

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 408 Park Street
Map and Parcel: 53-117
Census Tract & Block: 3-419
Present Owner: United Virginia Bank
Address:
Present Use: Six Apartments
Original Owner: John Wood
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: "The Tower House"
Date/Period: 1854-1861
Style: Italianate
Height to Cornice: 23.5
Height in Stories: 2 with a 3 story tower
Present Zoning: B-1
Land Area (sq.ft.): 82 x 142
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 11,840 + 8740 = 20,630

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This structure is an important example of the "Pilastered Style" done in the Italianate mode. The Italian style is expressed with the tower or campanile, the heavy scrolled brackets at the cornice, and the double circular headed windows at the third level of the tower. The building is of brick, laid in common bond; six over six windows, with much of the original glazing. The bay which connects with the north side of the tower was built on the foundations of an earlier veranda by E. G. Haden, who bought the house in 1923. Much of the interior fabric (i.e. doors, baseboards, mantels, and staircases) remain intact.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The lot was sold to John Wood by George Carr in 1854 (ACDB 59, P 533) and the house was probably built shortly thereafter. It is known to have been standing during the Civil War, and it is one of the three structures claiming to have been General Sheridan's headquarters during his raid of March 306, 1867 (Recollections p. 37). Wood sold the house in 1883 to Emma Moore (ACDB 82-97), who in turn sold the property to W. R. Dubose in 1892 (DB 3-335). The house has been sold six times since 1898, the last time being in 1943. Deed references: 13-229, 16-364, 29-194, 41-475, 84-131, 113-322.



CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

Alexander's Recollections, 1963 edition
City and County Records
Mrs. George Gilmer

Street Address: 408 Park
 Map & Parcel: 53-117
 Census Tract & Block:
 Present Owner: George Gilmer
 Address:
 Present Use: apt. 6apts 23 rooms
 Original Owner: John Wood
 Original Use: residence

Historic Name: Tavern House
 Date/Period: c. ~~1854~~ 1854-1861
 Style: Bracketed / Italian / Plastered
 Height to Cornice: 23.5
 Height to Stories: 2 w/ 3 story tower
 Present Zoning: B
 Land Area (sq. ft.): 82 x 142
 Assessed Value (land+imp)
 9,210 + 5,460 = 14,670

Architectural Description

Plastered - bricks in common bond

1 bay - town - 3 part -
 additional: Bracketed cornice

6/6 windows - entrance porch not original
 left section rebuilt (?)
 double cor. headed window tower -

1943 - Ge. Gilmer purchase historic description
 Sheelans HQ.

2656 sq. ft. / story

Name of Persons Interviewed:

408-10 PARK Trust 113-324-1943
S.J. Michie -

W.O. Haden ¹⁹⁴³ - sell sisters prop. for estate
1934 = 84, 131

Lizzie purchase property from estate E.G. Haden

41-475 E.G. Haden from Virginia & Ruth Hawes 1922
plat = DB 9-231 29-194

Julie Hawes Hill give to Va. Hawes
1905 - Va. Hawes from Ida A. Saltzman 16-364
Saltzman from W.R. Dubose 1902 (13-229)
Property sold by A.P. Bibb

TAX book - Mrs. Va. S. Hawes - improvements
1,000 + 3,500

Emma M. Moore to W. Dubose 3 - p. 335 1893-83

John Wood to Moore 1883 & lot A.C. 82-97

George Can for John Wood 1854-1883
1861 sale 1854 standing during

John Woodward - Ge. 295-4138
611 - John Moore -
Ge. 6-1938
Wood bought land
Dr. Ge. Gilmer - second
Dr. Thomas Walker's daughter
1777 - Fern Park - Sterling
Affand - 408-

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Original Owner:

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Historic Name: **Tower House**

Date/Period:

Style: **Italianate**

Height to Cornice: **23.5**

Height to Stories:

Present Zoning: **B-OFFICE**

Land Area (sq. ft.):

Assessed Value (land+imp)

Frame - porch - Kitchen brick basement - Historic Description

Porch had fluted columns and brackets at Farmington - Mrs. Gilmer put brick piers

Stair way - handsome brackets

brick partition walls - moulding - later recessed dis-

mantles - pilaster

dining room - cabinets by door & chimney

high-heavy baseboard -

Had deep cornice - Curved stair now enclosed - wave motif 1850's style

Dining room in basement - step down to kit. - was apt. for Mayor Haden

Porch around House - Haden ~~live~~ build on top of it -

basement here -

Was stable where garage was

They went to house -

Mayor Haden - add other side - Historic Description

John Wood - uncle of Wood lawyers - move to Spring Hill - Fishburne House

Jerry Haden

Dr. Dan Haden

Max Smith's wife granddaughter

Haden live here because ~~best~~ other need repair.

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Name "TOWER HOUSE"

Order 53-117

Remarks

Retouched 105

Order Finished AUG 1974

Reorder



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Remarks _____
Retouched 106
Order Finished ADQ, 1974
Reorder _____

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Towers in
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TOWER HOUSE
408 PARK ST.
ADQ 1974
SOUTH CORNER

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TOWER HOUSE
408 PARK ST.
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