

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 506 Ridge Street
Map and Parcel: 29-277
Census Track & Block: 4-341
Present Owner: Catherine Tyler Brown estate
Address: c/o Mary L. Page, P.O. Box 821
Present Use: Rental Property (3 apartments)
Original Owner: Alexander C. Brechin
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Brechin House
Date/Period: c. 1872 and c. 1930?
Style: Victorian Vernacular
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: R-3
Land Area (sq.ft.): 70' x 210'
Assessed Value (land + imp.):

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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GRAPHICS

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CONDITIONS

Fair

SOURCES

City/County Records
James Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville
1877 Charlottesville Map

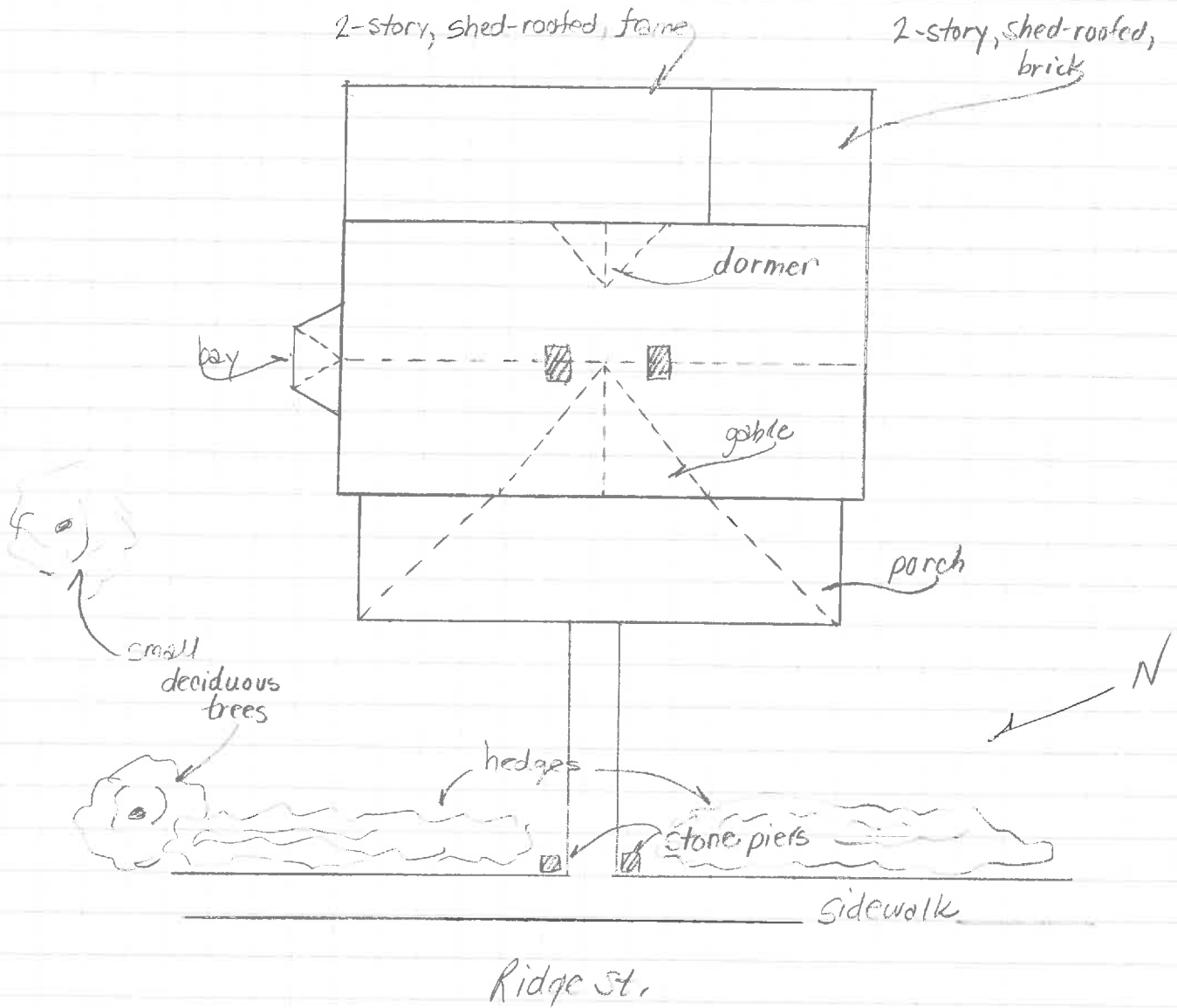
BRECHIN HOUSE



STREET ADDRESS:	506 Ridge Street
MAP & PARCEL:	29-277
VDHR FILE NUMBER:	104-25-18
CITY FILE NUMBER:	214
PRESENT ZONING:	R-3
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Alexander C. Brechin
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
PRESENT OWNER:	James Caravati; BF & WD Pilkey
ADDRESS:	122 Blueberry Road Charlottesville, VA 22901
HISTORIC NAME:	Brechin House
DATE/PERIOD:	c. 1872-1881
STYLE:	Vernacular
HEIGHT IN STORIES:	2
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:	70' x 210'
CONDITION:	Good
SURVEYOR:	Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY:	1978, Revised 1993
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VDHR FILE NO. 104-25-18



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PRESERVATION ASSOCIATES OF VIRGINIA

JANUARY 1994

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Brechin House has been individually designated as a local historic landmark and it is an important building in the Ridge Street Historic District.

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VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
PROPERTY SURVEY FORM
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # 104-0025-018

Property Name: Historic Brechin House

