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SIGNIFICANCE

The Rose Cottage/Peyton House is an interesting vernacular combination of the Greek Period and Italiarate styles. It is the only large house remaining in Charlottesville with an Italiarate bracketed papapet cornice concealing a shed roof. Thirty years after it was built, the Union Station was built in its former front yard and it was used for some years as the station master's residence.



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(6) <u>Rose Cottage</u>. This frame house, built in 1858, was once owned by the Virginia Midland Railroad and was used as the station master's house. The house consists of two distinct but connected parts, the more prominent one facing the railroad with a one story porch in front. On either side are one story gable roofed wings, the western one serving as a connector to a two story, gable roof building.





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Historic Description

The grandfather of the present owner purchased the property from the Virginia Midland Railroad in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

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Architectural Description

The frame house consists of two distinct but connected parts. The more prominent faces the railroad and is a two story single pile house, three bays wide with a shed roof above a bracketed cornice and a chimney at either end. A one story porch with Doric columns runs the length of that section. On either side are one story gable roofed wings, the western serving as a connection to a two story, single pile, gable roofed building with a central chimney set at right angles to the main structure.

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roken into the boarded-up house. He said he has found the remains f small fires and pornographic materials in the house and his inurance company will no longer over him for it, according to the board minutes.

Members of the review board uled against Peyton. They charged tim and his family with "demoliion by neglect," deliberately leting the 135-year-old house fall part. Peyton denied the charge.

"We've fixed worse houses than hat," said city planning director satyendra S. Huja. "If you have the vill, you can do it."

Peyton declined to discuss the louse for this story. The City Council will decide the issue Tueslay night.

It was built in 1856 by one Thonas S. Hawkins. In 1885 the learby railroad bought it for the tationmaster to live in. Six years ater, F. Bradley Peyton, the tationmaster, bought it from the ailroad, according to city records.

Two small wings were added in 900 and a second two-story buildng was attached in 1910. Desigated a historic landmark in the 970s, it was rented from 1976 when Scott Peyton's great-aunt ied — until last spring.

Peyton family members, who live

Members of the review board have charged Peyton and his family with "demolition by neglect."

on Seven Oaks Farm in western Albemarle County, boarded up the house last spring when the city condemned it.

City officials say the Peytons have several alternatives other than complete renovation: sell the property, sell off just the part with the house on it, tear down the later additions and fix the oldest part, or at least fix the roof and walls enough to prevent further decay.

"Once you destroy it, the heritage is gone," Huja said.

Zoning administrator: historic house owners allowed to demolish it

By NICK JOHNSON of The Progress staff

Charlottesville officials cannot prevent the owners of a fire-gutted historic house from demolishing the remaining structure, the city zoning administrator ruled Tuesday.

But the owners must get approval from the Board of Architectural Review before they rebuild on the 800 Delevan St. site, administrator Fred Boger said.

The property owners, the Peyton family of Greenwood, and members of the architecture board have differed over the fate of the house since before the March 7 fire. The blaze destroyed the original 1856 wooden house, where the Charlottesville railroad stationmaster once lived, but left two turn-of-thecentury wings standing.

Boger ruled that the Charlottesville historic preservation ordinance does not protect the wings because they were built after 1885.

The ordinance, however, does protect the wooded 2.8-acre site. Several board members said Tuesday its ancient elm trees and an ancient hand-dug, brick-lined well are worth preserving. The site location behind the train station on West Main Street also made it historic, they said.

Designating a site, rather than a building, as historic is an unusual step. City Attorney W. Clyde Gouldman II said the ruling fell in a "gray area" of the ordinance.

The Peytons may appeal Boger's decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A planned revision of Charlottesville's historic preservation laws further complicates the conflict. The version now before the City Council would give the architecture board power over the site and other historic locations, with or without buildings on them.

Wrangling over the Fifeville site dates back to May, when the city condemned the building. The Peyton family, which has owned the house for a century, asked for permission to tear it down because it feared liability for trespassers on the property.

The board unanimously rejected the request. With a little work, board members said, the Peytons could have prevented the deterioration. The City Council upheld the decision.

Fire

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drug use and the remains of small fires inside the building in the past, and suspects trespassers might have been responsible for the fire.

