

# Architectural And Historic Survey



## Identification

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

## 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

## 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.):

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

## SOURCES

714 Rugby

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86-775	Geo A & Theresa M. Boller	1977	\$125,000	plat 29-53
34-600	Wilson Walker Cowen	1972	37,000	"
B 16-97	Kathleen Lea Cowen & Harry T. Marshall	1977		
29-57	Nancy Lea Marshall	1916		"

brick found, wood, slate hgs  
6 fireplaces, Fibra  
good + waste

Built 1900

9 rooms + large hall, full basement

4/78 renovation

1972 " "

Deeds indicate prob. built by Smith > 1905

Smith 1906-1912 = 6 yr

Marshall 1916-1972 = 56 yr

Tax records & deeds show that this house was built 1906  
by Julia S. Smith. The older house, built  $\leq$  1875, ~~probably~~  
<sup>early 1890s</sup> ~~built~~ by Frances C. Christian, was the house on east side of Bowley  
Ave. near ~~at~~ Brady Ave which was torn down in 1960's  
for an apartment complex, leaving only a stick style gazebo.

city Dir:

1915 Harvey T. Marshall, prof. UVA

1953 Harvey L. " (wid. Harvey) - 714 Ragley

Belle not known much

-3962 c. 1895-1900

was first few years & boarding outside

Marshall house, chairman Dept. physiology

call of tomorrow to see

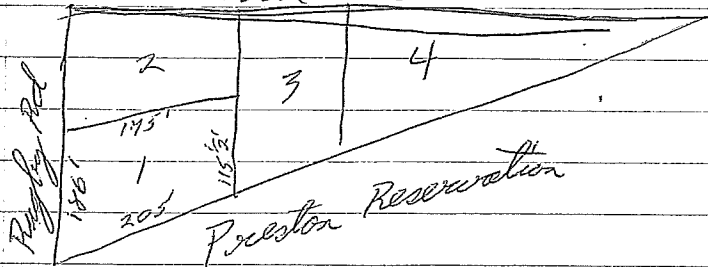
restored 3-4 years ago

sitting on President's seat Tallie house

~~714~~, ~~714~~ 714 Rugby Rd

'9-51 @ W. Allen & Hazelhurst B. Perkins -> Harry J. Marshall

1/1/1916 Lot 1 of Lot 1  
part of 25-434  
mentions dwelling house  
Cobell Ave



8-434 the Virginia Woolen Co -> W. Allen & Hazelhurst B. Perkins #9500  
125/1916 same as AEDB 149-1

DB 149-1 Mrs Julia Skinner Smith (wid) -> the Va. Woolen Co. #8,750  
1/2/1912 lot in Preston Hgts, c 2 ac  
all land bet Preston Res. & Cobell Ave except 1, AEDB 97-346  
same as 132-73

72-73 Geo W. Barbour, tr, Frances Cordelia & W. B. Christian of Orange  
1/4/1905 -> Mrs Julia (Smith) Skinner #2000  
Mrs Frances Cordelia Collins (dec 1893 in Baltimore) left  
trust fund for Frances Cordelia ~~Smith~~ <sup>Christian</sup> This property  
bought by trust 1894.

CDB John M & H F White -> Geo W Barbour, tr for Mrs Francis  
1-193 Christian #1500  
1/10/1894 lot fronting 300' on the rugby road & bounded  
SW by Trust of Preston & on east by Cobell St. Δ  
2.2 ac  
same as 94-450

714 Rugby

25,07  
~~7, 8, 12~~ Julia S Smith 2.16 ac PH 5/4m NW 735 + 3000 = 3735 Bldg added

26,04 Geo. Barber, to for 2.16 ac <sup>14 bte</sup> " " 735 + 0 = 735  
 " " Mrs. Shotton 2 bte " " 200 + 2000 = 2200  
 " " " 2 bte " " 65 + 0 = 65  
3000

B's  
 07 gone  
 08 " " nl

20,96 Barbara for Shotton 2.16 1050 + 0 = 1050  
 " 50 200 + 1800 = 2000  
 " 48 80 + 0 = 80  
3130



~~40-19-17~~  
face 5

714 Rugby

2-story, 4 or 5 bay, double-pile

w.b., white, white trim

2nd story walls plain out & shingled walls

no corner boards and feet

w.b. stops just below tops of 2nd story windows,  
something smooth underneath

high brick found, in way 5-0 out 3

med - pitched hip roof, comp shing, proj eave, bold cornice,  
low <sup>or broad</sup> hip dormer center facade, ~~which had several windows~~

same on E, with <sup>width</sup> multilight hinged arch

near: pr 6/6

O W

Chimneys:

- 1) int-est bet 2 E bays of facade, 1 set stopped weatherings, capped
- 2) int # W half; capped

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

1-story, 1-bay cent ent porch

but brick pierce once supported something wider  
rough wooden floor

low pedimented gable roof, comp. shing  
sq <sup>posts</sup> & matching pilasters bet door & sidelights  
& pilasters support large consoles

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

0 frieze; ~~etc~~

remains of rough chin. clip bal

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

1-story 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 s/s wind w/ 8-l transoms

