

Architectural And Historic Survey



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Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 21 University Circle	HISTORIC NAME: Trotter-Thornton House
MAP & PARCEL: 6-71	DATE / PERIOD: 1915
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	STYLE: Colonial Revival
PRESENT ZONING: R-1	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: Cameron B. Trotter	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 102' x 253.6' (22,867 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Residence	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE:	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: The Rector & Board of Visitors	DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1982
ADDRESS: University of Virginia Ch'ville, VA	SOURCES: City/County Records Bradbury drawings The International Center of U. Va.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This is a 2-storey, 5-bay, single-pile house with a 2-storey service wing projecting at a 45° angle from the northwest rear corner. The slope of the lot is such that, while the foundation is low at the front, the basement is above ground at the rear. The masonry walls are veneered with brick laid in stretcher bond. The medium-pitched hip roof has deeply projecting eaves with exposed rafter ends. It was originally covered with tile, but this was replaced with light green composition shingles in 1971. There are three interior chimneys and an interior end chimney, all with corbelled caps, serving nine fireplaces. A small one-storey brick floored entrance porch covers the central bay of the facade. Two Ionic columns support a round-arched roof with an entablature. The 6-paneled entrance door has a rectangular transom. The south slope of the roof continues as a steep shed roof with deeply projecting eaves and shaped purlins, over a one-storey piazza at the south end of the house. The piazza has a simple balustrade and brick piers and broad round arches on the front and rear elevations. A curving brick-walled stair leads from the rear of the piazza to a brick terrace in the garden. There is a sleeping porch located in a broad low-pitched shed-roofed dormer over the piazza. Its wooden shingled walls are painted brick red, and it has four pairs of 8-light casement windows on the south elevation and two pairs on each end. Access to the piazza from the parlor is by two pairs of 10-light French doors. There is a matching pair of French doors in each bay of the facade at the first level. At the north end of the house, a pair of casement windows with transom and paneled spandrel occupies an opening of the same size. Small double-sash multi-light windows flank the front entrances. Basement windows are segmental-arched. Other windows including basement, are double-sash, 8-over-8 light, and some 6-over-6 light on the rear elevation and in the service wing. They have louvered shutters. A 2-storey projecting pavillion is centered on the rear elevation. It has a segmental-arched tripartite window (8-over-8 light flanked by 6-over-6) at the first level. One plane of the 2-storey service wing's hip roof continues as a shed roof over a one-storey storey back porch at the northwest end. It has square pillars, a simple balustrade, and a trellis at the sides. There is a low shed-roofed dormer with two pairs of 8-light casement windows over the back porch. Circular-headed 6-over-6 light windows on the rear elevation light the stair hall, with 3-flight open well stair, at the base of the service wing. There is a wide dormer above it with a nearly flat roof, wooden shingled walls, and three pairs of short 8-light casement windows.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Cameron B. Trotter (Mrs. A. W. L. Trotter) purchased this lot in 1914 (City DB 157-4) and built the house the next year, according to tax records. Eugene Bradbury was the architect. Janet Thornton, Rosalie Thornton, and Eliza Carter Thurman bought the house in 1934 (DB 84-101). They were daughters of Dr. William M. Thornton, first Dean of the School of Engineering and Chairman of the Faculty at the University. In 1962, they donated the house to the University in memory of their father and several other ancestors who had been associated with it. They reserved a life interest in the house. Miss Janet Thornton died in 1963, and Miss Rosalee Thornton and Mrs. Thurman died in 1969 (WB 9-367, 13-247, 13-465).



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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Negative no(s). 7217, 7231

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Street address 21 University Circle (incorrectly labeled 1845 Univ. Cir. on some maps)
Town/City Charlottesville
Historic name Trotter-Thornton House Common name ("International House")

Material

wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
 stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 stucco
 concrete block
 enameled steel
 other: _____

cast iron
 terra cotta
 glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> pediment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> mansard <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> parapet <input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> slate <input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composition <input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin <input type="checkbox"/> not visible

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <i>monitor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented <input type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <i>main block</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (center) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (side) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Arcaded loggia at south end; enclosed dormered room above.

