

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 714 Rugby Road	HISTORIC NAME: Smith-Marshall House
MAP & PARCEL: 5-133	DATE / PERIOD: 1906
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 2-504	STYLE: Vernacular
PRESENT ZONING: R-1	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2
ORIGINAL OWNER: Julia Skinner Smith	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 166.4' x 175' (29,120 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Residence	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Residence	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: George A. and Theresa M. Beller	DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1980
ADDRESS: 714 Rugby Road	SOURCES: City/County Records
Charlottesville, VA	

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This large 2-storey white frame house is five bays wide and double pile, with an original 2-storey rear wing. It is set on a high brick foundation. The walls of the second storey flair slightly and lack corner boards, indicating that they probably were not originally weatherboarded, but were perhaps covered with wooden shingles. The weatherboarding stops just below the tops of the second storey windows, and there is some sort of smooth wall covering on the upper part of the facade. The medium-pitched hip roof is covered with slate and has projecting eaves and verges and a boxed cornice. Low hip-roofed dormers on the facade and east sides have wide multi-light hinged-sash windows. A taller dormer at the rear has a pair of double-sash, 6-over-6 light windows. There is one interior capped chimney and a semi-exterior capped chimney with one set of weatherings on the facade. Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with plain trim. They are the same height at both levels. Basement windows are the same, with some 6-light hinged-sash also. There is a one-storey bay window centered on each side elevation. The western one has a low pitched metal hip roof, and its center windows is multi-light, fixed sash. The eastern one has a higher pitched hip roof and all three windows are 8-over-8 light with 8-light transoms. A 1-storey entrance porch covers the center bay of the facade, but the brick piers supporting it once supported a somewhat wider porch. It has a low-pitched pedimented gable roof supported by square posts and by four matching Tuscan pilasters with large consoles. There is no frieze. The porch has a rough wooden floor and the remains of a primitive Chinese Chippendale balustrade. The 6-panel entrance door has multi-light sidelights and transom. There is a single-flight open stair with Chinese Chippendale balustrade in the central hall. There is no window at the second level above the entrance. The rear elevation is three bays wide with an original 2-storey wing covering the western bay. The wing has a 2-storey back porch, enclosed at the second level, with a 2-flight dog-leg stair with winders. Another 2-storey back porch covers the other two bays of the main block. It has square posts and horizontal railing.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Mrs. Julia Skinner Smith purchased a 2-acre lot in Preston Heights subdivision in 1905 (ACDB 132-73). It was a triangular tract bounded by Rugby Road, Burnley Avenue (called Cabell Avenue on early subdivision plats), and the Wyndhurst section reserved by the Preston family. Tax records show that she built this house in 1906. Instead of facing either street, it faced south toward the Preston house and the University. Mrs. Smith sold it in 1912 to the Virginia Wooglin Company (ACDB 149-1), which sold it to W. Allen and Hazelhurst B. Perkins in 1916 (City DB 28-434). They subdivided the tract and sold the house the same year to Harry T. Marshall, a professor at the University (DB 29-51). His widow continued to live there after his death, and her heirs sold it in 1972 to Wilson Walker Cowen (DB 334-600), who renovated it and sold it to the present owners in 1977 (DB 386-775). Additional References: City DB 29-51; WB 16-97.

SIGNIFICANCE

This large vernacular house was the home of Dr. Harry T. Marshall, Chairman of the Department of Physiology at the University. It is also said to have been used as a fraternity house and as a boarding house.

LANDMARK



SURVEY

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IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: *714 Rugby Rd*
Map and Parcel: *5-133*
Census Tract & Block:
Present Owner: *Beller*
Address: *same*
Present Use:
Original Owner:
Original Use:

BASE DATA

Historic Name: *Smith-Marshall house*
Date/Period: *1906*
Style:
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: *2 w/ attic*
Present Zoning: *R-1*
Land Area (sq.ft.): *166.4' x 114.5'*
Assessed Value (land + imp.):

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GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

SOURCES

~~40-35-17~~
faces S

714 Rugby

2-storey, 4 or 5 bays, double-pile

w.b., white, white trim

2nd storey walls flair out & shingled walls
no corner boards and ~~face~~
w.b. stops just below tops of 2nd storey windows,
something smooth underneath

high brick found, irreg 5-0 km?

med - pitched hip roof, comp shing, proj eave, boxed cornice,
low ^{board} hip dormer center facade, ~~prob had casement windows~~
same on E, ^{wall} mullight hinged sash
rear: pr 6/6
O W

Chimneys:

- 1) int-ext bet 2 E bays of facade, 1 set stepped weatherings, capped
- 2) int # W half, capped

facade 4 bays w/ sl wider space in center into which
ent is squeezed at 1st level

1-storey, 1-bay cent ent porch

but brick piers once supported something wider
rough wooden floor

low pedimented gable roof, comp, shing
sq posts & matching pilasters bet door & sidelights
& pilasters support large console

