

# Architectural And Historic Survey

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## Identification

<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> 212 Wine Street	<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> Monticello Wine Company House
<b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b> 33-32	<b>DATE / PERIOD:</b> c. 1884
<b>CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:</b>	<b>STYLE:</b> Vernacular
<b>PRESENT ZONING:</b> R-2	<b>HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:</b> 2 storeys
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> Monticello Wine Company	<b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b> 137.68' x 72.83' (10,027 sq. ft.)
<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Superintendent's Residence	<b>CONDITION:</b> Good
<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Rental Property (2 apartments)	<b>SURVEYOR:</b> Bibb
<b>PRESENT OWNER:</b> Lucius H. Bracey, Jr., and	<b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b> Summer 1982
<b>ADDRESS:</b> G. Lawson Drinkard III	<b>SOURCES:</b> City/County Records G. Lawson Drinkard III
724 Northwood Avenue	Moore, Albemarle: Jefferson's County
Ch'ville, VA 22901	

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Urban development of the Monticello Wine Company property has left the Superintendent's House facing away from the street. It originally faced south, toward the town. No alterations have been made to change the orientation of the house: It follows the central hall plan, and the back door simply became the front door. A very wide, 2-storey, 3-bay, single-pile, T-shaped house, it is supported on brick piers, later infilled with brick. The weatherboarded walls have been covered with white asbestos shingles. The low-pitched gable roof has an additional gable centered on the original facade. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has a boxed cornice with returns and a frieze of beaded weatherboarding. There are pierced circular air vents in the gables. There is one interior chimney. Windows are double-sash, randomly 2-over-2 and 6-over-6 light, with narrow architrave trim. A wide one-storey porch covers the center bay of the original (south) facade. It has a shed roof covered with standing-seam metal, no frieze, square posts with sawn brackets, a Victorian turned balustrade, and a wooden floor. Access is now from the east end of the porch. There is a window in the center bay with the entrance door beside it. A one-storey back porch (now used as the front porch) covers the west side of the rear (north) wing. Its posts and balustrade are similar to those of the other porch, and it has a concrete floor. It now has a flat roof covered with standing-seam metal which is used as a second-storey entrance deck. Access is by a one-flight stair west of the porch. A shallow 2-storey shed-roofed addition covers the east side of the rear of the house.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Monticello Wine Company was founded in 1873 and purchased 2.6 acres just north of Charlottesville the same year (ACDB 68-542). Tax records indicate construction in 1873-74 and c. 1884. The 1877 map show the wine cellar, a 3½ storey brick building located on or just north of Perry Drive, but does not show the Superintendent's House, indicating that it must have been a part of the latter phase of construction. The Monticello Wine Company closed in 1914, a victim of Prohibition. In 1917 Adolph Russow, the former superintendent and general manager, purchased the house (City DB 30-227). A. C. Miller bought it from Russow's estate in 1932 (DB 77-365) and owned it until 1941 (DB 109-75). Jennie H. Mitchell bought it in 1945 (DB 121-243). The Mitchell family lived there for thirty years, and it was probably during this time that the walls were covered with asbestos shingles. Eric M. Heiner bought the house from Ernest R. Mitchell's estate in 1975 (DB 370-544) and sold it to Lucius H. Bracey, Jr. and G. Lawson Drinkard III the following year (DB 371-407). The house was divided into two apartments some years ago, and both are now used as rental property. The wine cellar burned in 1937.

Additional References: ACDB 81-404; City DB 118-80, 191-146.

