

# Architectural And Historic Survey



#427

## Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 124 Maury Avenue

MAP & PARCEL: 17-92

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: R-3

ORIGINAL OWNER: Robert F. Compton

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Fraternity House

PRESENT OWNER: Wooglin Co., Inc. (Beta Theta Pi)

ADDRESS: c/o A. B. Bolton, Jr.

1813 Meadowbrook Heights Road

Ch'ville

HISTORIC NAME: The Anchorage

DATE / PERIOD: 1913

STYLE: Colonial Revival

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 71,480 sq. ft. (1.64 acre)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1982

SOURCES: City/County Records  
Mrs. Collett M. Thach (Edith Compton Thach)  
Sanborn Map Co. - 1920

centered

Tripartite

medium

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Tau

Scoville

DB

Co., Inc.

When the ZBT Corporation closed it down, the ZBT House in the early 1980's Beta Theta Pi in 1988 or 79; Wooglin Inc. is the local Beta Chapter Corporation. During the 20's, this was the home of McLane Tilton, Secretary of the Alumni Association (per his son who died 3 or 4 years ago); perhaps the Tiltons rented it from Mrs. Scoville, but it would not seem likely. 1981.

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# The Anchorage

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1.64 ac #427  
(71, 480)

R-3

124 Mawry Ave

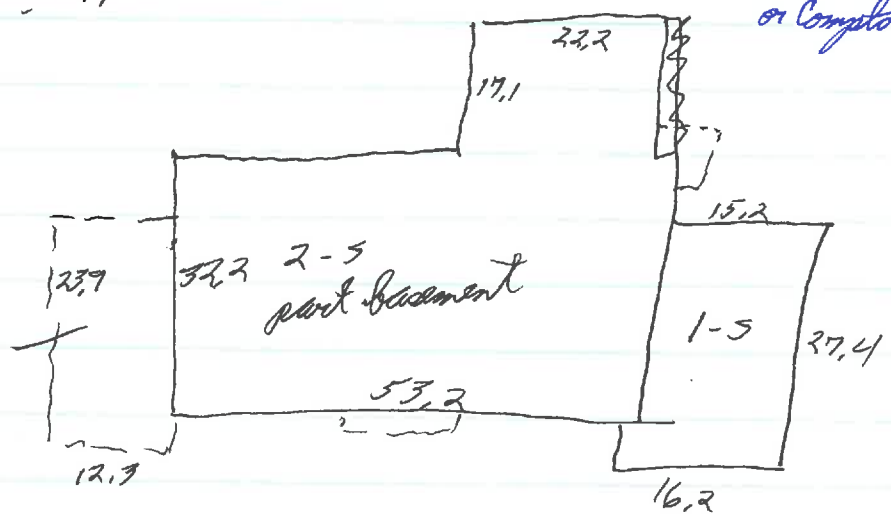
c/o AB Bolton, Jr  
1813 Meadow Brook Hgts Rd

- 420-471 Woolgin Co, Inc. 1981 plat 236-317
- 413-451 ~~23~~ Seymour R Brown, et al, trustee 1980 "
- Chi Corp. of ZBT Fruit. 1962 "
- 204-434 " " 1958 2 parcels " ACDB 154-376
- ACWB 23-362 Nina L. Bony est 1957 (Reins ACDB 201-332)
- ~~Chas ACDB~~
- 96-243 Chas & Nina L Bony 1938

2-story, 10 rooms + foyer, furnace room  
 conc found, stairs, tiled hip roof  
 5 fireplaces, 2 stacks  
 built 1908, good const  
 1964 - repave  
 1965 - "

The Anchorage,  
 or Compton house  
 1913

plywood excl  
 brick slab pool



1953 City Dir  
1962, '70

Mrs. Nina L. Brown (wid. Chas) 124 Maury Ave  
ZBT "

124 Maury Ave

96-243 Emmett E & Mary B Haynes → Chas W & Nina L Booy #13,000  
 10/11/1938 "The Anchorage" on east side Maury Ave  
 same as 92-191

92-191 Gertrude Lee Tilton (wid), M: Lane Tilton III & wife Loretta  
 5/15/1937 → Emmett E Haynes #6,500