NR Property Category: Building
Wuzit: House

Tax Code: Section Parcel
29 277

County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map: USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: 506 Ridge Street

Location:

Vicinity of: Municipality: ZIP: 22901

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Property Boundaries:
Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

#	Category	Contributing?	TOTAL:	
1	Building	Contributing	1	
			Contrib:	1
			Non-Contrib:	0

WUZIT COUNT -

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RESOURCE - GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Resource Level:
 Estimated Construction Date: 1872 -81
 Source of Date: Tax Records
 Physical Status: Existing
 Condition: Fair
 Threat: None Known
 Degree of Historic Integrity:
 Association:
 Design:
 Feeling:
 Location:
 Materials:
 Setting:
 Workmanship:

PRIMARY RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style/Derivative: Victoran Vernacular

of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 3 # of Bays Deep: 3
 Arch Config: Geo Config:
 Footprint:

Component	#	Form/Treatment	Material	Matr'l Treatment
Chimneys		Interior	Brick	
Foundation		English basement	Brick	
Porch		Front	Wood/Concret	1-story, 3-bay
Roof		Bellcast gable	Tin	Standing seam
Windows		double-hung sash	Wood	1/1, 4/4, 6/6

Brief Architectural Description of Primary Resource:

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Brief Architectural Description of Additions and Alterations
See Architectural Description.

Brief Architectural Description of Secondary Resources:

Potentially Contributes to Historic District:
Ridge Street Historic District

Potentially Associated with NR Multiple Property:

Architectural and Historical Summary:

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County Records
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Book
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Map
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PHOTOGRAPHIC/DRAWINGS DOCUMENTATION

 MISSING DATA ELEMENT

Media	VDHR Neg #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm photos	13471	8 - 10	1/ /1994

