

Architectural And Historic Survey



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Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 501 West Main Street
MAP & PARCEL: 32-176
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 1-308
PRESENT ZONING: B-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: W. Dyer Wheeler
ORIGINAL USE: Rental Property (Residence)
PRESENT USE: Residence
PRESENT OWNER: Carrie C. Coulter estate
ADDRESS: 501 West Main Street
Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Wheeler-Dyer House
DATE / PERIOD: 1893
STYLE: Vernacular
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 33.75' x 210' (7,087.5 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1979
SOURCES: City Records
Mrs. Coleman R. Maddox, (Martha Coulter Maddox)
Mrs. Elmer Johnson (Kathleen Wheeler Johnson)

Sanborn Map Co. - 1896, 1907, 1920

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a very simple detailed two-storey house on a narrow lot. It is set on a low foundation and is built of brick laid in five-course American-with-Flemish bond. The main section is a two-bay, double-pile, side-hall-plan house. Original two-storey and one-storey rear wings make it long and narrow and larger than it appears from the street. Two-storey and one-storey side porches beside the rear wings have been enclosed and their walls covered with imitation brick asbestos siding. The house has a medium-pitched hip roof covered with standing-seam metal, painted red, with a gable over the projecting side bay on the facade. The gable is wooden-shingled and has a four-light diamond-shaped casement window. Medium-pitched metal gable roofs shelter the wings and continue as shed roofs over the porches beside them. There are two interior capped chimneys. Windows are double-sash, one-over-one light on the facade and two-over-two light on the other sides. A one-storey veranda covers the facade. It has a medium-pitched shed roof covered with standing-seam metal, painted red, with boxed cornice and plain frieze, supported by three asymmetrically arranged battered pillars set on brick pedestals. There is a concrete-capped brick balustrade. The single-paned glass entrance door has a rectangular transom. Dr. Coulter's flat-roofed one-storey office addition on the west side of the house is built of brick laid in stretcher bond. Access is from the side hall or through a separate entrance on the facade sheltered by a pedimented hood on brackets. The entrance door and one-over-one windows are segmental-arched.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

William Dyer Wheeler purchased the Paxton place with its surrounding acreage in 1889 (City DB 1-356). In 1893 he built two identical brick dwellings on West Main Street, east of the main house, for use as rental property. Now they are the only two houses left on the street that have not been converted to commercial use. Dr. J. C. Coulter purchased the house at 501 West Main Street from Wheeler's estate in 1915 (DB 27-119). He added two rooms for his office, using brick from the old Catholic Church, about 1924. The house is still owned and occupied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Maddox. Additional References: City DB 112-316, 166-122; WB 11-493.

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: *501 West Main*
 Map and Parcel: *32-176*
 Census Tract & Block:
 Present Owner: *Carrie L. Coulter est*
 Address: *same add*
 Present Use:
 Original Owner: *W. D. Wheeler*
 Original Use: *Rental Property*

BASE DATA

Historic Name: *Wheeler-Coulter house*
 Date/Period: *c1893*
 Style: *Vernacular*
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: *2*
 Present Zoning: *R-3*
 Land Area (sq.ft.): *33,75' X 210'*
 Assessed Value (land + imp.):

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

	<i>33.75</i>
	<i>X 210</i>
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	<i>33750</i>
<i>630</i>	<i>450</i>
<i>630</i>	<i>6450</i>
<i>150</i>	<hr/>
<i>750</i>	<i>7087.50</i>
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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

SOURCES

City Rec
Miss Moxworth
Mr Johnson
Sanborn

Feb

501 West Main

WB 11-493

3/23/67

166-122

Carrie C. Coulter est

8/11/52

112-316

" " "

11/25/42

\$46,000

27-117

J. C. "

3/21/15

Fannie M. Wheeler

built 19--

apt

brick, tin hip roof (old card don't give type)

ave const

9 rooms, 2 baths

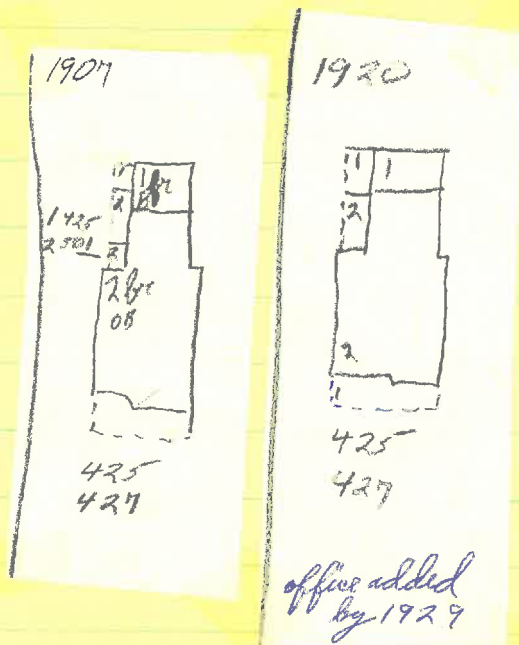
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Wheeler

1893-1915

Coulter

1915-



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1953 City Dir Jay C & Claire T Coulter, phys.; Coleman & Martha C. Maddox
 1962, '70 " rental (Coleman B. Maddox, arch draftsman)
 " " Coulter & L (own 1970)

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1979 telephone Coleman Maddox still lives there
 (call him, - may be a good source)

1896 Sanborn 427 W. Main - dwelling - both identical
 1909 Wilson residence & office of Dr J C Coulter
 1929, 31, 45 " " " "

Maddox c 100 yrs, both, by Wheeler (son - Mrs Elmer Johnson
 5-9254 identical Northward
 fa added 2 office rooms 1926
 brick from old Catholic Ch
 Wheeler built 501 to keep city from opening 5th St NW
 Whadon lived at 425 W. Main
 will call

11-493 = 10

VB 11-493 heirs of Jay, Clarence Coulter, 85, dec 1/18/67, intestate 1967
Martha Coulter Maddox, 50, dau, 501 W. Main
Clare T. Coulter 84, wid, Mayfield Ky

113-316 J. C. & Carrie C. Coulter →

1942 J. C. Coulter → Carrie C. Coulter, his wife

1926, 2nd

1916 "

1917, 20 "

(1915 - both houses 700 + 1500)

1923, 24

1925

$$1700 + 2500 = 4200$$

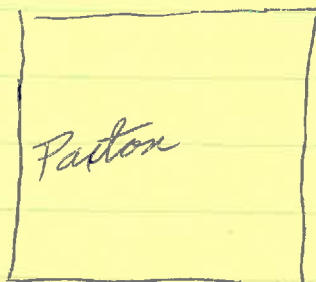
$$1200 + " = 3700 \left\{ \text{other } 1100 + 2000 \right\}$$

$$2000 + " = 4500 \text{ (other } 2000 + 2000)$$

$$" + 3000 = 5000 \text{ ingite added}$$

Sanborn shows
office room added
after 1920

Commerce



Gleaning

425-501 W Main Tax

1889	4th	Dice, Wood nl		
" 90				
1890, 91, 92, 1900		W D Wheeler	#620 south side main	+ 1200 = 1500
1892, 1900		" "	page added north " "	+ - = 200 for B Holmes
1889	2nd	RB Dice, Tr for W D C Wood	123 in seat del town North side main	+ 2500 = 3500 or 4000 for W D C Wood
"	"	Wheeler nl		
1890	"	Dice + Woods nl		
"	"	W D Wheeler	" " "	+ 2500 = 3500
1892, 93	"	" "	" " "	" = 4000
1893	"	" "	124 " " "	+ 1500 = 2000
1894	"	" "	123 " " "	+ 5500 = 7000
1895	"	" "	124 " " "	+ 2500 = 3000 for B. Smith ch
1899			123	2000 + 5000 = 7000
	①		124	500 + 3000 = 3500
1901			123 #425	400 + 1500 = 1900
			123 #427	" " "
			123 #429	" + 2000 = 2400
Fannie		123 20 Little Com	300 + 0	= 300 for WD
W D		124 #287	300 + 3000	= 3300
		123 lot	1000 + 0	= 1000

summary

1889-90	123	1000 + 2500 = 3500	(prob. does not incl #421 - compare 1888 tax)
1892-93		1500 + " = 4000	
1894-95		" + 5500 = 7000	- #425 + #501 built?
1899		2000 + 5000 = "	
1901	total	2500 + " = 7500	

Papton house			
#2000	#1500	#1500	
429	427	425	421
(503)	(501)		

