



Thompson / Fall 1977

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 302 Riverside Avenue
 Map and Parcel: 55A-148
 Census Tract & Block: 3-101
 Present Owner: Francis McQ. Lawrence & Edith C.
 Address: 1729 Chesapeake Street, City
 Present Use: Sunday School
 Original Owner: William Hunter Meriwether
 Original Use: Probably Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: House at Pireus
 Date/Period: 1830-1840
 Style: No Identifiable Style
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 1 1/2
 Present Zoning: R-2
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 40,275
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 8800

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

When William Hunter Meriwether purchased 148 acres from Molly Miller, the daughter of Nicholas Lewis in 1825 (Co. DB 25-212, DB 26-342). Tax records indicate no buildings on the property. But by 1829 indications are that building activity was underway, and it was continuing through 1839. The notation "\$300 added for improvements" appear in the tax records of each of the years 1832, 1834, and 1835; and one of these seems most likely to reflect the construction of such a structure as this house at Pireus. Thomas L. Farish purchased the Pireus property in 1846 (Co. DB 44-355) and continued the industrial activity that Meriwether had begun there. In 1867, the Charlottesville Woolen Mills Company purchased the mills area (Co. DB 66-58). Tradition is that this house was originally located on East Market Street, at a site just west of No. 1907: it was probably moved to its present location on Riverside Avenue while in Woolen Mills ownership and during the last quarter of the 19th Century.

SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located behind the Pireus Store (nomination #22). It shares the same associations with the Charlottesville Woolen Mills, and is one of the original structures built in the area.

CONDITIONS

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LANDMARK



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GRAPHICS

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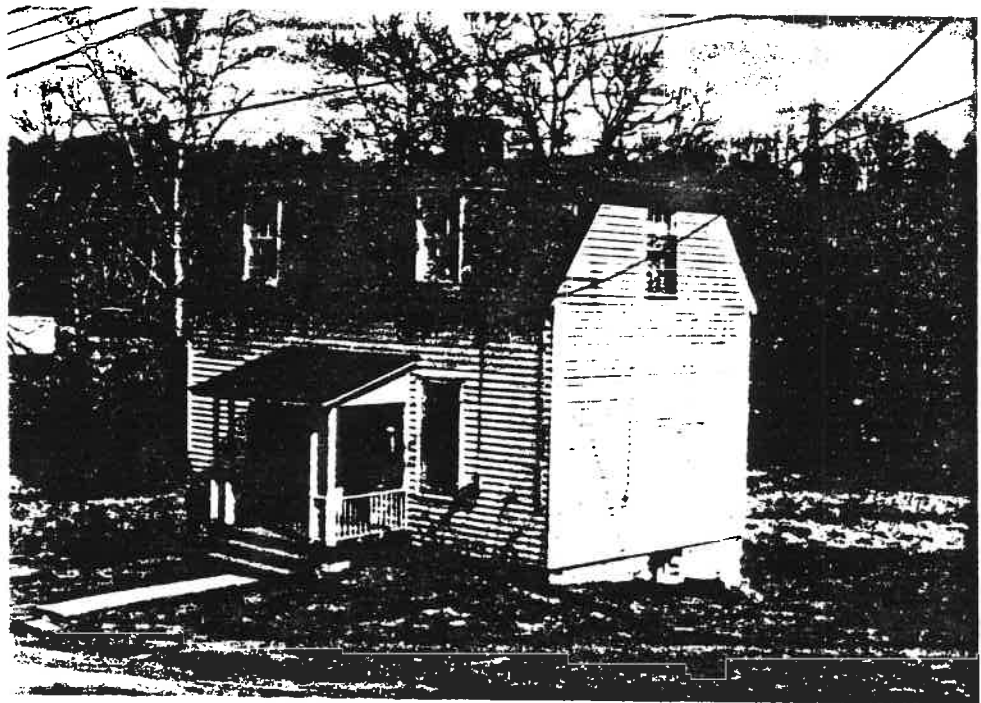
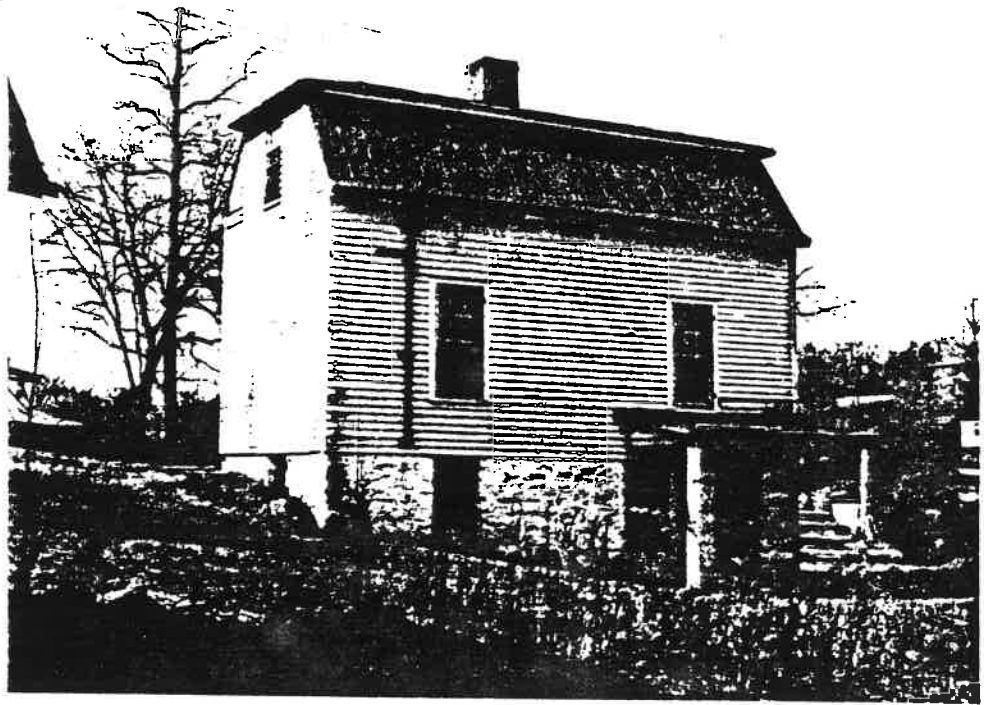
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Architectural  *And Historic*
Survey

