

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE  
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0017

Other DHR Number: 104-70 Property Date(s) 1905 ca

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| PROPERTY NAMES             | EXPLANATION |
| Delta Gamma Sorority House | Current     |

County/Independent City: Charlottesville  
State: Virginia  
Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-135-2

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:  
Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

|        |                   |             |
|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| Number | Thoroughfare Name | Explanation |
| 138 -  | 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

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:  
On narrow lot with building filling out width; yard edged with evergreen shrubs.

Ownership: Private NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

|        |      |                 |           |
|--------|------|-----------------|-----------|
| Seq. # | # of | Wuzit Types     | Historic? |
| 1.0    | 1    | Single Dwelling | Historic  |

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| TOTAL:        | 1 |
| Historic:     | 1 |
| Non-Historic: | 0 |

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

| Component  | # | Comp Type/Form    | Material | Material Treatment |
|------------|---|-------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Chimney    | 1 | Interior side     | Brick    |                    |
| Cornice    | 0 | Boxed             | Wood     | W/ Dentils         |
| Foundation | 0 | Continuous        |          | Plastered          |
| Roof       | 0 | Hipped            | Asphalt  | Shingle            |
| Walls      | 0 | Masonry           | Brick    | Common Bond        |
| Window(s)  | 0 | Sash, double-hung | Wood     | 6/6                |

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1905 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Classical Revival

Description:

Classical Revival dwelling with slightly irregular form, caused by shallow projecting section on northeast side; hipped roof; and three-bay front facade. Central entrance has Classical Revival surround, with pilasters and pediment; second level above has high round-arched window that extends below flanking second-floor window units. First-floor windows have segmentally-arched lintels; second-floor windows have jack arches. Hip-roofed dormers on each side have paired four-over-one double-hung sash windows.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Porch removed between 1929 and 1941 - was one-story, extending across front facade and around north corner to projection section of house on northeast side. Classical Revival entrance treatment is later, as are window blinds on front facade; sash replaced with units containing false mullions.

Number of Stories: 2.5

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Domestic

Significance Statement:

This building was built c. 1905, and served as a dwelling until at least 1913; by 1920 it was a fraternity house. In 1929 it was a rooming house, and in 1941 it housed apartments, a use that continued through 1969. Delta Gamma Sorority purchased the house in 1981. The house has been considerably changed by the loss of its porch, but retains enough integrity to contribute to the historic district (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; O'Dell 1983).

| Medium          | Medium ID # | Frames  | Date      |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| B&W 35mm Photos | 14645       | 13 - 14 | 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

Notes:

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

#### 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 :

Title :

Company: U O VA House Corp. of Delta Gamma

Address: 138 Madison Lane

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22903- Country: USA

Phone/extension:

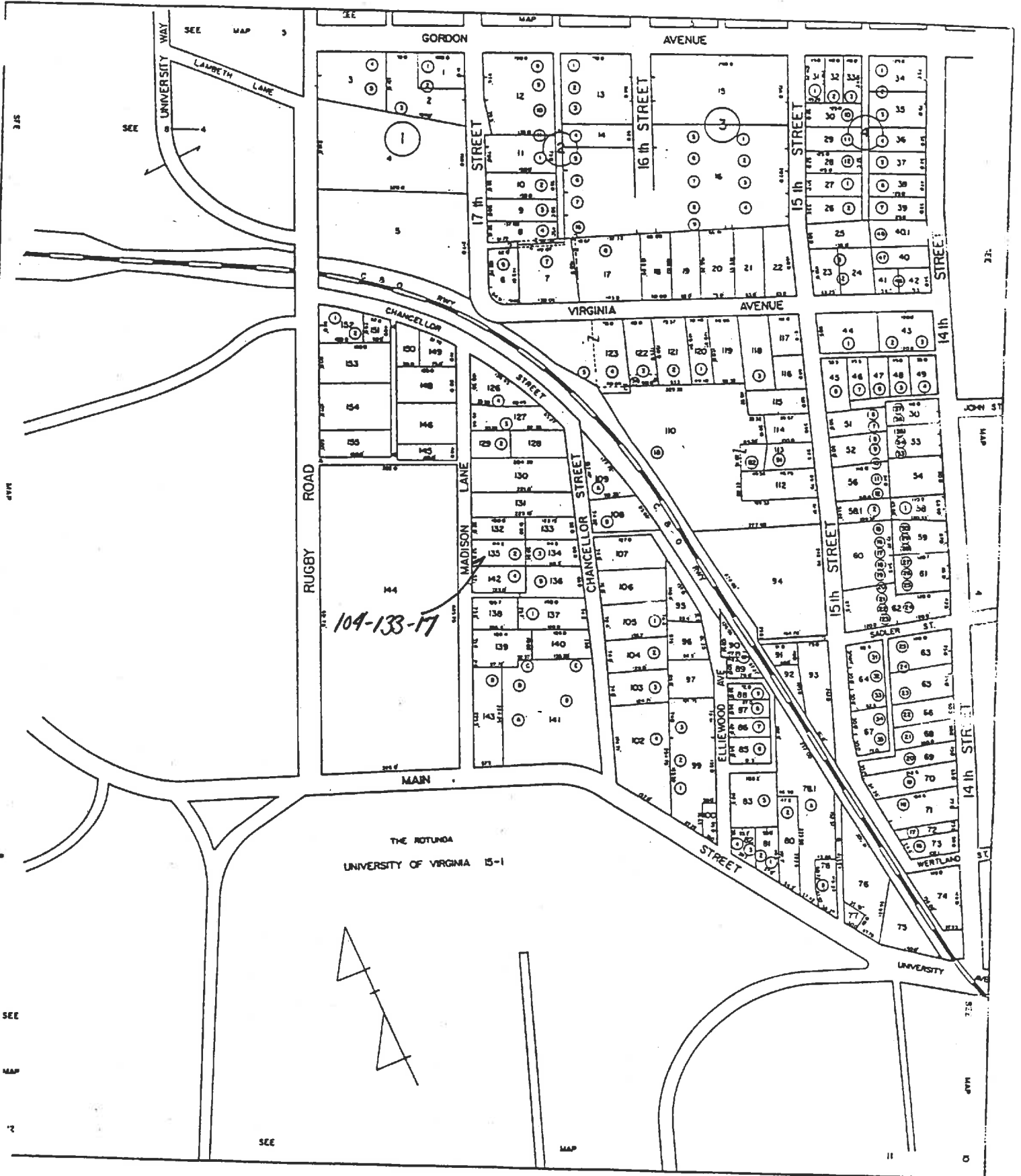
Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:



CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE : 1" = 100'

SECTION:

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# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

## HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

File No. 104-138-17  
Negative no(s). 7230

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Street address 138 Madison Lane  
Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name \_\_\_\_\_ Common name Delta Gamma Sorority House

- Material**
- wood frame (siding:  weatherboard,  shingle,  aluminum,  bricktex,  \_\_\_\_\_)
- brick (bond:  Flemish,  stretcher,  \_\_\_\_\_-course American,  \_\_\_\_\_)
- stone ( random rubble,  random ashlar,  coursed ashlar,  \_\_\_\_\_)
- log (siding:  weatherboard,  shingle,  aluminum,  bricktex,  \_\_\_\_\_)
- stucco  cast iron
- concrete block  terra cotta
- enameled steel  glass and metal
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

| Number of Stories  | Roof Type  | Roof Material   |
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| Porch   | Stories  | Bays   | General description   |
|---|--|--|---|
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**Building type**

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house | <input type="checkbox"/> garage             | <input type="checkbox"/> government          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> detached town house       | <input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office) | <input type="checkbox"/> school                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> row house                 | <input type="checkbox"/> apartment building | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)  | <input type="checkbox"/> church                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> double house              | <input type="checkbox"/> gas station        | <input type="checkbox"/> railroad            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boarding house / Sorority |

Style/period Georgian Revival Date Ca. 1900-07 Architect/builder \_\_\_\_\_

Location and description of entrance



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

This unaltered house features a round-arched central window and an elaborate pedimented doorway. Note the dentil cornice and brick window arches.