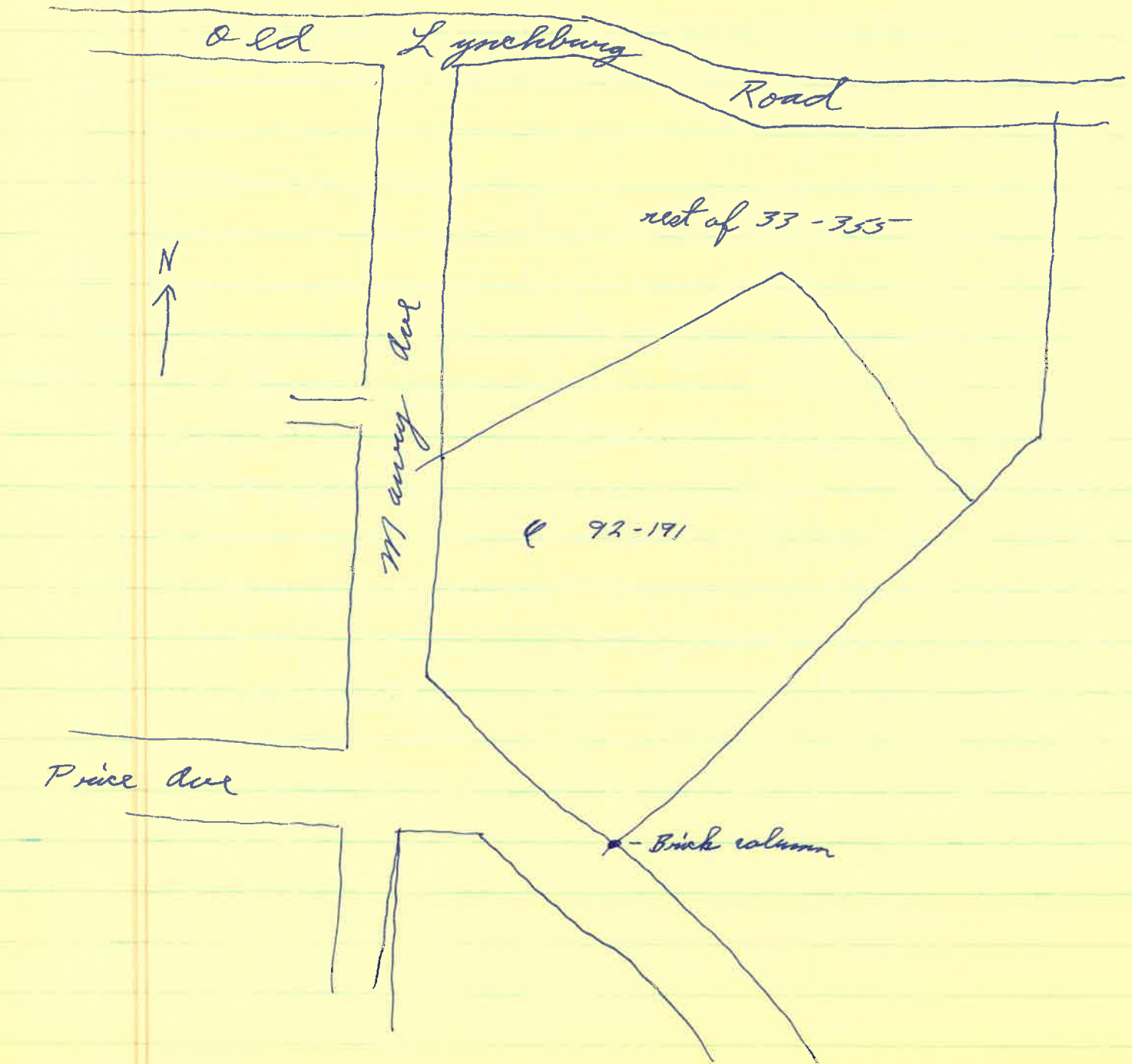
"The Anchorage"

part of ~~same as~~ 33-355, 8/18/1919, Dr Robt F. Compton → Mable E Evelyn Lee Scoville  
 begin at brick column on Maury Ave

all AODB 154-346, 1913, <sup>3/24</sup> E. B. B. <sup>Robt F</sup> Ripley → Compton ; w/ plat

