

# Architectural And Historic Survey



407

## Identification

<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> 1310 Lane Road	<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> Russell-LaFon House
<b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b> 11-134	<b>DATE / PERIOD:</b> 1922
<b>CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:</b>	<b>STYLE:</b> Colonial Revival
<b>PRESENT ZONING:</b> B-1	<b>HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:</b> 2 storeys
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> C. B. F. Russell	<b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b> 71.3' x 180.91' (12,257 sq. ft.)
<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Fraternity House	<b>CONDITION:</b> Good
<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Residence	<b>SURVEYOR:</b> Bibb
<b>PRESENT OWNER:</b> Ferne K. LaFon	<b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b> Spring 1981
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 1310 Lane Road	<b>SOURCES:</b> City Records
Charlottesville, VA 22903	Mrs. Ferne K. LaFon
	Sanborn Map Co. - 1920, 1929

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a 2-storey, 5-bay, double-pile house with a full-height pedimented portico. The foundation, wooden water table, and walls are covered with smooth white stucco with black trim. The medium-pitched hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has deeply projecting eaves with a boxed cornice. There is a capped interior end chimney, also stuccoed, on each side near the front of the house. A full-height portico covers the center three bays of the facade, but its concrete floor continues across the entire facade. Four columns without bases or capitals support a pediment with a half-round fan window and a boxed cornice and plain frieze, but no architrave. Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light with plain surrounds, somewhat shorter at the second level. On the facade, the windows at the first level have shallow pediments and those the second level have louvered shutters. The entrance in the center bay of the facade consists of a 6-paneled door with wide single-light sidelights of modern rippled glass under a semi-elliptical fanlight. Originally there were probably double doors with narrower sidelights. A low wall with a pair of Tuscan columns separate the entrance hall from the stair hall. A shed-roofed screened back porch covers the western bay of the 3-bay rear elevation.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

C. B. F. Russell purchased this lot in 1917 (City DB 30-34). Tax records show that he built this house in 1922. Tradition says that it was designed to be a fraternity house. Alpha Mu Sigma occupied it from the late 1920's to 1936 and Tau Epsilon Phi from 1938 until it became inactive during World War II. Neither fraternity now has a chapter at the University. Ferne K. LaFon bought the house in 1944 (DB 16-331) and has lived there for 37 years.

Additional References: ACNE 5-256.

11-134v

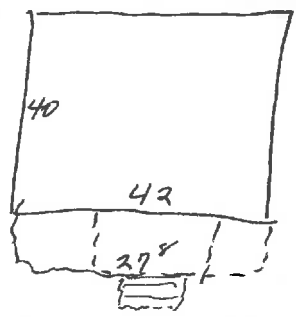
71.3 x 180.91 (23, 237)  
B-1

1310 Lane Rd

116-331

Frome K. La Fon <sup>same</sup> 1944  
CBF Russell

2-story, 12 rooms  
built 1965  
2 fireplaces



built 1922

~~306~~  
~~also on 105 (11-125), "old"~~

One house built c. 1911-1915, me 1923

See 1920 Sanborn & ACDB 145-243 plat

6-6377

Mrs. La Fon

when built - not know <sup>when built</sup> by Russell who owned <sup>lot of</sup> real estate

architect - " "

name - no

major changes - no

Fraternity, built for it, not know name, but think it was a Jewish fraternity; closed down when war started, & she bought it - she's 1st woman to live there

& U Va annals

City Dir

neither at U Va 1980-81 or 1953	{	Tau Epsilon Phi - 103 (or 1310) Park Place <span style="float: right;">1938-45</span> - 1940, 38, 45
		Alpha Mu Sigma - " " " <span style="float: right;">1929-36</span> - 1936, 31
		" " " - rd near JPA 1929
		" " " ml 1927, 24
		Kornik La Fon - 1310 Park Place 1945

no fruit at 1310 Lane Rd 1934

∴ c. 1926-1933 or 36 AMΣ estab at U Va 1925, at 1310 Lane Rd 1923

∴ c. 1937-1941, 76? TEΦ " " " Apr 1936, " " " 1937? gone 1942?

~~check U Va ~~city~~ annals before 1929~~

1310 Lane Rd

116-331 Mrs Winifred B. Russell (wid) → Mrs Fern K. LaFon \$17,000  
 5/4/1944 lot w/ ingate on Park Place Ave, L #19 on Park Place plat ACDB 145-243  
 same as 30-34, 2/24/17, Geo W Halstead → Chas B.F. Russell  
 Russell dec 2/43 (WB 5-256)

30-34 Geo W & Mary Halstead → CBF Russell  
 2/24/1917 trade for 120 acres  
 Lots 19 & 24 ~~with~~ abutting on Cabell St  
 same as ACDB 146-264, 4/27/11, Park Place Dmp Co → Geo W Halstead

Tax-

1917	Geo W. Halstead	L19	Park Place	300 + 1700 = 2000
1918, 19, 20	CBF Russell	" 24	" "	" " ; fr Geo W Halstead
1921	" "	" "	" "	500 + 3500 = 4000
1924, 23	" "	" "	" "(2 houses)	" + 9300 = 9800 bldg added

Building on corner on 1920 Sanborn, this one not,  
 " " " " ≈ 1916, " " 1922

A.C.D.B. Park Pl Imp Co → Geo W Halstead  
146-264 Note 19424 on plat A.C.D.B. 145-243  
4/27/1911

Plat shows Lot 24 = Chris Sewine Center, Labell St = Lane Rd

1310 Lane Rd

✓ 2-5, 5 bay, double pile

✓ found low except E end, stained, stuccoed, <sup>wooden?</sup> plaster table

✓ walls, <sup>smooth</sup> white stucco w/ black trim

med hip roof, comp shingle, deeply overhanging eaves, boxed cornice


lintel end chim - ~~side~~ front pile - capped & stuccoed

full-ht pedimented portico covers 3 bays  
con floor cont across whole facade

⊕ window

4 columns w/out bases or capitals

pl fringe, no architrave

windows 6/6 (shorter at 2nd) w/ plain surrounds,  
also  low pediment 1st level facade  
& lowered shutters 2nd level facade

ent: 6-panel door & wide sidelights (1-l modern mottled glass)  
under semi-elliptical fanlight  
(orig double doors & narrow sidelights?)

shed-roofed screened porch covers W ~~3~~ bay of 3-bay rear elevation

front basement windows 6-l hinged cash

wainscot-level wall w/ 2 T near column size ent & stair hall  
single fl open stair