

414 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1950

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040054000

Original Owner: John H. and Dora Payne

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This three-bay, one-story, concrete block minimal traditional house was built around 1950. The current dwelling has a gabled asphalt shingle roof and semi-exterior side brick chimney. A one-bay, portico with gabled pediment, square rectangular posts, wrought iron railings, and concrete steps (covered in synthetic grass) stands over the central entrance. The portico connects to a wood, post-and-rail ramp. A front-facing, one-bay, gabled side addition is slightly recessed from the main house. Windows are paired 6/6 wood sash with louvered wood shutters. There is a concrete walkway leading to the central entrance, and a low privet hedge between the street and the yard, as well as similar hedges lining the house and side yard. A large oak tree stands slightly to the side of the main house, in front of the addition. A small one-bay, gable roof storage shed is in the rear yard. A chain-link fence defines the rear yard area. The property is surrounded by empty lots, including one which has been converted into a community garden. Another lot appears to have had a residence on it, now demolished.

Ownership History:

John West and D.S. West (his wife) sold the property to James T. Coles (and family) on Feb 22, 1890 (County 93 – 68). The Coles family continued to own the land until 1949 when they sold it to John H. Payne and his wife Dora B. Payne (City 146-68). Dora B. Payne still owns the house and land today.

Social History:

John H. Payne, an African American janitor at the State Geological Survey, and his wife Dora B. Payne lived in the house with their family from the time of its construction in 1950 until John's death. Their family continues to live there today.

Statement of Significance:

The home has only been owned by one family, the Paynes, during its existence giving it social significance. The land on which the house is built was once the property of John West. The house is also well-preserved with original windows.