

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 215 Montebello Circle
Map and Parcel: 16-24
Census Track & Block:
Present Owner: Rector & Visitors of the University of Va.
Address: Pavilion VIII, East Lawn, U.Va.
Present Use: Residential
Original Owner: Capt. John M. Perry
Original Use: Residential

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Montebello
Date/Period: 1819-20
Style: Jeffersonian
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: B-2
Land Area (sq.ft.): 120,000 sq. ft.
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 13,430 + 15,600 = 29,030

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Montebello is an early and fine example of Jefferson Style. The original building is a 3 bay single pile plan with symmetrical end chimneys. The end walls have no windows and rise above the level of the gently sloping metal roof. The building is brick and 2 stories on a raised basement. There is a minimum of detailing on the exterior window and door trim and the sides have a simple wooden cornice. The central section is flanked on either side by 1 story wings set back from the end of the house on 1 side, but projecting beyond the main section on the Montebello Cl. side. The gable end of these projections is perpendicular to the side of the house (i.e. facing Montebello Cl.) as well as the 1st section of the wing whose roof runs in the same direction of the central block. The most striking feature is the unusually deep 1 story entrance portico with a flat deck roof supporting Chippendale railings similar to those on the Lawn. The massive Doric columns and appropriate Doric entablature are also extremely reminiscent of those on the Lawn. The portico has 4 columns in front, the space between the middle 2 being wider than the spaces between them and the end columns. It is interesting that there is a column in the middle of each side of the portico, but there are no pilasters or 1/2 columns to support the portico at the wall, emphasizing the depth of the porch. There is a similar portico on the other side that is 1/2 as deep. The porch is on a raised brick base and the floor extends to run from 1 projecting wing under the portico to the other, and has a wooden balaustrade. The entrance doors on either side are surmounted by simple 3 pane rectangular transoms incorporated in the door frame.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Montebello has a long history, having been built in 1819-20 by Capt. John M. Perry, the contractor for many of the original buildings at the University erected near that time. When Perry moved from Charlottesville the house was occupied by his son-in-law, George W. Spooner who died in 1865. In 1870, the house and some 48 surrounding acres were acquired by Col Charles S. Venable (ACDB 68-432) and from 1875 to 1887 it was the home of Professor William Thornton (who then moved to Monroe Hill). The property was acquired from the Venable family and F.S. Warren in 1907 by J.Z. Holladay (ACDB 135-163,164). In 1914 the Holladays sold the property and the "Montebello Mansion House" to I.K. Moran, Sr. (DB-29-462). Long the home of the Misses Sarepta, Edna and Virginia Moran, who inherited it from their father in 1928 (DB 29-462), in 1962 the University of Virginia acquired the house and surrounding lots in the Montebello subdivision from J. Richmond and Charles Via, trustees under the deed of Virginia Moran and others (DB 236-265 Nov. 1961).

SIGNIFICANCE

Montebello is an early and fine example of the Jeffersonian style was built by the contractor for many of the University buildings as his own home. It is now owned by the University and used as a faculty residence.

CONDITIONS

Very good

UTM: 17/718570/4212450

SOURCES

City Records
County Records
Ante-Bellum Albemarle, Miss Elizabeth Rawlings

*Architectural And Historic
Survey*



Graphics



Montebello

ACDB

68-43³ 5V Southall + Oscar Reierson, ~~owner~~ in Spooner or Spooner
2/17/1874 → C. S. Venable

tract adj U Va, BL Bilderbeek, James Johnson, Wm. D. Preston,
Wilderfield's est., James Fife, + Jesse L. Murray
"part of land owned by late G. W. Spooner + sold to Venable
on 9/14/1870"
48.6 acres

27-93 John M + Frances Percy → Geo W Spooner

1/5-1825⁵ 5 acres adj U Va, Wheeler Rd 38 1/2 P, Percy
(filed 1825) (no mention of house) *probably not this*

City DB Virginia E. Moran (5), Chas E Jr + Famine C. Moran, M. Fontaine +
236-265 Genevieve B. Moran, Katharine M. + Parker C. Griffin, Kimber N
11/29/194 + Betsy Ann Moran → Jos. W. Richmond, Jr., + Charles A. Via, Jr.
Trustees