" City DB 33-348 "

Chas WB 4-196



WB 4-196 will of Grace Evelyn Lee Seville - written 1920, dec. 1936  
to dau. Gertrude Lee Tilton: "my home place known as  
'The Anchorage' for life, then to 2 Tilton chn

33-355 Robt F & Mary B. Compton → Mrs Grace Ellen Lee Seville \$30,000  
8/18/1717 4 acres - (no name mentioned)  
same as ACDB 154-376

33-378 Ellen B. Rixey (wid) → Robt F Compton \$4000  
3/24/1913 4 acres bounded by Rixey, Harmon, UVa, & Walsh  
part of ACDB 137-78  
deed witnessed at US Embassy in Rome 3/22/1913

124 Mawry Ave

symmetrical, 2-storey, 3-bay, double side, w/ 1-5 side piazzas  
low found at front, high rear; stepped water table  
white stucco

med hip roof, red tile, deeply proj eaves, exposed rafter ends

windows: shorter 2nd level  
side bays 1st level facade: tripartite 8/12 flanked by 4/6,  
sill, D surrounds, within seg-arched recess  
side bays 2nd level facade: 8/8 w/ lowered shutters  
center " " " " : 3 sep recesses 4/4 w/ " "  
sides : per 8-l casement at 1st 8/8 2nd  
rear : diamond l casement 1st by mantel

ent in center bay facade:

<sup>4 wooden</sup> Tuscan column support brackets carrying beams of  
shaped ends in arbor effect  
6-panel door w/ 4 l rect transom  
multi-light sidelights sep by pilasters & columns

large int chimney <sup>bet 2 rooms</sup> on E side covered w/ corr, large brick int end chim left rear <sup>(new stack)</sup>

1-5 piazzas cover most of side el & project fr facade  
nearly flat 55m hip roof w/ brackd-like rafter ends, <sup>on E piazza</sup>  
<sup>deeply</sup> proj eaves.

W only — front proj = arrangement over entrance, coupled joints <sup>over arch</sup>  
Tuscan columns <sup>columns</sup>

E piazza incl an sun porch (prob always was) w/ 4/6 wind,  
now covered w/ plywood on end

W piazza more recently & cheaply end w/ plywood & salvaged window

orig 2-storey rear wing covers E bay  
of basement  
roof matches  
windows mostly match  
back door & 1 sidelight <sup>under</sup> ~~in~~ bay arch

hip-roofed dormer cent rear  
roof matches; 2 3/3 wind w plain trim

center rear on stair landing: flat-roofed bay window  
on console, w 4-l casement <sup>panels</sup> flanking  
at sides

fire escape for roof w gables

ent hall w 2 fl open well stair, single bal  
fluted column <sup>support</sup> in arch to W room, entab w dentilled frieze





HOUSE FOR DR. R. F. COMPTON TO BE BUILT NEAR CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



FRONT ELEVATION  
Scale 1/4" inch = 1 foot



## Scala, Mary Joy

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**From:** Tolbert, Jim  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 8:53 AM  
**To:** Scala, Mary Joy; Kilroy, Amy; Haluska, Brian; Walden, Ebony; Herndon, Jim; Gilbert, Marjorie; Celi, Melissa; Creasy, Missy; Currie, Neil; Feucht, Nicholas; Foster, Sally  
**Cc:** Brodhead, Read  
**Subject:** RE: Jefferson Scholars site

No one should make any decisions about this unless we talk  
Read has been involved already and needs to give an opinion when we see a program  
thanks

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**From:** Scala, Mary Joy  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 8:50 AM  
**To:** Amy Kilroy; Ashley Cooper; Brian Haluska; Ebony Walden; Jim Herndon; Jim Tolbert; Marjorie Gilbert; Melissa Celi; Missy Creasy; Neil Currie; Nicholas Feucht; Sara Foster  
**Subject:** Jefferson Scholars site

I have been getting a lot of calls regarding 124 Maury Avenue, the former Beta Fraternity house.

It's a 1913 Eugene Bradbury residence that is definitely of historic value but not designated. The best that could happen on this R-3 land in my opinion is they save the house and build around it. They may need a SUP for density but I think the educational part is allowed by right (Ebony correct me if I'm wrong).

