

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 129 Chancellor Street
MAP & PARCEL: 9-134
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: R-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: Warner Wood Estate
ORIGINAL USE: Rental Property?
PRESENT USE: Fraternity House
PRESENT OWNER: Beta Iota House Corporation
ADDRESS: c/o Wayne Coates
 624 Wilder Drive
 Charlottesville, VA 22901

HISTORIC NAME: Wood House
DATE / PERIOD: 1906, 1978
STYLE: Colonial Revival
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 60' x 116.5' (7922 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1983
SOURCES: City/County Records
 Ch'ville City Directories

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This house combines Colonial Revival detail with Victorian massing, as do many houses built in the early years of this century. Set on a high concrete foundation with a partial basement, the house is two storeys tall, three bays wide, and triple pile. The rear two-thirds projects on the north side. Walls are veneered with brick laid in stretcher bond with quoins of rusticated brick at the corners. The high-pitched hip roof is L-shaped with central gables on all four elevations. It is covered with standing-seam metal and has Baltimore gutters, projecting eaves, a boxed cornice with returns and dentil moulding, and a frieze which continues into the gables. There are three interior chimneys with corbelled caps and stringcourses. Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with moulded surrounds. First level windows are segmental-arched; second level windows are shorter and jack arched. There is a Palladian window in the front gable and a pair of one-light casement windows in each of the other gables, and also at both levels in the second bay from the rear on the 6-bay south elevation. The two-flight open stair in the entrance hall in the northeast front corner of the house is lit by a shorter, fixed-sash, diamond-paned window on the facade. The stair has a Victorian balustrade with spiral newel. The entrance hall and dining room have pine paneled wainscot. A one-storey veranda covers the facade and continues along the north elevation to the projection. It has a nearly flat roof covered with standing-seam metal, with a boxed cornice with dentil moulding, a plain frieze, Tuscan columns, and a simple balustrade. The center bay of the veranda projects slightly. The 6-paneled entrance door in the center bay of the facade has a half-round fanlight and diamond-paned sidelights with panels both above and below them. A pair of 12-light French doors gives access to the end of the veranda from the north projection. There is a one-storey, round-arched, recessed loggia in the center bay of the rear elevation.

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PRESENT ZONING:		HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:	2 Storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Estate of Warner Wood	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:	
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence	CONDITION:	Good
PRESENT USE:	Fraternity House	SURVEYOR:	
PRESENT OWNER:	Beta Iota House Corporation	DATE OF SURVEY:	1980
ADDRESS:	129 Chancellor Street Charlottesville, Virginia	SOURCES:	City/County records

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UTM: 17/719295/4212705

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**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM**

File No. 104-130
Negative no(s). 7234

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Street address 129 Chancellor St.
Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name Wood House;

Present name:
Common name Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House

- Material
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____
 - brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____
 - stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 - log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 - stucco cast iron
 - concrete block terra cotta
 - enameled steel glass and metal
 - other: _____

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> mansard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable - cross <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input type="checkbox"/> parapet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin <input type="checkbox"/> composition <input type="checkbox"/> not visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (center) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (side) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Full-length veranda with projecting central bay.

Building type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>fraternity house</i>

Style/period **Georgian Revival** Date **1906** Architect/builder _____

Location and description of entrance **Central entry with traceried fanlight and sidelights.**



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This is one of the earliest Georgian style houses in the District, featuring a central cross-gable with Palladian window.

Historical information

This house may have served originally as a boarding house. Micajah Woods and J.W. Fishburne, executors of the estate of Warner Wood, purchased the lot in 1906, apparently building the present house that same year. It was probably used as rental property during its first years.

Theta Chi Fraternity occupied the house in the 1920s. Between 1946 and 1963 the local Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta house occupied it. Since 1978 Delta Tau Delta fraternity has owned it.

Alexander Gilliam interviews; Corks & Curls, 19
Source Eugenia Bibb notes; City Directories; court rec

Surveyed by **Jeff O'Dell, VHLC** Date **9-83**



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 104 70
Negative no(s). 5061(24)

SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City Albemarle County, Charlottesville	
Street address or route number 129 Chancellor	
USGS Quad Charlottesville West, Virginia	Date or period 1880
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner Delta Tau Delta	Source of name
Present owner address	Source of date
	Stories 2 1/2
Present use Fraternity house	Foundation and wall const'n
Acreage	Roof type hip roof w/gable

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

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.)

