Notes:

1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Map Author: Sanborn Map Company Citation Abbreviation:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA

1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969. University of Virginia Alderman Library Government Documents.

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Book Author: Bishop, Timothy L. Citation Abbreviation:

Fraternity Houses at the University of Virginia Notes:

1981. University of Virginia undergraduate independent study. University of Virginia Fiske Kimball Library.

#### CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/ 9/1996

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.

ID # Associated with Event: CRM Event Notes or Comments:

#### MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif: First: Last Suffix:

Company: St. Elmo Club of the U of VA Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 9023

City : Charlottesville State: VA

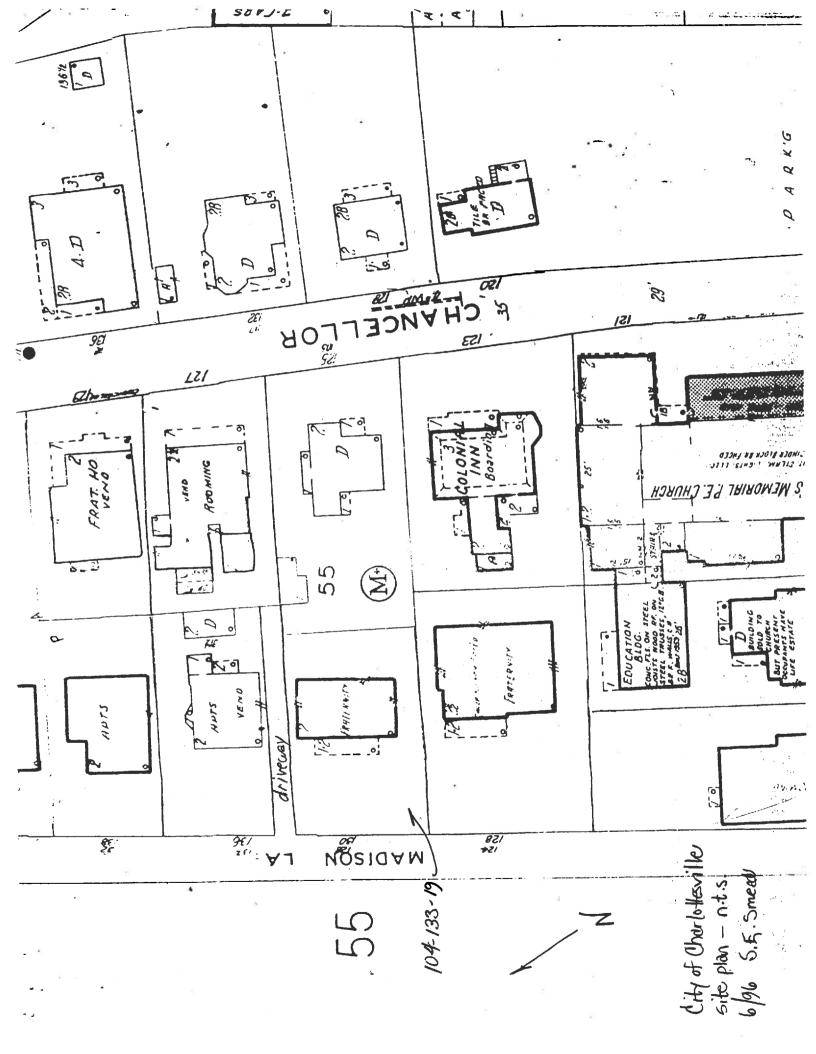
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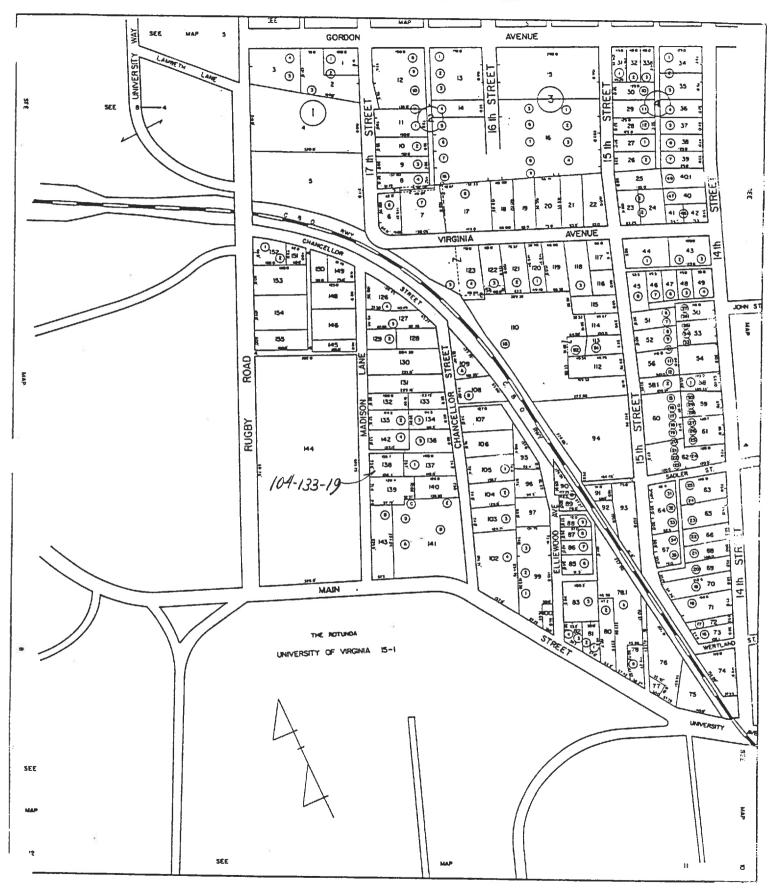
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Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:





#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Washington D.C. 20240

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

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#### 2. Description of Physical Appearance:

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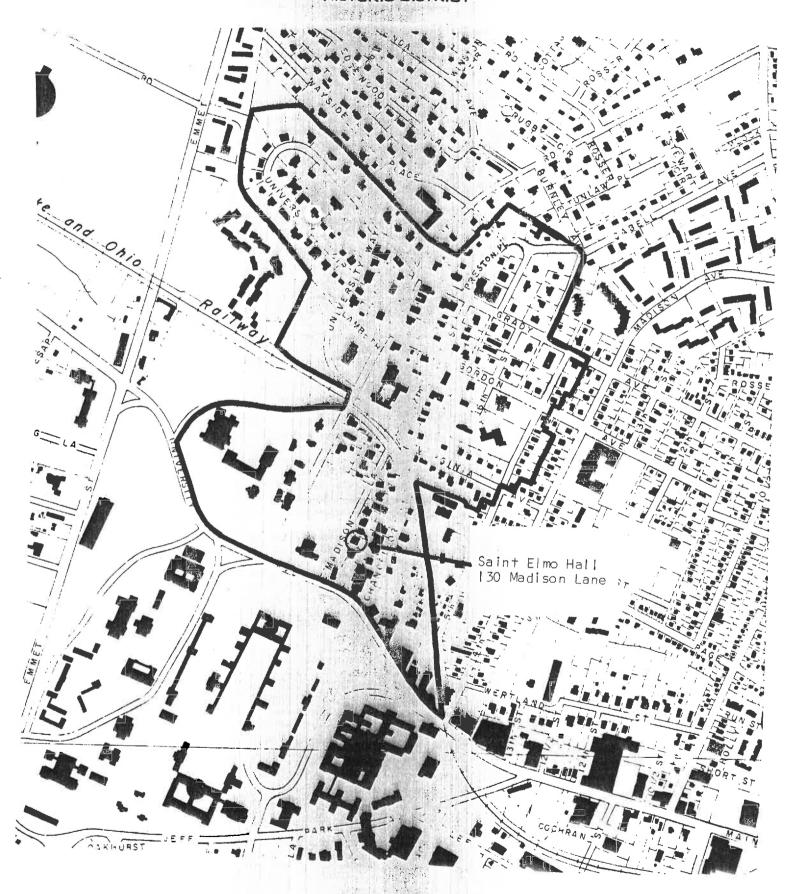
As with most fraternity houses at the University of Virginia, little of the original interior fabric of Saint Elmo Hall remains due to heavy use and many renovations over the years. The focal point of the parlor is a paneled chimney breast with full height engaged Roman Doric columns carrying an entablature with dentil moulding.

