

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 721 Ridge Street

MAP & PARCEL: 25-46

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: R-3

ORIGINAL OWNER: R. L. Updike

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Rental Property (Residence)

PRESENT OWNER: Otis L. Lee

ADDRESS: 1876 Woodberry Road
Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Updike House

DATE / PERIOD: 1895

STYLE: Vernacular

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 55' x 281' (15,455 sq. ft.)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1984

SOURCES: City/County Records

Waddell Updike

Charlottesville City Directories

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
PROPERTY SURVEY FORM
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # 104-0025-049

Property Name:
Historic Updike 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: 721 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

Resource Level:
 Estimated Construction Date: 1895
 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: I-House

of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 3 # of Bays Deep: 0
 Arch Config: Geo Config:
 Footprint:

Component	#	Form/Treatment	Material	Matr'l Treatment
Chimneys		Interior	Brick	
Foundation		raised rear	Brick	concrete-clad
Porch		Front	Wood	Victorian Revival
Roof		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
See Architectural Description.

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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PHOTOGRAPHIC/DRAWINGS DOCUMENTATION

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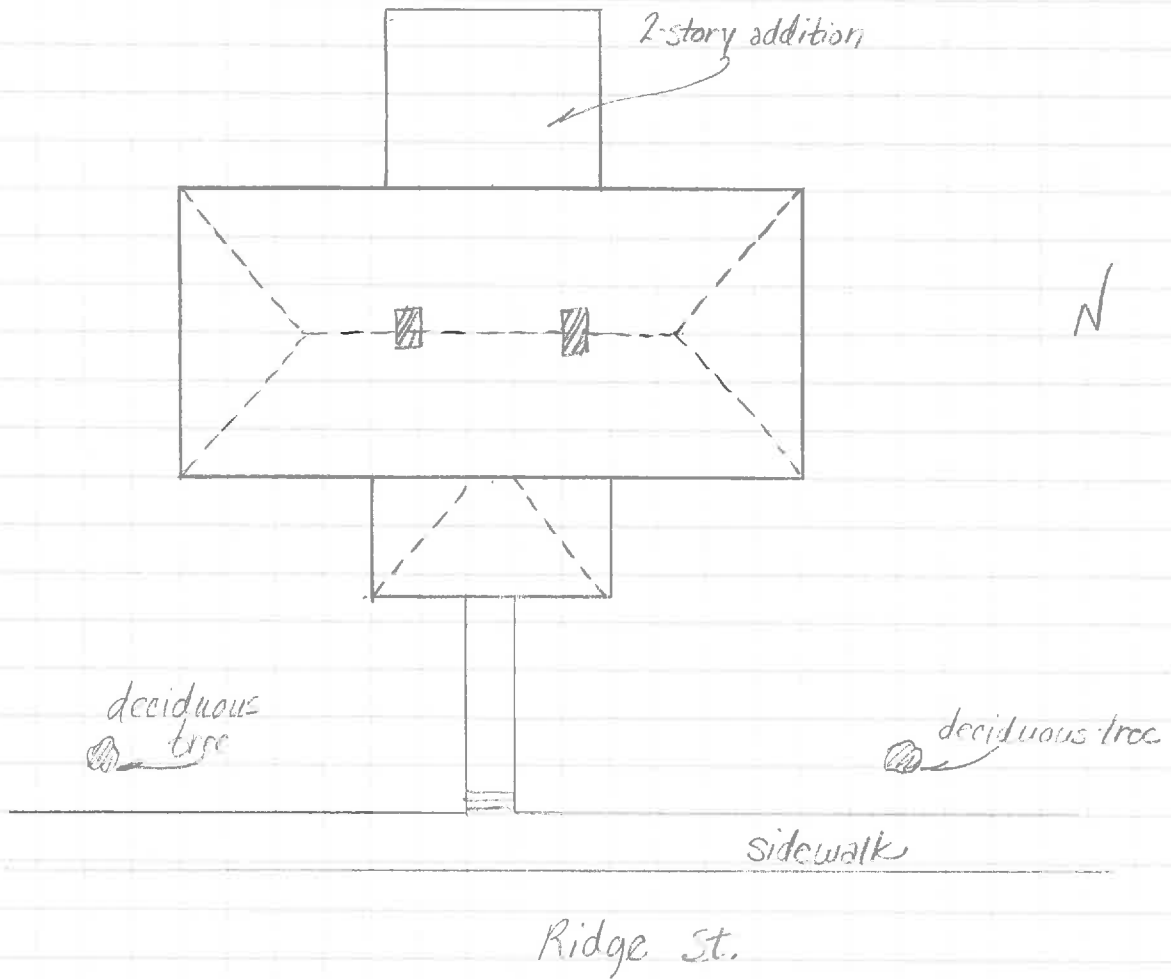
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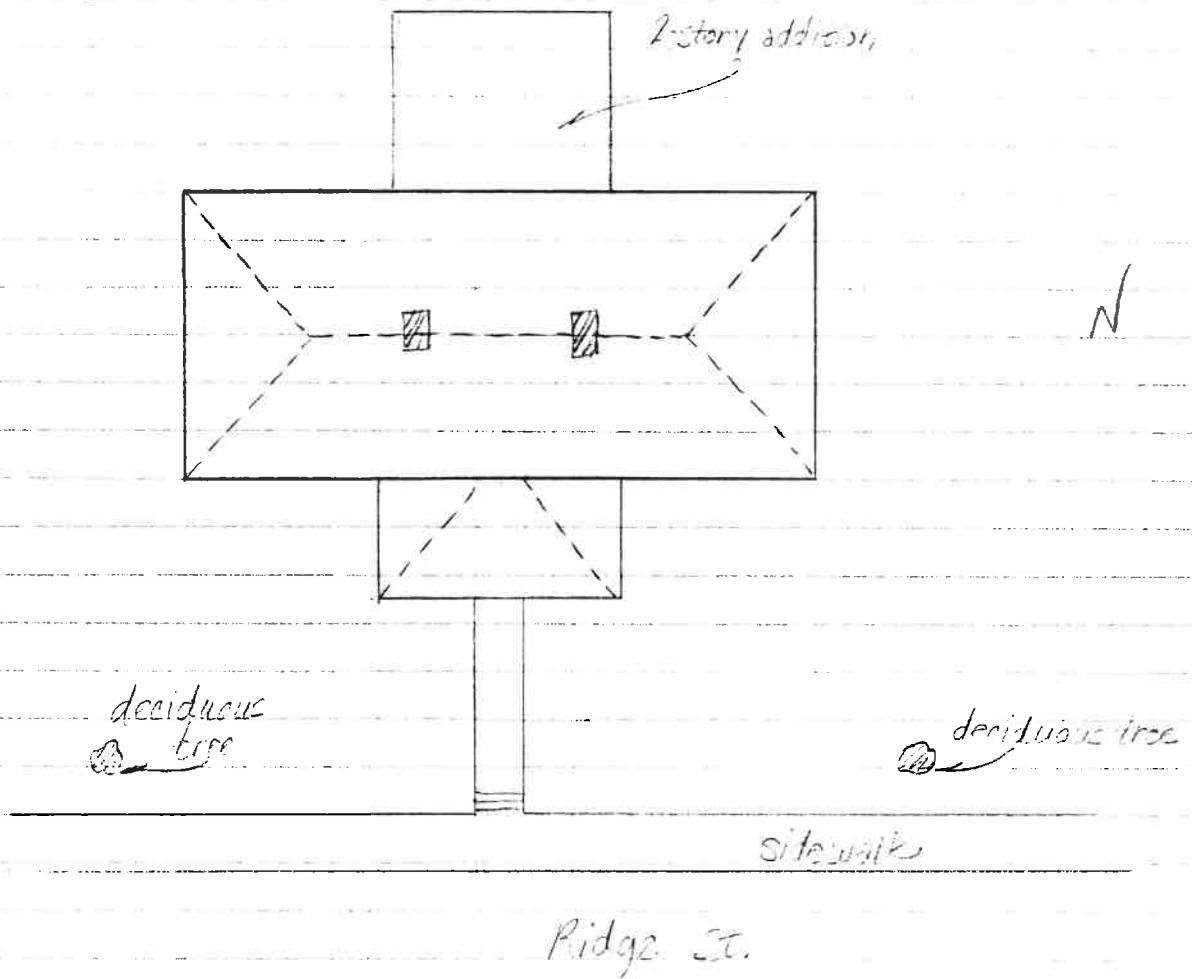