The blaze began at only one location in the house. An arsonist normally sets a fire in more than one place, Taliaferro said.

Thursday's fire gutted the main house, which was built in 1866. Two wings and a two-story attachment added in the early 1900s are still standing.

"It was an old structure with a lot of flame inside and by the time someone noticed the fire, it was probably going pretty good," Taliaferro said. "Once the fire gets going in an old structure, it will roll into the walls and go straight to the attic because there are no fire walls or blocks built into it."

Peyton first sought permission to demolish the house last year. He said it had fallen into disrepair and would require \$300,000 to restore.

The Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review denied his request, and the City Council rejected an appeal last month by a 3-1 vote. City officials said the home was a designated landmark protected by city ordinance. They said Peyton allowed it to fall apart.

Wrangling over the building will not end even with its most historic portion in ashes.

The architecture board on Thursday held a lunchtime meeting in the building's front yard. Fire officials had declared the blackened walls of the main structure unsafe, and board members agreed to allow their demolition.

But they said the bulldozer must not raze the intact additions. Board members said they wanted to retain legal and political leverage, possibly to force reconstruction of the house.

"It's frustrating to keep losing historic properties," board chairman Larry Herbert said.

Peyton said he will keep negotiating with the city in hopes of coming up with a solution to please everyone. He said his family, which has owned the building for a century, has no specific plans for the wooded lot and only wanted to tear it down because it was unsafe.

"I think it's regrettable that it's, come to a burned-out shell," hey said.

Staff reporter Bryan McKenzi contributed to this report.



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Progress photos by J.T. Anesi

City firefighters battle a Thursday morning fire that destroyed a dilapidated 135-year-old house on Delevan Street behind the Amtrak station. Investigators haven't determined the blaze's cause.

Blaze guts Fifeville house at center of razing dispute

Early-morning fire doesn't extinguish historical squabble



By NICK JOHNSON of The Progress staff

Fire destroyed a 135-year-old Charlottesville historic landmark Thursday, less than three weeks after the City Council refused to let the owner tear it down.

The dilapidated two-story wooden house behind the Amtrak station in the Fifeville neighborhood apparently caught fire after midnight. Firefighters received an alarm at about 12:30 a.m. and found the building at 800 Delevan Street in flames when they arrived.

Investigators had not determined a cause Thursday night. A crime laboratory will test samples of burned areas for traces of combustible fluids or chemicals that would suggest arson, Charlottesville Fire Chief Julian Taliaferro said.

A chair in the living room apparently caught fire and the flames spread to the ceiling and walls, Taliaferro said. The Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review congregated for a lunchtime meeting in front of the gutted landmark.

"Whether someone started it on purpose, or someone was inside the house and accidentally started it with careless smoking, we don't know yet," Taliaferro said. "Somebody had said they saw the chair in the home several weeks ago."

The house served as the official residence of the Charlottesville

railroad stationmaster in the 1800s. City inspectors condemned it in May. Scott Peyton of Greenwood,

Scott Peyton of Greenwood, whose family owned the house, said people have broken into it several times in the last year. He said he has found evidence of

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Progress photo by Matt Gentry

The owner of this old Fifeville house says the building is a dangerous eyesore, and wants it demolished. City Council will decide the house's fate Tuesday.

Razing questions

Be it hazard or architectural hallmark, Fifeville house may soon be history

By NICK JOHNSON of The Progress staff

A hundred years ago, the Charlottesville railroad stationmaster lived in a pleasant, two-fireplace house overlooking the train station.

Today, the stationmaster's greatgrandson says the Fifeville house is an eyesore and a hazard, and he wants to tear it down.

So far city officials have said no. They say the condemned two-story house at 800 Delevan St. is a historic landmark, an emblem of the railroad's bygone glory days and an "interesting vernacular combination of the Greek Period and Italianate styles" popular in the mid-1800s. The house simply deteriorated over the years, according to architect Dale Hamilton, who inspected the structure for the owners last spring. He said it needs a new basement, new porches, new plaster, new chimneys, some new brick work, new plumbing, new heating, new wiring, and other work.

Full restoration would cost \$300,000, Hamilton estimated.

"It's a charming little house, without any question," Hamilton said. "But we really question whether it is worth spending that kind of money."

Owner Scott B. Peyton told the Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review at a hearing last fall that squatters have

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