

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 205 Fifth Street, SW

MAP & PARCEL: 26-69

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: M-1

ORIGINAL OWNER: Chiles M. Brand

ORIGINAL USE: Rental Property? (Residence)

PRESENT USE: Residence

PRESENT OWNER: Philippa Page Canty

ADDRESS: 1149 First Street, North
Birmingham, ALA 35204

HISTORIC NAME: Brand-Edwards House

DATE / PERIOD: c. 1855-56, 1922

STYLE: Vernacular

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 67' x 206' (13,802 sq. ft.)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1984

SOURCES: City/County Records Mrs. Kenneth F. Page

1877 Gray Map

Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920, 1929

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a 2-storey, 3-bay, single-pile Virginia 1-house with a 2-storey rear addition that doubles its size. It is set on a high foundation of brick laid in 5-course American-with-Flemish bond. Wall construction is of brick laid in 7-course American-with-Flemish bond in the original section and 7-course American bond in the rear addition. The front plane of the medium-pitched gable roof continues into a hip roof over the slightly narrower rear addition, leaving the end gables of the original section intact. There is an additional central gable on the facade. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has projecting eaves and verges, Philadelphia gutters, boxed cornice, and plain frieze. The two interior end chimneys in the main block have caps and stringcourses. The southern one has been faced with concrete. There is a small interior chimney in the addition. Windows throughout the house are double-sash, single-light, with architrave trim painted yellow. Those at the second level are somewhat shorter. A one-storey Colonial Revival veranda covers the facade. It has a low-pitched hip roof covered with standing-seam metal with projecting eaves and boxed cornice, a plain frieze, Tuscan columns, and a simple balustrade. The central entrance door has one light over two panels and a one-light rectangular transom. The 2-storey addition covers most of the rear elevation. It has a basement with half-sized 2-light hinged-sash windows. There is a small shed-roofed back porch on the southwest side.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In February 1857, Chiles M. Brand sold Elizabeth Norris part of a tract of land he had purchased in December 1854, stating that on Mrs. Norris's lot "is situated a new brick dwelling House" (ACDB 55-409, 56-149). Mrs. Norris left the house to her son Eugene S. Norris, who sold it in 1881 (ACDB 77-346). The house had five owners during the next 34 years and was used as rental property much of that time (ACDB 84-82, 85-351, 90-82; City DB 16-33, 28-36). Phillip T. Edwards, grandfather of the present owner, bought the house in 1915 (DB 28-37). He built the rear addition in 1922, according to tax records. The Colonial Revival veranda was probably added at the same time, replacing a one-bay entrance porch. The house has been the home of Edwards's family for nearly 70 years. It is now owned by his granddaughter and occupied by his grandson, Kenneth F. Page (City WB 6-338; City DB 349-206, 411-872).

Additional References: ACDB 53-479.

29-69 ✓

M-1

#501

67x206

205 5th SW

1st North, B'ham Ala 35204
1149 ~~1149~~

411-872 Philippa Page Canty (dan) 1980

349-206 " 1973

WB6-338 Lillian E. Page 1961

life estate.

WB6-338 Matilda T. Edwards 1949

Phem: DB 146-17
life estate?

28-37 P. T. Edwards 1915

28-36 H. A. Stevens "

2-3, 8 rooms

1-fam

brick walls & found., metal gable
"old", cheap constr

Philip T. Edwards dec. 1949 & gave life int. to wife Matilda,
then to dau. Lillian Edwards Page & her son. ~~Other~~ Elmer, Kenneth F
Page & Philippa Page Canty, deeded their ~~entire~~ int. to their mo
Lillian E. Page in 1973

c. 1855-56 & 1922

~~B~~ c. 1855-1857 = 2 yr = Brand

Brand-Edwards house

1857-1881 = 24 yr = Norvin

1915-21984 = 70 yr = Edwards/Page

Sanborn—

~~front porch~~

Porch not shown 1896, 1-bay ent. porch 1907, not shown
2/1920, arrow facade as now 1929

Rear ~~was~~ add'n 1920-29

City DB
411-872

6/25/1980

Lillian Edwards Page (wid) \rightarrow Philippa P. Canty
for promise to care for her for her lifetime
panel 29-69, 205 5th St
same as 349-206, 6/13/1973