Building type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Style/period **Georgian Revival** Date **1915** Architect/builder **Eugene Bradbury**

Location and description of entrance **Segmental-arched-roof door hood supported on composite columns.**



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

One of the most interesting houses on University Circle, no. 1845 exhibits similar motifs seen on nearby dwellings: e.g., the ^{oversize windows and} ~~arcaded end porch~~ room with dormered room above, as at no. 1824; the inventive arched door hood as at no. 20; and the odd combination of elements and studied asymmetry as at both those houses.

This house is distinguished by its French-door front openings; the north wing set at an angle to the main block, and the unusual south end porch. At the rear the house is a full three stories, overlooking a terraced yard with handsome plantings.

Historical information

This house was built by architect Eugene Bradbury, a member at various times of firms in Baltimore and Richmond. Bradbury designed a number of houses in this neighborhood, including no. 1824 and University Circle.

A. W. L. Trotter family lives here ca. 1915-1934. Three daughters of Wm. M. Thornton, Chairman of Board, & Dean of Engineering School, 1934-1962.

Since ^{ca.} 1970 the house has served as a residence and meeting place for foreign students at UVa.

See attached city survey form)
Source Interview, Ed Lay, UVa Arch. School
Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 4-83; 9-83

NEWSLETTER

The International Center publishes a newsletter, The Newslite, 5 to 6 times a year. Items included in the newsletter are announcements of activities sponsored by the Center or held in the community, updates on immigration status requirements, and news items of interest to the international community.

To be included on our mailing list, please send your name, address, telephone number and university or organization affiliation to the International Center.



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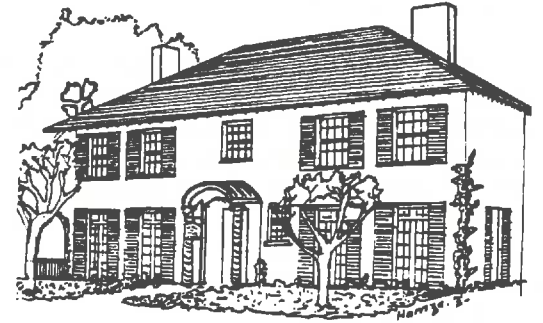
The International Center is managed under the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of International Student Affairs. Staffing is provided by the Program Coordinator, the Resident Manager, student interns, and volunteers from the university and Charlottesville community.

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m. M - F
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. W - F
Weekends by appointment

The International Center



University of Virginia

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The International Center at the University of Virginia serves as a bridge between international students, faculty and scholars and the Charlottesville community. Through programs and social activities sponsored by the Center, internationals become acquainted with members of the university and local community. In turn, the citizens of this area and U. Va. students participate in Center activities to become acquainted with the international population of U. Va.

Located at 21 University Circle, the Center is in a lovely residential neighborhood just 10 minutes walking distance to the Rotunda. It is a turn of the century home donated to the university by the Thornton family, and was refurbished in 1972 with funds secured from the Perry Foundation.



USE OF CENTER FACILITIES

A limited number of guest rooms (double or triple occupancy) are available to newly arrived internationals and their guests for short-term stays. A modest nightly rate is charged.

Also, guest rooms are available to visiting faculty and scholars staying on a short-term basis.

The spacious main rooms and beautiful grounds of the Center are available to U. Va. and community organizations for meetings and social occasions. A limited number of weddings and receptions are held at the Center every year.

Groups using the International Center include: the Charlottesville International Hospitality Committee (CIHC); the International Wives group of CIHC; U. Va. area studies groups and cultural organizations; the International Club; and a variety of other community organizations.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER PROGRAMS

- **Orientation:** a program held at the beginning of each school year to acquaint newly arrived internationals with the university and local community.
- **English Classes:** for spouses and dependents of international students and community residents.
- **Informal English Conversation:** weekly meetings open to all internationals wishing to practice their conversation skills.
- **Speakers' Bureau:** international volunteers visit local schools and community groups to discuss their countries, customs, and cultures.
- **Language Partners:** U. Va. and international students paired to improve mutual language skills.
- **International Cooking Courses:** taught at the Center, featuring a variety of interesting cuisines.
- **Special Sundays:** held once or twice a semester; an afternoon celebration of a particular culture, usually featuring food, music, dance, etc.
- **Social Events:** held monthly or more frequently; evening get-togethers with a variety of food and entertainment.
- **Day Trips:** to nearby places of interest.
- **Sports:** a ping pong and a foosball table are available. The Center has equipment for volleyball, soccer and croquet games.

