

## MARY JONES HOUSE



<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b>	524 Ridge Street
<b>MAP &amp; PARCEL:</b>	29-270
<b>VDHR FILE NUMBER:</b>	104-25-29
<b>CITY FILE NUMBER:</b>	676
<b>PRESENT ZONING:</b>	R-3
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b>	Mary Smith Jones
<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b>	Residence
<b>PRESENT USE:</b>	Residence
<b>PRESENT OWNER:</b>	L. Juanita Jones, et al
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	c/o Wesley Jones 524 Ridge Street Charlottesville, VA
<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b>	Mary Jones House
<b>DATE/PERIOD:</b>	1963
<b>STYLE:</b>	Vernacular Modern
<b>HEIGHT IN STORIES:</b>	one story
<b>DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:</b>	75' x 182' (13,450 sq. ft.)
<b>CONDITION:</b>	Good
<b>SURVEYOR:</b>	Bibb/Pres. Assoc. of VA (Smead)
<b>DATE OF SURVEY:</b>	1993
<b>SOURCES:</b>	City Records

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This one-story, four-bay, vernacular Modern brick house has a hipped roof clad with asphalt shingles, and an unusual form consisting of a rectangular block with a one-bay-wide hip-roofed projecting section at the center of the front facade. Alongside this section is a one-bay entrance porch set under the house's roof, with an open-work concrete block half-wall at the side and an iron porch support atop the half-wall. The house's roof has deep eaves. The windows are horizontally-divided two-over-two double-hung wood sash, and a large three-part window consisting of a picture window flanked by small horizontally-divided two-over-two double-hung sash windows is in the projecting section on the house's front facade. The windows have brick sills, and inoperable louvered shutters. The house is set into the slope that parallels the southeast side of Ridge Street, and therefore has a raised basement at the rear. There is a second porch at the southwest side of the house, and a shouldered exterior end chimney of brick. The house's yard has short brick piers at the front corners, and flanks the sidewalk leading to the entrance porch. Due to the house's 1963 date of construction, it is a non-contributing building in the Ridge Street Historic District.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Mary Smith Jones purchased this lot, formerly the side yard of the H. M. Gleason House at 522 Ridge Street, in 1959 (City DB 211-311). Tax records show that she built the house in 1963. She died in 1981, but the house remains in her family (WB 25-36, DB 426-140).

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a vernacular Modern house with the low, rectangular form of the Ranch style, but it is unusual for the projecting bay in the center of the front facade, and the small porch next to the projecting bay. The house's fenestration, including the three-part window in the projecting bay, is typical for modern domestic architecture of the period. Although the house's brick construction is in keeping with its immediate architectural context, in its scale, form, and style, the house is not compatible with the earlier houses in the District.

VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
PROPERTY SURVEY FORM  
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # 104-0025-029

Property Name:  
Historic/Current                      Mary Jones House

NR Property Category: Building  
Wuzit: House

Tax Code:    Section    Parcel  
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29        270

County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map:                              USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: 524                              Ridge Street

Location:

Vicinity of:                      Municipality:    ZIP: 22901

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Property Boundaries:  
Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

#	Category	Contributing?	TOTAL:	
1	Building	Non-contributing	1	
			Contrib:	0
			Non-Contrib:	1

WUZIT COUNT -

#	Wuzit	Contributing?	TOTAL:	
1	House	Non-contributing	1	
			Contrib:	0
			Non-Contrib:	1

RESOURCE - GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION  
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Resource Level:  
 Estimated Construction Date: 1963  
 Source of Date: Tax Records  
 Physical Status: Existing  
 Condition: Good  
 Threat: None Known  
 Degree of Historic Integrity:  
   Association:  
   Design:  
   Feeling:  
   Location:  
   Materials:  
   Setting:  
   Workmanship:

PRIMARY RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE DESCRIPTION  
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Architectural Style/Derivative: Vernacular Modern

# of Stories: 1.0 # of Bays Wide: 4 # of Bays Deep: 2  
 Arch Config: Geo Config:  
 Footprint:

Component	#	Form/Treatment	Material	Matr'l Treatment
Chimney		Exterior side	Brick	shouldered
Foundation		raised rear	Brick	
Porch		Front	Brick	
Roof		Hipped	Asphalt	Shingles
Windows		sash	Wood	horizontal 2/2

Brief Architectural Description of Primary Resource:

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1963 date of construction, it is a non-contributing building in the Ridge Street Historic District.

