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RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-5013

Other DHR Number: Property Date(s) 1950 ca

PROPERTY NAMES	EXPLANATION
Hamilton, Melvin and Gertrude House	Original

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 26-5

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
204 -	Lankford Avenue	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet:

Name of National Register Historic District:

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

The property is bounded by chain-link fencing, has two gravel-paved driveways, and poured concrete front walks. Several mature cedar trees define the west property line.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Non-historic
1.1	1	Shed	Non-historic
TOTAL:	2		
Historic:	0		
Non-Historic:	2		

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney	1	Exterior end	Concrete	Block
Foundation	0	Solid	Concrete	Block
Porch	1	1-story, 1-bay	Metal	Wrought supports
Roof	0	Gable	Asphalt	Shingle
Structural System	0	Masonry	Concrete	Block
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	2/2
Door(s)	1	Single Leaf	Wood	Multi-light
Window(s)	0	Casement	Steel	

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1950 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style:

Description:

This one-story, three-bay, stuccoed concrete block house is a typical mid-twentieth-century dwelling with a rectangular form, topped by a side-gable roof with asphalt shingles. It has an exterior end concrete block chimney (parged), with three projecting flues. A gabled portico supported by wrought metal posts and brackets shelters the front entry, and wrought iron railings lead up from the front walkway to the entry stairs. The front elevation features a steel casement window and a large fixed window with flanking casements; other windows in the house are double-hung sash with horizontal two-over-two lights. The basement foundation, partially above ground at the rear of the building, is of parged concrete blocks. A shed dormer takes up much of the rear roof plane, while a rear shed wing and a screened porch extend behind the main block of the house.

Condition: Good

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Stucco was added some time after completion of the masonry work, but was intended from the onset of construction. A modern wooden wheelchair ramp of post and rail design provides access to the front door.

Number of Stories: 1.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed? No If not, why not? Denied

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

A small frame wood or tool shed, clad in T-1-11 siding, is situated to the south of the house, near the rear stairs and along the eastern property line.

DHR Historic Context: Domestic

Ethnicity/Immigration

Significance Statement:

The Hamiltons acquired this property in 1949. Melvina Hamilton, eldest daughter of Melvin and Gertrude Hamilton, was one of the first black students to attend Lane High School during the early period of school integration. "According to Mr. Hamilton, all the whites hated him because of his daughter's attendance at Lane. Both he and his wife were approached numerous times by white citizens attempting to convince them that Melvina would suffer and her attendance would achieve little. A local banker who had loaned Mrs. Hamilton money was one of those who tried to use his influence to keep Melvina out of Lane. Mrs. Hamilton, an active member of the NAACP, politely yet flatly refused to yield. Mr. Hamilton countered the visitors' arguments with the wisdom that their girls would grow from the experience far more than they would be hurt." (Ridge Street Oral History, 89). Architecturally, the Hamilton House is a typical mid-twentieth-century dwelling with a good degree of integrity to its original construction.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	15257	31 - 33	2/ 6/1997
Slides		-	1/29/1997
B&W 35mm Photos	15674	18 -	4/15/1997

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Local Records

Author: City of Charlottesville Assessors Office

Citation Abbreviation:

Property Description (by parcel no.)

Notes:

Legal description: Lot; plat in DB 147-289

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Book

Author: Gronlund, Julie (editor)

Citation Abbreviation:

Ridge Street Oral History Project

Notes:

Melvin Hamilton, interviewed by Julie Gronlund and Roulhac Toledano, August 12, 1994, pages 88-91.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 2/ 6/1997

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Organization or Person: JDP Pres.Consultant: Giles

ID # Associated with Event:

CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:

First : Melvin M.

Last : Hamilton

Suffix :

Title :

Company:

Address: 204 Lankford Avenue

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22902- Country:

Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

OWNER Owner of property

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

RESVILLE

AVENUE

1st STREET (SOUTH)

SEC MAP 29

BARKSDALE ST.