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

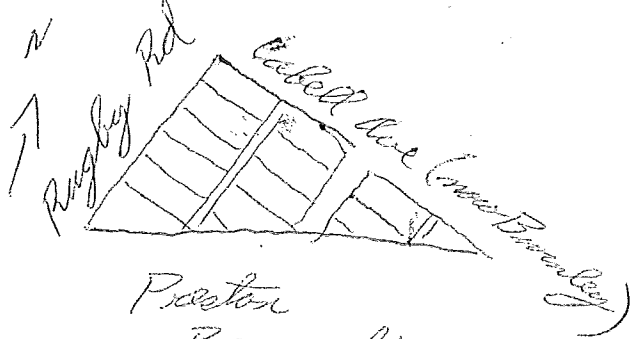
irreg fen. sides

2-story back porch, <sup>1st</sup> L-shaped  
sq posts, heavy bal

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

cent hall, 1-fl stair, paneled under, thin chip bal

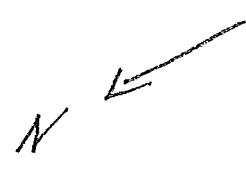
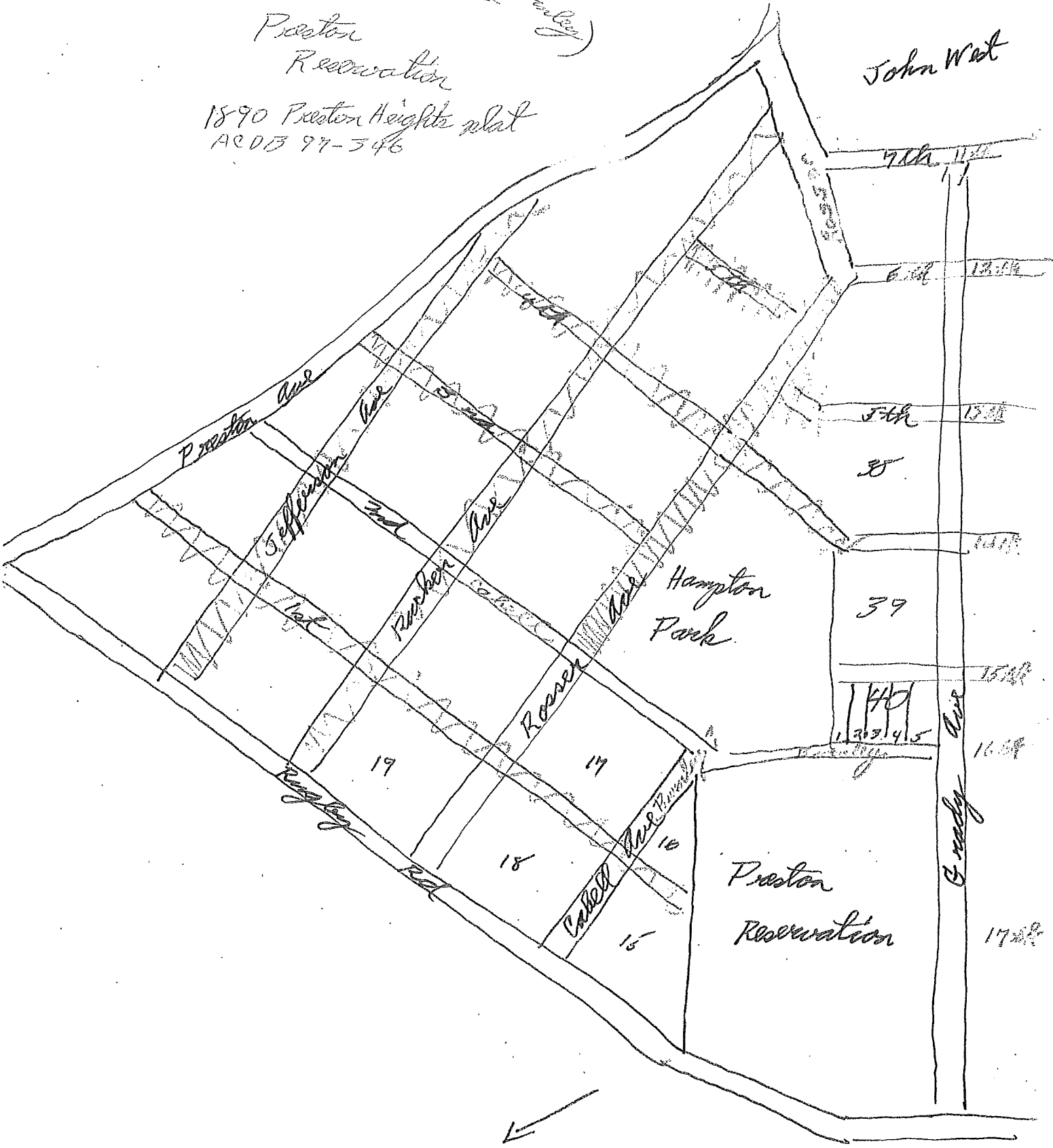
77-346  
1890



Preston  
Reservation

1890 Preston Heights plat  
ACDB 97-346

John West



7th	14.14
6th	13.14
5th	13.14
38	
	14.14
39	
	15.14
40	
13.14 14.14 15.14	
	16.14
	17.14

'34-457

→ Mrs S. R. Cannell  
8 lots in PH

\$13250

Block 40, & 142	w/ dwelling house
39 627	
east side Cabell	
38 6	
39 122	

74-450

Ch'v W End Land Co → Judge John M White \$1234

1/23/1890

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"