

**343 10 ½ Street NW**



**Significance:** Medium

**Date of Construction:** 1924

**Architect:** Unknown

**Parcel ID:** 040171000

**Original Owner:** E.V. Walker

**Builder:** Unknown

**Building History:**

This three-bay, one-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1924. The house was stuccoed first in 1954 and addition repairs took place in 1973 and 1977. The current dwelling has a hipped, asphalt shingle roof and a three-bay hipped roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, simple Doric columns and turned posts, and wool railings. The dwelling also has a three-bay shed roof rear addition. The paired front windows are 1/1 vinyl sash type, and there is a bay window with 1/1 windows flanking a single central light. The front of the lot has a wood retaining wall and varied plantings in the yard. A concrete path leads from the sidewalk to the central entrance. Two concrete block planter ledges flank the front steps emphasizing the entrance.

**Ownership History:**

Julian Corbett sold the property to George Otis Johnson on June 15, 1917(City 30 – 306). Johnson died and E.V. Walker took over as Trustee of the estate, selling in 1926 to George Meade (City 52 – 336). Meade resold the land to Luella and Ralph Bray in 1927 (City 58 – 47). Luella sold the property to Trustees in 1943, who sold to the Smith family, James and Margaret, in 1952 (City 113 – 426) and (City 166 – 155). The Smiths resold that same year to Daisy Sanders (City 166 – 155). Daisy owned the home through the 1970s.

**Social History:**

From 1924-1926 the house was rented by the African American family of Rosa L. Arnette and her husband J.W. Arnette, a carpenter (who may have been building the home for owner George Otis Johnson). From 1927 until his death in 1934, Ralph Bray, an African American janitor, lived in the home with his wife Luella Bray. Luella continued to live in the home as a widow until 1952. From 1953 until the 1970s, Mrs. Daisy Saunders, an African American widow who worked as a domestic servant, lived at 343 10 ½ Street.

**Statement of Significance:**

This house has been owned and rented by a number of families through the years. The majority of the original materials have been replaced. The original form of the house is similar to other 1920s one-story