

314 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1926

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040192000

Original Owner: Floyd E. and Frances Banks

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This three-bay, one-and-a-half-story, frame house with aluminum siding was built around 1926. The three-bay, integral, shed roof porch with rectangular posts and a concrete foundation was built in 1955. The porch has a fairly contemporary cloth awning. The current dwelling has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a shed dormer with a pair of 6 light wood fixed windows and aluminum siding. There is also an interior brick chimney. Windows on the ground floor are mostly 1/1 vinyl sash. In 1969, a three-bay, one-and-a-half story, shed roof addition was added. There is also a one-bay side addition on the north side of the structure. A series of hedge plantings line the porch, a chain-link fence separates the property from the sidewalk and a concrete path leads from the sidewalk to the central entrance. There is a crepe myrtle tree on the north side yard. A low brick and stone retaining wall abuts the sidewalk at the front of the property.

Ownership History:

John West sold the home to Norman Dennis (a janitor, who lived at 1013 Page Street) on March 24, 1919(City 33 – 91). F.L. Watson bought the land in 1926 and sold it that same year to Floyd E. and Frances Banks (City 53 – 31) and (City 54 – 248). The Banks family owned the property until the 1970s.

Social History:

From 1926 – 1964, Floyd Banks, an African American laborer/janitor, and Frances E. Banks his wife, lived in the house with their family.

Statement of Significance:

Originally owned by John West, the Banks family owned the property for more than fifty years. Most of the materials are replacements.