349-206

6/13/1973

Kenneth F. & Sarah C. Page, & Philippa P. & Stephen B. Canty
 \rightarrow Lillian Edwards Page, their mother
for love & affection
their $\frac{1}{3}$ int each in 205 5th St SW
same as 28-37 (which called it #215)
Phillip T. Edwards dec. 1949 (W136-338)

1854, 58

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1858

Chiles M Brand $\frac{3}{4}$ a nookline 1 m W + 1000 = 1300
" " " Ch v $\frac{1}{8}$ m W + 1400 = 1500 for 54 Coke
" " $\frac{3}{8}$ " " " " + 700 = 700 $\frac{3}{8}$ a \rightarrow Ely
Norris

205 5th St SW

28-36 Geo. E. Walker, under 1907 deed of trust from W. J. & Emma
 5/30/1912 Gummell (D13 18-496) → H. A. ~~Stevens~~ ~~Stevens~~ #1600
 215 Fifth St, 67'4' on 5th, ~~back~~ west to Gen. Locke
 same as 16-33

16-33
~~12/22~~ Micajah Woods & John W. Fishburne, exec of estate of
 12/22/1904 Warner Wood → W. James Gummell #900
 215 Fifth St
 same as ACDB 84-82, 5/30/1884, Warner Wood → Alexander Truath
 " " " 90-82, 5/24/1888, Wm L. Johnson → Warner Wood

ACDB 90-82

ACDB 85-351, 9/1/1885, Alex Truath → Dr Wm L. Johnson
~~lot & brick house~~ lot & brick house, part L 122 E J Harris → Warner Wood

84-82

\$1400

lot w/ appurtenances, " 122., house & lot
 same as 77-346

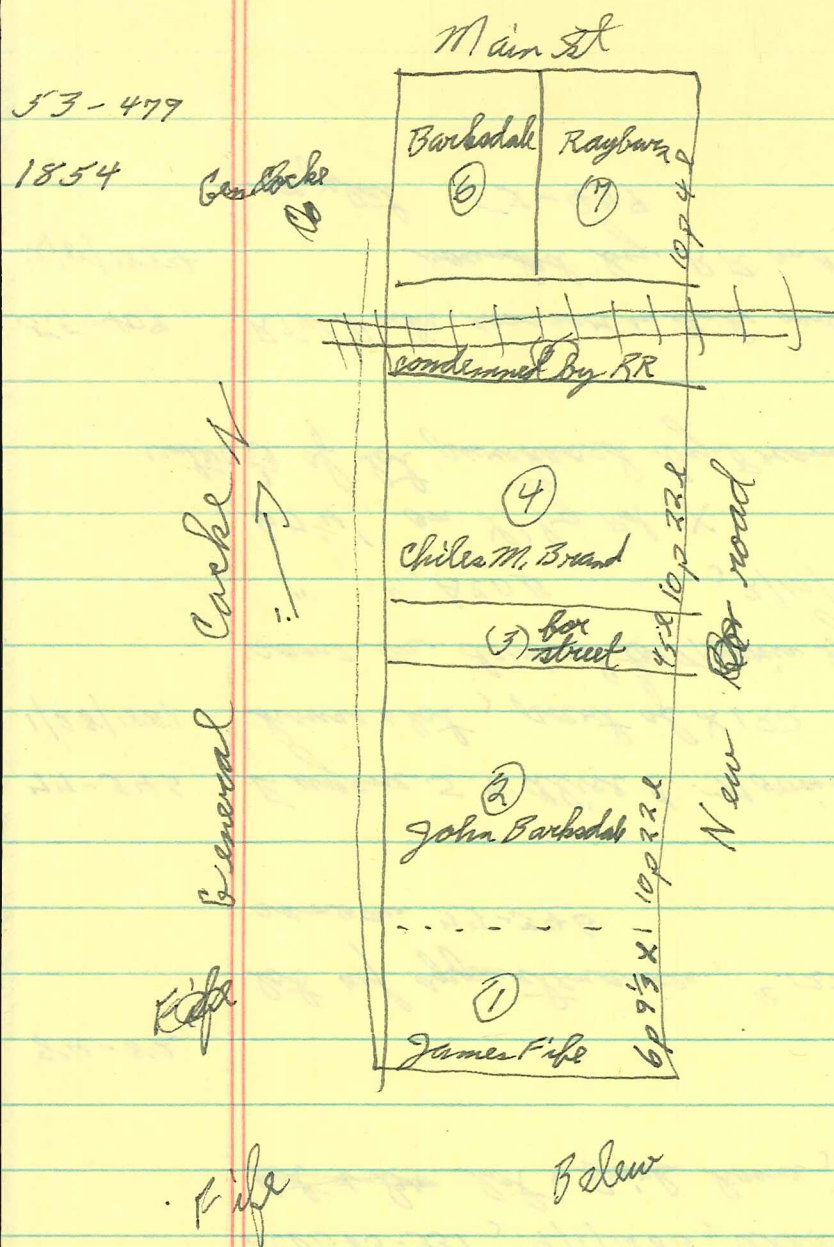
77-346 Eugene S & Alice C Norris → Warner Wood #600