6-panel door, 10-l sidelights, 0 porch, 4-l above, 8-l between

0 frieze, ~~etc~~

remains of rough-chin. Chip bal

windows smallish, 6/6, plain trim, = hd

1-storey semi-oct bay window cent W
metal roof
multi-light fixed sash in center, side

same on E, but w/ higher comp shing hip roof
& 3 ident 8/8 wind w/ 8-l transoms

basement wind match on E, 6-l hinged on W

irreg fen. sides

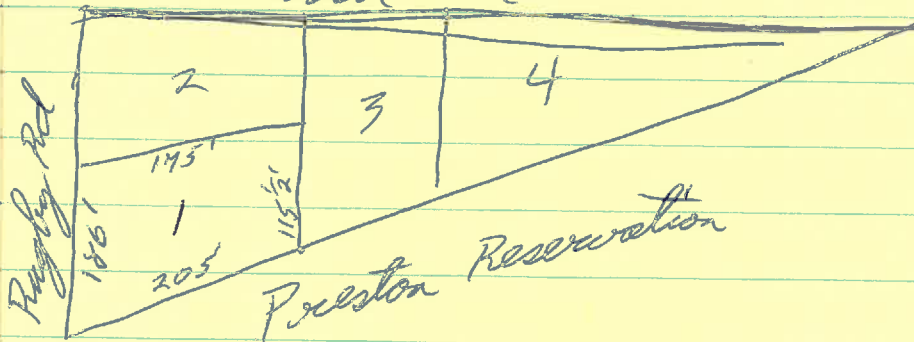
2-storey back porch, 1st L-shaped
sq posts, horiz bal

rear wing W side, 2-storey
roof, wind, wall treatment, found ident, 1st story
in back porch w/ stair w/ window (dogleg)

cent hall, 1-fl stair, paneled under, Chin Chip bal

~~714~~ 714 Rugby Rd

29-51 W. Allen & Hazelhurst B. Perkins → Harry T. Marshall
7/1/1916 ~~Lot 1 of Lot 1~~
part of 28-434
mentions dwelling house
Cabell Ave



28-434 ^{the} Virginia Woolen Co → W. Allen & Hazelhurst B. Perkins \$9500
6/28/1916 same as ACDB 149-1

ACDB 149-1 Mrs Julia Skinner Smith (wid) → the Va. Woolen Co. \$8,750
3/12/1912 lot in Preston Hgts, c. 2 ac
all land bet Preston Res. & Cabell Ave on plat 1, ACDB 97-346
same as 132-73

132-73 Geo W. Barbour, tr, Frances Cornelia & W.B. Christian of D range
12/4/1905 → Mrs Julia Smith Skinner ✓ \$2000
Mrs Frances Cornelia Collins (dec 1893 in Baltimore) left
trust fund for Frances Cornelia ^{Skinner} ~~Collins~~ This property
bought by trust 1894.

ACDB John M & H F White → Geo W Barbour, tr for Mrs Francis L
101-193 Christian \$1500
7/10/1894 lot fronting 300' on ~~to~~ the rugby road* & bounded on
SW by Thos L Preston & on east by Cabell St, Δ
2.2 ac
same as 94-450

714 Rugby

1908, 07
~~1917~~ Julia S Smith 2.16 ac PH ^{14⁶ ac} 3/4 m NW 735 + 3000 = 3735 Bldg. added

1906, 04 Geo. Barlow, to for 2.16 ac " " " " 735 + 0 = 735

" " " " ^{2⁶ ac} 1.50 " " 200 + 2800 = 3000

" " " " ^{2⁶ ac} .48 " " 65 + 0 = 65
3000

1907 ^{B's} gone

1908 " " nl

1900, 96 Barlow for Christian 2.16 1050 + 0 = 1050

" " " " .50 200 + 1800 = 2000

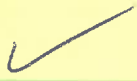
" " " " .48 80 + 0 = 80
3130

97-346

1890







714 Rugby

386-775	Geo A & Theresa M. Beller	1977	\$125,000	plat 29-53
334-600	Wilson Walker Cowen	1972	37,000	"
W.B 16-97	Katharine Lea Cowen & Harry T. Marshall	1917		
29-51	Nancy Lea Marshall	1916		"

brick found, wood, date sig
 6 fireplaces, 3 chim
 good + const
 built 1900

9 rooms + large hall, full basement
 4/78 renovation
 1972 " "

deeds indicate prob. built by Smith > 1905

Smith 1906-1912 = 6 yrs
 Marshall 1916-1972 = 56 yrs

Tax records & deeds show that this house was built 1906 by Julia S. Smith. The older house, built \leq 1895, ~~probably~~ ^{early 1890s} ~~built~~ by Frances C. Christian, was the house on east side of Bunley Ave. near ~~Robert~~ Brady Ave which was torn down in 1960's for an apartment complex, leaving only a stick style gazebo.

city Dix:

1915 Harry T. Marshall, prof U Va

1953 Nancy L. " (wid Harry) - 714 Rugby

^{Mr} Bellex

not know much

6-3962

c 1895-1900

was first few years & boarding while
Marshall home, chairman Dept physiology
call up tomorrow to see
restored 3-4 years ago

nothing in Preston Pl but Pile house

134-437

→ Mrs S. R. Cannell

\$13250

8 lots in PH

Block 40, & 142

w/ dwelling house

39 627

east side Cabell

38 6

39 122

94-430

Ch' & W E end Land Co → Judge John M White #1334

7/23/1890

14 lots "fronting 300' on Rugby Rd & running back to Cabell Ave" to incl all land bet Cabell Ave & Preston reservation south of Cabell Ave & being lots 1-10 & 1-4 in Blocks 15 & 16 "on Preston Hgts plat"

