

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 520 Eighth Street, N.E.

MAP & PARCEL: 53-208

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: R-2

ORIGINAL OWNER: Fairfax Taylor

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Residence

PRESENT OWNER: James E. Brown, Jr.

ADDRESS: 520 Eighth Street, NE
Charlottesville, VA 22901

HISTORIC NAME: Fairfax Taylor House

DATE / PERIOD: Early 1870's, c. 1890, c. 1925-30

STYLE: Vernacular

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 57.3' x 226' (129, 489 sq. ft.)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1984

SOURCES: City/County Records 1877 Gray Map
James E. Brown, Jr. Sanborn Map Co. - 1920
Mary Angell Branch Moore, Albemarle: Jefferson

County

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Fairfax Taylor House is a basic 2-storey, 2-bay, double-pile house set on a high foundation with a full basement. The foundation and the weatherboarded walls have been faced with stucco. The house has a medium-pitched hip roof with gables centered on both side elevations and over the slightly projecting northern bay of the facade. It has projecting eaves and verges, a boxed cornice with returns, and a plain frieze. Brown composition shingles have replaced the original standing-seam metal. There are circular air vents in the gables. Windows are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with plain trim, the same height at both levels. Basement windows are 6-over-6 light on the south elevation and 6-light hinged-sash on the north. There is a board-6-batten basement door on the south elevation. A one-storey screened-in veranda covers most of the facade. It has a medium-pitched hip roof covered with standing-seam metal, boxed cornice, plain frieze, and turned posts, and a concrete floor. The balustrade has been replaced. The entrance in the southern bay of the facade has architrave trim and a single-panel rectangular transom. The door has been replaced.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1870, Fairfax Taylor, who had purchased his own freedom before the Civil War and was a vocal advocate of Civil Rights for the newly freed slave, bought a 2 3/4 acre lot north of Maplewood Cemetery (ACDB 68-390). He deeded the northern portion of this to his son James S. Taylor in (ACDB). Tax records indicate that both built houses almost immediately and enlarged them c. 1890. Both houses appear on the 1877 Gray map of Charlottesville. James Taylor's house, which was demolished in 1958, stood on the site of 526 Eighth Street, n.E. In 1893, Fairfax Taylor deeded the rest of the lot to two of his daughters, Florinda Taylor Jones and Susan Taylor Angell, on the condition that he and his wife could continue to occupy the house (City DB 4-285). The daughters divided the property into two lots in 1898, after Fairfax Taylor's death (DB 8-452). Tax records indicate that Susan T. Angell received the existing houses and that Florinda T. Jones immediately built a house of similar value. This latter house at 518 Eighth Street, NW left the family after her death (DB 41-62), but Fairfax Taylor's house is still owned and occupied by a great grandson of Susan T. Angell (City WB 11-385, 19-258; City DB 376-187). It was stuccoed in the late 1920's. The porch floor and the standing-seam metal on the roof were replaced in 1978.

53-208 ✓

57.3x226
R-2

#508

520 8th St NE

(same add)

376-187	James E Brown, Jr	1976	plat 376-189
WB 19-258	Mary Angell Branch	1975	
WB 11-385	Edgar Thornton Angell	1966	
4-285	Susan T. " "		plat 8-457
	F. Taylor		

2-5, + base, 1-fam, 7 rooms
 conc found, stucco walls, metal hips roof
 built 1908, ave - cheap const
 1978 - new roof + porch
 1975 - alterations

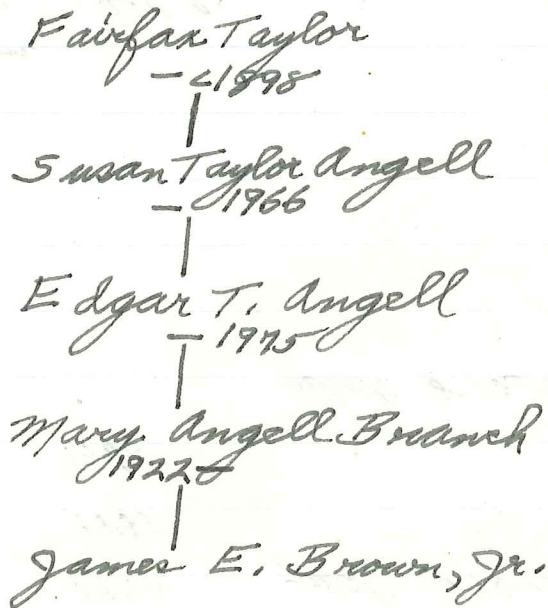
Mr. Brown

date - ? see: bought 1869

all built at once? 2-5? address?