LANFORD

HARTMANS

HARTMANS

MILL

9th

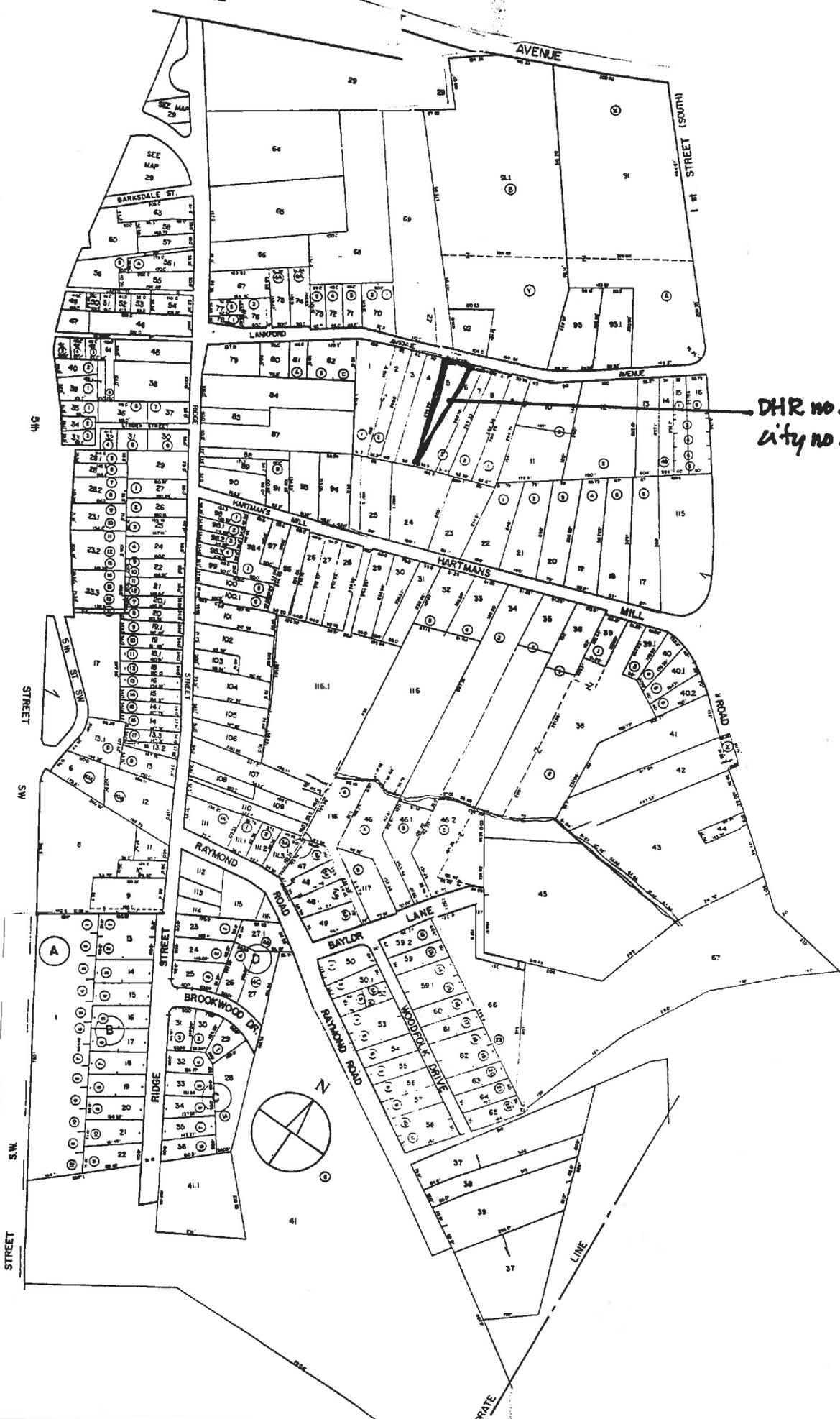
STREET

SW

S.W.

