

GOODWIN HOUSE



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| STREET ADDRESS: | 637 Ridge Street |
| MAP & PARCEL: | 29-253 |
| VDHR FILE NUMBER: | 104-25-40 |
| CITY FILE NUMBER: | 685 |
| PRESENT ZONING: | R-3 |
| ORIGINAL OWNER: | R. E. and Mary L. Goodwin |
| ORIGINAL USE: | Residence |
| PRESENT USE: | Rental Property (Residence) |
| PRESENT OWNER: | Otis L. Lee |
| ADDRESS: | 1876 Woodberry Road Charlottesville, VA 22901 |
| HISTORIC NAME: | Goodwin House |
| DATE/PERIOD: | c. 1911-12 |
| STYLE: | Vernacular Queen Anne/Colonial Revival |
| HEIGHT IN STORIES: | two stories |
| DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: | 43' ave. x 148.5' ave. (8239 sq. ft.) |
| CONDITION: | Good |
| SURVEYOR: | Bibb/Pres. Assoc. of VA (Smead) |
| DATE OF SURVEY: | 1993 |
| SOURCES: | City Records Sanborn Map Co. - 1920 Charlottesville City Directories |

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This 2-story, 3-bay, brick house, laid in seven-course common bond, is a vernacular rendition of the transitional phase between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. It has an irregular form reflecting the Queen Anne style, with a complex hipped roof clad with standing-seam metal, and simple decorative elements. There are two interior chimneys of brick. The house's central block has projecting gabled bays on the northeast end of the front facade and the northwest or rear of the southwest side. The northeast and rear walls have center gables. The gables in the projecting bays and the center gables are clad with diamond-patterned shingles, and have small rectangular louvered ventilation openings in them. The house has a boxed cornice with returns and a frieze board. The windows are two-over-two double-hung wood sash, and have shallow segmental arches. The two entrances, one in the front facade and the other in the projecting bay of the southwest side, have single-light transoms. There is a one-story, six-bay, Colonial Revival-style wraparound porch on the front and part of the southwest side, with Doric columns supporting a hipped roof. The porch's original floor has been replaced by one of concrete. The house's foundation is raised at the rear, and there is a shallow, one-story, hip-roofed frame section with a small porch in its southwest half at the rear of the house. Sited on a sloping corner lot between Ridge Street and Fifth Street to the southeast and northwest, and between Barksdale Street to the southwest and the connector between Ridge and Fifth Streets to the northeast, the house has a visually important position. The property has a shallow front yard, and a deep side yard to the northeast.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

