

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 417-427 North First Street
 Map and Parcel: 33-104
 Census Tract & Block: 3-506
 Present Owner: James H. Williams
 Address: Rt. 29N. Charlottesville
 Present Use: Apartments
 Original Owner: Edward M. Antrim
 Original Use: Duplex Rental Unit

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Antrim Property
 Date/Period: 1889
 Style: No Identifiable Style
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: R-3
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 160 x 97
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 7140 + 48,780 = 55,290

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The original structure on this property was a Cottage Gothic style house that may have been built as early as 1863 when the land was part of the Thomas Gilmer estate. It was stylistically similar to the Thomas Gilmer House at 433 North First Street with a steep central gable, pointed arch windows, and a high porch. In 1889 Edward Antrim had the two story brick duplex built adjoining this structure. The duplex is one of the most stylistically unique structures in the district with its flat, sloping roof, robust Victorian cornice, and large thermal windows on the second floor. All the windows are capped with shallow drip mouldings, a Gothic revival feature. The Victorian entrance porch with its sawn work central gable originally had a wooden base with a flight of steps on each side. Recently the wooden base was replaced by an awkward brick one. In 1973 the Gothic house was razed to make way for the yellow brick, pseudo-colonial apartment complex addition to the 1889 duplex which is stylistically incompatible with its mid to late nineteenth century neighbors.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1864, John T. Antrim bought the large lot on the west side of Green Street from Charles Merriweather for 21,480 pounds of Georgian cotton and \$15,334 Confederate money. Sometime prior to John T. Antrim's death in 1884, his son Edward M. purchased the small Cottage Gothic style house on the property and made this his home. The deed for this transaction was not recorded until 1885 (ACDB 85-413). The brick duplex valued at \$2000 was added in 1889. The property remained in the Antrim family until 1961 when Dr. Charles Hurt bought it (DB 225-24). James Williams purchased it in 1971 (DB 325-455).

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City/County Records
 J. Norwood Bosserman