

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 300 Park Street
 Map and Parcel: 53-107
 Census Track & Block: 1-103
 Present Owner: Redland Club
 Address: Box 575
 Present Use: Private Club & Offices
 Original Owner: Edward Valentine
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Redland Club
 Date/Period: 1832
 Style: Late Georgian Townhouse
 Height to Cornice: 36.75
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2
 Present Zoning: B
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 36 x 113
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 7180 + 8340 = 15,520

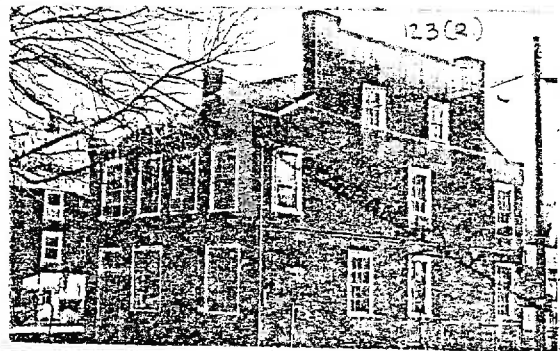
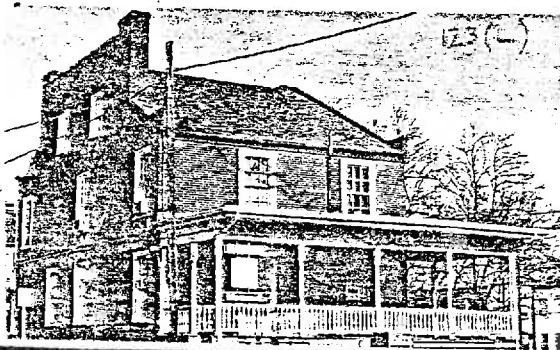
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Redlands Club was built in 1832 on the site of the frame Swan Tavern which stood until about 1828. Situated on the corner, this large and handsome two and one half story side ahll plan residence is laid in Flemish bond on both its western and southern facades with a brick mousetooth cornice, front and rear, and a curtain between the two interior chimneys. Originally a four bay structure, a window on the first floor has been removed and the others enlarged. The window placement on the southern wall would indicate that the house was three rather than two rooms deep with a small middle room not containing a fireplace. At the rear of the wide entrance hall is an extremely fine staircase with curcilinear floral brackets, slender newel and balustrades, anda continuous ramped railing which rises to teh garret floor. The gracious effect of this beautiful staircase was obliterated when the hallway was partitioned off and the staircase converted into the access for teh second floor office suite. There are several fine early mantles in the house that may not all be original to this structure, but are nonetheless fine. Much of the original fabric, both inside and out remain in this important example of a fine Charlottesville townhouse.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1773, John Jouett, father of Jack Jouett whose famous ride in 1781 to warn Jefferson and the Virginia legislature saved them from capture by British troops, bought 100 acres adjoining the town, and most likely erected the Swan Tavern shortly thereafter. The building stood until about 1828, and collapsed according to Alexander. The present structure was built in 1832 under the ownership of Edward Valentine. In 1837, Samuel Leitch, Jr. bought the property described as in Edmun Anderson's 1818 Addition to the town and known as the "tavern lot," (ACDB 35-53). His family owned the entire block and in 1851 sold the land on the corner of Park and High Streets for the Town Hall. (ACDB 50-143). The house was for many years the Leitch residence. In 1892, Isabella Leitch sold the house and lot to Jefferson Levy who already owned the Opera House (DB 3-395). In 1905 the property was bought by the Redlands Club (DB 16-441).

GRAPHICS



CONDITIONS

SOURCES

