

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 2512 Woodland Drive	HISTORIC NAME: Coombs-Paxson Cottage, The Swiss Village
MAP & PARCEL: 20-3	DATE / PERIOD: 1924-25
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 5-203	STYLE: No Identifiable Style
PRESENT ZONING: R-2	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: Elizabeth Maury Coombs	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 72.5' x 117' (8482.5 sq.ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Rental Property (Residence)	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Rental Property (Residence)	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: Charles A. Young, III	DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1981
ADDRESS: 2710 Eton Road	SOURCES: City/County Records Edward O. McCue, Jr. Charles A. Young, III Mary E. Rush Mrs. John W. Clark (Alice Coombs Clark)
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903	

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This cottage's semi-octagonal facade distinguishes it from the others in the Swiss Village, but it shares with them the wooden shingled walls, fieldstone chimneys and fireplace, projecting eaves, casement windows, and paneled interior walls. It is two storeys tall, three bays wide, and single pile, with a two-storey rear wing of equal size. The slope of the land is such that, while the fieldstone foundation is very low at the front, the basement is above ground at the rear. The wooden shingled walls are painted brick red with white trim. The steep hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has deeply projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends. It was probably originally covered with wooden shingles. The central chimney and the exterior end chimney on the north side are both constructed of random fieldstone. Windows are paired 4-light casement, opening outward, with plain trim. There are also some 3-light, and a few are arranged in groups of two pairs. A one-storey stick style veranda covers the facade, but does not follow its semi-octagonal shape. It has a medium-pitched hip roof covered with composition singles with projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends, square piers, and a concrete floor at ground level. The circular-headed entrance door in the central bay of the facade is of board-&-batten construction with iron strap hinges. It is flanked by single 4-light casement windows. A small one-storey wing covers the south side of the rear section. Added in the 1950's, it has a medium-pitched gable roof and matches the main block in most details. A one-storey addition with steep shed roof covers the rear elevation. Behind it is a screened porch with a lower-pitched shed roof. The principal rooms have board-&-batten chestnut paneling. There is a massive fieldstone fireplace with wooden mantel shelf in the living room, and a single-flight open stair with winders follows the angle of the front wall. It has a very simple balustrade with 1" x 4" boards for balusters.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Elizabeth Maury Coombs (Mrs. Z.W. Coombs) purchased a 9-acre tract of land in 1915 (ACDB 161-193). She built five cottages there c. 1924-25, according to tax records. The Coombs family lived in one, and the others were used as rental property. Tradition says that this was a group of summer cottages, a part of the Fry's Spring resort complex, perhaps built to house the overflow from the old Jefferson Park Hotel. That is not the case, however; in fact, the old hotel has been razed 14 or 15 years before these cottages were built. Mrs. Coombs called the development "Wooded Acres". She sold the entire tract to Edward O. McCue, Jr., Harry E. Dinwiddie, and Norman T. Shumate in 1929 (ACDB 207-184), and they apparently re-named it "The Swiss Village". C. Armonde Paxson bought this cottage in 1932 and lived there while he attended law school (ACDB 218-82). His parents later used it as their retirement home, and after their deaths he sold it to C. A. and Irene E. Anderson in 1961 (City DB 225-361). W. Wade and Bertha A. Bromwell bought it from them in 1968 (DB 303-453) and sold it in 1977 to Preston Stallings, Inc. (DB 388-34), from whom Charles A. Young, III, bought it the next year (DB 390-469). Additional References: ACDB 217-343.



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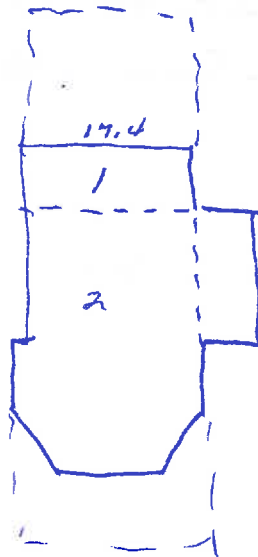
3001 Maywood Rd
Roanoke 24014

72.5' x 117'
R-2

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390-469	Charles A Young III	1978	\$37,000	plat 388-35
388-34	Preston Stallings Sr	1977		" redw
303-453	W Wade & Bertha A Bromwell	1968		" 303-457
225-361	CA & Drene E Anderson	1961		" ACDB 217-343
	C. Armonde Paxon			

