

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 751 Park Street
 Map and Parcel: 52-49
 Census Track & Block: 3-519
 Present Owner: Paul & Joyce D. Fishbane
 Address: 751 Park Street
 Present Use: Residence
 Original Owner: William J. Keller
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Keller House
 Date/Period: 1904
 Style: Colonial Revival
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2
 Present Zoning: R-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 99.5 x 198
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 3270 + 16,230 = 19,500

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Keller House is the only frame Colonial Revival residence on Park Street, or anywhere in the historic district and for that reason is of significant note. It was built in 1904 for William J. Keller. The two-dimensionality of the typical Georgian front facade is nicely contrasted by the picturesque roof treatment with the off-center gable flanked by a large revival dormer set in the slate roof. The front is graced by an Ionic Colonial Revival veranda with a modillioned cornice that matches the eaves cornice which continues around the entire house. The dining room wing to the rear of the central mass has a subtly bowed wall which lends the structure an air of sophistication. The spacious interior with its twin parlors set on either side of a wide hall and the stairhall retain much of their original fabric including a fine open staircase. The house is an extremely important example of the Georgian Revival style, so popular in Charlottesville at the turn of the century.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Keller House has only had three owners since it was built in 1904. In 1903, William J. Keller purchased a lot which was once part of the Hedges estate from H. S. Hedges and his son-in-law R. H. Wood for \$734.35 (ACDB 127-145). Tax records indicate that the house was erected in 1904. Keller, a prominent shoe merchant, resided here until his death in 1951 at which time it passed to his daughter Marianne (WB 7-23). In 1958 it was sold to Daniel Doyle, and his widow Blanche sold it to the present owners in 1972 (DB 340-73).

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

SOURCES

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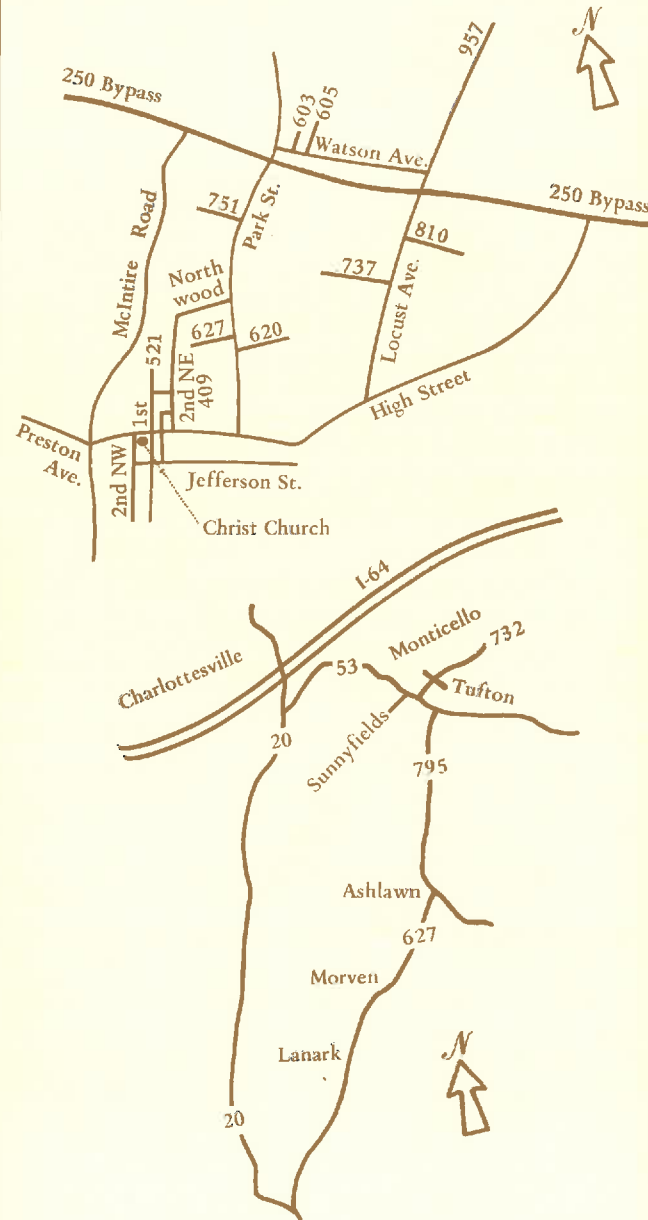


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MARSHALL-RUCKER HOUSE

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OPEN MONDAY, APRIL 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ten houses in downtown Charlottesville. Block ticket \$10.00, separate admissions, \$2.00. Block tickets are available at all houses. NO BUSES ON NORTH FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET N.E. (North of High Street). Buses park at Christ Church parking lot on North First Street between Jefferson and High Streets.

