

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION



SURVEY FORM

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Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City Albemarle, Charl	ottesuille
Street address or route number 1709 Unit	Va. Date or period C. 1905
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Present owner address	Source of date
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State potential threats to structure	
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Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)
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Historical information
Source Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 9-83

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Physical Chara	acter of General Su	urrounding	gs: City		
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PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney Cornice Foundation Porch Roof Walls Window(s) Chimney Dormer	1 0 1 0 0 0 1 7	Interior side Boxed Continuous 1-story, 3-bay Hipped Masonry Sash, double-hung Interior Gable-roofed	Brick Wood Brick Wood Asphalt Brick Wood Brick Wood	W/ Dentils Classical Revival Shingle Modified 6-course 12/1

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

WUZIT: Multiple dwelling

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 Primary Resource? Yes Estimated Date of Construction: 1902 Source of Date: Site Visit/Written Architectural Style: Colonial Revival Description:

Rectangular form, three bays wide and six bays deep, composed of double-pile main block and two-story, two-bay rear addition; hipped roof broken by gabled dormers on main block. Three dormers on front and one on each side, each with multi-light double-hung sash unit with round-arched lintel containing Gothic tracery; two on the rear with plain six-over-six-light double-hung sash units. The front and side dormers have cornice returns on fluted pilasters. Second- and first-floor windows have stone jack arches, and those in the main block have keystones. The one-story, three-bay entrance porch at the centrally-placed entrance has a flat roof on Tuscan columns, with Chippendale railing. The entrance door is paneled, and flanked by diamond-light sidelights over panels and topped by a fanlight, all under an eliptical arch with stone corner blocks. The bay over the entrance contains a multi-light door with transom, accessing the porch roof. The bond work in the walls is varied: the main block has six courses of stretchers alternating with with a course of stretcher-header brickwork; the addition has six-course American bond on the rear and eastern walls.

Condition: Good-Excellent Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description: Two-story addition built soon after the main block (by 1907). Blinds have been removed; entrance porch on rear of addition removed.

Number of Stories: 2.5 Interior Plan Type: Accessed? No

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Administration Bldg. Primary Resource? Yes Estimated Date of Construction: 1904-1905 Source of Date: VDHR Survey File Architectural Style: Classical Revival

Two-story center block, five bays wide and topped with gable roof, flanked by one-story gabled wings, three bays wide. In antis entrance portico at three central bays, three bays wide, full-height, with two Composite columns in center and edged with Composite pilasters, also found at outer corners of center section; portico fronted by full-width concrete steps. Wings terminate in three-bay pedimented porticoes on their end walls, in Doric order. Full entablature on all three sections, with dentils and wide frieze. Center section's gable ends pedimented, with multi-light round window in each; pediments over porticoes in wings contain fanlights. Front facade of center section has varied fenestration, including double-hung six-over-six sash on second level, and twelve-over-twelve sash on first floor. A11 windows have ornate Classical Revival surrounds; the first floor windows have triangular pediments. The entrance is two-leaf, with transom, topped by broken arched pediment; over it is an inset plaque with frame, ingraved "Madison Hall". The wings have twelve-over-twelve double-hung sash. A brick rear wing gives the building a T-shaped footprint: it is two-story, hip-roofed, and six bays deep with shallow full-height extension on back wall, has pilasters articulated in brick, and six-over-six double-hung sash windows; a pyramidal-roofed cupola rises from the roof, which is edged in an entablature with wide molded frieze. The building is on a raised basement of cast concrete with horizontal banding, to give the appearance of stone block; basement windows are three-over-three.

Condition: Excellent Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description: Apparently the rear wing has been altered, as it appears on Sanborn maps as one story in height through 1920 (on later maps height indication is illegible). Originally built as YMCA, the building has been adapted to use as offices for the president of the University of Virginia.

Number of Stories: 2.0 Interior Plan Type: Accessed? No

Interior Description:

Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Other Primary Resource? Yes Estimated Date of Construction: 1900 ca Source of Date: Site Visit/Written Architectural Style: Other Description: Madison Bowl is an athletic playing field about two acres in size, at lower elevation than the adjoining streets to the northwest and southeast (Rugby Road and Madison Lane, respectively), and properties to the northeast. It has sloped sides leading up to the streets to each side and buildings at the northeast end, and is partially edged with shrubs. It may have been created at about the time Fayerweather Hall was finished, in 1894, as the University of Virginia's gymnasium; or it may have been built when Madison Hall was constructed between 1902 and 1907 at the southwest end of Madison Bowl as a Y.M.C.A. (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; O'Dell, 1983).