when started? < 1934 > 1925-30

Susie Taylor's house about as old



57.3
x 226

3438
1146
1146

129498

#209

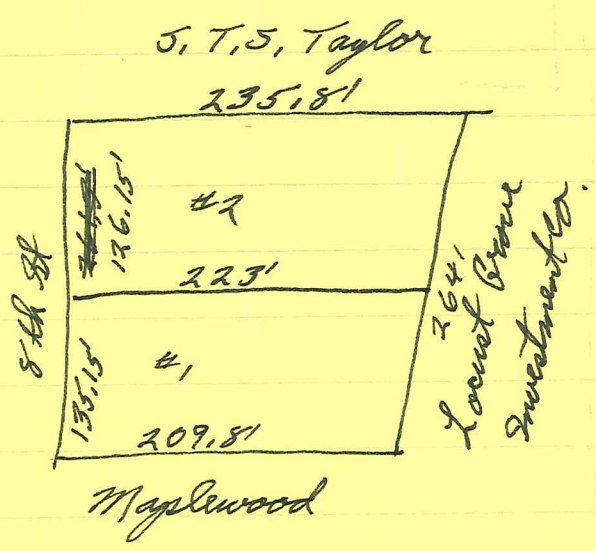
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3/7/1893

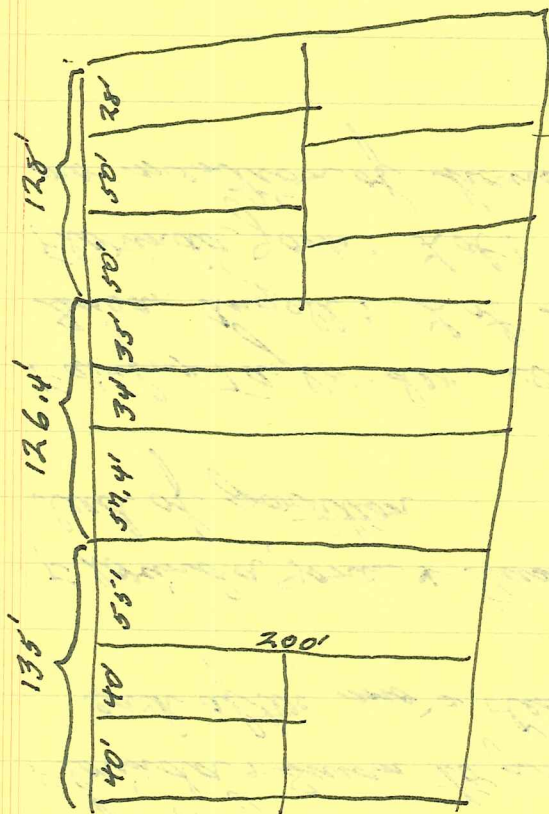
Fairfax & Ellen Taylor → Florinda Jones (now Wm.)
of Pa & Susan Angell (now Edgar) of Chi'ville,
for natural love & affection
"all that portion or tract of land ... adjoining ~~Maplewood~~
Maplewood Cem, on which the said Taylor now
lives & which was conveyed to him by Drury Wood &
R K made by deed dated 9/22/1870", ACDB 68-390
orig. 2 3/4 acres, now e. half that (half → son
J S Taylor, ACDB)
Fairfax & Ellen Taylor to continue to live there
Florinda & Susan to pay sis Bettie Coles in the N 1/2 \$150
each after mo's death

8-452
4/6/1888

Florinda Jones & Susan Angell
deed of partition

Fairfax Taylor dec. several years ago, Ellen still living
Susan Angell: Lot 2
Florinda Jones: Lot 1
no mention of houses





