

Architectural And Historic Survey



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Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 936 Rugby Road
 MAP & PARCEL: 3-144
 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:
 PRESENT ZONING: R-1
 ORIGINAL OWNER: R. Hunter Dulaney
 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 PRESENT USE: Residence
 PRESENT OWNER: Richard H. & Edith L. Dale
 ADDRESS: 936 Rugby Road
 Charlottesville, VA 22903

HISTORIC NAME: Shadow Brae
 DATE / PERIOD: c. 1911-14
 STYLE:
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 400' x 300' (2 3/4 acres)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1982
 SOURCES: City/County Records
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Dale
 Mrs. Collett M. Thach (Edith Compton Thach)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This 2-storey house is three bays wide and double pile, set on a low foundation. The walls are stuccoed. It has a high-pitched hip roof with the side planes continuing into two steep gables on the symmetrical facade. These are interrupted by the medium-pitched shed roof over the slightly projecting center bay. At each end of the house, the roof extends down to shelter a one-storey piazza. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has projecting eaves and verges, a plain bargeboard, and exposed rafter ends and purlins. The long sweep of the roof at each end of the house is broken by a wide shed-roofed second storey dormer with shingled walls. The north dormer has 2 groups of 2 pairs of narrow 4-light casement windows. The south dormer has 2 pairs of French doors with sidelights and transom, set under a single wide segmental arch, giving access to a balcony set into the roof. Four stuccoed interior chimneys with small caps serve seven fireplaces. A 2-storey hip-roofed wing housing the kitchen and servants quarters projects diagonally from the SE corner. Windows are of three forms, paired 8-light casement, double sash, 8-over-8 light with wide center muntins to give the appearance of paired casement windows, and plain double-sash 6-over-6 light windows. They have concrete sills, no surrounds, and louvered shutters. Second storey windows are slightly shorter. There are single narrow 3-light attic casement windows in the peaks of the gables on the facade. There is a band of 3 pairs of narrow 4-light casement windows at the first level of the center bay of the rear elevation. There is a recessed 1-storey entrance loggia in the center bay of the facade. The large segmental arched opening is flanked by narrow segmental arched openings the size of a single casement windows. The loggia has a brick floor. The entrance door has 6 lights over 2 tall panels and is flanked by 6-over-6 light windows. The arcaded piazas have stuccoed segmental-arched frieze and piers and wooden floor. The south piazza has been enclosed with 2 pairs of 8-light casement windows, 4-light sidelights, and multi-light transom in each bay. There is a pair of 5-light French doors in the center bay on the south elevation. The north piazza remains open. Access from the parlor is by 2 pairs of 12-light French doors with louvered shutters. It has stationary wooden benches instead of a balustrade. A flight of brick steps leads from the piazza into a brick-walled garden north of the house. The floor plan is traditional and regular with an entrance hall with 2-flight open stair in the center front.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Tradition says that this house was built for Dr. Archibald C. Randolph early in this century. Tax records, however, indicate that it was built soon after R. Hunter Dulaney bought two blocks of lots in Preston Heights in 1911 (ACDB 146-344). It is possible that the house was build for Dr. Randolph, because the 1914-15 City Directory shows him living on Rugby Road, and in 1911 he was deeded half of the land reserved for a proposed street adjoining this lot (ACDB 148-181). Dulaney sold the house in 1916 to Boardman F. Smith (City DB 29-290) who built the brick-walled formal garden north and east of the house. Dr. Robert F. Compton bought the house in 1921 (DB 38-97), and it was the home of his family for over half a century (WB 3-102, 8-124; DB 206-311). His daughter Edith Compton Thach bought it from her parents' estate in 1959 (DB 216-273) and sold it in 1975 to Richard H. and Edith L. Dale (DB 362-193).

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annexed 1917

400' x 300'

R-1

936 Rugby Rd

262-193	Richard H + Edith X. Dale (same)	1/1925 - 1927	plat 257-319 "
216-273	Edith Compton T hatch	1959	" 124-280
206-311	Per NB + John S Rixey, Jr	1958	" 65-246
VB 8-124	" + Ellen Compton Walker, Jr	1957	" ACDB 23-464
VB 3-102	Robt F Compton est		
38-97			

2-storey, 30% basement, 10 rooms
 conc. found., stucco, comp shingle gable (before + after)
 built 1920, expensive const.
 7 fireplaces, 4 stacks
 1975 - alterations
 1964 - re-roofed

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 Dulaney - Compton (or T hatch) home
 c. 1913-14, _____?