2-story, 1/4 base, 7 rooms, 1 fireplace, 1-fam
con blk found, wood shingle walls, asphalt shingle roof
built 1928, ave constr



Paxon Cottage, ^{wing} South Village

1953 City Dir

1962 " rented

1970 " vacant

Mrs Rush

Mrs Coombs built

orig 2-over-2, all W added later
2 front rooms

only one not paneled w wormy chestnut, but could be under glass
parents bought 1937, rental before

Dr. Parsons lived 2512 1937 -

, yr bought in law school &
had friends w yr pending

fa that built as summer cottage

2512⁵ wing added later

- want copy survey sheet

walk fr hotel to streetcar behind their house

Shumate aren't very well, but might know

2512 or 2516 once has cathedral ceiling, now 2nd floor

at one time neighbors incl Parson, McLue, Saddle, & another lawyer

Jesse Wilson, & another lawyer

Chad Young - 3-3629

Mrs Shumate

overflow from hotel

built c. 1922

Chad Young

Chad Young in house at end Eton Rd: wormy chestnut, stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling

Wooded Acres, Swiss Village, ^{name came} later
lived in one that later burned

names - had names, but she doesn't remember them
BH+B - award or feature? - doesn't know about it

5-3065

M = Cue

there, call & come in next week
we know

what they added

name - some designation

stone room at end - was garage

once owned 5, remodeled & sold

lived in rock house, 1st on right*

breezeway -> room

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~~Wooded Acres~~

They bought whole, all 5 very run-down & had to be rebuilt

2513 copied after Swiss chalet

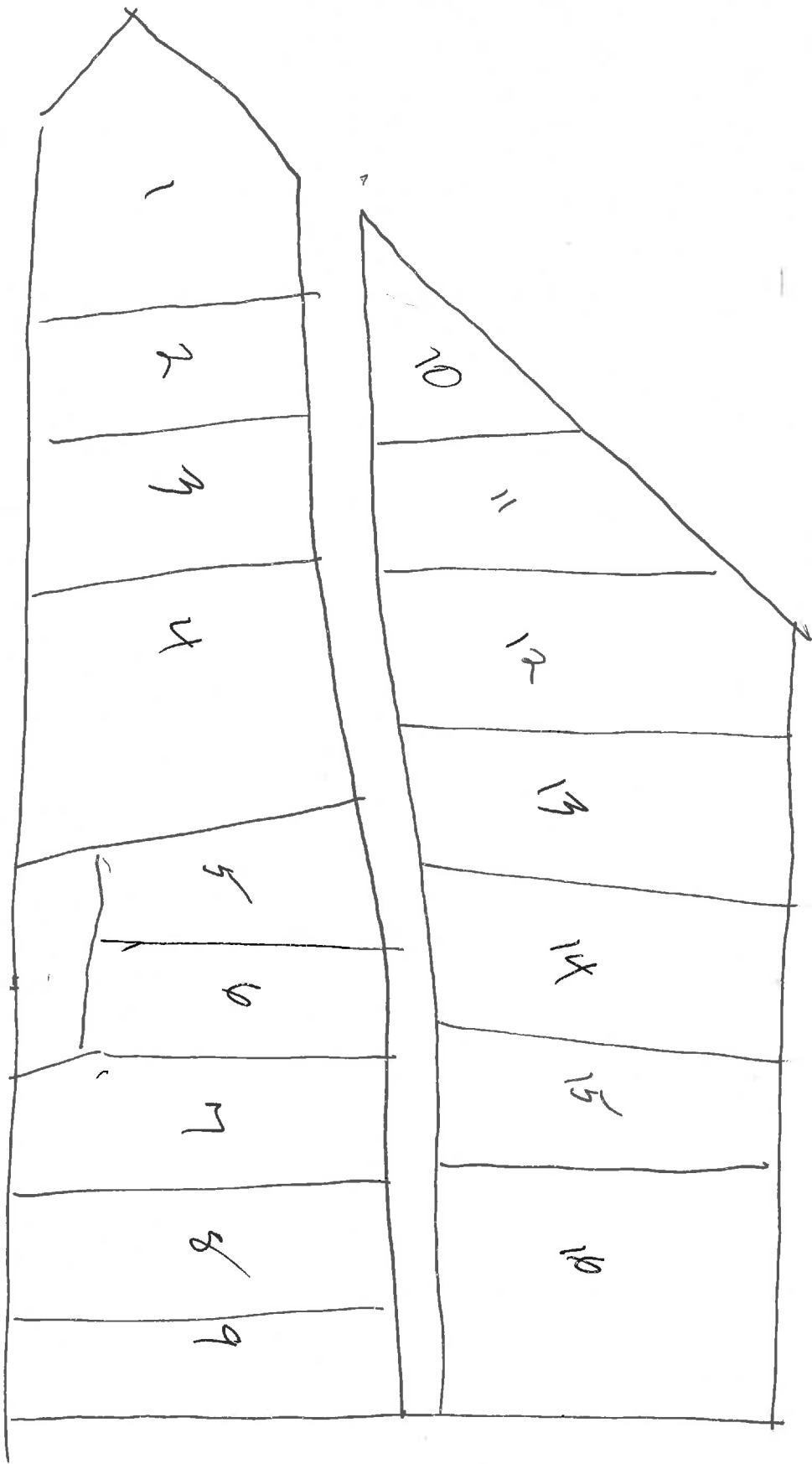
int basement stairs

added some upstairs

Better Homes & Gardens award when Mrs Coombs first built it
has picture

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- 225-361 C. Armonde & Helen F. Parson → C.A. & Irene E. Anderson \$12,000
4/15/1961 Lot 12 & 5 1/2 Lot 11 on plot ACDB 217-343
~~Lot Parson~~ ACDB 218-82 & ACDB 241-406
1932 1938
- ACDB 218-82 Edw-O & Isabel C. McEue → C. Armonde Parson \$3000
11/19/1932 Lot 12
same as 217-343
- 217-343 NB & TR Co, under 1930 deed of trust of Edw-O McEue Jr, et al
