



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104-71  
Negative no(s). 5059 (36)

## SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City <u>Charlottesville, Va.</u>	
Street address or route number <u>214 14 St. NW</u>	
USGS Quad <u>Charlottesville, East, Va</u>	Date or period <u>c. 1900</u>
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner	Source of name
Present owner address	Source of date
	Stories
Present use <u>residence</u>	Foundation and wall const'n
Acreage	

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs good

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes \_\_\_ no X

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

214: clapboard siding. 2 story. hipped, standing seam metal roof with intersecting gable. 3 bay. 1 story 3 bay porch. Vernacular. c. 1900. triple sash window in 2nd story center bay. circular 6-pane fixed window in pediment. central bay entrance. 2/2 DHS, door with side and transom lights, 2/2/2 in triple sash window. 2 interior chimneys.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)



# Architectural And Historic Survey



#577

## Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 214 Fourteenth Street NW  
MAP & PARCEL: 4-297  
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:  
PRESENT ZONING: B-1  
ORIGINAL OWNER: Ida E. Elsom  
ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence (Rental Property)  
PRESENT OWNER: Donald R. & Elizabeth R. Cecil  
ADDRESS: 206 Fourteenth Street NW  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

HISTORIC NAME: Elsom-Bowcock House  
DATE / PERIOD: 1891  
STYLE: Vernacular  
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys  
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 50' x 132.8' (6640 sq. ft.)  
CONDITION: Good  
SURVEYOR: Bibb  
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1988  
SOURCES: City Records  
Sanborn Map Co. - 1920



4-299 ✓

50x132.8 (6640)  
B-1

214  
~~208~~ 14th St NW

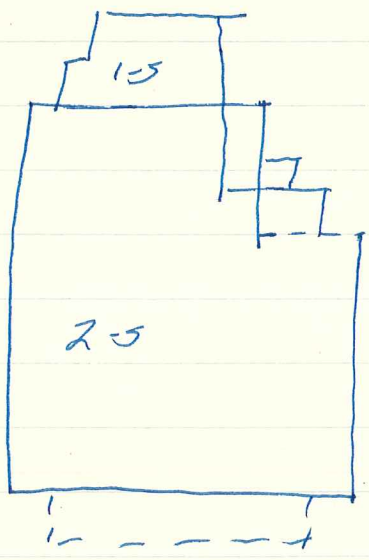
206 14th

427-258	Donald R & Edg, R. Cecil	1982	
WB 25-71	A.R. Blakely Jr et al	1981	
WB 6-313	Leticia J. Blakely	1949	
105-166	Gullie M. Bowcock	1941	plat 2-312
36-121			
29-194			

2-5, 1/4 acre, 11 rooms, 1 fam  
 brick found., ash shingles ~~and~~ wood siding, metal gable & hys  
 built 1890<sup>or "old"</sup>, w/c constr  
 1984 - alterations to kitchen area to convert to 2 apt

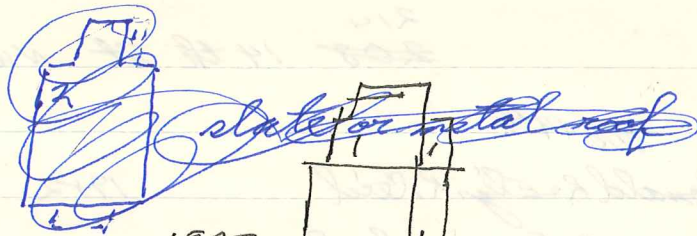
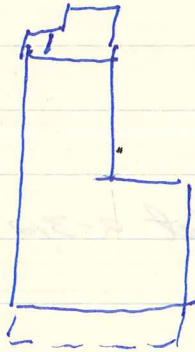
Elsom - [Bowcock] House  
 c. 1891