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PARCEL I.D. 25 - 46. PROPERTY ADDRESS 721 RIDGE STREET
NEIGHBORHOOD NUMBER 9 LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT

*** OWNER INFORMATION ***

NAME LEE OTIS L
ADDRESS 1876 WOODBERRY ROAD
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22901

*** DEED INFORMATION ***

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***** MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION *****

PROP CLASS ONE FAMILY	LIVING AREA	1386	LOT AREA SQ.FT.	15455
ZONING R3	PERIMETER	119	LOT AVERAGE WIDTH	55
OVLP. ZONE	DWELLING UNITS	1	LOT AVERAGE DEPTH	281
LAND USE 1101	CENSUS TRACT	401128	PROPERTY - ACRES	.355
EQ. BD. YR	EQ. BD. ACT.		PICTURE	YES

***** PRIMARY STRUCTURE *****

YEAR BUILT 1925	EFF YEAR 1941	CONSTRUCTION	BRICK VENEER
GRADE AVERAGE	PCT. ADJ. 20	STORIES	2.0
TYPE STANDARD UNIT		BASEMENT	YES ATTIC NO
CONDITION FAIR		AREA SQ. FT.	607

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Updike
Name House (721 Ridge St.)

Town _____

City Charlottesville

County _____

Photographer Leslie A Giles

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