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Interior inspected? no

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

From estate of Lambda Chi. 1950's-1960's Phi Delta. 1979 Delta Tau Delta began restoration.

City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0133-0026

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1906

PROPERTY NAMES

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House

EXPLANATION

Current

Wood House

Historic

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-134-3

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
129 -	Chancellor Street	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Slightly elevated site, with front yard edged with concrete retaining wall,
and fence of wood posts with chain above wall.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Historic

TOTAL:	1
Historic:	1

Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Cornice	0	Boxed	Wood	W/ Dentils
Dormer	4	Gable-roofed	Wood	Sided
Foundation	0	Continuous	Brick	
Porch	0	1-level	Brick	
Roof	0	Complex Hipped	Asphalt	Shingle
Walls	0	Masonry	Brick	Veneer
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	6/6

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1905 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Colonial Revival

Description:

Colonial Revival-style dwelling of brick (common bond veneer), with hipped roof, and full-height projecting section on rear portion of northeast side wall. Has large gabled frame dormers on each facade, with two six-over-six double-hung sash windows in each; roofed edged with boxed cornice with dentils and frieze board. Walls have raised brickwork at corners, mimicking quoins; first-floor windows have segmentally-arched lintels. Front porch is open, faced with brick, and edged with wooden balustrade extending between brick piers; front entrance has multi-light diamond-paned sidelights, with elliptical fanlight above.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

House has been considerably altered as result of remodeling since 1983. The original Colonial Revival roofed one-story porch, which extended across the front facade and the front part of the northeast side wall, was replaced with the present open porch, and a large, central front wall dormer of brick with a Palladian window was removed, and replaced by the present frame dormer. Two interior chimneys of brick were also removed (Sanborn 1941, 1969).

Number of Stories: 2.5

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

A one-story outbuilding stood behind the house from at least 1907; by 1929 a one-story garage had been built adjoining it. Both outbuildings were removed from the property by 1969 (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969).

DHR Historic Context: Domestic

Significance Statement:

This house first appears on the Sanborn maps in 1907, and according to deeds,

the house was apparently built in 1906 on a lot purchased in the same year by Micajah Woods and J.W. Fishburne, executors of the estate of Warner Wood. It may have been used as a rental property. Theta Chi Fraternity used the house in the 1920s; from 1946 to 1963 the local Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta occupied it; the building served as a rooming house for a time before its purchase in 1978 by Delta Tau Delta fraternity (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; O'Dell 1983; Bibb 1983).

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

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B&W 35mm Photos	14645	15 -	3/ 9/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

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Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.

Citation Abbreviation:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey

Notes:

1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Map

Author: Sanborn Map Company

Citation Abbreviation:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA

Notes:

1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969. University of Virginia Alderman Library Government Documents.

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other

Author: Bibb, Eugenia

Citation Abbreviation:

City of Charlottesville Architectural and Historical Survey

Notes:

1983. VDHR Archives.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/ 3/1996

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.

ID # Associated with Event:

CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:

First :

Last :

Suffix :

Title :

Company: Beta Iota House Corp.

