

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 2429 Jefferson Park Avenue
MAP & PARCEL: 18-34
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
PRESENT ZONING: R-2
ORIGINAL OWNER: D. R. Snow
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence
PRESENT OWNER: John V. Graham
ADDRESS: 2429 Jefferson Park Avenue
 Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Snow-Herndon Cottage
DATE / PERIOD: c.1898
STYLE: Victorian Vernacular
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 1½ Storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 100' x 449' (one acre)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1983
SOURCES: City/County Records Mrs. E. A. Talley
 John Graham
 Sanborn Map Co. - 1920, 1929-57

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This small white weatherboarded cottage was probably originally a vacation cottage at Fry's Spring. It is 1½ storeys tall, three bays wide, and single pile, with a one-storey rear wing which was probably added soon after the cottage was built. It is set on brick piers which were later filled in with stone and a basement dug out. The original section is set on a low foundation, but the land slopes so that the basement under the wing is above ground at the rear. The cottage has a steep gable roof with an additional central gable on the facade. It has projecting eaves and verges and shaped rafter ends. The original standing-seam metal has been replaced with gray-green composition shingles. The wing has a hip roof. There are two small capped brick interior end chimneys at the rear of the original section, one serving a large fieldstone fireplace. Windows at the first level are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with plain trim and solid shutters. Second level windows in the gables are shorter and triangular-headed, 3-over-3 light. These windows and the steep gable roof give the cottage a Gothic touch. A one-storey entrance porch covers the central bay of the facade. It has a nearly flat roof covered with composition shingles, chamfered posts with brackets, and a spindle frieze with pierced panels above the brackets. There is no balustrade. The 4-paneled entrance door has a one-light rectangular transom. The center bay of the original section projects on the rear elevation to accommodate the 2-flight stair in the central hall. The projection is now surrounded by the 2-bay rear wing and is visible only as a windowless dormer. A first level window still remains between the projection and the wing, showing that the wing is a later addition. There is a covered deck with Chinese Chippendale balustrade across the rear elevation of the wing. A small addition and basement-level porch fill in the SW rear corner of the cottage. Shed roofs slope to both the west and south.

There is a small weatherboarded cottage, now used for storage, in the back yard. It is two storeys tall with a one-storey side wing and has a steep shed roof covered with composition shingles. A one-storey porch with a segmental-arched frieze (enclosed at one end) covers the 2-storey section. There are small 2-light casement windows. The interior is unfinished.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

D. R. Snow purchased a lot a block west of the Jefferson Park Hotel in 1898 (ACDB 111-117). Tax records indicate that he had probably built the cottage before receiving a deed. It may have been used originally only for summer vacations. The rear wing was added before 1920. Kenneth F. & Virginia E. Herndon bought the house in 1939 (City DB 98-16, 99-65) and made some alterations in the 1940's. They sold it to John V. Graham in 1977 (DB 387-507).

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES: ACDB 127-285, 224-31; ACWB 32-248.