**Historical information**

This house has been dated on the basis of city and university directories. It was probably built about the same time as no. 136 next door, which was also run as a boarding house by Miss Mary Minor Lewis between 1920 and 1950.

Delta Gamma Sorority house purchased it in 1981.

Sanborn maps; University directories;  
Source Alexander Gilliam interview; City directories;

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 9-83



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

(3A)

## SURVEY FORM

Historic name \_\_\_\_\_ Common name Delta Gamma  
 County/Town/City Albemarle, Charlottesville  
 Street address or route number 138 Madison St.

USGS Quad Charlottesville west, Va. Date or period c. 1915  
 Original owner \_\_\_\_\_ Architect/builder/craftsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Original use dwelling  
 Present owner Delta Gamma Source of name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present owner address \_\_\_\_\_ Source of date \_\_\_\_\_  
138 Madison St. Stories \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present use sorority Foundation and wall const'n \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Roof type \_\_\_\_\_

State condition of structure and environs good

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.)

138: brick (stretcher bond with penciled mortar) on high cement faced foundation; 2 1/2 story, hip roof with center hip roof dormer with 2 nine light awning windows; 3 bay; Colonial Revival. c. 1915. Small wooden dentilated frieze. Colonial Revival entrance in center bay with triangular pediment broken by semi-circular wooden fanlight and key, 4 plain pilasters with plain frieze frame entrance. 6 over 6 light sash windows, 2nd floor - jack arches, 1st floor - segmental arches, 2nd floor center bay - long semi-circular 11 over 9 light sash window. One interior chimney to north. Recessed on north side is projecting 2 story bay. Building recently renovated as sorority house, brick sandblasted.

Interior inspected? no

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

Not shown on 1907 Sanborn Map  
 1920 Sanborn Maps list as Fraternity house.

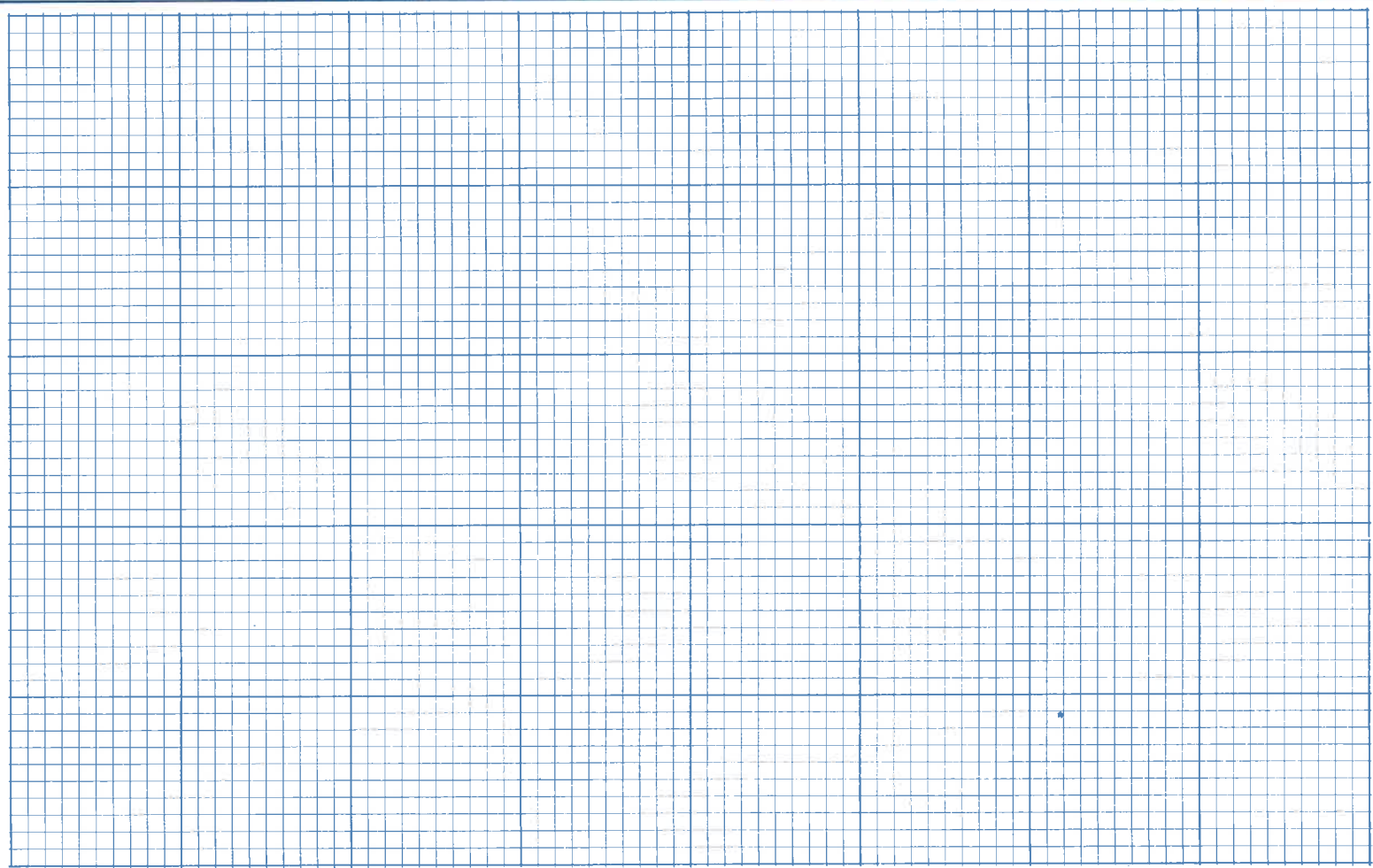
Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)  
1920 Sanborn Map  
Alderman Library U. of Va.

