

RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-5017

Other DHR Number:

Property Date(s) 1914

PROPERTY NAMES

Coles, Charles E. Jr. House

EXPLANATION

Historic

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 25-69

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number

Thoroughfare Name

Explanation

211 -

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 house is situated on a 1.5-acre parcel, rectangular in shape and with relatively narrow street frontage. Slightly elevated above street level, it is bordered along the street with a low rock retaining wall topped by a hedgerow. Numerous mature deciduous and evergreen trees occupy the yard, including a magnolia, pines, and several maples. A right-of-way associated with the adjoining nursery property runs along the east boundary of the lot. This right-of-way represents a former street laid out in the 1890s by real estate speculator James James, Jr.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Historic
1.1	1	Workshop	Historic
1.2	1	Garage	Non-historic
TOTAL:		3	
Historic:		2	
Non-Historic:		1	

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney	1	Central interior	Brick	Parged
Door(s)	1	Single Leaf	Wood	Paneled w/light
Foundation	0	Solid	Stucco	Parged
Porch	1	1-story, 3-bay	Wood	Tuscan columns
Roof	0	Complex	Metal	Standing Seam
Structural System	0	Frame	Asbestos	Sided
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	2/2

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1914

Source of Date: Local Records

Architectural Style: Queen Anne

Description:

This two-story, three-bay, double-pile, frame house with an irregular plan and central interior parged brick chimney is a very well-crafted example of early-twentieth-century Queen Anne-style architecture. Beneath the complex hip-and-gable roof of standing seam metal is a boxed cornice with cornice returns at front and side gables. A square louvered vent occupies each gable end (one of which tops a projecting two-story bay on the west elevation). Two-over-two double-hung wood sash light the interior, except for a square landing-type window on the front elevation. The front porch is a one-story, three-bay, hip-roofed structure supported by Tuscan columns, with picket-type balusters and a tall flight of stairs leading to the entry from ground level.

Condition: Good

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Asbestos shingles have been added over the original wood weatherboard siding, and a second-story rear porch has been enclosed.

Number of Stories: 2.0

Interior Plan Type: Irregular

Accessed? No If not, why not? Denied

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

A two-room workshop--of frame construction, sheathed in stucco and topped by a standing seam metal gable roof, is located behind the house, at the end of the asphalt-paved driveway that is at the western boundary of the property. The concrete block garage is located directly behind the house and east of the workshop.

DHR Historic Context: Architecture/Community Planning
Domestic
Ethnicity/Immigration

Significance Statement:

The Charles E. Coles, Jr. House is located on the 1.5-acre parcel acquired by John Coles in 1860 from Thomas R. and Ann Eliza Bailey. The parcel is one of the only undivided tracts among the group of properties acquired by free blacks from the Baileys in late 1860-early 1861 in the neighborhood east of Ridge Street. Although John Coles' house does not survive, descendent Charles E. Coles, Jr., a Charlottesville builder, bought the property from Priscilla Coles and the heirs of John Coles in 1911, and by 1914 had erected this house. It is one of the grander two-story dwellings in the historically African-American neighborhood along Lankford. In 1939, Coles mortgaged the house and property for \$8,700, perhaps to help finance other construction projects in the area. According to local informants, Coles built several houses in the area that feature towers or turrets, including the Clarkston-Tonsler House at 111 Lankford (see DHR file no.104-5007). Upon his death in 1940, Coles' widow Florence became sole owner of the property; in 1945 she conveyed the property to H.T. and Mary S. Worley; in 1948 they sold it to Edwin S. Toms, Sterling P. Olsson, and Lena Toms Olsson. In 1951 Toms and the Olssons sold the property to Fleming J. Cooper and Gertrude Louise Riddick Cooper. Fleming Cooper died in 1964, conveying sole ownership to Louise Riddick Cooper; following her death in 1970, the property passed in 1972 to Vivian Howard, who deeded a half-interest to Eugenia Cooper.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	15258	10A - 11A	1/27/1997
Slides		-	1/29/1997
B&W 35mm Photos		-	/ /
B&W 35mm Photos	15674	15 - 16	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: 1.5 acres

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Local Records
Author: Albemarle County
Citation Abbreviation:
Deed Book(s)

Notes:

Deed Book references: 59-224, 59-235.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Local Records

Author: Charlottesville, City of

Citation Abbreviation:

Deed Book(s)

Notes:

Deed Book references: 23-88, 100-365, 103-141, 122-486, 138-171,
157-483, 336-380, 336-382

Sequence #: 2.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Oral History

Author: Page, Wallace Mason

Citation Abbreviation:

Interview

Notes:

6 February 1997: Charlie Coles built the Clarkston-Tonsler House and all the other neighborhood houses that have the "steeple"--it was his trademark feature as a builder.