208 14th burned & dem 1976

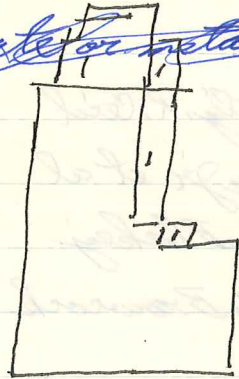


~~Walker~~ 1891-  
 Elsom 1891 - 1920 = 28 yrs  
 Bowcock 1920 - 1949 = 29 yrs  
 Blakely 1949 - 1982 = 33 yrs } 62 yrs

1920 Sanborn



1929  
-57



City Directories  
 1953, <sup>62370</sup> Lelita M. Blakey - 214 14th (not divided into apts) #1 tenant  
 1951 Va. Bowcock - 214 14th - boarding house





105-166 Lillie Bowcock Beiger (wid), Letitia J. Blakey (S), Angus R  
11/6/1940 + Gladys S Blakey, Wm B + Mary Blakey  
→ Sallie M. Bowcock, for love + affection  
L 10 on E side 14th in McKennie Subdivision  
same as 36-121, 1920, Haver est → Virginia Bowcock  
" 29-194,

29-194 Julia H + Emory Hill. → Virginia S. Haver + Ruth B. Haver  
9/4/1916 division of est of W.A. + Virginia S. Haver  
L 10 w/ impst  
1) same as 16-309  
2) the Tower House on Park St  
3)

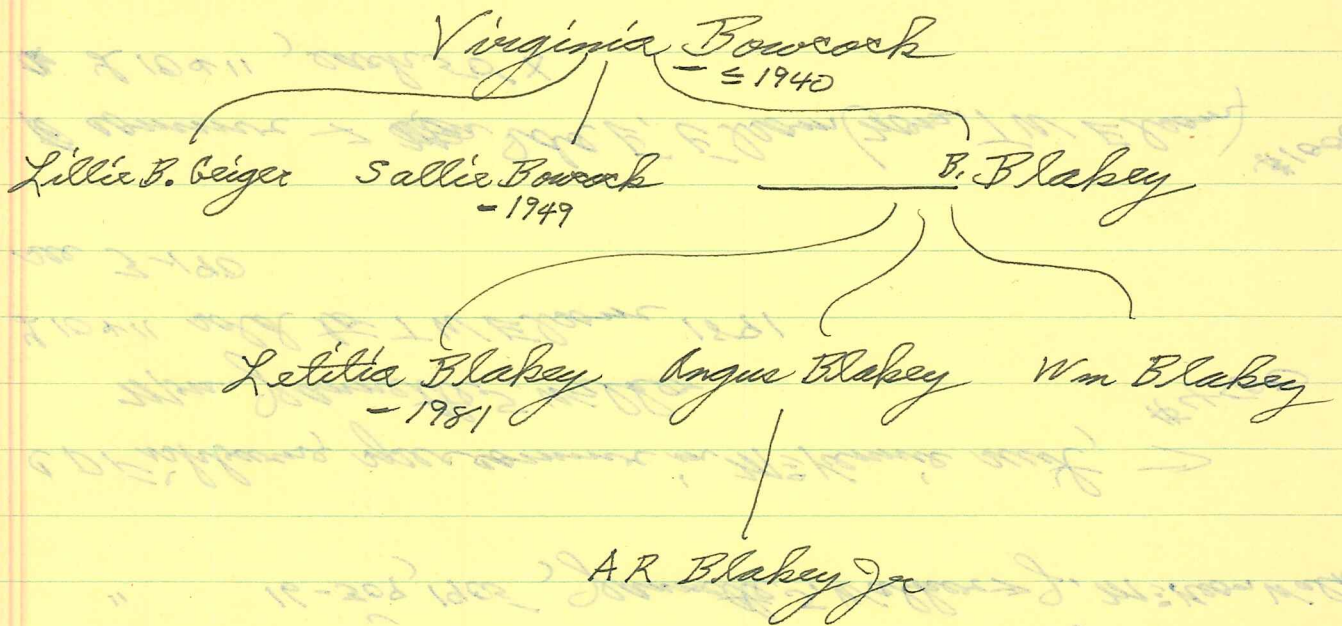
16-309 J. M<sup>rs</sup> Keon Walker + wife Julia → Mrs <sup>V.S.</sup> ~~Est.~~ Haver \$5500  
6/29/1905 lot w/ bldg + impst on 14th, L 10 " 214  
same as 15-39, 1903, Ida E. Elsom et al → Mrs Jeannette S. Walker  
" 16-309, 1905, Jeannette S. Walker → J. M<sup>rs</sup> Keon Walker

