

1020 Page Street



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1926

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040234000

Original Owner: Charles Stewart

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This one-bay, two-story, frame and stucco, house was built around 1926. The current dwelling has a front-facing gable, metal roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a one-bay, hipped roof porch with metal roof with exposed rafter ends and overhanging eaves, a concrete foundation and simple Tuscan columns. There is a one-bay, one-story rear addition that was created by enclosing a rear porch in 1967, and another gable addition (one-bay, one-story) built onto it in 1982. The front-facing windows are 1/1 vinyl sash. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the central entrance.

Ownership History:

Charlie Stuart (a widower) sold the land to John S. Graves, trustee on Nov. 26, 1926 (City 55-177). George Gilmer bought the property in 1933 (City 80-267). He granted his son - George Gilmer Jr. – the land in 1945(City 122 – 18). Samuel Green bought the property in 1946(City 129 – 179). Moses Bryant bought it in 1968(City 302 – 42).

Social History:

A number of African American families owned and rented the property over the past decades including: Charles L. Stewart, an orderly at UVA Hospital and his wife Clara M. Stewart (1926 – 1933); Lexie Jordan, a cook at the Dolly Madison Inn (1934); Gertrude Braxton (1940 – 1955); Mrs. Cora A. Jones, a maid (1956 – 1960); and Thomas Brooks, a janitor at the University Shop (1960 – 1964).

Statement of Significance:

This 20th century single-family dwelling has an architectural form typical of small working-class neighborhoods of the period. However, few of these houses have survived into the present area. While,

some of the original fabric of the house has been replaced with modern materials, the site holds social and community significance.