City DB

376-187

7/15/1976

plat 376-187

Mary Angell Branch & husband James W → James E. Brown
part of 4-285

19 Susan T. Angell dec. 12/3/1966 (WB 11-385), leaving all to Edgar T. Angell
& Daisy Angell Coffey (who dec. < 1966). Edgar T. Angell dec 4/4/1975
(WB 19-258) leaving house to his dau Mary Angell Branch

WB 11-385 Susan T. Angell left estate to her 2 chn

~~44113~~

ACOB
68-390
9/22/1870

Drury & Laura T. Wood → Fairfax Taylor

#1200

lot adj. the ~~North~~ NE boundary of the

same as ACOB — ^{1859, by Peter B Ware} bounded on S by "the ^{enclosure of the} burial ground" & on E by

Lindair, on N by Hughes, News, & Patterson
"3d lot is commonly known as Wood's brick yard"
2 acres 3 rods by 1859 plat

Fairfax Taylor

1889	1st	Fairfax Taylor	near Maplewood Cem	$350 + 250 = 600$	
1893, 94	"	"	"	$300 + 300 = "$	
"	"	James S	"	$" + 350 = 650$)
1895, 96, 97, 98	"	"	"	$400 + 400 = 800$	
"	"	"	Fairfax (est. 1876-)	$300 + 400 = 700$	
1899	1st	James T S	N side Cem	$200 + 0 = 200$	
"	"	"	E " cross st	$400 + 400 = 800$	
"		Fairfax	" nl		
		B			
1899	1st	Susan Angel	E side 7th	$150 + 400 = 550$	for Fairfax Taylor est.
1902, '05	"	"	"	$250 + 350 = 600$	
1906	"	"	"	$300 + 700 = 1000$	
1908, '09, '10.	"	"	526 8th NE	$200 + 400 = 600$	
1911	"	"	" " NW	$300 + 600 = 900$	
1906	"	"	"	$300 + 700 = 1000$	
1899	1st	Florinda Jona	E side 7th	$150 + 450 = 600$	for Fairfax Taylor est. Bldg added
1902, '05	"	"	"	$200 + 500 = 700$	
1906	"	"	"	$300 + 100 = 400$	
1908, '11	"	"	6th/8th	$300 + 700 = 1000$	
1906	"	"	"	$300 + 100 = 400$	
1874, '76	city	Fairfax Taylor		$+ 100 = 450$	
"	"	JTS	"	"	
1888, '85		Fairfax Taylor	NE corner	$+ 250 = 600$	
1882, '84, '78		"	"	$+ 100 = 450$	
"	"	" JTS	"	"	
1872, '73		Taylor	nl		

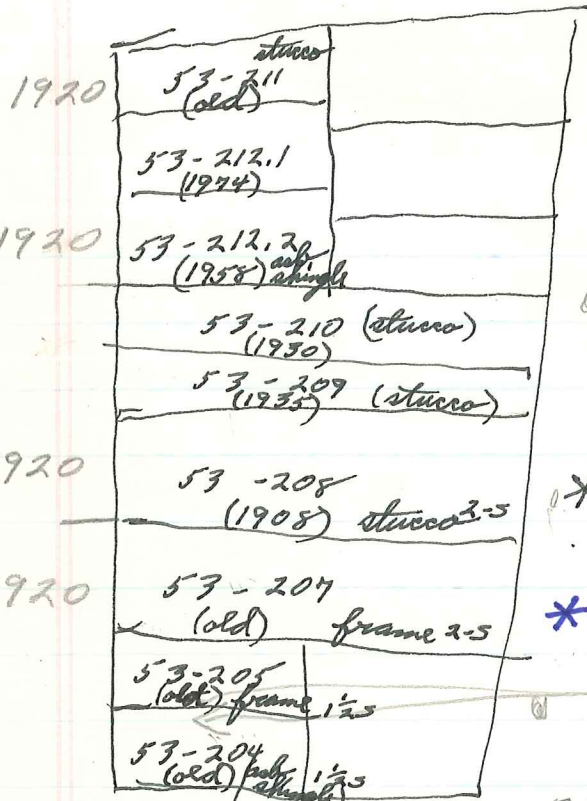
1873, 74	Drury Wood	£104	+ 0	= 1500
" 74	"	£78	+ 4000	= 5200
" 74	"	£124	+ 0	= 200
- "	"	£75	+ 2000	= 3000 <i>from - est</i>