1/28/1881 house & lot, part of L 122
 same as devised to Norris by late mo Ely. A. Norris Bailey
 " " ACDB, 2/10/1859, Chiles M. Brand → Ely & Norris
 67'4' on L by Rd X
 center 1/3 of lot purchased by Brand from estate of Richard Duke)

55-409 RTW Duke, corner in Duke and Duke → Chiles M. Brand #145

12/8/1854 bounded by RR on N, Locke on W, a road on E
 see plat 53-479

→ see plat, + Brand → Norris deed



- 56-149 Chiles M & Ely, Brand → Ely, Norvin \$1800
2/10/1857 lot 67'4" on W side old L' by Rd x — back to Gen Cocke
part of land purchased for Richard Duke, leaving lot
on N & S of same size which Brand is keeping
"On which center lot now sold to the sd. Ely, Norvin is
situated a new brick dwelling House"
- 55-409 RTW Duke, Comr in Chancery, cause of Duke vs Duke et al,
12/8/1854 → Chiles M Brand \$145
lot bounded on N by RR, on W by Cocke, on E by road
12p 16 1/2 x 10p 2 1/2 x
see plat ACDB 53-479

205 5th 5w

1865				
1871, 73, 74, 75	Ely Norton	1 ac $\frac{1}{8}$ mi W	+ 400 = 1000	
" " 73, 74, 75		$\frac{3}{8}$ " " "	+ 100 = 937	
1876	" " est	1 ac $\frac{1}{8}$ mi W	+ 400 = 1000	
"	Eugene Norris	$\frac{3}{8}$ " " "	+ 700 = 937	
1918, ²⁰ 4th	P. T. Edwards	215 5th	400 + 500 = 900	
1921, 22	" "	205-5th	" + 600 = 1000	
1923	" "	"	" + 1600 = 2000 impl added	

Q. 16.7

good cond.

205 5th SW

1856 deed trace
Mrs Page
Leys hem. dept,
send them a copy

2-3, 3-bay, single pile w/ 2-5 rear wing
making it double pile

high found, 5-c am-wf-Flem

~~Flem bond~~ (penciled), 7-c am-wf-Flem ^{facade} sides

red gable roof w/ central gable, proj eaves + verge,
boxed cornice, pl fringe, 55m, Phila gutters

lt mustard yellow trim

windows 1/1, arch trim, wooden sills, ~~straight~~
~~flat arch~~ ^{in space}, shorter 2nd; none 5 end

1-5 veranda covers facade. low hip roof
55m, boxed cornice, proj eaves, pl fringe, 4 Tuscan
columns, simple bal, wooden flr & 15 steps

cent door 12/2 panels; 1-l root, transom

rear wing: ^{about above ground} has basement ^{1 1/2} sized 2-l hinged sash
7-c am (6-11) low ^{gabled} roof ~~cont as nearly flat~~ (or hip?), ^{cornice cont}
windows match

sm shed-roofed back porch in SW corner

int end chimneys w/ caps & string courses, 5 corr-covered
sm int chim in wing

