

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1108 Park Street
Map and Parcel: 47-49
Census Tract & Block: 9-203
Present Owner: Jane S. Coles
Address: 1108 Park Street, City
Present Use: Residence, Single-Family
Original Owner: Mrs. Lillie B. Geiger
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Geiger - Coles House
Date/Period: 1881
Style: Victorian Vernacular
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: R-1
Land Area (sq.ft.): 18,600
Assessed Value (land + imp.): \$64,500

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Geiger-Coles House is of a typical Victorian house form which lasts from the Civil War period well into the twentieth century. The house is basically a three-bay, single-pile, two-storey rectangle with an end-gable roof and a smaller gable over the central bay of the facade. Plan is two rooms over two with a center hall, above a high basement (on rear only, because of ground slope). An original one-storey, dining room and kitchen addition abuts the south half of the rear (east) elevation and sits above a high (full-storey) basement. Construction is brick, American bond every eighth course. Mortar joints are colored brick red with finer simulated joints painted over. The roof is covered in standing-seam tin. Two interior chimneys are located on each in the gable-end walls, with a third central chimney in the rear ell. Eaves are overhanging boxed cornice, with evidence of missing frieze brackets. Windows are two-over-two-light, double-hung sash with simple molded surrounds and louvered shutters. The main door has a pressed-glass panel above double vertical wood panels and transom light over. A single-storey, rectangular portico covers the main door and center bay. The porch roof is low-pitch semi-hip covered with standing seam tin and supported on two square columns with inset panels. (originally ornate Victorian posts and frieze brackets supported the porch roof and decorated its cornice.)

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

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SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an excellent example of a Virginia I-house with Victorian details, a form very popular in this area for over half a century. It is an important part of the 19th century fabric of Park Street, although a highway and some recent construction separate it from the Historic District.

CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/721990/4213360

SOURCES

City and County Records

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Coles House

3 bay - single pile 2 over 2, center hall
2 story w/ high rear basement
1 story addition^{ell} (orig) - rear (s. side of)
Facade to W.

Brick, American, 8th course, painted joints
Chimneys - interior end

gable roof overhanging boxed cornice, evidence of
center gable removed fascia brackets / standing seam tin
W. bay of facade, 1st floor 3 sided bay window, also
overhanging boxed cornice w/ removed brackets

Windows 2 over 2, moulded surrounds.

2-story bathroom addition added in rear between
hse + ell, wood frame w/ weatherboard.

Partial basement.

Door + pressed glass panel over double
vertical panels, transom light

Porch - ornate victorian posts + brackets
replaced by simple square columns w/
inset panels. roof - semi-hip

Mrs. Delce Kildler 293-4064

Mrs. John Albert Che

WB 20-424, 1 July 1976

fr. George M. Coles.

to Jane S. Coles (ux)

DB 308-331, 5 May 1969

fr. Henrietta D. Bray + Maurice M (vis)

Virginia D. Disque + W^m G. (vis)

B. Franklin Davis +

R.M. Davis + Rosa L. (ux)

to George M. Coles + Jane S. (ux)

1.375a, part of 5.46a.

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~~DB 152-288, 2 May 1913~~

fr.

WB 7-302, 8 Sep 1954

fr. R. Bruce Davis

to R.M. Davis, Franklin Davis, Henrietta Davis Bray,
+ Virginia Davis Disque

DB 152-288, 2 May 1913

WB 7-385, 1 Sep 1955

fr. Mary M. Coles.

to son George M. Coles + wife Jane S.

"My Residence on east side of Park St.

Alb Co.

~~DB 172-381~~

DB 216-191, 22 Apr 1932

fr. Roberts Coles

to Mary M. Coles (½ undivided int.)

2¹/₂a east side rd fr. Cville to Rio, upon which Roberts Coles
now resides

DB 172-381, 10 Feb 1920

fr. F. W. Yancey + Louise Mears

to Rev. Roberts Coles.

2¹/₂a ↓

DB 171-88, 25 Sep 1919

fr. E. R. Ramsey + Mrs Duane White Ramsey (wid)

to F. W. Yancey.