15-39 C D Fishburne, spec comm in McKennie sub, →  
12/29/1903 Mrs. Jeannette S. Walker \$4500  
L 10 x 11 sold to T W Elsom 1891  
see 3-190

3-190 @ comm → Mrs Ida E. Elsom (Mrs. T W Elsom) \$1000  
4/17/1891 @ L 10 x 11, each 50' x



my guess at family tree:



1892<sup>93</sup> 4th Moa TW Elsom - S side White Ave - + 2200 = 2500 for Prof Helmer  
 1894 " " N " Main " " 2600 "

1904, 03 Moada E, Elsom - # 214 (2.10), E side 14th 400 + 2000 = 2400  
 098, 095







214 14th St

Arch D. Scripps

This transitional vernacular house combines simple Victorian details with the ~~symmetry~~ symmetry of <sup>the</sup> Colonial Revival period.

Set on a brick foundation on a sloping lot, the main block ~~of the~~ is 2 storeys tall, 3 bays wide, & double pile. The ~~walls~~ weatherboarded walls are painted a light gray.

The medium-pitched hipped roof ~~is~~ has low pedimented central gables <sup>the facade of both sides</sup> on ~~all four~~ <sup>& over the rear wing.</sup> sides. These are faced with flush vertical siding. There is a wheel window in the front gable, small ~~two~~ circular air vents in the side gables, & a rectangular air vent in the rear one. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal & has projecting eaves with a boxed cornice.

There are two central chimneys & a semi-exterior one near the rear of the northern elevation of the wing.

{ with an original 2-storey wing covering the northern half of the rear elevation.



Windows are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with plain trim.

A one-storey verandah covers the facade. It has a low-pitched hipped roof, covered with standing-seam metal, with projecting eaves, boxed cornice, plain frieze, square piers with brackets, & a simple sawn balustrade.

The <sup>central</sup> entrance has sidelights & transom & a door with 5 panels with moulded rails.

The central window at the second storey level of the facade is triple-sash & probably at one time gave access to a balcony on the porch roof.

A complex of 1 & 2-storey additions & enclosed porches covers the ~~rear~~ <sup>west</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~rear~~ elevations of the original rear wing.



~~redwood tree~~  
Hist Descr

Ida E. Elson (Mrs. T. W. Elson) purchased two lots in McVernie's Addition in 1891 (City DB 3-190), & tax records indicate that she built this house the same year.

~~The house has had many owners over the years, the longest being the Bowcock (1920-1949) and Blakey (1949-1982) families.~~

~~The house changed hands a number of times in its first 30 years (DB 15-39, 16-309, 29-194)~~

~~before it was bought by Virginia Bowcock in 1920 (DB 36-121). Fiddia J. Blakey bought it~~

~~from Mrs. Bowcock's heirs in 1949 (DB 105-166)~~

Her heirs eventually sold it in 1982 to Donald R. & Elizabeth R. Cecil, who live next door (DB Will Book 6-313, 25-71; DB 105-166, 427-258).

The Sanborn maps indicate that she made some small additions ~~at~~ at the rear of the house.

The house was occupied by members of her family for 60 years. ~~It was not divided into apartments, but probably had several rooms rented to students.~~

They use the house as rental property & divided it into 2 apartments in 1984.

An interesting note is that the only redwood tree in the Ch'ville area is growing in the backyard of this house.

She sold the house in 1903 (DB 15-39), & it was bought by Mrs. Virginia S. Hawes two years later (DB 16-309). Her heirs sold it to Virginia Bowcock in 1920 (DB 36-121), <sup>Mrs. Bowcock</sup> ~~she~~ conducted a boarding house there, &



Additional References: City DB 29-194, ~~105-106~~

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