STREET

DHR no. 104-5013
City no. 840



Accessed? Y N If not, why not? _____

Interior description: _____

SECONDARY RESOURCES DESCRIPTION: _____

HISTORIC THEME (select as many as apply):

- Architecture / Community Planning Recreation / Arts Domestic Transportation / Communication Subsistence / Agriculture
- Commerce / Trade Government / Law / Politics Industry / Processing / Extraction Health Care / Medicine Landscape
- Education Ethnicity / Immigration Military / Defense Settlement Patterns Religion Funerary Social Technology / Engineering

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL STATEMENT [2-3 sentences discussing significance of property in relation to historic theme(s) selected above]:

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Type	Author (last, first)	Citation (brief form)
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PROPERTY OWNER / OCCUPANT / TENANT

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone number(s) _____

SURVEY INFORMATION

Surveyor's name Dan Pezzoni or Leslie Giles
 Surveyor's address P.O. Box 7825 Roanoke VA 24019-0825
 Surveyor's phone number (540) 366-0787

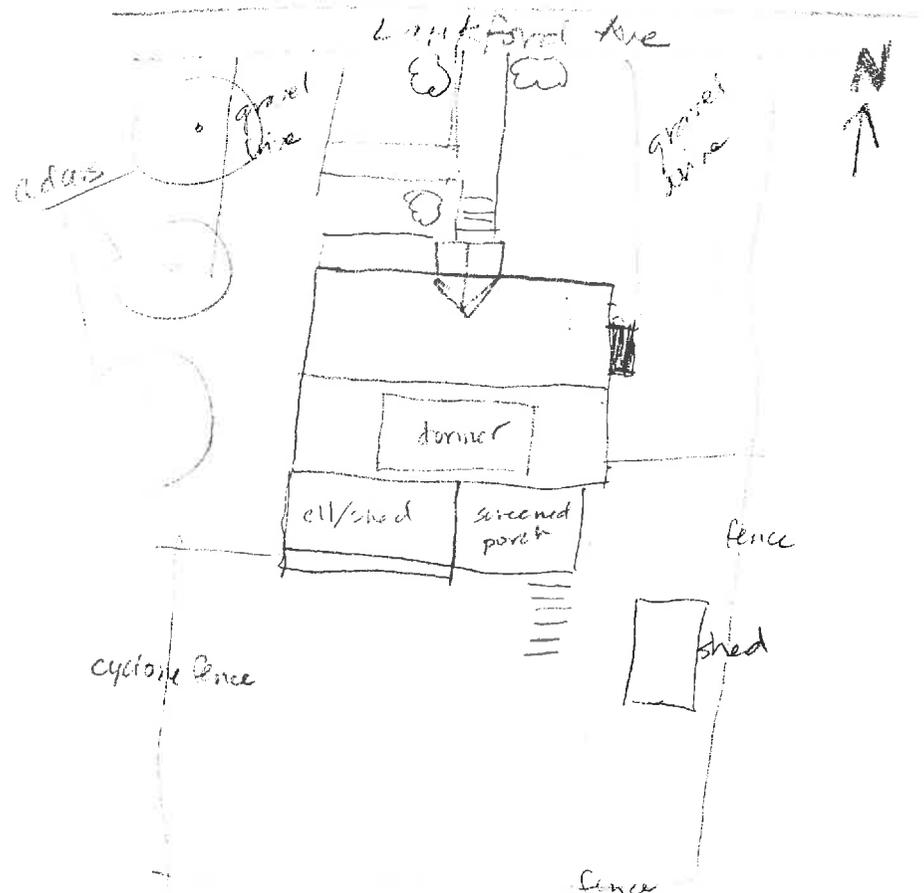
Survey Date 2/6/97

CRM Event: Reconnaissance, CLG-sponsored

SITE PLAN

Date 2/6/97

North Arrow





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Negative nos. 15257,
15674

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Name Melvin & Gertrude Hamilton House

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City _____

County Charlottesville

Photographer Leslie A. Giles

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house exterior, view facing SE

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shed, view facing SW

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house exterior, view facing NW

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First floor interior
(living/dining
room)

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