

GLEASON-RODGERS HOUSE



STREET ADDRESS:	608 Ridge Street
MAP & PARCEL:	29-264
VDHR FILE NUMBER:	104-25-33
CITY FILE NUMBER:	679
PRESENT ZONING:	R-3
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Hope W. Gleason
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
PRESENT USE:	Rental Property (eight individual rooms)
PRESENT OWNER:	Nobuko Asai
ADDRESS:	495 Clearview Circle Earlsville, VA 22936
HISTORIC NAME:	Gleason-Rodgers House
DATE/PERIOD:	1922
STYLE:	Bungalow
HEIGHT IN STORIES:	two stories
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:	72' x 170' (12,240 sq. ft.)
CONDITION:	Good
SURVEYOR:	Bibb/Pres. Assoc. of VA (Smead)
DATE OF SURVEY:	1993
SOURCES:	City Records Sanborn Map Co. - 1920, 1929-57 Charlottesville City Directories

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This 2-story, 3-bay, stucco Bungalow-style house has elements of the Craftsman style. Its broad gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal, and is broken in the front by a wide shed-roofed dormer. In the rear the back wall rises above the roof edge to encompass what was probably originally a shed-roofed dormer matching the front dormer. At the center of the rear wall is a full-height projecting bay. The north wall has a shallow, shed-roofed projecting bay, cantilevered at the first-floor level. There are elbow brackets under the eaves, and the windows are six-over-one and eight-over-one double-hung wood sash. The front dormer has two pairs of six-over-one sash. At the front of the house is a one-story, shed-roofed porch, which has been partly enclosed. While the porch appears to have been three bays wide, one bay remains open with a large square stuccoed pier at the southwest corner. The porch has a shed roof that joins to the house's roof. The enclosed portion of the porch has been fitted with six-light sash, and it extends around the house's northwest corner. There is one stuccoed interior end chimney at the north wall, and a rear interior chimney of brick. A one-story, pyramidal hip-roofed stucco garage stands at the south side of the house, which has had boarding nailed across its front bays. The lot is sloped, giving the house a raised rear foundation, and it stands at the southeast corner of the intersection of Fifth Street, Ridge Street, Cherry Avenue, and Elliot Avenue.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

H. M. Gleason deeded two lots to Hope W. Gleason in 1922 (DB 48-233). According to tax records, he built this house immediately and another house north of it, also stuccoed, after selling this house in 1924 (DB 48-235). This house has had a number of owners, the longest being Rosa N. Rodgers, who owned the house from 1954 until 1980 (DB 178-336, 198-269, 409-656) and operated a beauty shop there. She enclosed the front porch in 1967. George N. and Nobuko M. Asai bought the house in 1985 (DB 467-752, 569-1). They use it as rental property, renting out each of the eight rooms separately. The house north of this one was demolished when Elliot Avenue was extended to meet Cherry Avenue in the 1950s.
Additional Records: City DB 92-139 and 309, 117-105.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gleason-Rodgers House is significant as an example of a bungalow with Craftsman-style elements, and as such it is unusual for the Ridge Street Historic District. Modifications to the house, including the enclosing of the front porch and changes to the back of the house, have compromised its integrity somewhat, but the house retains enough of its original features to be a contributing resource in the District. It is sited in an important position, on a slightly elevated corner lot at the intersection of Ridge Street, Fifth Street, Cherry Avenue, and Elliot Avenue.

VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
 PROPERTY SURVEY FORM
 RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # 104-0025-033

Property Name:
 Historic/Current Gleason-Rodgers House

NR Property Category: Building
 Wuzit: House

Tax Code: Section Parcel
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County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map: USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: 608 Ridge Street

Location:

Vicinity of: Municipality: ZIP: 22901

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Property Boundaries:
 Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

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

WUZIT COUNT -

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

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Brief Architectural Description of Additions and Alterations

The front porch was partly enclosed in 1967. A full-height section has been added to the rear of the house.