I have a copy of the historic survey form, which I sent to Larry Lowry with the County Industrial Development Board (they approved funds for the project Wednesday) and to David Benish at the County, who said the Board of Supervisors was asking about it.

I told him we are aware of something going on but I told him we have not had any submittals yet.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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9/14/2007

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**From:** Daniel Bluestone [dblues@virginia.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** Scala, Mary Joy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Compton/Beta/Jefferson Scholars House

>Date: Mon, 25 Jun 2007 10:03:51 -0400  
>To: "James H. Wright" <jhw2k@virginia.edu>  
>From: Daniel Bluestone <dblues@virginia.edu>  
>Subject: Compton/Beta/Jefferson Scholars House  
>Cc:  
>Bcc:

>X-Attachments:

>

>Dear Jimmy Wright--

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>I got through graduation and then left town. I am now back in  
>Charlottesville. I would still like to meet with you an your  
>colleagues about the Compton House.

>

>It seems that the best time to discuss the house and its significance  
>is during the early planning stages rather than after people get  
>committed to specific ideas for redevelopment/renovation.  
>Also, if you pursue the substantial tax credits that may be available  
>for the project the architects should be in contact with the people who  
>administer the tax credit program at the start of the project. Without  
>to much trouble I can put together a presentation that puts the  
>Compton design in the context of Charlottesville and University  
>architecture and connects it to the other work that Bradbury did in  
>town. Let me know if there is a time that would be convenient for me  
>to meet with your committee and the architects.

>

>Best

>

>Daniel Bluestone

>

>>Am in NYC for rest of week. Back next week. We have no firm plans at  
>>this time. Have only begun the process w/ our architects, so there is  
>>really nothing to share. Am happy to receive your individual thoughts  
>>but we have a working committee of our board who will be working  
>>closely w/ the architects.

>>-----Original Message-----

>>From: Daniel Bluestone <dblues@virginia.edu>  
>>Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 10:12 am  
>>Subject: Fwd: Compton/Beta/Jefferson Scholars House

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>>Dear Jimmy Wright--

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>>Is there a convenient time that I could come and talk to you about the  
>>Compton House plans?

>>

>>Best

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>>Daniel Bluestone

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>>>Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2007 10:21:04 -0400  
>>>To: jhw2K@virginia.edu  
>>>From: Daniel Bluestone <dblues@virginia.edu>

>>Subject: Compton/Beta/Jefferson Scholars House  
>>Cc:  
>>Bcc:  
>>X-Attachments: :Macintosh HD:2276317:BradburyCompton.jpg:  
>>:Macintosh HD:712542:compton2.jpg:  
>>  
>>>Jimmy Wright--  
>>  
>>>I just found out that the Jefferson Scholars Foundation has purchased  
>>>the Robert F. Compton House on Maury Avenue.  
>>>I hope and trust that you are planning a substantial and sensitive  
>>>rehabilitation of what is one of the finest houses built in the  
>>>course of the 20th century in Charlottesville. As you may know the  
>>>1913 house was designed by Eugene Bradbury for Dr. Compton who was a  
>>>UVA specialist in diseases of the ear, nose and throat.  
>>>I currently live in one of Bradbury's houses on Park Hill in north  
>>>downtown. Over the years I have done extensive research on his work.  
>>>My primary concern is that the house is given the restoration it  
>>>deserves--as you must realize the fraternity was a reasonable use of  
>>>the house but they can be hard on any piece of real estate. I hope  
>>>you are also aware that there is a chance that you could receive  
>>>substantial historic tax credits for renovating the house. I would be  
>>>happy to talk with you about that.  
>>  
>>>I am attaching a photograph that was taken when the house was just  
>>>completed and one of Bradbury's original drawings.  
>>  
>>>Best  
>>  
>>>Daniel Bluestone

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# Fax

To: Larry Lowry From: Mary Joy Scala  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Pages: 2 + cover  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Sept. 11, 2007  
Re: 124 MAURY AVENUE CC: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: Pages: *2+ cover*  
Phone: Date: *Sept 19 2007*  
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Fax: Pages: 2 + cover  
Phone: Date: SEPT. 13, 2007  
Re: 124 MAURY AVE CC:

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Dr. Ellen & Ripley  
#4000 Bldg. added

