

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 515 Park Street  
 Map and Parcel: 53-10  
 Census Tract & Block: 3-508  
 Present Owner: Charlottesville-Albemarle Assoc. for Retarded Children  
 Address: 515 Park Street  
 Present Use: Home for Girls  
 Original Owner: Robert Watson  
 Original Use: Residence

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Watson House  
 Date/Period: 1925  
 Style: Colonial Revival  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2  
 Present Zoning: R-3  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 70 x 149  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 4200 + 11,070 = 15,270

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Watson House is an outstanding example of the high style Georgian Revival that was so popular in Charlottesville in the 1920's. The five bay, two and a half story brick structure has handsome gables with circular headed windows set into the slate, hipped roof. A flat roof veranda with four fluted Ionic columns and a balustrade. The entrance door with its decorative mullion fan and side lights is particularly handsomely detailed.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1925, Robert Watson and R. W. Wilbourn purchased property on the west side of Park Street from Lelia Bennett (DB 50-223). Later in the same year the two men divided the property with Watson taking the northern half. Watson's residence valued at \$5000 was standing in 1926. The house passed to Watson's widow Sadie in 1947, and then to his son Sidney in 1968 before it was sold to the Presbyterian Church in 1969 (DB 306-279). In 1973 it was purchased by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Association for Retarded Children and serves as "Independence House" for girls.



## CONDITIONS

Average

## SOURCES

City Records