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

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Type of Record Citation

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Map
Sanborn Map Company

RESOURCE - GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Resource Level:
 Estimated Construction Date: 1922
 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

Architectural Style/Derivative: Bungalow

of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 3 # of Bays Deep: 3
 Arch Config: Geo Config:
 Footprint:

Component	#	Form/Treatment	Material	Matr'l Treatment
Chimneys		Exterior end		Stuccoed
Chimneys		Interior	Brick	
Foundation		raised rear		Stuccoed
Porch		Front	wood/stucco	Craftsman/Bungalow
Roof		Gable	Metal	Standing seam
Windows		double-hung sash	Wood	8/1, 6/1 dbl.-hung

Brief Architectural Description of Primary Resource:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC/DRAWINGS DOCUMENTATION

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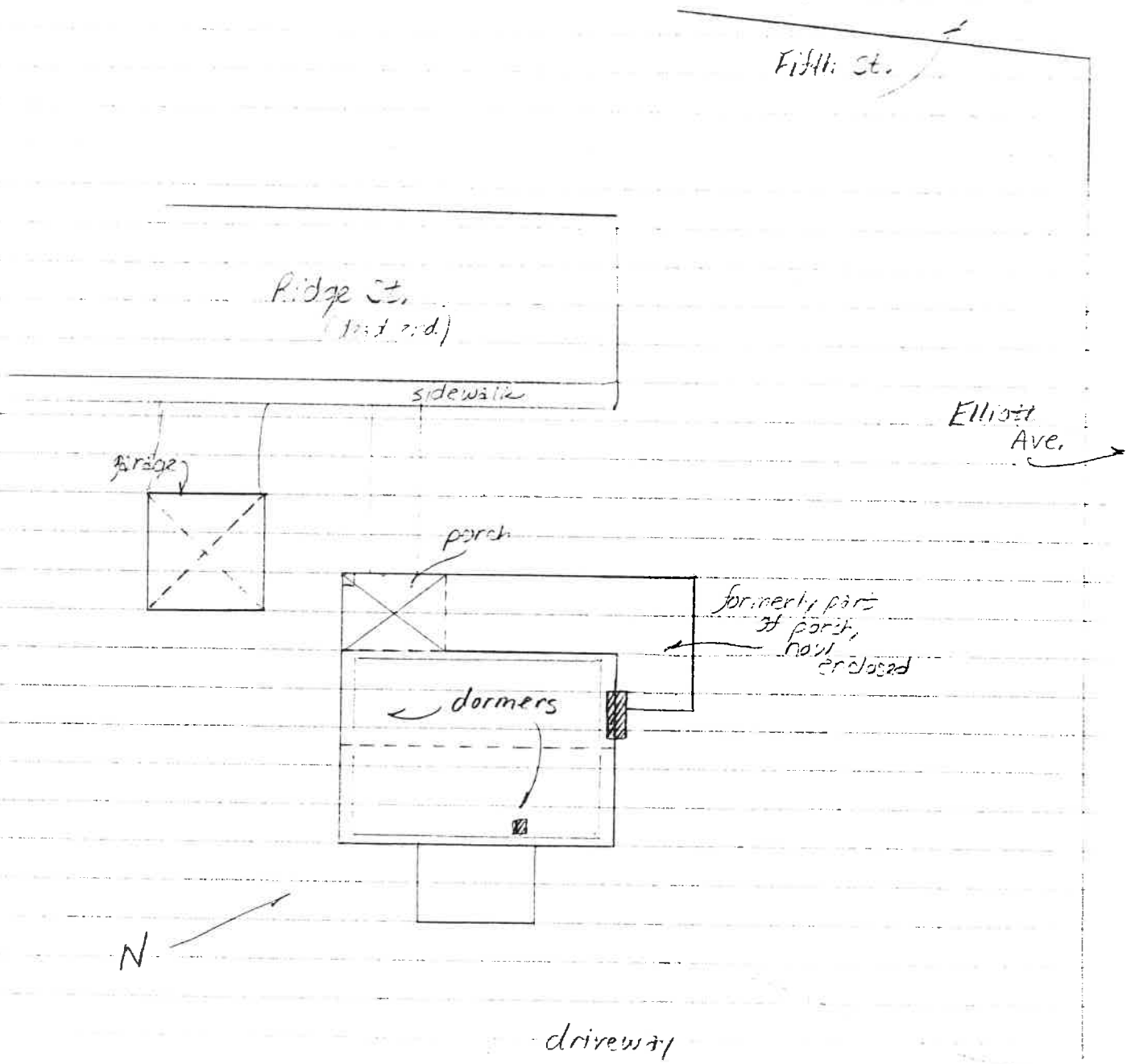
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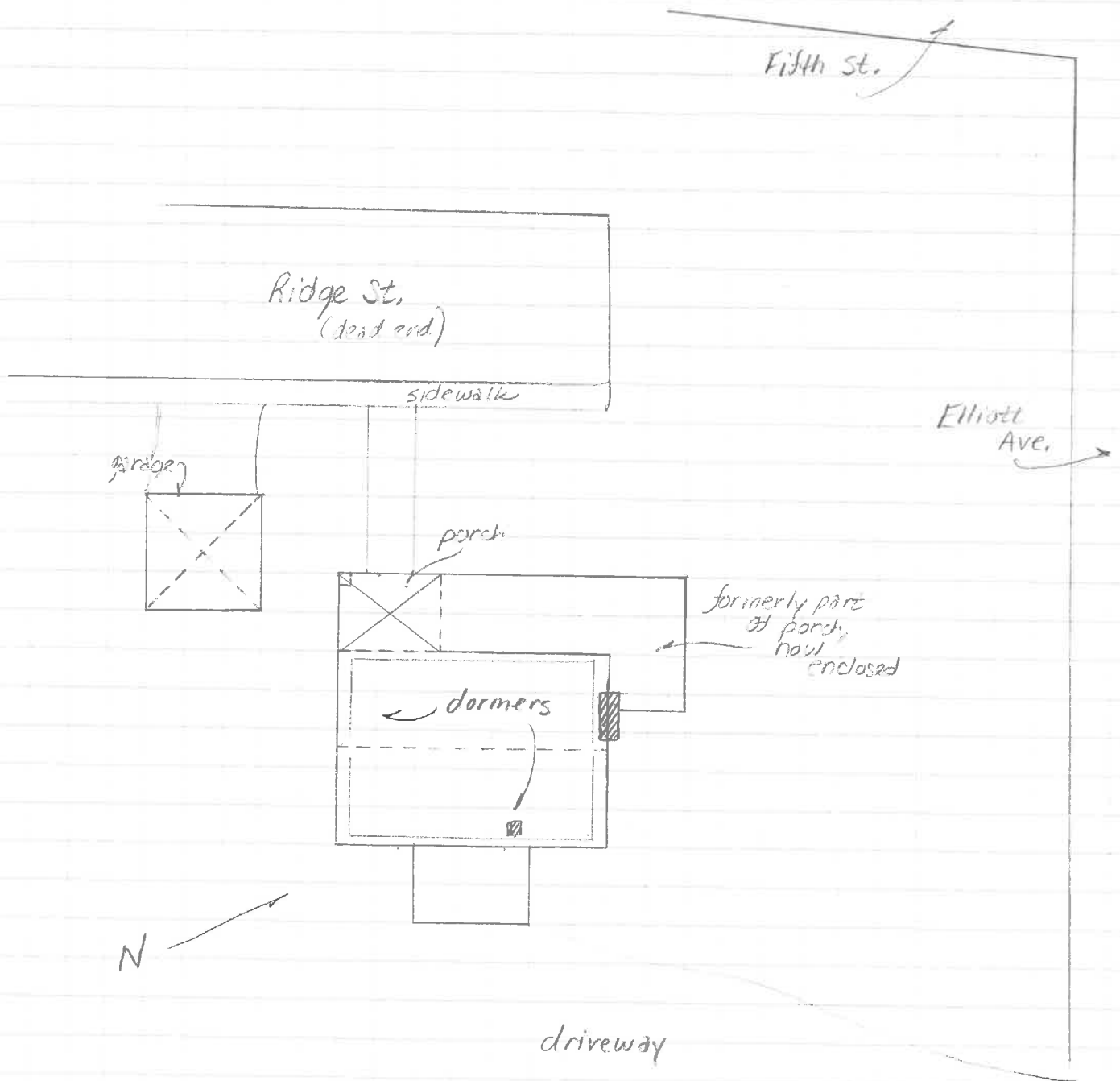


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Photographer Susan E. Smead

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