The International Center of the University of Virginia



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The International Center welcomes: **students research scholars, faculty, townspeople and visitors.**

The University of Virginia has accepted among its other responsibilities a commitment to international education by providing opportunities to citizens from many areas of the world to study, to teach and to share the atmosphere of Jeffersonian freedom.

The Center is located in a residential neighborhood within walking distance of the University grounds. Formerly the private residence of members of the Thornton family (William Thornton was the first dean of the School of Engineering), the building was bequeathed to the University and opened as the International Center in 1972.

Administration:

The Center is owned and operated by the University of Virginia. It is under the administration of the International Student Adviser's Office, Cabell Hall, (Mrs. Lucy Hale, adviser). A **resident manager** lives at the Center; a **program coordinator** is responsible for planning and scheduling activities.

Hours:

The Center is open weekdays from 1-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. It is open weekday mornings and Saturdays and Sundays by reservation. Closed Mondays.

Overnight Guests:

Several rooms are available for use by international visitors on a short term basis at a nominal charge. Linen is supplied. Meals may be purchased at nearby restaurants or University dining facilities.

Social Rooms:

The large living and dining rooms provide space for a variety of gatherings, both formal and informal. These rooms may also be used as drop-in areas for reading, studying or relaxing. An adjoining porch increases flexibility for use during warm weather months.

Conference Room:

This room provides space for workshops, seminars and other small group meetings. It is furnished with a large blackboard, conference table and chairs.

Kitchen:

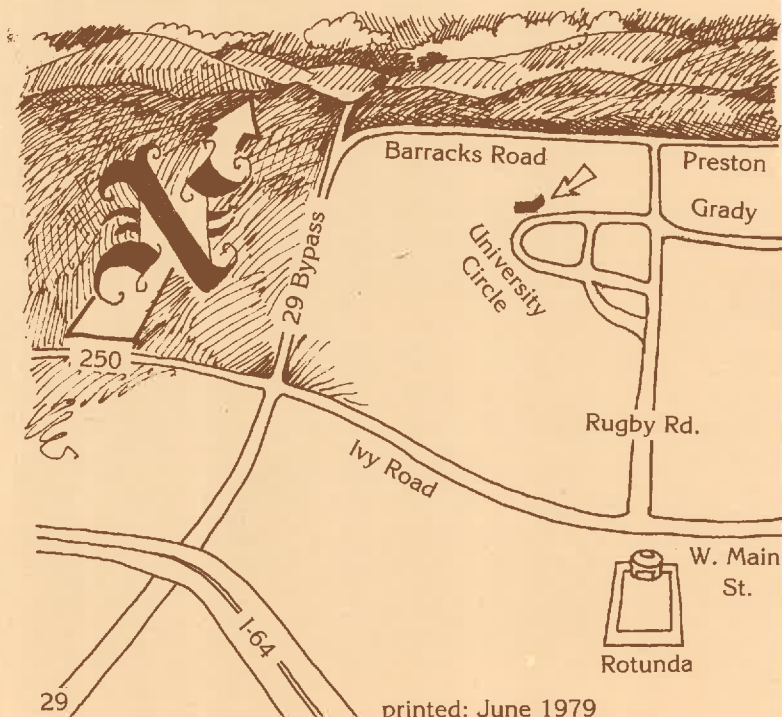
A well-equipped kitchen and pantry are available for use by groups for a small fee.

Recreational Facilities:

The spacious grounds offer opportunities for outdoor receptions, picnics and informal athletic activities. Other facilities include a piano, color television, ping pong, foosball.

Care:

The University is responsible for regular maintenance; however, the groups and individuals who use The International Center take pride in the lovely building and share in the responsibility for maintaining it after special use.



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102 x 253.6
R-1

21 Univ Ct - Int. Student Center

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234-175

Director + Bd of Univ of Va

1962 *

plat 234-77

84-101

Eliza Carter Thurman,

1934

" ACDB 144-417

Janet Thornton, & Rosalee Thornton

T. Scotler

2-story, $\frac{3}{4}$ bath, 9 rooms
conc. found., brick, ^{wood masonry} comp. shingle ¹⁹⁷¹ hys, tile before 1971
& fireplaces