Graphics



DB 85-311, 10 Aug 1885 D/T

fr. Thos L. Farish

to Angus R. Blakey + SV Southall, Trs.

DB 67-557, 1873 D/T

DB 44-355, 22 Oct 1846

fr. Wm H. Menwether

to Thos L. Farish 150a[±] + other tracts

See Woolen Mills Tavern Tracts

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at Pirass

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DB 384-570, 2 June 1977

fr. Don E. Burch & Esther C. (wif)
to Francis McQ. Lawrence & Edith C. (wif)

DB 344-323, 21 Dec 1972

fr. Glenn E. Branham & Victoria C. (wif)
to Don E. Burch & Esther C. (wif)

DB 318-46, 20 July 1970

fr. Paul W. Dudley Jr. & Charlotte M. (wif)
to Glenn E. Branham & Victoria C. (wif)

DB 261-158, 1 Dec 1964

fr. Charlottesville Woolen Mills, inc
to Paul W. Dudley, Jr. & Charlotte M. (wif)
Parcel L. of attached plat,
& Plat A16 Co. DB 330-35 (lot 6)
a portion of that conveyed to Chivil Wool Mills
by deed of R.A. Blakey et al,

A16 Co.

DB 94-66, 12 July 1890.

fr. R. Blakey & S.V. Southall Trs.
to Charlottesville woolen Mills

lot #1, Plat DB 88-260 1 1/8 a

Gambrel Roofed - Wooden Mills
55A-148

302 Riverside Ave

Pres Owner

Lawrence, Francis McQ. + Edith C.

1729 Chesapeake St. 6.3.77, DB 384-570, pt 261-163

Burch, Don E. + Esther C. 3.23.73 DB 344-325

Branham, Glenn E + Victoria C

7.22.70 DB 318-46

lot size 200 x 200 avg

PT CO 330-35

land 3500

imp 5300

8800