CRM MANAGEMENT EVENTS

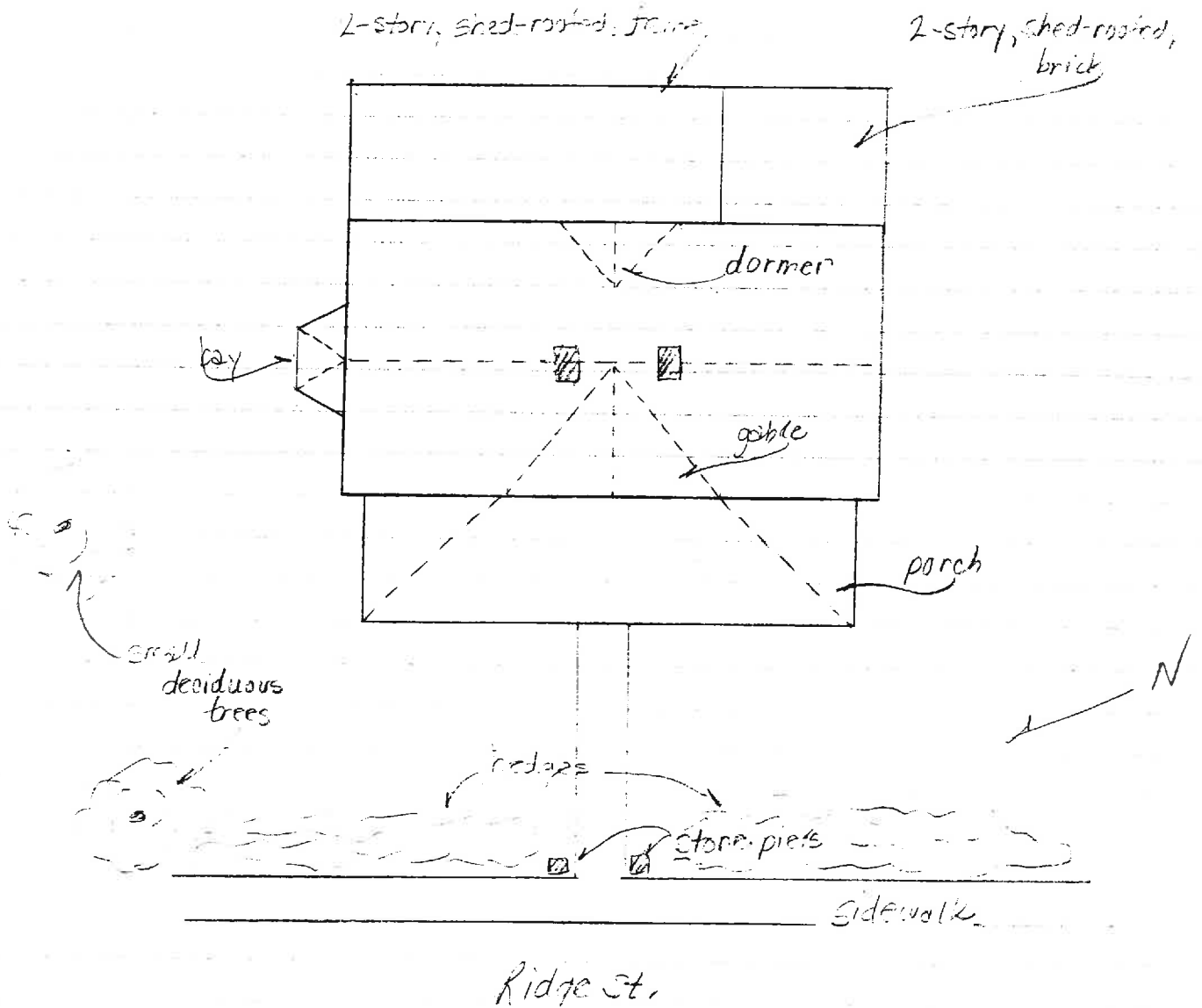
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CRM Event	Agency/Organization	Date
Survey	PAVA/Smead and City/Bibb	/ /1978

IPS data entry-PAVA (Smead)

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City Tax Records

Breckin house

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506 Ridge St

WB 15-36	Catherine Tyler Brown est	2/2/71	
216-337	" " "	11/12/59	\$13,000
206-404	Chas F J & Mattie P. Haney	7/3/58	12,000
175-271	Robt B Bailey	2/16/54	8,100
171-486	Russell B. Hawkins	6/16/53	6,000
96-448	B. Lee, "	1938	4,500
93-315			
WB 1-219			

ave concrete

14 rooms, 3 baths, full basement

3 apt - none rented as a unit

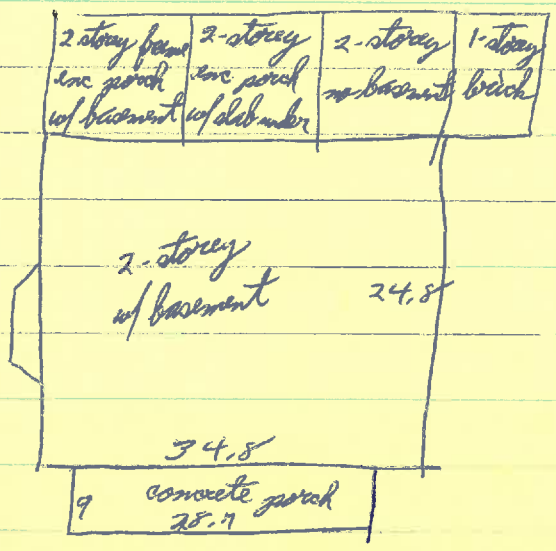
brick; tin gable

softwood & plaster

1962 - enclose rear porch - \$200 - #6457

" - awnings on front porch

see diagram in file



Breckin 1872 - 1938 = 66 years

Hawkins 1938 - 1954 = 16 yr "

