

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 534 Park Street  
 Map and Parcel: 52-126  
 Census Tract & Block: 3-416  
 Present Owner: Mrs. Vinton H. Valentine  
 Address: 534 Park Street  
 Present Use: Residence & Apartments  
 Original Owner: Miss Virginia Macon  
 Original Use: Residence

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Valentine House  
 Date/Period: 1911  
 Style: Victorian Vernacular  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2  
 Present Zoning: R-3  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 50 x 226  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 2650 + 6180 = 8830

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The handsomely proportioned stuccoed house was designed by Eugene Bradbury in 1911 in the English vernacular tradition of Charles A. F. Voysey. Characterized by steeply pitched and varied roof forms, the massing of rectangular projections, and a smooth, uncluttered facade, the style is a stark and refreshing contrast to the gingerbread of the preceding Victorian era. At the Valentine house, the one story, flat roofed veranda topped by a balustrade is paired against the two and one half story projecting side pavilion. The northern wall with its smaller, more shallow gabled projection at the rear is particularly fine. The English vernacular influence is evidenced in the overhanging eaves with the exposed rafter ends and the diamond paned casement windows in the attic.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1911 Mrs. Virginia Macon purchased the lot from Hunter P. Farish, owner of the Leake-Farish House (DB 22-229). Mrs. Macon engaged the Charlottesville architect Eugene Bradbury to design the house. He was also the architect of the main office of the Virginia National Bank on Main Street. The house, designed in the style of Charles A. F. Voysey, was erected in 1911. After Miss Macon's death the house had several owners. From 1934 until 1940 it stood vacant and deteriorated badly. In 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Vinton H. Valentine, who had long admired the house, purchased it and undertook its restoration with the aid of Miss Evelina Magruder. The house is still the home of Mrs. Irene Valentine.



## CONDITIONS

Very good

## SOURCES

Mrs. Irene Valentine

July 12, 1972

Mr Conger,  
City Hall, Charlottesville, Va.,

Dear Mr Conger,

For your files, I have found the deeds to my house,  
534 Park St and it goes like this,

A Mrs Virginia Macon from Atlanta Ga, bought the lot from Mr Hunter  
P. Farish in 1911. Farish Street is named for him. She had Mr  
Eugene Bradbury to plan the house. He is the same architect  
who planned the main building of the Virginia National Bank.  
The house was built in 1911. Mrs Macon willed it to Ellen B. Hooper  
Bessie Ward, Mary Ward Megraw and William Megraw.

Ella Hooper sold it to Margaret D. Waddell June 1, 1921 for  
\$12,000. Mrs Waddell sold it to John T and Nannie N. Elsroad  
1927 for 12,000.

John T. Elsroad and Nannie N. Elsroad sold it to K.C. Moore  
and E.V. Walker who were agents for Home Owner's Loan on  
Jan 25, 1934 for \$7,000.

It was vacant for six years, during which time it deteriorated  
to a pitiful state.

On Jan 18, 1940 my Husband, Vinton H. Valentine, and I bought it  
for \$6025. We spent 3 months and several thousand dollars  
doing a complete remodeling job with the help of Miss  
Evelina Magruder who had a degree in architecture.

I love the house and the location and I hope I may remain  
here for the rest of my life. I appreciate your interest in  
the property.

Yours truly,

22-229

Gene-Valentini 1968 WB 12-316

V.H. VALENTINE 1940 101-174

Valentini from Home Owners Loan Co. 1940 \$6025  
H.O.L.C.

~~Valentini~~ from E.V. Walker, trustee 1936 96-324

Walker from John T. Elsroad 1934 81-63 \$9,428.84

Elsroad from Margaret D. Waddell 1927 58-364 ~~9~~ \$12,000

Waddell from Ella B. Hooper et al 1921 38-141 \$12,000

Virginia A. Macom from Hunter Garwith <sup>et al</sup> 1911 22-229 - 2566  
<sub>Plat</sub>

(Hooper from Macom WB 2-294)

1912 LB 600 + 3400 = 4000

Building Added

Street Address: 534 Park Street

Map & Parcel: 53-126

Census Tract & Block:

Present Owner: Irene Valeriani

Address: Same

Present Use:

Original Owner:

Original Use:

Historic Name:

Date/Period: 1911 ✓

Style:

Height to Cornice:

Height to Stories:

Present Zoning: R-3

Land Area (s. ft.): 50 x 226

Assessed Value (land+imp)

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Architectural Description

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Historic Description

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Name of Persons Interviewed:

FRIDAY - 11:00

Street Address: 534 Park-  
Map & Parcel: 52-184/5 (188)  
Census Tract & Block:  
Present Owner: Valentine Mrs. V. H.  
Address:  
Present Use:  
Original Owner:  
Original Use: 2 apt. & residence

Historic Name:  
Date/Period: 1911 Assessor  
Style:  
Height to Cornice:  
Height to Eaves:  
Present Zoning: R-3  
Lot Area (sq. ft.): 50x226  
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English success

Historic Description

293-2020 HIST.

Slate gable roof overhanging eaves.

Knicker-bocker - daughter - marry - Valentine  
5th generation - Valentine's to live on Park St. -

Eugene Bradbury - only pract arch. in town - Va. Nat'l Bank -  
1972 - husband's father brother Edward (T.J.) Valentine -  
\$ from bullion - live in ~~the~~ Park House - marry Rich's  
daughter - 1940 - Valentine's buy -  
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Historic Description



Date of Personal Interview:

