

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 415 Park Street
 Map and Parcel: 53-35
 Census Tract & Block: 3-501
 Present Owner: Chandler & Huff
 Address: 415 Park Street
 Present Use: Offices
 Original Owner: William Watson
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Watson-Wood House
 Date/Period: Cir. 1814
 Style: Victorian
 Height to Cornice: 23.
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 60 x 101
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 7000 + 8700 = 15,700

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Buried beneath the stucco and towers in one of the oldest houses in the Court Square area. Probably built shortly after 1813 by William Watson, the original house was a brick, two story, T-shaped structure with a wide central hall and outside and chimneys, a feature unique in the area. Several early and extremely fine Federal mantles have survived in the rooms of the original house and are valuable examples of a style that has all but disappeared in the Court Square area. The conical towers with their patterned tin roofs, central gable, overhanging bracketed cornice and stucco were probably added during the Wood ownership. An earlier Victorian porch was replaced by the present vermiculated stone porch which is too massive for the house.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1813, William Watson, the jailor, purchased the lot from Edmund Anderson (ACDB 18-418). It is assumed that he erected the T-shaped brick residence shortly thereafter. In 1837 the house passed to James A. Watson (ACDB 35-46). In 1858 Thomas Wood bought the property from W. T. Early and made it his residence until his death. In 1911 his widow Agnes conveyed the property to her brother Robert Talbot. Advancing in years, Mrs. Wood wished to "escape the worry and annoyance of attending to any business matters", so Robert Talbot agreed to provide her a "comfortable and satisfactory home and support" in exchange for the property (DB 22-394). The house changed hands several times in the twentieth century. In 1947 Forrest Marshall purchased the property from Armistead Michie (DB 130-256). The present owners purchased it from Mr. Marshall in 1972 (DB 339-170).

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

Mr. Forrest Marshall
 City/County Records
 Alexander, Recollections, p. 6.



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 Style:
 Height to Cornice: 23.
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 Present Zoning: B
 Land Area (sq. ft.): 5450
 Assessed Val (land+imp):
 5450 - 4395 - 9880

Haden, Charles & Huff Architectural Description

80s w/ towers added - outside chimneys
 Tower House door -
 Had turned post porch - 1/2 col still on house
 double bracket - dentil cornice -
 long T addition - 5 bay - cornice return on gable end
 vermiculated stone
 diamond pattern on conical tower roofs
 mantles - Carpenters locks - mortise & iron lock -
 good old floors -
 tin roof

bought from Forrest Marshall - 25 yrs. ago

1828
 Englishman add towers -
 porch had side flights -
 Rawlings say Parr might have built
 on street

Tweedy - Kivas

Alex William Watson, jailor house
 6 room house

Series of Persons Interviewed:
 Mr. Forrest Marshall -

Chandler/Huff 1972 339-173
335-292

Forrest Mathae - 130-256 1947 from Armistead R. Michie
\$7,200 Lucy &

Michie got from Sallie I. Goode 1936 90-55 \$5,000.

Mattie
Farish to Goode 1926
Ge. J. Roberts to Farish 1926 54-405

Roberts from F.G. Haden 1921 - 38 202

1919 Haden got from
northern portion of property conveyed by J. B. Wood & E. N. Vest
32-387

lot on which Thomas Wood resided at the time of his death
1915 same prop 1915 Wood & Vest buy 37-417
from Talbot estate -

Agnes Wood sell to Talbot
ACDB 57-259 Thomas Wood buy from W.T. Early 1858

~~Paris~~ Early resides
James A. Watson to Early 1856 55-474 \$4000.

James A. Watson from William Watson - 1837
35-46 1837

erected a brick dwelling house

1813 - from Edmond Anderson 18-418 lot #70
May 5,

1911-22-394 Talbot her brother.

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No. 415 PARK STREET
 Name WATSON - WOOD HOUSE
 Order 108
 Remarks _____
 Retouched _____
 Order Finished Aug. 1974
 Reorder _____