Brown 1959 - 21978 = 219 yr

City Dir
1942
1953

rented
Brechin rd

Russell B. ~~Roberts~~ (msgnr P.O.) & Mary E Hawkins - 506 Ridge

1962 Roosevelt & Cath. T. Brown (maid. U Va) - 506 Ridge

1970 Cath. T. Brown (wid Roosevelt) sold " "

506 Ridge

~~1-30-2105~~
~~3-45-2100~~
230

93-315 1934 deed of trust Robert S & Bessie F Hawkins → K E Moore & John S Battle
10/19/1937 80-422, defaulted
John S. Battle, trustee → Home Owners Loan Corporation at auction \$1450
716 Forest St

96-448 (5) Pilot Life Ins Co → B. Lee Hawkins
11/17/1938 70' x 210', Ridge
same as 94-270
to hold in trust for his chn, subject to limitations in will of James B. Hawkins (WB 1-219, 1906) that property go to next of kin if he should die without heirs

171-486 (6) James L & Va S Hawkins, & Lillian H & Charles T. Lepton
6/16/1953 → Russell B & Mary E Hawkins
WB 1-219, 1906 James B Hawkins left 604 W Main to B. Lee Hawkins in trust for chn. He sold 1926 & re-invested in 602 W. Main; sold that 1938 & reinvested in Ridge St prop. 3 chn of B. Lee Hawkins = James L, Lillian, & Russell B

94-270 (4) 1937 deed of trust (92-498) A.M. Brechin → HW Walsh & Julius C Smith; defaulted
2/7/1938 HW Walsh, trustee → Pilot Life Ins Co, at auction \$4200
see 92-498

92-498 (3) Andrew M. Brechin, wid, → Julius C Smith & HW Walsh, trustees
7/26/1937 deed of trust
tract on east side Ridge St, beg 92' south of Oak St same as all 66-420 & 69-181, except for Ch's 88-246 see 46-142; Andrew also son & sole heir of Martha E. Brechin

46-142 (2) AC Brechin, wid → ^{son} Andrew M. Brechin, for ^{not love & affection}
1/7/1934 on east side Ridge fr Oak St 162', same as same as ACDB 66-420 & 69-181

88-246 ^(2 1/2) Andrew M & Eleanor B. Brechin → J Emmett Gleason
1/31/1936 (1) lot w/ improvements at SE corner Ridge & Oak,
92' on Ridge, 210' back
(2) lot at NE corner Ridge & Oak, adj. Gleason's property,
~~1/31~~

(88-177) A C Brechin dec intestate 9/22/1927
see DB 67-107 for heirs

WB 1-317 James B. Hawkins's will
to son James W: "frame dwelling house & lot, wherein I now reside,"
#529 Ridge St

ACDB 69-157 ^(1 1/2) H A & Sarah M. Darrow → A C ^{& Martha E} Brechin
10/14/1874 for Darrow - Brechin ^{corner} on Ridge, E 194', S 13 1/2', W 193' to start

66-420 ^① H A Darrow → A C Brechin #500
7/27/1871 pool of land upon which Darrow's residence is located
NW part of Darrow tract (purchased for John T Barbadall)
begin at alley to cemetery, 162' on Ridge, 210' back

1925	3rd W A M Brecken	500 Ridge	1000 + 1500 = 2500
	" "	506 "	900 + 1800 = 2700
1926, 30	" "	500 "	1000 + 2000 = 3000
	" "	506 "	1100 + 2000 = 3100
1931	" "	500 "	1000 + 2000 = 3000 -
	" "	506 "	1100 + 2500 = 3600 -
1930	" "	500 "	1000 + 2000 = 3000
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1937	" "	500 "	
	" "	" "	

