

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 211 East High Street
 Map and Parcel: 33-75
 Census Tract & Block: 3-503
 Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Towe
 Address: 211 East High Street, City
 Present Use: Residence
 Original Owner: Robert Trice
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Trice-Towe House
 Date/Period: cir. 1850
 Style: Federal
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 54 x 215
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 9440 + 6390 = 15,830

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Trice-Towe House is a late but none-the-less characteristic example of the late Georgian detached house. Originally two stories set on a high basement, five bay brick structure with a single pile plan, it is stylistically similar to the Leitch-Munday House at 115 East High Street. The interior end chimneys and shallow hip roof are like those at the earlier Colonel John R. Jones House. Mr. W. R. Wilson, who purchased the property in 1919, had the house stuccoed and probably added the Doric columned Colonial Revival veranda.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Robert Trice bought the western half of lot No. 75 from his mother-in-law, Martha J. Minor, in 1849 for \$500 (ACDB 45-424). It is assumed that he built the two story brick house shortly thereafter. In 1863, Trice conveyed a "lot of ground with a two story brick dwelling house and other out-houses thereon in the Town of Charlottesville being that part of lot No. 75" to Thomas V. Dudley (ACDB 61-161). John D. Watson purchased the property from Dudley in 1873 (ACDB 68-161) and held it until his death in 1916. His estate conveyed it to George and Annie Walker in that year (DB 29-405). The Walkers sold to W. R. Wilson in 1919 (DB 34-173). The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Towe purchased the property from H. M. Wilson in 1944 (DB 116-473). Mr. Williard Huntington Wright (Pseudonym - S. S. Van Dyne) nationally known art critic, editor and author lived in this house.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City/County Records
 Mr. Forrest Towe