Address: c/o Coates - 2812 Magnolia

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22901- Country: USA

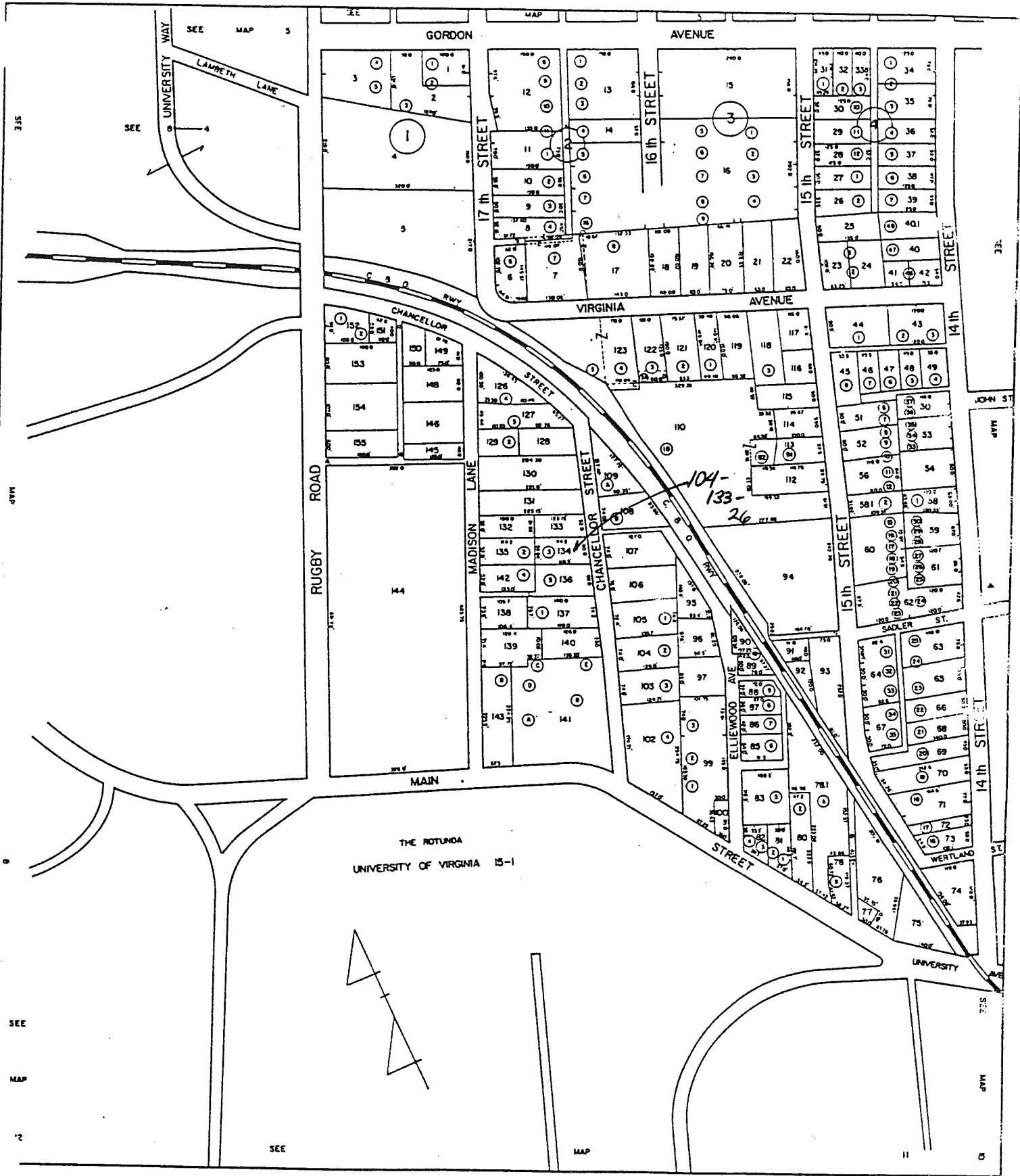
Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION 9

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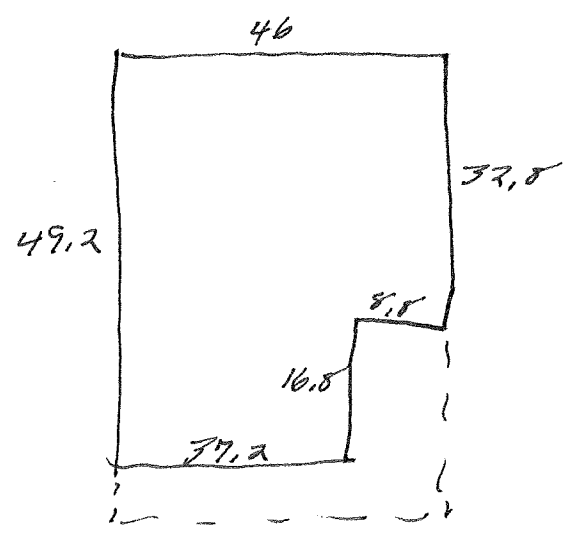
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390-563	Beta Zeta Home Corp.	1978	plat	261-457
354-436	Samuel S Tyson	1974	"	"
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242-75	Conrad H Jr & Doris M Story	1963	"	"
239-369	Chas Wm Hunt	"	"	AEDB 132-385
137-6	Va. Beta Inc David J. Wood David J. Wood	1946	"	"

2 1/2 s, part. basement, 13 rooms, 4 baths
 brick found. & walls, metal gable & hys
 1978 - renovations & sprinkler sys
 1963 review - dwelling in poor cond.
 built 1880, old, good const.