1946	Mary, M. Smith	500 "	1000 + 2000 = 3000
	B. Lee Hawkins	506 "	1000 + 2500 = 3500

1890		+ 2500 = 3000
1891, 1892, 93, 94		+ 2000 = 2800
1891, 92		+ 1400 = 2200
1893, 94		+ 1000 = 2200
1895, 97, 99		1000 + 3000 = 4000
		600 + 2400 = 3000

1901	#500 Ridge	600 + 1500 = 2100
	#506 "	400 + " = 1900
	2d "	600 + — = 600

1873-1881 500 + 1500 = 2000
 1890
 1882-~~1890~~ " + 2500 = 3000 \$1000 added for imp.

1873-81	300 + 0 = 300	200 + 1500 = 1700
1882-90	" + 1000 = 1300	" " = 1700
1891-90	600	
1899 numbered from 1901-05 1901 on	600 + 1500 = 2100 +50%	400 + 1500 = 1900
1906-12	700 + " = 2200	500 + " = 2000
1918	800 + " = 2300	800 + 1600 = 2400
1924-25	1000 + " = 2500	900 + 1800 = 2700
1926-30	" + 2000 = 3000 +33%	1100 + 2000 = 3100
1931	" " = "	" + 2500 = 3600 +25%
1936-40	" 1800 = 2800	1000 + " = 3500
1946	" 2000 = 3000	" " +

1931 1100 + 2500 = 3600
 1946 1000 + " = 3500
 Morgan W. Smith

1872, 73	H A Darrow	2 1/4 ac 1/2 m SSW	+ 2000	= 3000	
		1 1/8 " 1/8 m SSW	+ 3000	= 4000	for EA Banner
1873, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81	AC Brockin	1/2 ac 1/4 m S	+ 1500	= 2000	
1882, 83, 84, 85, 87	W.C. "	" "	+ 2500	= 3000	- 1000 added for improvements
1883	" "	9/10 " 1/2 m S	+ 500	= 700	- for RE Mason, Bldgs added
1885, 87	" "	1 ac 1/2 m S	+ 1800	= 2500	off by 100 -> Bldgs 7, Leatlon

summary

1872-1881	1872 lost				
1873-1881	1/2 acre 1/4 mi S		+ 1500	= 2000	
1882-1887	" " "		+ 2500	= 3000	+ 1000 added for imp.
1890		500	+ 2500	= 3000	
1899-1900		1000	+ 3000	= 4000	
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1906-1912		700	+ "	= 2200	
1918		800	+ "	= 2300	
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1926-31		"	+ 2000	= 3000	
1936		"	+ 1800	= 2800	
1946		"	+ 2000	= 3000	
1901-1905	# 506	400	+ 1500	= 1900	
1912					
1906-1912		500	+ "	= 2000	
1918		800	+ 1600	= 2400	
1924-25		900	+ 1800	= 2700	
1926-31		1100	+ 2000	= 3100	
1936-46		"	+ 2500	= 3600	
1946		1200	+ 2300	= 3500	
		"	+		

Steady progression, + fact both changed at same time, indicates re-assessment instead of improvements

~~2105~~
~~2106~~
~~2107~~

#506 built - 1871
#500 built - 1881
#506 enlarged

c 1925-35 period

1936 3rd AM Brecken #500 Ridge $1000 + 1800 = 2800$
#506 " " + 2500 = 3500

1924 " " 500 " $1000 + 1500 = 2500$
506 " $900 + 1800 = 2700$

1906
1912 " AC Brecken 500 " $700 + 1500 = 2200$
506 " $500 + " = 2000$

1918 " " 500 " $800 + 1500 = 2300$
506 " " + 1600 = 2400

1900, 1899 " east side " $1000 + 3000 = 4000$
" " " $600 + 2400 = 3000$

Roll

~~500 " $700 + 1500 = 2200$~~
~~506 " $500 + " = 2000$~~

1905, '03, '02, '01 " 500 " $600 + 1500 = 2100$
506 " $400 + " = 1900$
(1901 only checked) lat " $\frac{600 + -}{1600} = \frac{600}{4600}$

