

1055 Page Street



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1931

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040186000

Original Owner: Rutherford and Viola Brice

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, one-and-a-half-story, frame house with aluminum siding was built around 1931. The house had several rehabilitations in 1968, 1973, and 1976. The current dwelling has a gabled, asphalt shingle roof with a shed dormer with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends, and two 1/1 sash windows. Across the façade is a two-bay, shed roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, and battered piers. There is a one-bay, one-story side garage addition attached to the northeast corner of the main house with cross-gable additions which were added in 1978 to rehabilitate the garage into living space. The front-facing windows are 2/2 wood sash. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from Page Street to the central entrance. There is a privet hedge lining the front yard.

Ownership History:

C.W. Allen, trustee sold the property to Charles L. Brooks on Dec. 3, 1907(City 19 – 114). Charles L. Brooks sold to Rutherford and Viola Brice in 1930(City 69 – 4). After Rutherford died in 1933, Viola Brice sold the property to E.V. Walker, trustee on April 2, 1934(City 81 – 339). E.V. Walker, trustee granted the property to the Home Owners Loan Co. in 1938(City 95 – 356). James and Ruth Mills bought the property in 1939(City 97 – 456). Margaret Hyde purchased the property in 1962 (City 235 – 16). Mary Helen Kirkland bought the land and house in 1969 (City 311 – 42). The Kirklands owned the house through the mid-1970s.

Social History:

Several African American families owned, rented, and lived in the house through the decades, including: Rutherford Brice, a janitor, and his wife Viola Rutherford (1931 – 1933, Rutherford dies in 1933); Finlayson L. Blackeney (1934 – 1939); James H. Mills, a cook for the C& O Railroad, and his wife Ruth Mills (1939 -1950); and James R. Kirkland, a cook at White Surrey, and his wife Helen M. Kirkland (1950-1964, only Helen in 1960 – 1964).

Statement of Significance:

This 20th century vernacular Craftsman dwelling has been a single-family home for several families. While, some of the original fabric of the house has been replaced with modern materials, the site holds social and community significance. The original house is similar in appearance to 1057 Page Street.