summary

1872-73	Fairfax Taylor ml			
1874-84	" "	*	350 + 100	= 450
1885-89	" "	*	" + 250	= 600
1893-94	" "		300 + 300	= 1
1895-98	" "		" + 400	= 700
1899	Susan Angell		150 + "	= 550
1902-1905	" "		250 + 350	= 600
1906			300 + 700	= 1000
1907-1910			200 + 400	= 600
1911			300 + 600	= 900

2/1920

Eighth NE



brick
25 3'30

* 5'28

* 5'26
1920 BR, but here

35 equally spaced,
N farther

Could both houses be on Gray map?

Why do Real Est. Assessor records say 1908 for Brown house?
Plot looks like J. Taylor house is definitely the one replaced 1955.

built 1870-77, address in ^{early} 1890's, (no tax increase since 1895) ?

520 8th NE

✓ 2-5, 2-bay, double pile; N bay of facade proj slightly,
high found., stuccoed

basement above ground rear, full
stuccoed w/ black trim

med. hip roof w/ gable centered on 5th el,
over proj bay on facade; brown comp. shingles;
proj. eaves + verges; boxed cornice w/ return, pl frieze

chim - cor. covered int end N, centered, bel room

" " " in S side of house, just behind center

windows 2/2 w/ pl trim, some hit both levels

base 6/6 w/ w/ays on S, 6-l hinged on N

circular air vents in gable

✓ 1-5 veranda covers most of facade - med hip roof, 50m,
proj eaves, boxed cornice, pl frieze, turned posts,
bel replaced, screened, corr floor on CS found.

ent 5 bay - 7 1/2 panels (new), 1-l int. trim, wad. trim.

B+B basement door rear of N el

side hall plan

fieldstone wall, cut stone steps

basement K

corner chim LR + DR

2 fl open

K-DR sewing window

518

shaped rafter ends

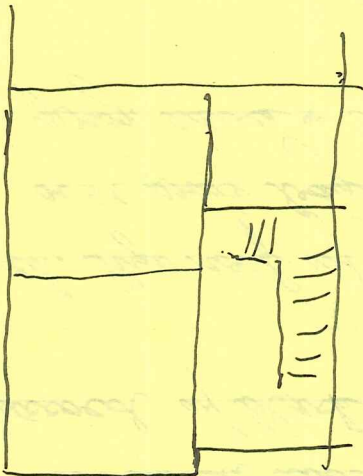
5301 roof

incised wooden shingles & sm windows in gables

porch: spindle frieze, turned posts, brackets

brick found

capped chim



53-207 ✓

55 x 200
R. 2

(#508)

518 8th St NE

		1962 Thomson Rd	
417-875	Paul F, Andrew R, & James M. Larner	1981	1/3 int each
337-552	Clarkridge Properties	1972	
WB16-281		1972	
ACWB 46-	Ralph, O. T., & Va. Martin	1971	
119.407	E. R. Martin	1945	
	W. A. Batis		

2-3, + fam, 1/2 base, 7 rooms
 brick found, wood siding, metal roof
 0 fireplace
 "old"
 1974 - remodeling
 1973 - renovation

Florinda T. Jones House
 1898

518 8th St NE

119-407 ~~DB 41~~ J P Grove & Jesse B Wilson, spec comm in Helen V. Miller
4/8/1945 & E W Miller or W A Batts et al, → E R Martin \$ 2000
lot of imp't on E side of Taylor St, now known as 8th St
55' x 300'
same as 41-63

41-63 EB & M D Haden → W A Batts \$ 2800
8/10/1922 55' x 300' lot on Taylor St
part of 41-

41-62 L W Wood, Adm D.B.N.C.T.A. of estate of Florinda Taylor Jones
8/10/1922 → EB Haden, at auction
135.15' x 209.8-223' on Taylor St
same as Lot 2 on plat as DB 8-452 (1898)
Florinda Jones dec (WB 2-112)
husb dec 1921

