



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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Street address 1537 Virginia Ave.

Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name _____ Common name **Delta Delta Delta Sorority House**

- Material**
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
- stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
- log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- stucco cast iron
- concrete block terra cotta
- enameled steel glass and metal
- other: _____

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2½	<input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> tile
<input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input type="checkbox"/> parapet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composition <input type="checkbox"/> not visible
	<input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal
	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <i>one over side</i> <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> hipped	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable <i>curvilinear</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

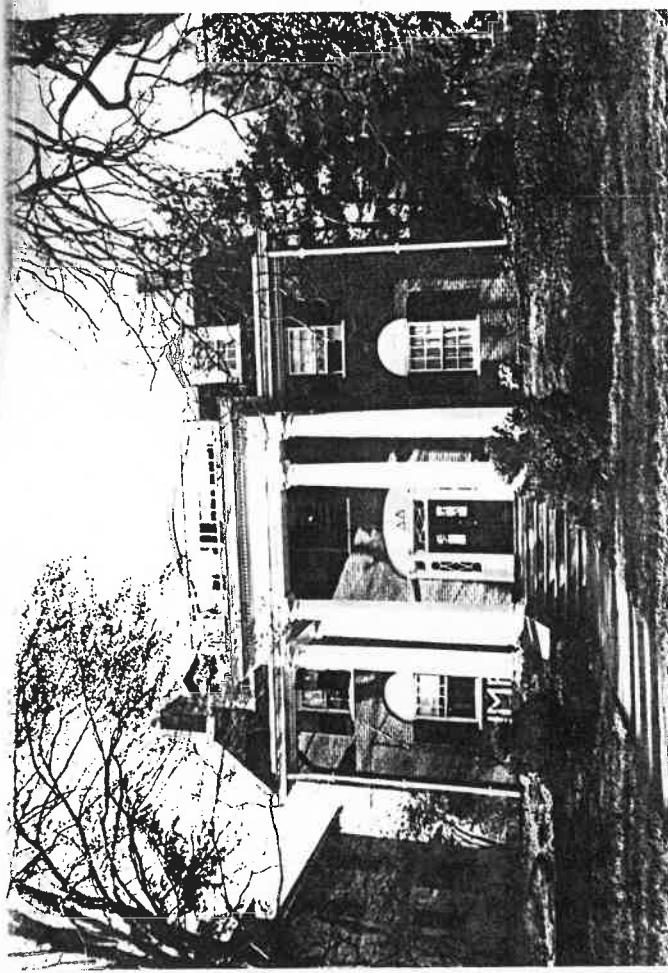
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (center) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Monumental two-story portico with pair of Roman Doric columns, full entablature and upper deck.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (side) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

Building type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>fraternity house - possibly original</i> sorority house

Style/period **Georgian Revival** Date **c. 1910-27** Architect/builder _____

Location and description of entrance Entrance features "blind" (plastered) elliptical arch; double-leaf doors are flanked by top- and side-lights with geometric glazing.



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This is one of the largest and finest houses along Virginia Ave., possibly having been built to serve as a fraternity house.

The house features a monumental front portico, a bold dentil cornice, and main-floor openings with plastered blind-arches above. A long central dormer with curvilinear head opens out onto the deck of the portico.

Historical information

Real estate records (which have been shown to be inaccurate in many cases) claim the house was built in or around 1910. Phi Chi medical fraternity used the house from 1927 or before until ca. 1971.

Delta Delta Delta sorority house has occupied it since 1971.

Real Estate Dept.; Eugenia Bibb;

Source Sanborn maps; Univ. Directory; City Directory

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