Condition: Good Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Madison Bowl contained tennis courts by 1929, and these were removed by 1969.

0.0 Number of Stories: Interior Plan Type: Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property: A one-story outbuilding stood at the northeast rear corner of the property, 1907 through 1941. In 1902, three outbuildings stood on the parcel, behind a dwelling that may be the one still on the site; the outbuildings included a small one-story building with porch, and two other one-story structures, one nearly square and the other long and narrow (Sanborn 1902, 1907, 1941, 1969).

DHR Historic Context: Domestic

Significance Statement:

This dwelling has a long history of association with the University of Virginia, in use as a boarding house from about 1904, and later as a student rental in the 1970s. The boarding house was owned by Miss Betty Burwell Booker, a singer whose mother managed the house during her absences. This boarding house and its former neighbor to the east, owned by Miss Betty Cocke (demolished in 1974), were the most prestigious in the University neighborhood. The property is leased to the University for use as offices (Bibb 1986). Historically significant as a survivor of the University boarding houses, the Booker House is an important component of the buildings ranged along University Avenue between the corner and the University, and is a major resource in the Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

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1896, 1907, 1920

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS Date: 3/ 9/1996 Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E. ID # Associated with Event: CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

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Address:

City : Charlottesville State: VA Zip : 22903- Country: USA Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:





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MAP & PARCEL:	
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PRESENT USE:	
	Trustees of St. Paul's Memorial Church
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CONDITION:	
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SOURCES:	City/County Records
	Charlottesville & The University: A Pictorial Hist.
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Booker House is a 2 1/2 storey, 3-bay, double-pile structure with a 2-storey rear addition of nearly equal size. It is set ona high foundation of brick laid mostly in 5-course American bond. An unusual feature is that the foundation is laid in 6course American-with-Flemish bond on the facade, matching the bonding of the walls. The main block has a sloped water table, while the rear addition has a stepped water table. The rear and eastern wall of the addition are 6-course American bond, but the western wall alternates American bond with American-with-Flemish bond, a feature possibly unique in Charlottesville. The main block has a medium pitched hip roof covered with compositition shingles. It has projecting eaves and a boxed cornice with dentil moulding. There are two interior end chimneys. The large windows are double-sash, 12-over-1 light, with architrave trim and stone jack arches with keystones. They are about the same height at both levels. All once had louvered shutters. Basement windows on the west side of the house are short, paired, 4-light casement with jack arches without keystones. There are three gable-roofed dormers on teh facade and one on each side elevations, and two on the rear. Their side walls are covered with borizontal wooden siding, and their roofs have entablature with dentil moulding. The rear dormer set on either side of the rear wing, have plain 6over-6 light windows. The others have circular-headed double-sash windows with Gothic tracery. Fluted pilasters support the cornice returns. There is also a large, flat-roofed rear dormer between the other two that lights the stair hall and is mostly hidden by the rear wing. A one-storey, one-bay entrance porch covers the center bay of the facade. Four Tuscan columns support a flat roof with an The porch has a chinese Chippendale balustrade. entablature with dentil moulding. The entrance door has four panels with moulded rails. It has diamond-light sidelights over panels and a fanlight, all under a semi-eliptical arch with stone At the second storey level, a 15-light door with a 1-light corner blocks. rectangular transom gives access to the porch's flat metal roof. There is an entrance door with a tall 1-light transom on the eastern elevation. ITs small entrance piorch has been removed. The 2-storey, 3-bay, doubel-pile wing covers most

