

504 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1926

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040065000

Original Owner: Granville and Bertha Cooper

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco house was built around 1924. The current dwelling has a gabled, asphalt shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. A cross-gable one-story, two bay addition was added in 1966. Another addition extended this addition for a gable-on-gable effect. Across the façade is a two-bay, shed roof porch with a parged concrete foundation and modern rectangular wood posts and wrought iron rails. The front-facing windows are 6/6 wood sash type with vinyl louvered shutters, and the front door has a wood frame and single-light transom. A paved driveway is located on the side of the house. The lot is slightly elevated with concrete steps leading to a concrete path that from the sidewalk to the entrance.

Ownership History:

John West sold the property to James N. Gilmer on July 13, 1886(County 86 – 429). James Gilmer sold the house in 1925 to Granville Cooper (City 51 – 60). It was sold in 1955 to George and Catherine Bryant (City 187-439).

Social History:

Granville Cooper, an African American janitor, lived in the house from 1925 until the mid 1930s when he married Bertha Compton and moved to her house at 408 11th Street. Granville Cooper's son Oliver, a laborer, lived in the home with his wife Sadie after that until 1945. The Cooper family rented the house to another African American family Warren and Mary Tillman, from 1945 until 1955. George Bryant, an African American carpenter who worked for W.T. Gains, and his wife Catherine M. Bryant lived in the house from 1956 until the 1970s.

Statement of Significance:

Multiple generations of the Cooper family owned and lived in this house for thirty years, which also has connections to Bertha Compton/Cooper's home on 11th Street giving it social and community value. The house is similar to other 1920s two-over-two houses on the street, such as nearby 502. The structure retains some original windows and an original front door.