

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> 402 Dice Street	<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> Barksdale-Totty House, or the Grove
<b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b> 29-124	<b>DATE / PERIOD:</b> Before 1857
<b>CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:</b>	<b>STYLE:</b>
<b>PRESENT ZONING:</b> R-2	<b>HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:</b> 2 storeys
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> James S. Barksdale	<b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b> 98.42' x c. 65.35' (7241 sq.ft.)
<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Residence	<b>CONDITION:</b> Fair
<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Rental Property (Residence)	<b>SURVEYOR:</b> Bibb
<b>PRESENT OWNER:</b> Robert C. Barbour	<b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b> Spring 1984
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 700 Rose Hill Drive	<b>SOURCES:</b> City/County Records
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903	1877 Gray Map
	Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This house is a basic 2-storey, 3-bay, single-pile Virginia I-house with a kitchen wing that appears older than the main block. The house is set on a low foundation which is now covered with concrete. Wall construction is of brick laid in Flemish bond on the facade and in 7-course American bond elsewhere. The medium-pitched gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has projecting eaves and verges, a boxed cornice with returns, and a plain frieze. There is an additional central gable on the facade. There are two interior end chimneys with small caps. Windows are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with wooden sills, architrave trim, and flat arches formed of vertical headers. Windows are the same height at both levels. There is a pair of narrow 1-over-1 light windows in the center of the facade at the second storey level. A one-storey Colonial Revival veranda covers the facade. It has a low-pitched hip roof covered with standing-seam metal, boxed cornice, plain frieze, Tuscan columns, and concrete floor and steps. The entrance door in the center bay of the facade has four panels with moulded rails. There are 4-light sidelights over panels and a 3-light rectangular transom. The interior follows the central hall plan. A two-flight open-well stair with turned balusters rises from the central hall. A one-storey kitchen wing covers the eastern bay of the rear elevation. Its brick is laid in 7-course American-with-Flemish bond, and it has a mousetooth cornice. The steep gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has close eaves and verges. There is now no chimney in this wing. Windows are 6-over-6 light with wooden sills and plain surrounds. Their flat arches match those in the main block. A complex of one-storey, shed-roofed, wooden additions now covers the entire rear elevation of the building.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

James S. Barksdale resided on the 4-acre tract bounded by Dice Street, 4th Street, Oak Street, and 5th Street until he sold it to John T. Barksdale and John N. Fry in 1857 (ACDB 56-567). The next owner to occupy it was Thomas Totty, 1863-1867 (ACDB 61-143). From then on it was known as "the Totty Cottage property" or "The Grove". James McD. Carrington of Richmond bought the property 2 3/4 acres to William M. Poole of Savannah (ACDB 66-446), who immediately subdivided the tract and sold a one-acre lot in the eastern corner to Thomas Jones, Sr. (ACDB 66-458). Tax records, lot size, and selling price indicate that this house was already standing on that lot. It may have been the original James Barksdale house, as the 1857 deed states that it stood on the eastern portion of the tract (ACDB 56-567), and this is the highest point. The brick bonding, however, indicates that it was probably built after the Civil War. Tax records and the Sanborn Maps seem to indicate that there may have been another house on the tract and that Carrington retained ownership of it and 1 1/4 acres until c. 1875. It may have stood to the west of the remaining house. After Jame's death, his family sold the house in 1911 (City DB 22-376). After several interior owners and further subdivision, the house was purchased by O. G. Conn in 1912 (DB 22-378, 28-124). It remained the home of his family for half a century. Robert C. Barbour bought it in 1968 from the estate of Nancy Conn Arnette (WB 11-329, DB 298-11). He has further subdivided the lot and uses the house as rental property. Numerous rear additions have come and gone over the years. The porch floor was replaced with concrete in 1979.

Additional References: ACDB 60-510; City DB 378-285, 385-403.

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