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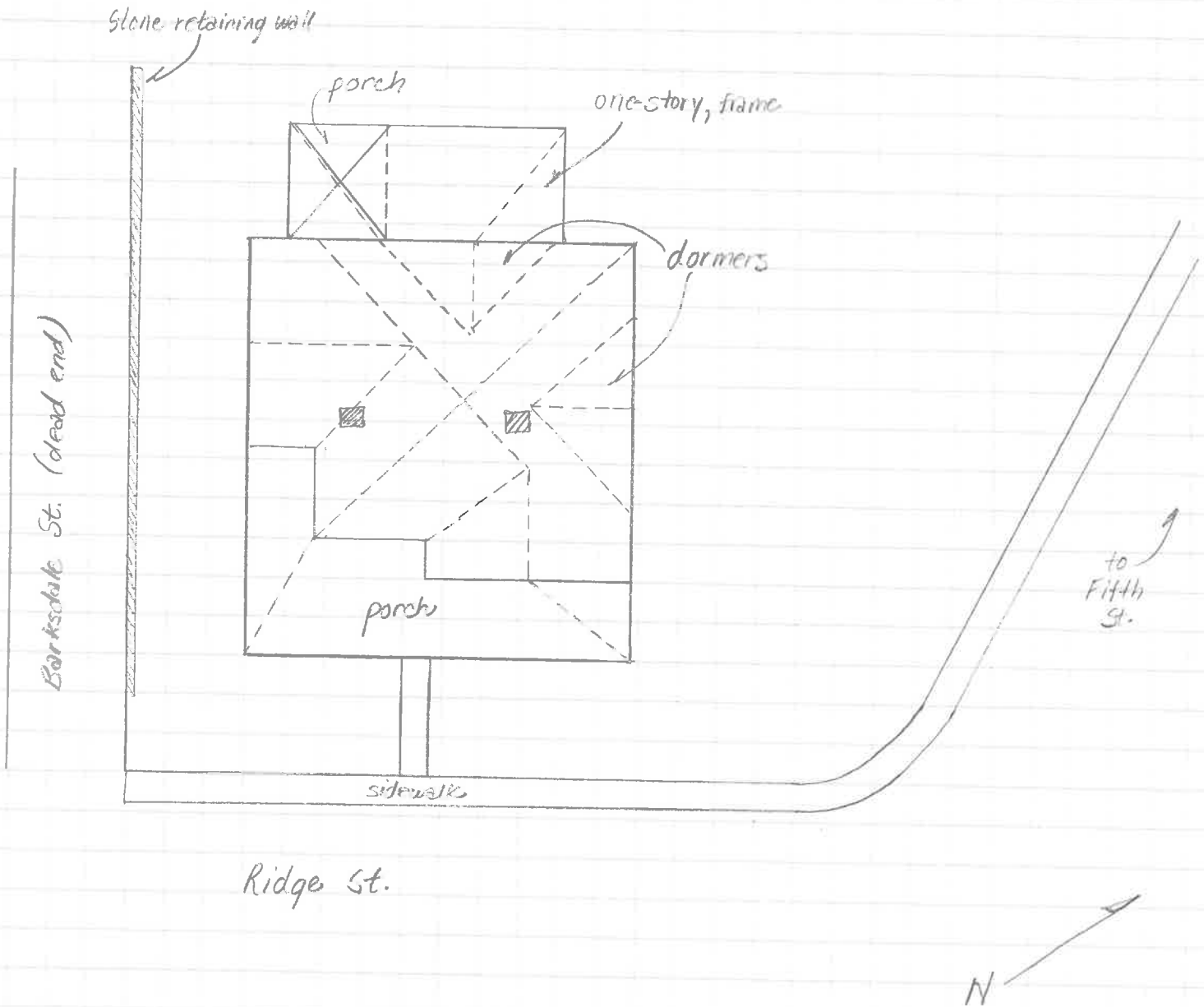
Additional References: City DB 120-181 and 316, 213-424, 332-89, 340-533.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goodwin House is significant as an example of a vernacular house reflecting the transition between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. It retains its stylistic, character-defining features such as its irregular form, shingled gables, and boxed cornice with returns. The house sits in a prominent, highly-visible location on a corner site. It is representative of a substantial vernacular house of the early twentieth century in the Ridge Street corridor, and there are several brick houses of similar form and detailing in the District.

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VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
PROPERTY SURVEY FORM
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # 104-0025-040

Property Name:
Historic Goodwin House

NR Property Category: Building
Wuzit: House

Tax Code: Section Parcel
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29 253

County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map: USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: 637 Ridge Street

Location:

Vicinity of: Municipality: ZIP: 22901

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Property Boundaries:
Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

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

WUZIT COUNT -

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

RESOURCE - GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION
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Resource Level:
 Estimated Construction Date: 1911 -12
 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 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival

of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 3 # of Bays Deep: 2
 Arch Config: Geo Config:
 Footprint:

| Component | # | Form/Treatment | Material | Matr'l Treatment |
|------------|---|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Chimneys | | Interior | Brick | |
| Dormers | | gabled | Wood | Shingles |
| Foundation | | raised rear | Brick | |
| Porch | | Wrap-around | Wood | Colonial Revival |
| Roof | | complex hipped | Metal | Standing seam |
| Windows | | double-hung sash | Wood | 2/2 |

Brief Architectural Description of Primary Resource:

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Brief Architectural Description of Additions and Alterations
N/A

Brief Architectural Description of Secondary Resources:

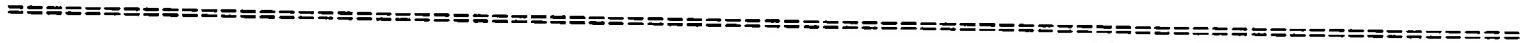
Potentially Contributes to Historic District:
Ridge Street Historic District

Potentially Associated with NR Multiple Property:

