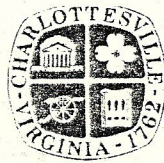


LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION	BASE DATA
Street Address: 610 Lyons Court	Historic Name: Bonahora or Lyons House
Map and Parcel: 52-78	Date/Period: 1858
Census Track & Block: 3-404	Style: Greek Revival
Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Javins	Height to Cornice: .
Address: 610 Lyons Court, City	Height in Stories: 2
Present Use: Residence and Apartments	Present Zoning: R-1
Original Owner: B. C. Flannagan	Land Area (sq. ft.): 177.9 x 25,700
Original Use: Residence	Assessed Value (land + imp.): 6000 + 11,310 = 17,310

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Lyons Court is one of the outstanding examples of the pilastered house. Erected at least a year before the Abell-Gleason House on North First Street, the two were most likely built by the same craftsmen as the basic floor plan, general mass of the house, coupled windows, four interior chimneys, and open S-brackets of the cornice are identical. Set on a high basement that served as the original kitchen and dining room, the brick house is two stories high with a shallow slate hip roof and tin deck. The pedimented Colonial Revival porches on the front and garden side of the house were added by the Lyons family who bought the house in 1891 and are perhaps the finest in Charlottesville. As on the Lawn, the Ionic capitals and modillion blocks are of pressed tin. The house has a regular double pile plan. Much of the interior woodwork including mantles and doors was refreshed by Lyons in the Colonial Revival style. A large 2000 gallon iron tank was installed under the tin deck of the roof at the time the house was built to serve the house with water. Thus this house may possess the earliest bath facilities in the city. Built as one of the finest homes in the city, Lyons Court retains much of its original elegance and high styling.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1856 B. C. Flannagan, a successful businessman, purchased 21 acres of land "north of the town of Charlottesville on the eastern side of the road leading from said town to Cochran's Mill" for \$3,000, from N. H. Massie (ACDB 55-329). In 1891, Thomas Barton Lyons who had moved from Birmingham, Alabama purchased the house and 32 acres of land (ACDB 94-459). The handsome Colonial Revival porches were added by the Lyons. In 1927 John A. Gilmer purchased the property from Judge T. B. Lyons' heirs (DB 58-203). Before selling the house to A. G. Carter later in 1927, Gilmer subdivided the surrounding acreage leaving a "reservation" of 8.25 acres with the main house. James I. Pugh bought the property in 1953 (DB 172-56) from A. G. Carter's widow. The present owners, Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Javins, purchased the property in 1968.

GRAPHICS

193 (L.)

193 (R.)

CONDITIONS

Very Good

SOURCES

City/County Records
Mrs. Harold L. Javins