29-462, 1/20/197
150' x

IK Moran dec intestate leaving chn Chas E, Virginia E,
Beretta A, + Edna J Moran

62-424, 9/28/1928 Charles E Moran's int → 3 sisters

Beretta Moran dec. intestate 11/10/61

Edna J. " " " 11/11/61

to provide for Virginia E. Moran's care
to sell after " " death

236-271 Richmond + Via - 700' x \$40,000
11/12/1962

1825 John M. Perry 92 1/2 a north ridge 12000 + 1337 = 2585
 " " " 585 1/4 a dy John M. Perry 8200 + 337 = 4758
 " " " 126 3/4 a dy J.M. Perry " (126 3/4 -> 60 W Spooner + 0 = 1030
 " " " Geo W Spooner

1824, 25 John M. Perry 370 3/8 near 11/2, 1W + 2400 = 6130
 1822, 21 " 388 " + 2000 = 3648

1828, 26 " 256 1/2 " 1W + 3900 = 5605
~~1705~~ \$1000 added sample

1835 " 91 3/4 " 1600 -> 5750
 + 3500 = 4030

1833 " 251 3/8 " + 3500 = 4990

summary

1821-22	388 a	1648 + 2000 = 3648
1824-25	370 3/8 "	3730 + 2400 = 6130
1826-28	256 1/2 "	1705 + 3900 = 5605 \$1000 added sample
1833	251 3/8 "	1490 + 3500 = 4990
1835	91 3/4 "	530 + " = 4030
1836	144 "	830 + " = 4330
1841-44	139 "	1190 + 4000 = 5590

1836 N John Peavy ml

1836 S " " 144a ml UVa + 3500 = 4330

1 ac → David's Morby
44400 + 56a added } faint
... J P Emmett

1841, 44 " " 139 " + 4000 = 5390

1836 S Geo W Spenser - 574 ml UVa + - = 575

1844 Spenser ml

ante Bellum AB - changes made before Holladay occupancy

1700 Stadium Rd 3
look for porch roofline on E

Montebello



Flem on W, painted & grouted, 5-c on on S, E
5-c on found ^{whitewash?}
once painted white, traces of both red & white
red over white under ~~the~~ portico
moulded brick cornice, painted white

1-5 flat-roofed Tuscan portico on W, ^{cover cent bay}
full Tuscan entabl, 4 columns
Chin Chip roof bal
~~some~~ concrete floor now

cross - 2 - Bible door & 3-l transom, arch. trim
sq, windows above

moulded brick on parapets
chim stacks repointed or rebuilt
massive, sq, on edge

matching portico on E, but deeper w/ 1 column in center each side of

Col Rev (?) bal, urn-shaped balusters; ^{some deep} wooden floor
new moulded brick found for portico only &
shallower open deck 2 its depth extends across of
to side wings, same bal

3 or 5-l Fr door of 3-l Transoms
door in center bay at 2nd story

concrete basement porch below at ground level
doors in S & cent, 7-over-6 wind in N, probably
w/ B+B shutters

porch supports fit into side of wings, bal
are smaller than orig

short 2-l lined basement wind W

1-5 pedimented side wings, 1-bay
project on E, on W

3-c dm & some 3-c & 4-c all sides

gable → ends, add'n on E of gable → E

matching ^{water table} ~~floor~~ on main, none on add'n

low ^{pitched} gable roof, 55 m, Phila gutters,
proj same ^{width} & eaves, beaded cornice

wide flush horiz boards in gables

O chin

matching 9/6 wind on W facade

door 5 end 5 wing, no hood, ~~no~~ no porch,
steps of chin ^{type} bal straight down for door

2 doors N end N wing ^{add'n} give access to new
sun parlor

door onto E porch for N ^{wing} only, for both a basement
each E sl has centered window + ^{on for 6-l. casement} ~~off~~
to inside • cent base wind N wing,
wind & ^{door} door 5

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new 1 1/2 - 5 garage N of house
~~stepped gables~~, brick modillion,
2 dormers on E
swaypet gables

Montbello - address 1920



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the comp in
roof



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MONTEBELLO
215 Montebello Circle

1819-20 (assessor)

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*Chas. E. Morris Jr.
Dir. of U. Press.



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