

1100 Page Street



Significance: High

Date of Construction: 1922

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040239000

Original Owner: Robert B. Bell

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1922. The current dwelling has a hipped asphalt shingle roof and an interior parged concrete chimney. Across the façade is a two-bay, hipped roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, and turned wood posts. There is a one-bay, two-story hipped roof rear addition. The front-facing windows are 2/2 wood sash. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the central entrance. There is a privet hedge surrounding the front and side yards. There is a driveway on the east side of the house and a small outbuilding in the back yard.

Ownership History:

R.W. Holsinger and wife sold the property to Robert B. Bell on April 9, 1919 (City 32 – 444).

Charlottesville Perpetual Buildings and Loan was granted the land in 1934

(City 81 – 167). Harry H. Robinson bought it in 1935(City 88 – 50). James H. and Ruth Mills purchased the property in 1945(City 123 – 10). The Mills owned the property until 1962.

Social History:

Robert B. Bell, an African American janitor and his wife Beatrice Bell lived at the house from 1922 until 1934. The house was rented to David Mason, an African American porter at VA Stage Lines), his wife Nannie Mason and their son David Mason Jr., a laborer from 1934 – 1945. David passed away and Nannie Mason continued to live at the house with David Jr. through the 1950s and 1960s, working as maid at Ferguson's Funeral Home.

Statement of Significance:

This 20th century single-family dwelling is similar in form to many other homes in the neighborhood. The Bell family, who built the house, may be related to the J.F. Bell Funeral Home family – who also owned property in the area. The house is well preserved in addition to the site holding social and community significance.