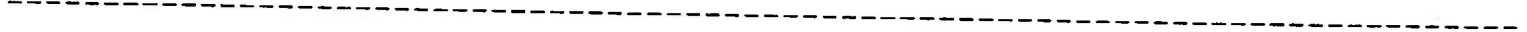
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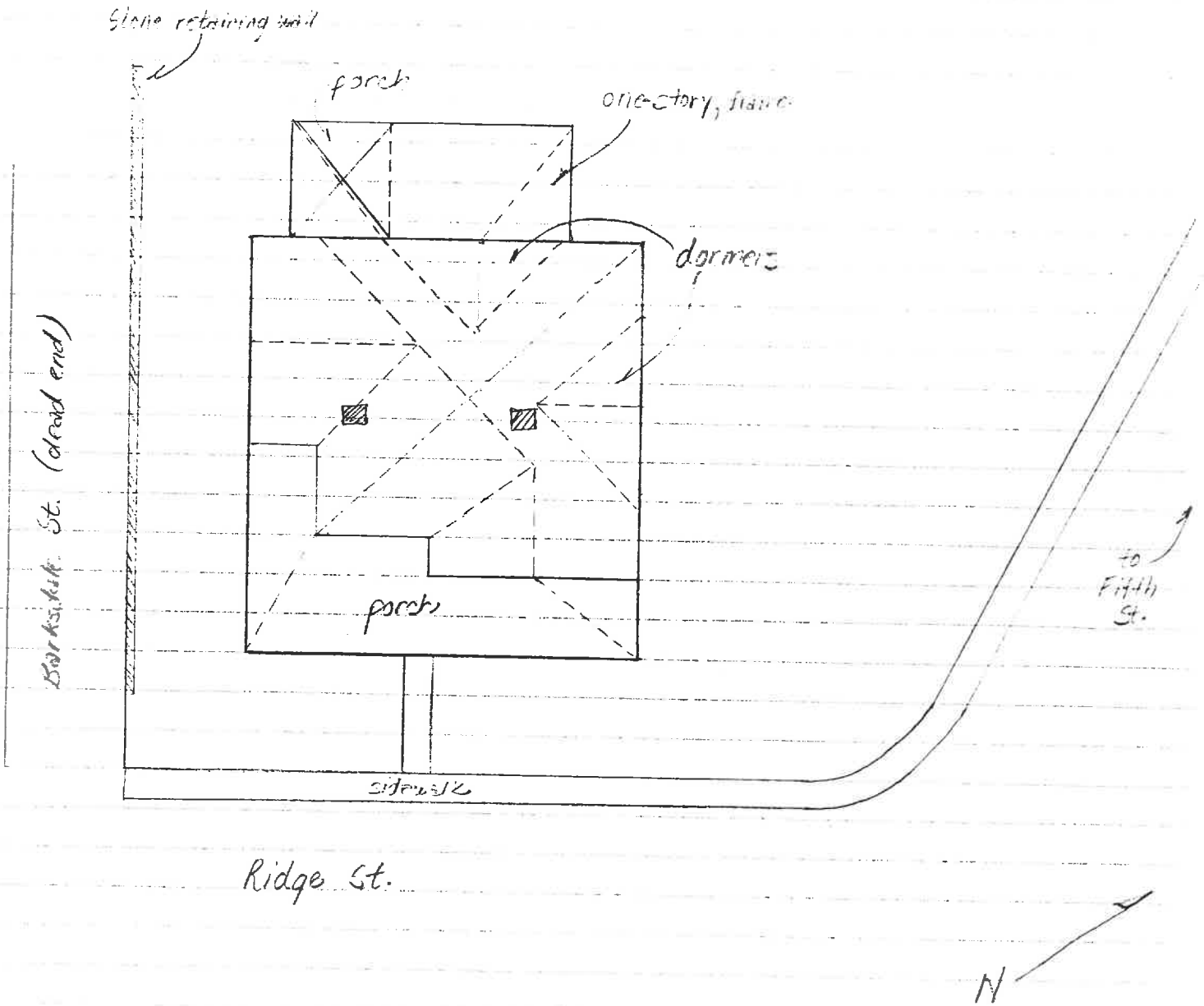
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