Brief Architectural Description of Additions and Alterations  
N/A

Brief Architectural Description of Secondary Resources:

Potentially Contributes to Historic District:  
Ridge Street Historic District

Potentially Associated with NR Multiple Property:

Architectural and Historical Summary:

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Type of Record	Citation
City Records	Charlottesville City Deed Books and Will Books

PHOTOGRAPHIC/DRAWINGS DOCUMENTATION

MISSING DATA ELEMENT

Media	VDHR Neg #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm photos	13467	30 - 31	11/26/1993

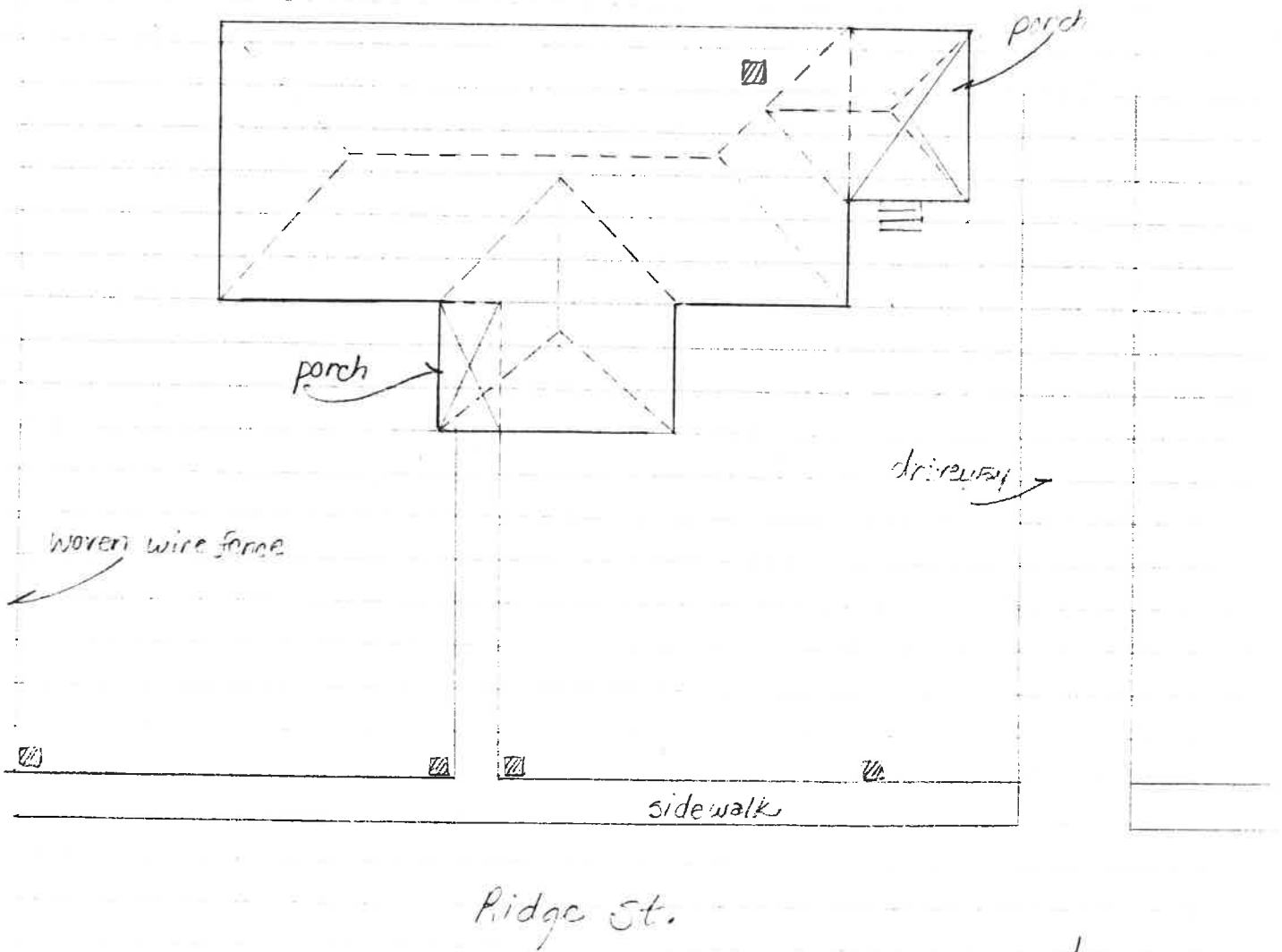
CRM MANAGEMENT EVENTS

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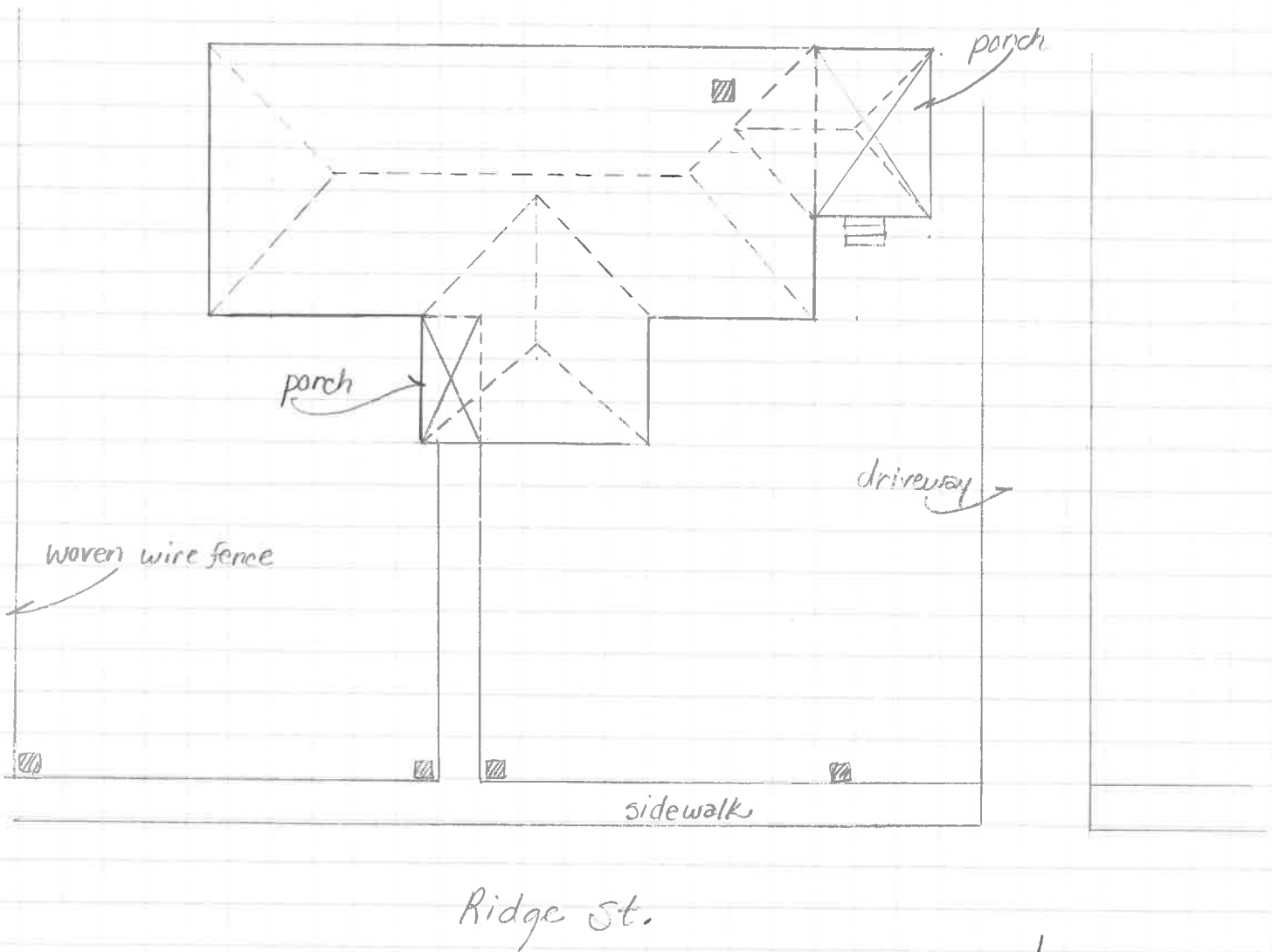


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Photographer Susan E. Smead

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