Dulaney bought 1911, but 1913 tax still showed no home + old owner,
 ∴ Dulaney may have built 1911 + tax picked up sale + house ^{together}
 several years later



5-5091 Mr Dale out of town until 3/7
 architect -
 (& ask Mrs Thatch)

3-3609 Mrs Thatch
 who built & when - Dr Archibald Robertson c 1902
 architect - same as VNB - Bradbury? → 5 milk
 her fa make addm? - end porch
~~the~~ name? Shadow Brae
 stucco on hollow tile
 wooden shingle roof
~~the~~ ~~Porkin~~ house older or newer?
 small farm, c 7 acres
 formal garden wall by 5 milk
 other plans were for further out Rugby

- 1914-15
- 1910-11 City Dir Mortimer n l ; Dulaney n l
- 1914-15 " Dr Archibald C. Randolph - Rugby Rd
- 1924 " Randolph, Dulaney n l

936 Rugby Rd

38-97 Boardman F. & Clara R. Smith → Robt. F. Compton \$25,000

6/6/1921 2 parcels ^{on} Rugby Rd. in the extreme NW portion of the city

1) on plat ACDB 97-346: ~~SW corner of~~ ^{all of} Block 31 & 32 of alley ^{part of} ~~3rd~~ ^{1st} St.
 bounded by ~~Block 32~~, 2nd St, Jefferson Ave, & Rugby Rd;
 same as 29-290

2) 30' on Rugby, back to 2nd St = $\frac{1}{2}$ 60' street called Jefferson Ave;
 same as 29-289, 11/6/1916, A.C. Randolph → Smith
 & Eva Dulaney

" " ACDB 148-181, 12/11/1911, Ch' & Land Corp → Randolph
 both parcels annexed by city 1917

29-290 R. Hunter & Eva Randolph Dulaney → Boardman F. Smith ~~1921~~

11/6/1916 Blocks 31 & 32 of Preston Heights

same as ACDB 146-344, 7/10/1911, Lula S & Edw. H. Mortimer → Dulaney

ACDB Lula S & Edw. H. Mortimer → R. Hunter Dulaney \$2300

146-344 lot 1 mi W Ch' at SE corner Preston Ave & Rugby Rd,

7/10/1911 all of Blocks 31 & 32 of Preston Hgts

same as 134-363, 1/10/1907, Wm. B. Lapham → S.B. Merrick \$2000

" " 137-338, 5/21/1908, W.T. Cloud → Mrs. Mortimer ~~1911~~
 (under 1907 deed of trust for Merrick - 132-21)

City DB

29-289 A.C. & Eva Dulaney Randolph → Boardman F. Smith

11/6/1916 30' strip back from Rugby Rd, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Jeff. Ave. bet 29-30 & Bl 31-32

same as ACDB 148-181

old clerk Archibald C. Randolph c. 1910 - 1916

1917, 20	Broadman F. Smith	X1-16, 831	Rugby Rd	1000 + 6000 = 7000	for PH
" , 20	"	X1-17,	"	100 + 0 = 100	for Randolph
1908	SB Moorick	B 31 & 32 PH		590 + 0 = 590	
1909, 10	Mr L S Mortimer	" "		" " "	for Moorick
1911, 13	" "	" "		800 + 0 = 800	
1915	R Hunter Dulaney	"		" + 6000 = 6800	