Historic Christ Church will be open and the women of the Church will serve a light lunch from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. Advance reservations required for buses. Telephone (804) 296-6201. Christ Church is on High Street between Second Street N.W. and North First Street.



LOCUST GROVE — 810 Locust Avenue. This handsome brick house on a large city lot was built in 1844. Some original outbuildings, including the kitchen and smokehouses, are still standing. On the lawn are boxwood, hollies and a specimen dogwood over 100 years old. For several years the owner has planted the Rivanna Garden Club's test collection of daffodils. Mr. and Mrs. Downing L. Smith, owners.

737 LOCUST AVENUE — Brick Victorian structure begun in the early 1900's. Renovations begun in January, 1979. The totally rebuilt kitchen features stucco walls, old beams, barn red woodwork and cabinets, stenciled floors and walls, and punched tin cabinet doors and lights. Victorian ceiling decoration and classic wood cornices, hand cut stencil decoration highlight the walls and high ceilings throughout the house. The owners are currently re-landscaping the lot, restoring the original garden and ponds, and completing a gazebo. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conn,

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605 WATSON AVENUE — The house was built in 1859 as part of the Enderly Estate, and contained the servant quarters and summer kitchen. Originally a rectangle consisting of two rooms over two, the house was increased to its present size during World War I by adding four rooms to the front. The present owners are continuing restoration of the house as well as major landscaping changes. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Camblos, owners.

ENDERLY — **603 WATSON AVENUE** — Built about 1859, Enderly is a typical three storied brick dwelling of the period. There has been little structural change in the building, though the original front stoop was replaced with a porch that extends across the entire front. The house is furnished with antique furniture with emphasis on Early American. It is surrounded by handsome old trees, with plantings of tulips and azaleas. Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Ponton, owners.



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MARSHALL-RUCKER HOUSE — **620 PARK STREET** — Late Victorian brick residence built in 1894. The most notable architectural features are five porches representing three building styles and a three-story octagonal tower. The wide gable of the garret is accented by a triple Romanesque arch. The spacious yard contains plantings of native shrubs and trees. An unusual garden beneath a large sugar maple features random paths and borders designed to fit between the large surface roots of the tree. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Smith, Jr., owners.

409 SECOND STREET, N.E. — This two-story weatherboard house built in 1892 was enlarged and extensively renovated in 1975. A new rear wing was added which contains a large modern kitchen with master bedroom suite above. An open deck overlooks the garden which was landscaped by Neil Roberts and contains a treasure of plantings which provide color and beauty from early spring through fall. Extensive use of ground cover makes for easy maintenance. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Richardson, owners.

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TUFTON — on Route 732 1 mile from Sunnyfields. Patented by Peter Jefferson in 1755, Tufton remained in the Jefferson family for over 70 years. Thomas Jefferson Randolph added a story-and-a-half stone addition in 1817. The brick portion which forms the present front of the house was constructed in 1833. The house has a typical mid-18th century design: three floors of two rooms each, with spacious center halls between. The main rooms are beautifully lighted with large windows and are charmingly furnished. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandquist, residents.

LANARK — Estate of about 1,000 acres, 3.5 miles south of Ashlawn on Route 627. The present house was completed in 1961. Its architecture is classical Georgian adapted to the demands of contemporary living. Careful attention has been given to detail, creating a gracious setting for rare 18th century antiques. Perennial borders, cutting garden, pool and poolhouse, platform tennis court with log cabin, guest house with own fountain garden, and greenhouse and potting shed. Mr. John G. Jones, owner.

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INFORMATION — The Rotunda, (804) 924-7969 or 924-3239. **PARKING** — University Hall, \$.25 — bus pass to The Rotunda and Pavilions, \$.25.

PAVILION GARDENS — restored by The Garden Club of Virginia with proceeds from Historic Garden Week, open daily during Garden Week. Tours available.

PAVILION HOMES — National and Virginia Historic Landmarks.