1890 Alex P. Brecken East side " $(500) + 2500 = 3000$
 $(700) + 1800 = 2500$ [other trail]

500 Ridge

506 Ridge

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Eugenia Bibb

Mrs Curtis Smith

Mrs Brechin built 500 for son

506 was old Brechin ~~one~~ home, "w/ long porch across front"
Harvey left, ^{Edair} younger one married

500 ~ one near Wooden Mills

at Markwoods (~~Miller~~) might know, lived on Ridge
gerson dec. recently, } in funeral home
~~Smith~~

~~022247~~ (She probably means ²son of AM Brechin)

506 Ridge

sq of m. porch across back

2 stories + basement above ground in rear; high found, fr. gd filled

3 bay, single pile

brickwork: front - 5-course Am. w/ Flemish, orig. painted
2 etc. 7- above joints

side ~~then staggered~~ then staggered stretcher course
1 1/2-5 course falls apart

side 3-5 course Am. w/ Flemish; 7 above; stretcher found
no water table 4-5-2

mod. tin gable roof w/ central gable

box cornice w/ brackets & cornice board

2 cent chim, 1 each side of hall

int: 4 panel Br Rev ent door w/ recessed panels & moulded rails

3-light recessed transom

arch trim; traces of Δ pediment above

2-fl 7 Eastlake open stairs - 2 fl w/ landing

4 fireplaces

wide [pine?] floor boards

windows: ^{3 yds} tall & ^{low} narrow 4/4 w/ arch & woodwork
traces Δ pediment above; not on sides

front up; cent like on veranda w/ Δ pane above,
bricks on side over Δ
board outside arch

were wall dormers


upstairs sides & side front; smaller 4/4, trim with

basement: 6/6, arch

rear: new 1-room 2-storey wing in rear back

enclosed 2-bay porch

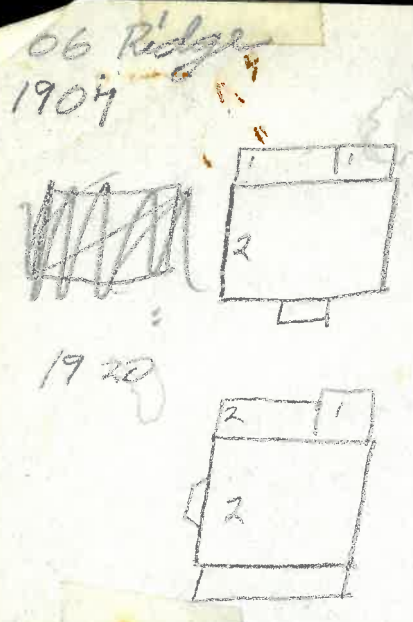
new 4-panel basement door

bay window - 1-storey, semi-act
found: 1 4/4, 2 very narrow 1/1
2 pilasters bet
pl fringe
box cornice w/ dentile
bellcast hip roof, tin  w/ roll down

veranda - concrete floor
sq concrete block pedestals to railing bet, (matching gate posts)
then round " " pilasters w/ 3 rings each
Col Rev? balustrade
pl fringe, box cornice
flat tin roof

City Directories

1888	A.C. Brechin	- Ridge & Oak
1890, 1902, 1910, 1914	"	500 Ridge
"	Andrew	" "
1910, '14	"	506 "



People with no recollection of alterations to 506 Ridge St:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ridge St</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mrs Emmett Gleason	410, 522, (501, 510)	c1915-	
Mrs Morgan	409	1904 - c1920	
Mrs Rothwell	"	(1904) - c1940	
Linwood H. Warwick	406 & 525	c1900-	
Frank Hartman	404	1924 - c1940	
Mrs Snowden	515	1958 -	
Herbert Perkins	513	c1920-c1930	

→ No one remembers its being changed, and
" " " the 1880's & 1890's.

4-340
515-7th & RL

since last minute notes

- 506 - ✓ arch of flat beyond
- ✓ pool columns
- ✓ intentionally staggered
Eng basement

1929, 39, 41, 52, 56 Sanborn
500 & 506 Ridge, unchanged
both 2 w/ base, long porch, O Bay



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Name BRECHIN HOUSE, 506 RIDGE ST

Town CHARLOTTESVILLE

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