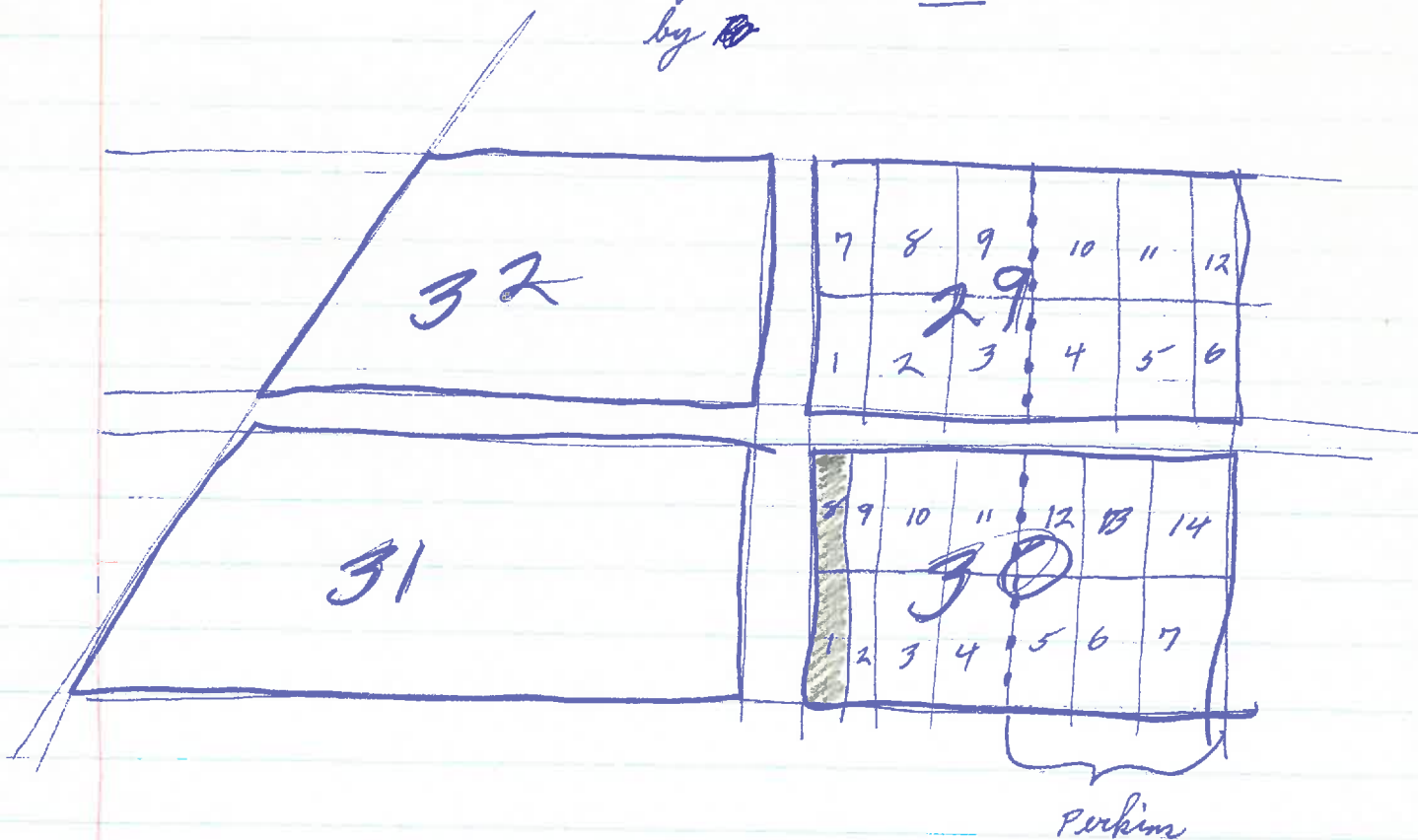
1914 book gone

~~1914~~

1921	Boardman F Smith	B 31 3 1/2	Rugby Rd	5000 + 7000 = 12,000	
"	Compton and				
1922	Robt S Compton	B 31 & 32 & 30 1/2		" " "	for Boardman Smith

could Dulanys have owned 1/2 half
& Randolphs 1/2 half?

shaded lots acquired by Fishburne & Perkins
before 11/1909, could have been owned
by ~~the~~



Hinner lot
Redden

1908 house lot
Mortimer

30' strips
Ch' Land Corp

1910 ~~had~~ Dulaney

Randolph

1915 Smith

Smith

1920 Compton

Compton



936 Rugby

symmetrical

or 2-storey, 5(~~3~~)-bay, double pile
low found at front, high at back, tile?
stucco, ^{touches of} pale green trim

roof basically steep hip w/ side slopes cont. into gables
over 2nd & 4th bays of facade, interrupted by med-pitched
shed roof over 3rd bay center bay bet them
roof cont down to 1-storey level over open porch in N bay &
sun parlor in S bay
asphalt shingles, proj eaves & verges, pl ~~new~~ bargeboards,
exposed rafter ends &

⁴ stuccoed int chim, bet 1st & 2nd, 4th & 5th bays, on eaves
& rear of center; & rear of wing
wide shed-roofed dormer on ^N end, wooden shingled walls,
2 groups ^{of} narrow paired 4-l casement
windows, wooden sills

windows are paired ^{or 8/8 w/ mullion?} $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4/4 \\ 8-l \text{ casement} \end{array} \right\}$ on ^{one side} ~~one side~~ ^{smooth} ~~one side~~ ^{surrounds}
just sl shorter at 2nd level ^{on the} ~~one side~~ ^{shutters}
tall & narrow single 3-l at 3rd level in gables on facade
some 6/6 on rear elevation
groups 3 pr narrow 4-l casement center rear 1st level
basement (rear) 3/3

2 dormer S end - asphalt shingles
sm balcony set into roof
2 pr Fr doors w/ sidelights & transom under a single
wide seg arch

ent loggia recessed in center bay facade, 1st level

brick floor

large seg-arched opening, flanked by narrow seg-arched openings ~~to~~ size of a single casement window
ent door (6 ft over 2 tall panels) flanked by 6/6 wind w/ lowwood shutters

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arcaded piazza at N end home, seg-arched, stucco, 3 bays
along side el, ~~concrete~~ wooden floor

2 pr 12-l Fr doors w/ lowered shutters

0 bal; wooden benches bolted to floor

brick steps to garden

~ arrangement at S end, but openings filled w/
2 pr 8-l casement w/ 4-l sidelights + multi-light transom;
wooden sill of floor remains
pr 5-l Fr doors w/ sidelights + transom center bay
wooden steps, deck beside it in 1st bay
fireplace in that sun parlor

^{kitchen/servants}
2-story wing w/ matching hip roof proj for SE corner
back door + stair at rear w/ new wooden deck beyond
new larger window at end

brick - walled garden at N end (stretchers), cone acorn
finials

2-floer stair in ent hall, simple bal

large fireplace, ^{low} Tudor arch - parlor

~~3~~⁶ fireplaces

symmetrical, regular plan

sm dog-leg back stair in kitchen wing