Wood 1906-1946 = 40 yrs
 Va Beta 1946-1963 = 17 yrs



check plat -
✓ be sure this is right house

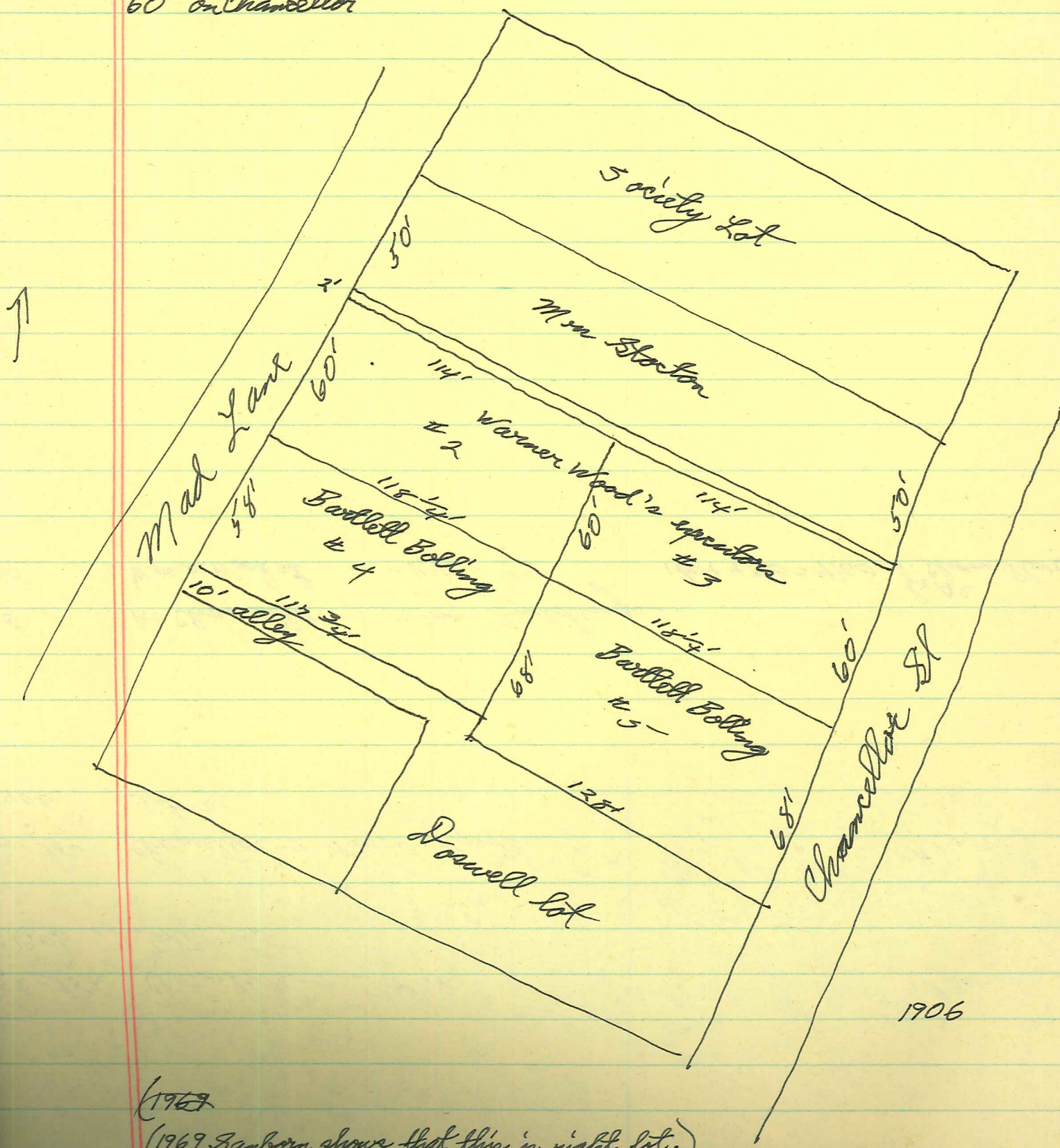
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129 Chancellor St

137-6 estate of Warner Wood, dec → Virginia Beta, Inc # 25,800
2/11/48 (~~WB 31-72 1-354~~)
Warner Wood dec 9/2/02 (ACWB 31-72, City WB 1-354)

ACDB AC & Corrie Chancellor → Mirajah Woods & J.W. Fishburne # 1450
132-384 spec Warner Wood, dec

1906 lot 3 on plat
part of 121-382 for Chancellor 1901
60' on Chancellor



(1969 Sanborn shows that this is right lot.)

