

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION		BASE DATA	
Street Address:	621 Park Street	Historic Name:	"Northwood"
Map and Parcel:	52-188	Date/Period:	1843
Census Track & Block:	3-510	Style:	Colonial Revival
Present Owner:	Edward White	Height to Cornice:	
Address:	621 Park Street, City	Height in Stories:	2 1/2
Present Use:	Residence	Present Zoning:	R-3
Original Owner:	John B. Minor	Land Area (sq.ft.):	96 x 390
Original Use:	Residence	Assessed Value (land + imp.):	6750 + 17,070 = 23,820

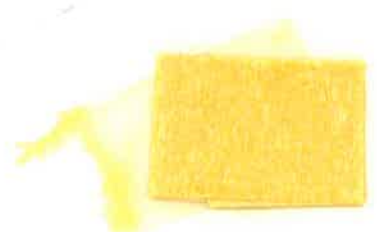
## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

"Northwood" began as a frame side hall two room deep house with two exterior chimneys. Additions were made to the north of the house. In 1891, the tax assessments on the house increased from \$2000 to \$2500 indicating building activity. This may have been when the projecting end pavilion and overhanging eaves were added to the house as the style is characteristic of the 1880's and '90's. After William H. Wood purchased the property in 1903, he set about modernizing it in the popular Colonial Revival manner. The oak floors, mantles, large windows, rear sleeping porch, staircase, and stucco were added by Mr. Wood. Unfortunately the stucco erases the history of the additions. The white, rough stucco, wide dormer, overhanging eaves, and small casement window gives the house a decidedly English character, but in actuality, it is a house that evolved through various revivals.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

John B. Minor built the house prior to his appointment to the Professorship of Law at the University in 1845. In 1851 he sold the house and three and a half acres of land to his first cousin Julia Minor Holladay who moved to town from Spotsylvania County. Mrs. Holladay made "Northwood" her residence until about 1869 and then rented the property to various individuals. Mrs. Long ran the "Northwood School" for young boys and girls in the house and it had become quite well established by the 1870's. In 1884 Julia Holladay sold "Northwood" to Mrs. Charles Benson (ACDB 83-414). Mr. Benson was a local dry goods merchant. In 1903 William H. Wood purchased the property from Micajah Woods and J. W. Fishburne, trustees (DB 13-314). The house was in very poor condition and was extensively remodeled by Wood. C. L. Stahl purchased the property from William H. Wood estate in 1943 (113-76). The present owners purchased the house in the summer of 1974.

## GRAPHICS



## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

Alexander, Recollections, p.43.  
 Mrs. George Cook  
 Mrs. Edward White  
 Mrs. Velora Thomson