#### 3. Statement of Signifance:

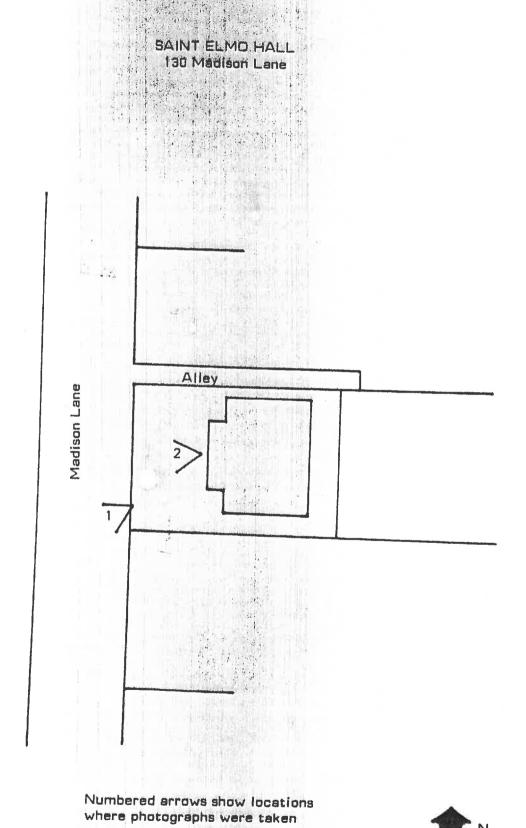
earliest houses built by a fraternity at the University of Virginia. It is part of a row of twelve buildings (seven of them are fraternity or sorority houses) on the east side of Madison Lane, presenting one of Charlottesville's most unique and recognizable streetscapes. Madison Bowl, a large open recreation area on the west side of Madison Lane, enables this row of buildings to be seen from many parts of Rugby Road and the grounds of the University. This area has come to symbolize fraternity life at the University of Virginia.

Saint Elmo Hall is especially noteworthy for its fine decoratively leaded sidelights and transom, its balcony cantilevered above the entrance, its circular-headed dormers, and its delicate portico. It has been described as the most "Adamesque" of the fraternity houses.

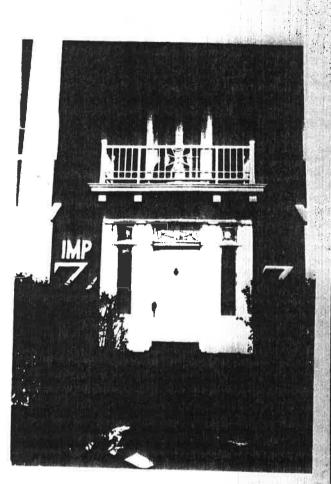
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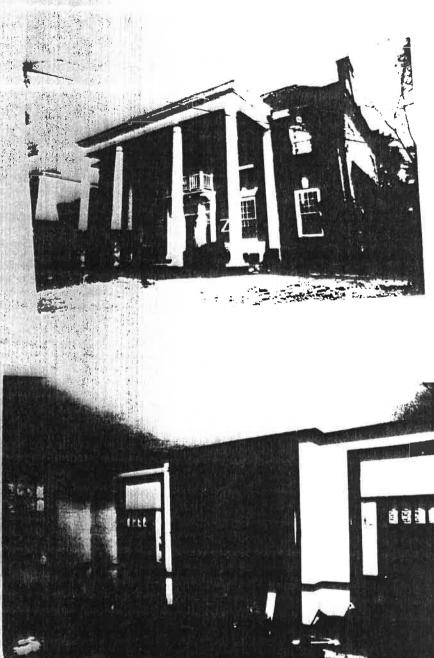


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St. Elmo Hall 130 Madison Lane Charlottesville, VA 22903

West facade, looking east from Madison Lane

St. Elmo Hall 130 Madison Lane Charlottesville, VA 22903

West entrance, looking east from Madison Lane

St. Elmo Hall 130 Madison Lane Charlottesville, VA 22903

South wall of main parlor

Photo #3

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