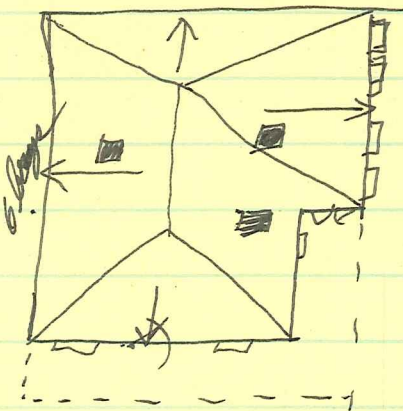
132-382 Chancellor → Bolling #3400
1906 lots 4 & 5

132-386 Chancellor → Wm. S. Woods #1450
1906 lot 2

1906 AC Chancellor - no buildings
1907 Warner Wood cut - 4 Va - 23 160 + 4000 = 4160 for AC Chancellor

129 Chancellor

2-5



✓ → high found, cone
 → pressed?? no
 brick - stretcher bond, unglazed brick quoins at corners

steep hips roof, black 55m, Baltimore gutters, prep. eaves,
 boarded cornice w/ dentil moulding, fringe in gables too
 gables cent on facade, ~~1-2~~ larger rear section, ^{on N} total 4 5 el,
 4 rear

→ windows 6/6 w/ moulded, seg-arched at 1st level,
 → or jark? shorter & ~~flat~~ ^{arched} - arched at 2nd
 shorter fixed sash w/ diamond panes over stair & of ent
 2nd floor w/ die rail

→ ^{veranda} 1-5 ~~ent porch~~ covers facade & wraps around N
 nearby flat roof covered w/ metal, ~~low ent porch~~
 boarded cornice w/ dentil moulding, pl fringe, Tuscan columns,
 simple bal; ent bay proj sl (but no gable)

✓ cent ent: 6-panel door, half-round fan light, diamond
 sidelights w/ panes above & below
 per 12-2 Fr door W end porch

✓ 1/1-2 Palladian window in front gable, per 1-2 casement
 in N, S, & rear; same both levels and W bay 5 el

gint chim w/ corbeled caps & string courses

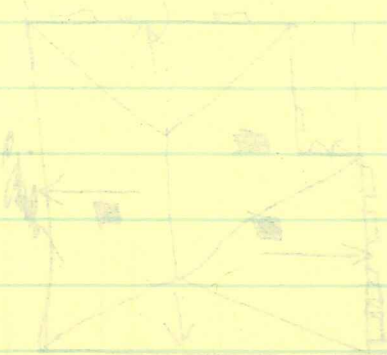
~~Notes~~
→ round-arched back-porch loggia cent rear

→ back stair - int, 1-fl w/ winters

→ interior -

→ fireplaces - nothing!

2-fl open stair, w/ bal, spiral newel, sea wall
pine wainscot. ent hall, up stairs, d or
cent hall behind ent hall



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sketch Design

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The rear two-thirds projects on the north side

Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with moulded surrounds. ~~First~~ First level windows are segmental-arched; second level windows are shorter & ^{jack} ~~flat~~ arched.

There is a pair of one-light casement windows in each of a Palladian window in the front gable & the other gables, & also at both levels in the second bay from the rear on the 6-bay south elevation. ~~These latter windows probably light the back stair.~~

The two-flight open stair in the entrance hall in the northeast front corner of the house is lit by a shorter, fixed-sash, ~~rose~~ diamond-paned window on the facade.

The entrance hall & diningroom have pine paneled wainscot.

The stair has a Victorian balustrade with spiral newel.

a one-story veranda covers the facade & continues along the north elevation to the projection.

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Date 3/3/96 File No. 104-133-26

Name Delta Tau Delta
129 Chancellor St.

Town Charlottesville

County _____

Photographer S.E. Smeath

Contents 3 exterior views





1982