

326 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: High

Date of Construction: c.1938 and c. 1958

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040195000

Original Owner: Oliver Whitfield Green

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This one-over-one, two-story, frame and asbestos shingle dwelling house was built around 1930. A two-bay, gable asphalt shingle roof, concrete block minimal house was built in the rear in 1958. The rear house has 1/1 aluminum windows and a recessed entrance (or inset portico with concrete block pier). The current dwelling has a hipped asphalt shingle roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a three-bay, shed roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, rectangular wood posts and wood rails. There is a similar shed-roofed rear porch. The front-facing windows are 2/2 wood sash type, with one single light wood frame casement window in the gable. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leads from the sidewalk to the central entrance. Hedge plantings line the porch area. The concrete block and stone wall in the front yard was built in 1958. There is a partially paved driveway in the south side yard which leads to the rear dwelling.

Ownership History:

W. F. Long (commissioner because John West “contracted to sell” the property but died before it went through) sold the property to Frances Dennis (wife of Norman – she dies and he inherits) on September 10, 1930(City 70 – 422). David J. Wood, with a loan company, Charlottesville Perpetual Buildings and Loan, came in possession of the property in 1937 and sold it an auction a year later to J.F. Bell (City 94 – 85) and (City 94 – 224). Oliver Whitfield Green bought the lot that same year (City 95 – 144). The Green family owned the house until 1954 when it was bought by Mrs. Lillian Compton (City 196 – 385).

Social History:

Several African American families have owned and lived in this home through the years, including: Oliver W. Green, an orderly at the Martha Jefferson Hospital and his wife Edna E. Green (1945-1954); and Mrs. Lillian G. Compton, an elevator operator at the Monticello Hotel (1954 – 1956). In the late 1950s through the mid-1960s the house was rented to the family of Beauregard R. Payne, a janitor at the

University Baptist Church, and his wife Theresa V. Payne. During this same period, the newly constructed rear dwelling was rented by Walter H. Burton, a construction worker, and his wife Corinne W. Burton.

Statement of Significance:

Originally owned by John West, the property has been owned and inhabited by many families through the years. The rear house is an interesting feature found at several other properties on 10 ½ and 11th Streets. The rear house was primarily used as an additional rental property in this case. The original materials in the houses are mostly intact, including windows.