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of the rear elevation and matches the main section fairly closely. One unusual feature, possibly unique in Charlottesville, is the brickwork on the western elevation which alternates 6-course American and American-with-Flemish bond. The other elevations are 6-course American bond. There is a stepped water table. The roof is nearly flat and has a boxed cornice. Windows are 12-over-1 light on the eastern and rear elevations and 9-over-1 light on the western elevation. THeir sone jack arches lack the keystones. There is a 6-paneled rear entrance door with a 1light transom. Its entrnace porch has been removed. Interior woodwork throughout the house has architrave trim. Interior doors at the lower levels have transom, and those ta the first storey level of the main section of the house have entablatures with dentil moulding. All of the rooms have fireplaces with Colonial Revival mantels, some quite nicely detailed with relief decoration on the frieze. A semieliptical arch separates the entrance hall from the stair hall in which a 2-flight open stair rises to the third sotrey. There is also a 3-flight open-well stair in the rear wing.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Miss Betty Burwell Booker purchased this lot in 1901 (ACDB 120-367), and tax records show that the house was built in 1902. Tradition says that it was opened to student boarders in 1904. Miss Booker continued her singing career, with her mother managing the house while she was away on concert tours. Later her sister Lily Booker Cole joined her. Of all the boarding houses in the University Neighborhood, Miss Betty Booker's and Miss Betty Cocke's (next door, demolished in 1974) were the most prestigious. Miss Booker died in 1967 (City WB 12-37) and Mrs. Cole in 1968. Knox Turnbull bought the house in 1969 (City DB 311-214) and sold it in 1971 to the Trustees of the St. Paul's Memorial Church (DB 330-871) who used it as student group housing before leasing it tothe University in 1986. Afer rehabilitation, it will be used for offices.





around World War I, Miss Nancy Gordon operated the famous Stonefield School on Rugy Road. Her love of the English language and English kings was passed on to her students. When she died in 1954, the tradition of home schools died with her. The students here posed in front of the school for this 1942 photograph. Courtesy of Lucy Byrd Pegau

For over seventy years <u>Miss Betty</u> Cocke influenced the lives of hundreds of university students who lived in her boardinghouse (shown here).

In 1902 Miss Betty and her sister, Miss Louise, rented a house a<u>t 1607 University</u> Avenue and began taking in students. When the owner, Dr. Chancellor, died, they bought the house from his estate. Together, they ran one of the most respected boardinghouses in Charlottesville.

Miss Betty took an active interest in the lives of her "boys" and was a constant source of advice on nearly all matters of university life. She felt it was her duty to help mold them into young "Virginia

gentlemen."

Approximately twenty-six students each year, including many distinguished alumni, lived at Miss Betty's, and in the early years she served three meals a day to most of them. She was a well-known and well-loved figure about town up to The time of her death, at the age of 100, in 1973. The house was torn down after her death. Courtesy of John P. Elliott



Miss Betty Booker, a Richmond native, set off on her spectacular singing career soon after moving to Charlottesville in 1900. In the years before World War I she toured Europe to great acclaim of opera lovers and sang for many royal families.

Upon returning to the United States, she toured the South and gave frequent performances in Charlottesville and other cities in Virginia. Her best remembered local performances were in Cabell Hall, accompanied by pianist John Powell.

Miss Betty was a prominent figure in local cultural and civic activities until her death in 1967. Courtesy of Eleanor Abbot



Miss Betty Cocke was born at Belmead in Powatan, the granddaughter of General John Hartwell Cocke, a member of the original Board of Visitors at the university. She was educated at Miss Powell's School in Richmond, where she became the life-long friend of Edith Bolling, Woodrow Wilson's future wife.

When she moved to University Avenue to open the boarding house, she laughingly said that she had gone from "riches to rags." Courtesy of John P. Elliott



Miss Betty Booker's prestigious boardinghouse was located at 1609 University Avenue, next to Miss Betty Cocke's. Miss Betty and her mother, recently widowed, built the house and opened it to students in 1904. Mrs. Booker ran the house during the years that Miss Betty was touring Europe on the opera concert circuit. When Mrs. Booker died In the 1930s, Mrs. Lily Booker Cole, Miss Betty's sister, came to live at the house. When Miss Betty died in 1967 at the age of ninety-one, Mrs. Cole ran the house. She died the next year.

Until dormitories were built at the university, beginning in the late 1930s, most students lived in rooming houses, hotels, or private homes. Taking in boarders provided a source of income to many Southern families improverished by the effects of the Civil War. Also, running a rooming house was a socially accepted occupation for single or widowed women.

The house survived a small fire in 1951 (shown here). Courtesy of Manuscripts Department, University of Virginia Library

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