

**337 10 ½ Street NW**



**Significance:** Medium

**Date of Construction:** 1929

**Architect:** Unknown

**Parcel ID:** 040174000

**Original Owner:** Rosa Norris/William Carter

**Builder:** Unknown

**Building History:**

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco dwelling house with aluminum siding was built around 1929. The front porch was replaced in 1953, and the current porch a two-bay, with a hipped roof, rectangular piers and a parged concrete foundation. A two-story, two –bay hipped roof addition was built onto the rear of the house in 1955. The addition has a one-story, one-bay screened porch with a shed roof. The current dwelling has a hipped asphalt shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. The front-facing windows are 1/1 vinyl sash type. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the entrance. Hedge plantings line the porch area and a privacy fence separates the front from the rear of the house.

**Ownership History:**

S.P. Purvis sold the property to Julian Corbett (and G.M. and Martha McNutt (married)) on August 5, 1916(City 29 – 87). Corbett et al divided the property into two lots: Lot one was sold in 1925 to F.L. Watson, then to W.F. Souder that same year, and then to William R. Carter in 1926 (City 52 – 87), (City 52 – 104) and (City 52 – 482). Lot 2 was sold to Cornelia Norris in 1924 and then to Rosa Norris in 1929 (City 47 – 418). Rosa Norris and William R. Carter combined their properties, selling to Charlottesville Perpetual Building and Loan Corporation in 1929 (City 64 – 306). George Gilmer purchased the land in 1934, as a Trustee for his daughter Betsy Gilmer (City 81-135). Betsy Gilmer married Myron Tremain and became Betsy Gilmer Tremain. She sold the property to Matilda C. Walker in 1945 (City 121 – 328). Alfred Saunders purchased the house and land in 1946, becoming the first owner who would live in rather than renting out the residence (City 125 – 49). The Saunders family sold the property in 2005.

**Social History:**

From 1929 until 1946, the house was rented out to several African American families including Fleming Cooper, a porter, and his wife Norma Cooper (1929-1931); Annie Roanes, a maid (1931-1934); and Lennie Washington, a domestic servant (1934-1945). During this period the home was owned and

occupied by African American women. In 1946, until their deaths, Alfred C. Saunders, an African American cook at UVA, and his wife Mary E. Saunders lived in the house.

**Statement of Significance:**

This rental house has had a number of female owners and was purchased by resident Alfred Saunders in 1946. The Saunders family owned the home for more than fifty years. The original materials have mostly been replaced.