OPEN MONDAY APRIL 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PAVILION V — West Lawn, Professor and Mrs. David A. Shannon

PAVILION X — East Lawn, Dr. and Mrs. William H.

OPEN TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
PAVILION I — West Lawn, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Crispell
PAVILION IX — West Lawn, Dr. and Mrs. Norman J. Knorr

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PAVILION II — East Lawn, Professor and Mrs. Edwin E. Floyd
PAVILION VI — East Lawn, Professor and Mrs. Robert D. Cross

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, — Candlelight Tour of Lawn, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Leaving South Portico of the Rotunda every 15 minutes. Student guides in 19th century costumes.

OPEN FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CARR'S HILL — Corner of Rugby Road and University Avenue. Home of President and Mrs. Frank L. Hereford, Jr.

MOREA — 214 Sprigg Lane, off Emmet Street. Built in 1835 by John Patten Emmet, one of the first professors chosen by Mr. Jefferson for the University of Virginia. The spacious brick house was given to the University as a residence for distinguished visitors. There is a beautifully landscaped botanical collection started by the Albemarle Garden Club in 1964. It consists of flowering native trees and shrubs as well as many beautiful hybrid lilacs, tree peonies and spring bulbs. House and garden open. Present occupants are The Honorable Richard Parker, diplomat in residence and Mrs. Parker.

LAWN ROOMS: West Lawn — Number 27, Catherine Powers; Number 55, Art Coleman
 East Lawn — Number 18, Scott Blackwell; Number 50, Leslie Eliason

OTHER AREA PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST OPEN DAILY

MONTICELLO — Home of Thomas Jefferson — Route 53.
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ASHLAWN — Home of James Monroe — Route 795.
CASTLE HILL — Home of Dr. Thomas Walker — Route 231.

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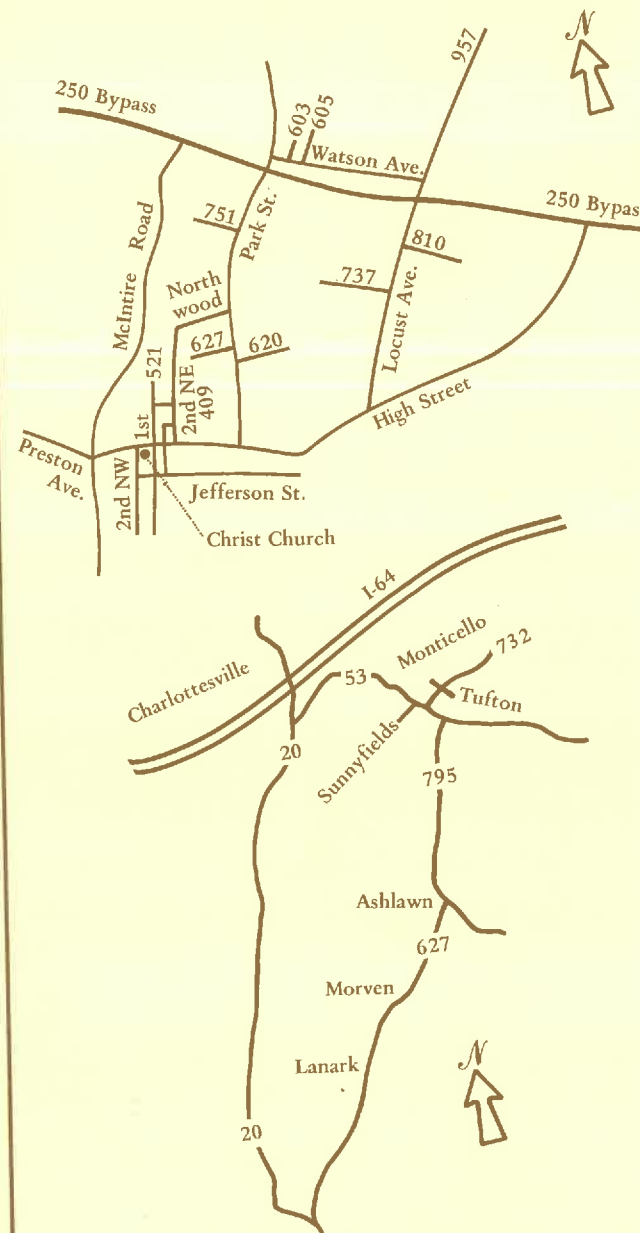
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