Sequence #: 3.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Book

Author: Hill Directory Company

Citation Abbreviation:

Hill's Charlottesville (Albemarle Co., Va.) City Directory

Notes:

1934, p.326: Charles E. Coles, Jr. has a men's furnishings business and notary service at 273 West Main Street; Charles Coles Sons, building contractors, also operates from the same address

Sequence #: 4.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Map

Author: Sanborn Map Company

Citation Abbreviation:

Sanborn Insurance Maps

Notes:

Charlottesville: building appears in its present configuration on the 1920 map (earliest available for this area of the city)

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

First : Vivian&EugeniaCooper

Last : Howard

Address: 211 Lankford Avenue

City : Charlottesville

State: VA

Zip : 22902- Country: USA

Phone/extension: - -

Individual Category Codes:

OCCUPANT Occupant

OWNER Owner of property

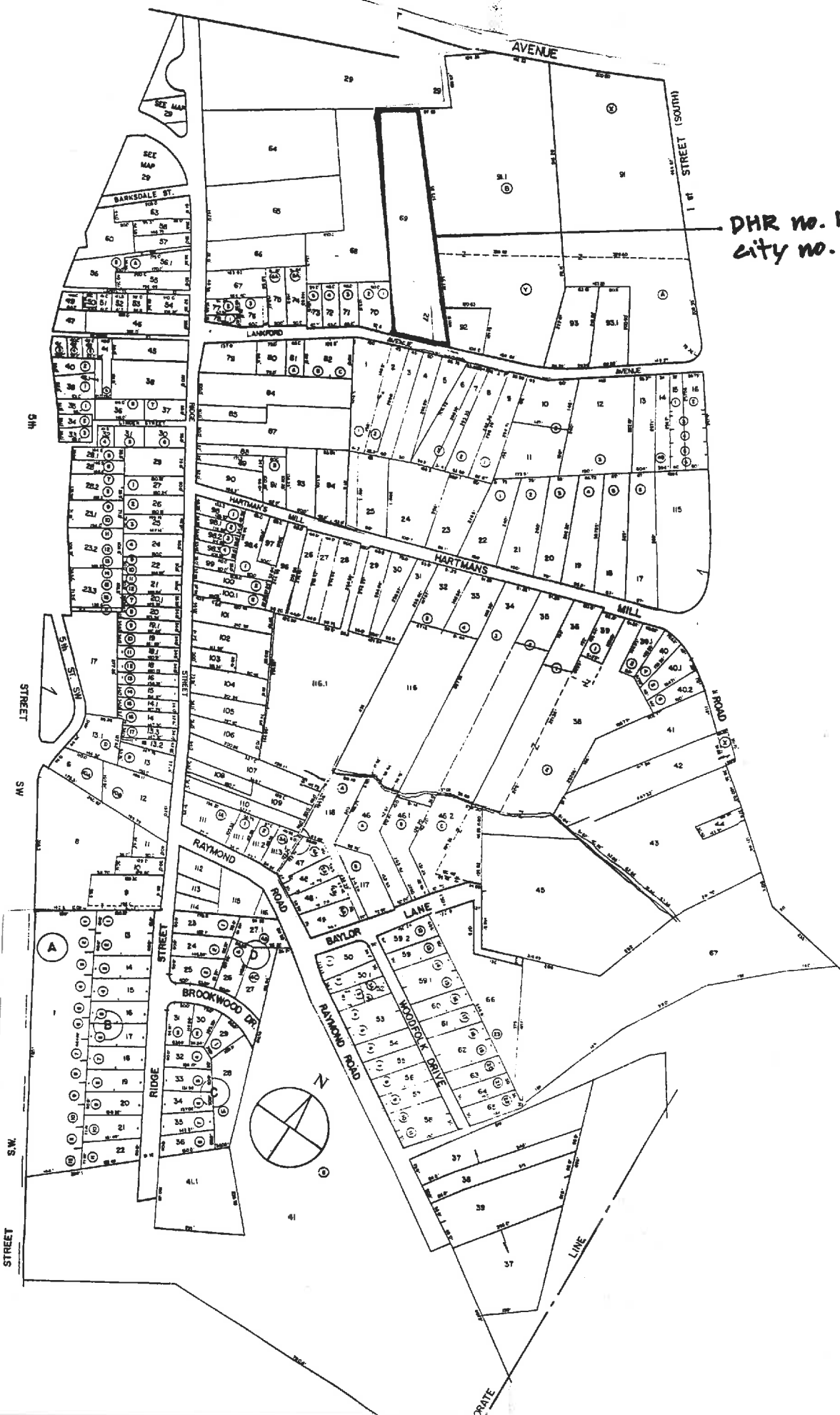
Surveyor's Notes:

RESVILLE

AVENUE

1 ST STREET (SOUTH)

DHR no. 104-5017
City no. ~~844~~ 843



Accessed? Y N If not, why not? _____

Interior description:

PROPERTY OWNER / OCCUPANT / TENANT

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone number(s) _____

SECONDARY RESOURCES DESCRIPTION:

1) in kitchen: chimney (over roof) (2) (solid)

2) garage / shed (wood frame w/ concrete block const'n)

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 1/27/97

CRM Event: Reconnaissance: CLG-sponsored

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]:

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

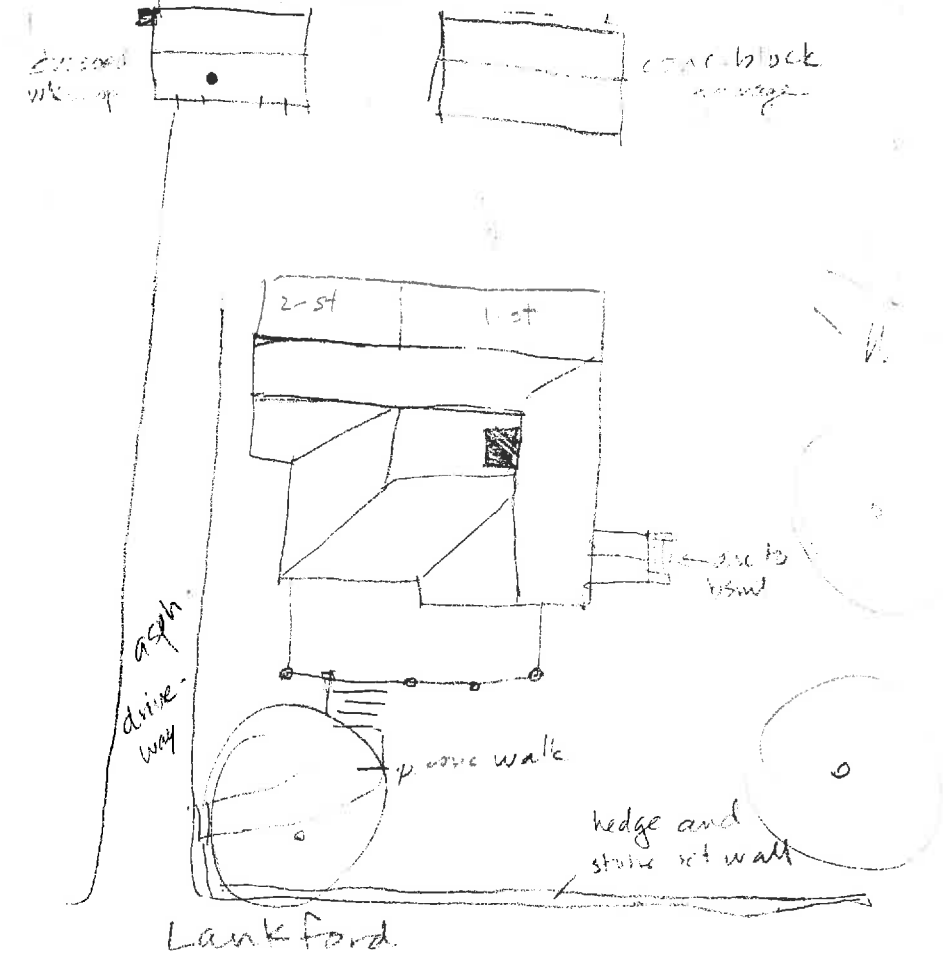
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Color slides			

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Type	Author (last, first)	Citation (brief form)

SITE PLAN

Date 1/27/97



PARCEL I.D. 25 - 69. PROPERTY ADDRESS 211 LANKFORD AVENUE
 NEIGHBORHOOD NUMBER 9 LEGAL DESCRIPTION 1.5 ACRES
 LEVEL LOT REMARKS DIRT FL FOR BE

*** OWNER INFORMATION ***

NAME HOWARD VIVIAN & EUGENIA COOPER
 ADDRESS 211 LANKFORD AVENUE
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22902

*** DEED INFORMATION ***

BOOK 336
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***** MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION *****

PROP CLASS ONE FAMILY	LIVING AREA	2617	LOT AREA SQ.FT.	67375
ZONING R3	PERIMETER	156	LOT AVERAGE WIDTH	110
OVL.P. ZONE	DWELLING UNITS	1	LOT AVERAGE DEPTH	630
LAND USE 1101	CENSUS TRACT	401128	PROPERTY - ACRES	1.547
EQ. BD. YR	EQ. BD. ACT.		PICTURE	NO

***** PRIMARY STRUCTURE *****

YEAR BUILT 1914	EFF YEAR 1958	CONSTRUCTION	ASBESTOS SHINGLE
GRADE AVERAGE	PCT. ADJ. 10-	STORIES	2.0
TYPE STANDARD UNIT		BASEMENT	NO ATTIC NO
CONDITION AVERAGE		AREA SQ. FT.	1203

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5/10/1972

DB 336:382

Vivian Howard, widow → Eugenia Cooper, widow

1/2 undivided interest in 1 1/2-acre prop

5/10/1972

DB 336-380

Ruth Coles Harris, executrix of estate of Louise Riddick Cooper (grantor)

↓
Vivian Howard, widow (grantee)

for \$1000

(d. 8/4/1970)

WB14-323 Louise R Cooper apprts. Ruth Coles Harris executrix

Fleming J. Cooper. (d. 2/16/1964) → Louise R. Cooper sole owner

5/24/1951 DB 157-483

(Sterling P Olsson & Lena Toms Olsson)

Edwin S Toms and others → Fleming J. Cooper & Gertrude Louise

\$6,500 consid. ~ 1 1/2 acre parcel

R. Cooper (aka L.R. Cooper)

5/24/1948 H T Worley & Mary S Worley → Edwin S Toms & others for

DB 138-171 for \$1000 consid

11/12/1945 DB 122-486

(in Florida at time)

Florence W. Coles, widow → H T and Mary S Worley for \$1000 →

7/6/1940 DB 103:141

Bulah Coles Hayes, executrix of Charles E Coles, Jr. (died testate 3/11/1940)
(sister)

↓
Florence W. Coles, widow of Charles E Coles, Jr. WB 4:417
for \$3,000.00

11/6/1939 property deeded in trust to David J. Wood & C. Venable Minor, trustees
DB 100:365 to secure bond of Charles E Coles, Jr. in the amount of \$8,700
[~~prop. lien~~ released 11/10/1945]

8/18/1911 DB 23:88 widow of John L Coles (all heirs of John L Coles)
Priscilla Coles, & others → Charles E Coles, Jr.
~ 1 1/2 acres \$400⁰⁰

11/1860 ACDB 59:235 Anna Eliza Bailey
Thomas R Bailey & wife → John L. Coles
a portion of the land conveyed to Thos Bailey by Thos J Pretlow & wife, known in said plat as Lot # 2

11/20/1860

Thos J Pretlow & wife → Thos Bailey



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Negative nos. 15258, 15674

Date 2. 1997, 4. 1997 File No. 104-5017

Florence
Name Charles E. Coles, Jr. House

Town _____

City _____

County Charlottesville

Photographer Leslie A. Giles

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house exterior, view
facing NE

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exterior of house, view facing SE

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house exterior, view
facing NW

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outbuildings, view facing E

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15674

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