2¹/₂a ↓

DB 170-70

fr. Mrs. Florence M. Hull (widow)

Alexander P. Hull (single)

Thomas Morris Hull (single)

Lula P. Hull (single)

(for themselves + as heirs of son + brother, Robert V. Hull)

to E. R. Ramsey + Mrs. Duane White Ramsey.

2¹/₂a

DB 144-335, 18 Nov 1909

fr. Mrs W. C. Hildebrand + J. W. (wid)

to Alexander P. Hull, Thomas Morris Hull, Lula P. Hull,
+ Robert V. Hull.

2¹/₂a

DB 135-324, 27 May 1907

fr. W.H., L.H., + E.O. McCue, ex^{rs} of J.S. McCue, dec
to Mrs W.C. Hildebrand.

"a certain house commonly known as the Bowcock
House... That certain house + lot of $2 + \frac{1}{2}$ a
of land... located in The Co. of Albemarle near
the city of Charlottesville + situate on the east
side of park street extension...

DB 119-484, 9 Apr 1901

fr. J.E. Thrift, trustee, + W^m H. Bowcock, widower
to J. Samuel McCue.

DB 119-1, 17 Nov 1900 D/T

fr. W^m H. Bowcock

to James E Thrift in Trust

"The property near Charlottesville, situated on
the east side of the extension of Park St., containing
some $2 \frac{1}{4}$ a + being the same which is now
occupied by Charles H. Burnekey?"

DB 108-366, 23 June 1897 D/T

fr. W.H. Bowcock

to J. Samuel McCue, in Trust

$2 \frac{4}{10}$ a

DB 98-163, 12 Oct 1892

Fr. Louis T. Hanckel + Geo W Morris, Trustees
to W^m H. Bowcock.

(DB 98-164, 12 Oct 1892, D/T.

fr. W^m H Bowcock + Letitia S. (ux)
to Geo. W Morris Tr.)

DB 81-156, 23 Dec 1882

D/T

fr. S.E. Geiger + Lillie Bruce
to George W Morris in trust

"on east side of the main road leading from
~~DB~~ Charlottesville to dock Lynn (formerly Park)
Mills, being the southern part of the said
Lock Lynn Mill tract".

DB 79-110, 31 Oct 1881

D/T

fr. S.E. Geiger + Lillie Bruce
to Louis T. Hanckel, in trust

2 $\frac{1}{100}$ (House to be insured for \$1500)

DB

~~25 May 1881~~

Vandegrift

"And Whereas John Walters, R. C. Vandegrift(?)
+ George A. Sinclair, the contractors and builders
who constructed the house situated upon the property...
.. " Below him released.

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DB 79-88, 24 Oct 1881

Mrs. Lilly B. Geiger
1881 Mase George F. Sinclair

August 16	To 2 Sells 4x6 - 16 for Wall	00.77
	1 Barrel lime	1.10
	600 Bricks for wall	4.60
	Mortar for wall	1.10
	1.10	
Sept 14	" 2000 laths for Brand	8.00
	Haul same out to building	.25
	40 lbs plasterers man haul	2.00
Sept 22	To 5 barrels ^{barrels} facets lime	5.00
	drayage of lime	.25
" 23	5 ^{barrels} facets lime & drayage	5.25
" 25	laying of hearth	663.00
" 29	laying 69,800 Bricks @ 90/w	4.00
" 30	1 Barrel calcined plaster	3.00
Oct 6	3 barrels	3.00
	drayage of lime	.25
		<u>700.57</u>

"on the building lately erected on the lot of Mrs. Lilly B. Geiger recently purchased of John Cochran

DB 78-283, 25 May 1881

fr. John Cochran
to Mrs. Lilly B. Geiger

24/100 a. w PLAT DB 78-284

Coles House 1870 1108 Park St.
47-49

pres own

Coles, Jane S 7-1-76 DB 308-331 WB 20-424
1108 Park St.

Coles, George M & Jane S 9-1-55 WB 7-385

6-12-69 DB 308-331-334

Coles, Mary M 4-22-32 CO DB 216-191

also city DB 98-164

CO DB 172-381

lot 124 x 150

3.375 a. ±

(reel land 1.587 a

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land 20600

imp 43900

Tot 64500

