



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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File No.	104-130
Negative no(s).	7218

Street address **608 Preston Place**
 Town/City **Charlottesville**
 Historic name **Sigma Chi Fraternity House** Common name _____

Material

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood frame (siding: <input type="checkbox"/> weatherboard, <input type="checkbox"/> shingle, <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum, <input type="checkbox"/> bricktex, <input type="checkbox"/> _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick (bond: <input type="checkbox"/> Flemish, <input type="checkbox"/> stretcher, <input type="checkbox"/> _____-course American, <input type="checkbox"/> 5-course Am. bond w/ Flemish variant)
<input type="checkbox"/> stone (<input type="checkbox"/> random rubble, <input type="checkbox"/> random ashlar, <input type="checkbox"/> coursed ashlar, <input type="checkbox"/> _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> log (siding: <input type="checkbox"/> weatherboard, <input type="checkbox"/> shingle, <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum, <input type="checkbox"/> bricktex, <input type="checkbox"/> _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block
<input type="checkbox"/> enameled steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

cast iron
 terra cotta
 glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> mansard <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input type="checkbox"/> parapet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin <input type="checkbox"/> composition <input type="checkbox"/> not visible <input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 front <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 main block <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (center) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (side) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Entry shelter with paired Classical columns, pierced tympanum and ("eyebrow") roof. Also an original side porch.

Building type

<input 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"/> fraternity house

Style/period **Georgian Revival** Date c. **1935** ^{Photo of 1915-30} Architect/builder _____
 (possibly earlier, judging by architecture)

Location and description of entrance **See "porch" above. Sidelights and elliptical fanlight with sunburst pattern muntins.**



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

This handsome house was recently expanded by the addition of an inset northern two-story wing matching that on the south. By 1968 there was a single-story brick-faced wing on the north end; this was probably added in the 1950s or '60s. The main block features two front dormers with round-headed sash; main-floor windows with wooden aprons, undersized windows over the main door, and an unusual entry porch with curved roof. The south porch with wooden sunroom above is apparently original. Note the fraternity logo above the door.

Historical information This house was built by Sigma Chi fraternity. The local Psi Chapter was established at UVA in 1860.

Source Corks & Curls, 1954 and 1968; Ch'ville Real Estate Dept.; Sanborn maps; T. Bishop, "Fraternity Houses."



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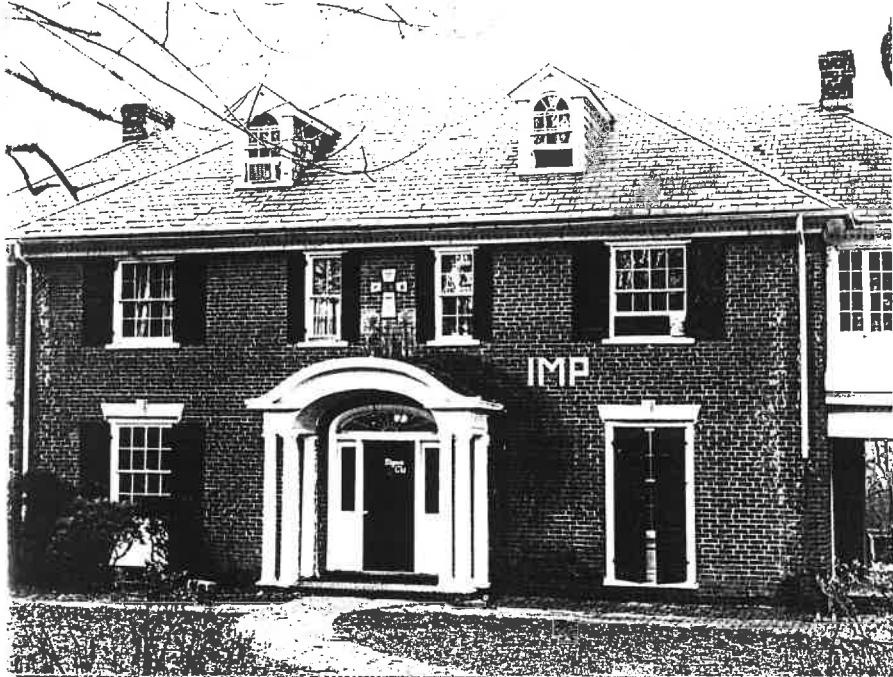
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Roof Material

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 other _____

Number of bays — Main facade

- 4 7
 5 8
 6 _____

General description

- yes no 1 3 1 (center) 2 4
 2 _____ 1 (side) 3 _____



- government industrial
 commercial (office) school
 commercial (store) church
 road _____

Architect/builder _____

Additional information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

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