Names 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.)



Name, address and title of recorder

Karen Kummer  
U. of Va. Arch. History Grad. Student

Date

March 1980





# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

## HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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Negative no(s). 7230

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Town/City **Charlottesville**

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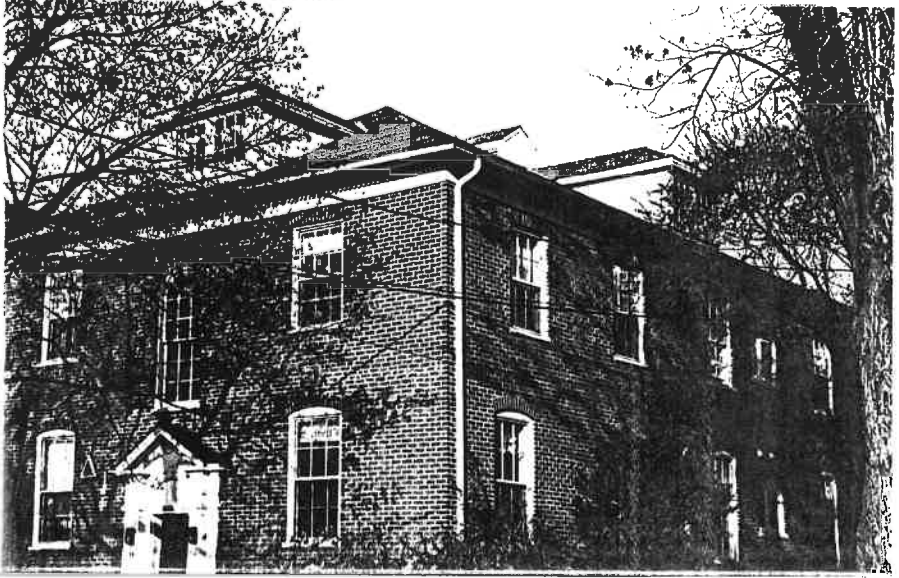
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Name 138 Madison Lane





Date 5/9/96 File No. 104-133-17  
Name Delta Gamma Sorority House, 135 Madison Lane  
Town Charlottesville  
County \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer S. F. Smead  
Contents 2 exterior views  
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