7/23/1932 (210-541) → Edw-O McEue Jr
Lots 4 & 12 w/ dwellings
Lot 12 part of 210-541
- 210-541 Edw-O McEue Jr, Harry E. Dinwiddie, Norman T. Shumate → NB
12/10/1930 deed of trust
same as 207-184
- 207-184 E. & Mary Coombs & hub ZW Coombs → McEue, Dinwiddie
12/4/1929 & Shumate
tract w/ 5 dwelling houses & furniture
same as 161-193, 10/11/1915, for Mary J. Andrews



1924	Elij M. Coombe	3,876	300 + 0 = 300	
"	" "	9 1/6	270 + 0 = 270	
1925	page gone			
1926, 28, 29, 30	" "	7,876	500 + 3000 = 3500	—
" "	" "	9 1/6	360 + 360 = 720	—
1929	" "	"	360 + 3000 = 3360	bdg burned
1930	W. Lue, Dimondie, Shunite	"	"	for Elij Coombe

∴ all built 1924-25

one burned 1928 (is there an extra stone chimney around?)

probably orig. 6 bldgs: ~~6 x \$500 = \$3000~~

$$6 \times \$600 = \$3600$$

$$5 \times " = \$3000$$

~~or else 5 built 1924-25, 6th built 1928~~

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2-5, 3-bay double pile

stone found, very low front, basement above ground rear
wooden water table

wood shingled walls painted brick red w/ white trim

steep? hip roof, dk comp shingles, deeply proj eaves,
exposed rafter ends

central fieldstone chim & ext end, ^{fieldstone} chim rear half N side

facade semi-oct

windows pr 4-l casement (open out) w/ plain trim,
some 3-l, a few arranged in pairs

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1-5 veranda covers facade

med hip roof, comp shingles, proj eaves, exposed rafter ends

rudimentary fringe, of pierce

ground-level corr floor

not semi-oct

circular-headed ent door center bay

vert beaded siding, iron strap hinges

single 4-l casement flank door

actually single-pile front section w/ sl narrower
single-pile, 2-5 add wing behind

1.5 5 side wing covers rear half
med gable roof, details siding & windows same

1.5 addn across rear
on stone piers
steep shed roof
windows same on rear, sq 4-l casement sides

2-stage screened porch behind
metal roof, flatter & flatter shed



1-fl open stair turns 135° corner w/ winders
very simple bal (wide 1x4 balusters)
massive stone chin w/ wooden mantel shelf
paneling -