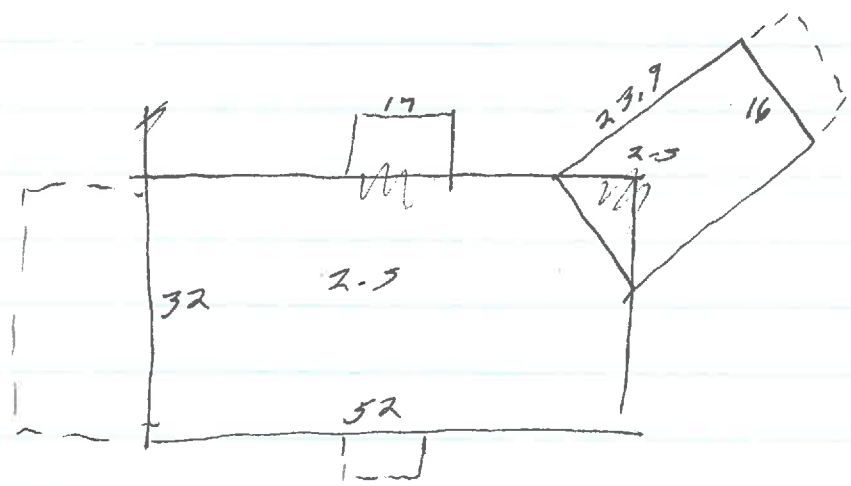
built 1914, "good + 20" const

* previous owners retained life estate

^{min} E Rosalee Thornton dec 1969, WB 13-247

^{min} Eliza Carter Thurman dec 1969, WB 13-465

^{min} Janet Thornton dec 1963, WB 9-367



21 Univ. Cl.

234-75
~~800000~~

deed of gift
in memory of ancestors connected with UVA

84-101

Jesse B. Wilson, spec commr in cause of Wm Cameron Trotter

12/3/1934

et al vs NB & Tr Co → Miss Janet Thornton, Miss E,
Rosalie Thornton, & Mrs Eliza Carter Thurman \$14,500

1) Lot 27 of Union Place, same as ACDB 157-4, 8/12/1914
→ Cameron B. Trotter

2) Lot 45 at rear of Lot 27, ACDB 165-416, 7/17/1917

Tax

1915 Cameron B. Trotter Univ PL 200 + 0 = 200

1916 book (county) lost

1917 Mrs. C. B. Trotter 22nd U. PL, 300 + 6000 = 6300

2-storey, 5-bay, double pile
brick found () low at front, ^{basement} above ground
between at rear, no water table
brick walls stretcher bond

med hip roof, lt green comp shingles, ^{deeply} grey eaves,
exposed rafter ends

2 int chim & 5 int end chim, all w/ corbelled caps &
& int end chim rear of service wing

pr 10-2 French doors, ^{w/ transoms} 1st level facade & S end
8/8 2nd level facade & rear of parlor & N end
6/6 in service wing (both levels) & some rear

wooden sills, ~~work~~, ~~beams~~, louvered shutters
small shorter multi-light (12/12) double-rash in bath & closet
flanking ent

cent ent on facade:

round-arched roof w/ entab

2 Ionic columns

brick floor

6-panel door w/ rect. transom

circular-headed 6/6 windows on 2 stair landings

basement windows seg-arched, 8/8 under parlor, }
6/6 elsewhere, brick sills ^{& N end & facade service}

dining room window at N end: pr 1-2 casement w/ transom
& paneled granddial in space of Fr door

raised brick panel on facade, ^{near} over arch

south plane of roof cont. apparently at same pitch,
as steep shed roof over 1-storey piazza;
wooden floor, simple bal
crested brick ~~walls~~ ^{piers} - wide round arches front + rear
~~single~~ deeply proj eaves; shaped purlins;
~~and~~ broad shed-roofed (low-pitched) dormer over piazza;
wooden shingled walls painted brick red;
sleeping porch w/ 4 pr 8-l casement, ^(open air) at end & 2 each side
curving brick-walled brick stair from rear of piazza
to garden & brick terrace

2-storey cent rear proj hip-roofed
tripartite window ($1\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{6}{6}$), at 1st level,
seg. wooded

2-storey service wing fr NW corner at 45° angle

wide dormer over stair hall; nearly flat roof; wooden-shingled
walls painted brick red; 3 pr ^{short} 8-l casement (open air)

2-storey, service wing at 45° angle for NW corner

top NW slope of hips roof cont. as shed roof over 1-5

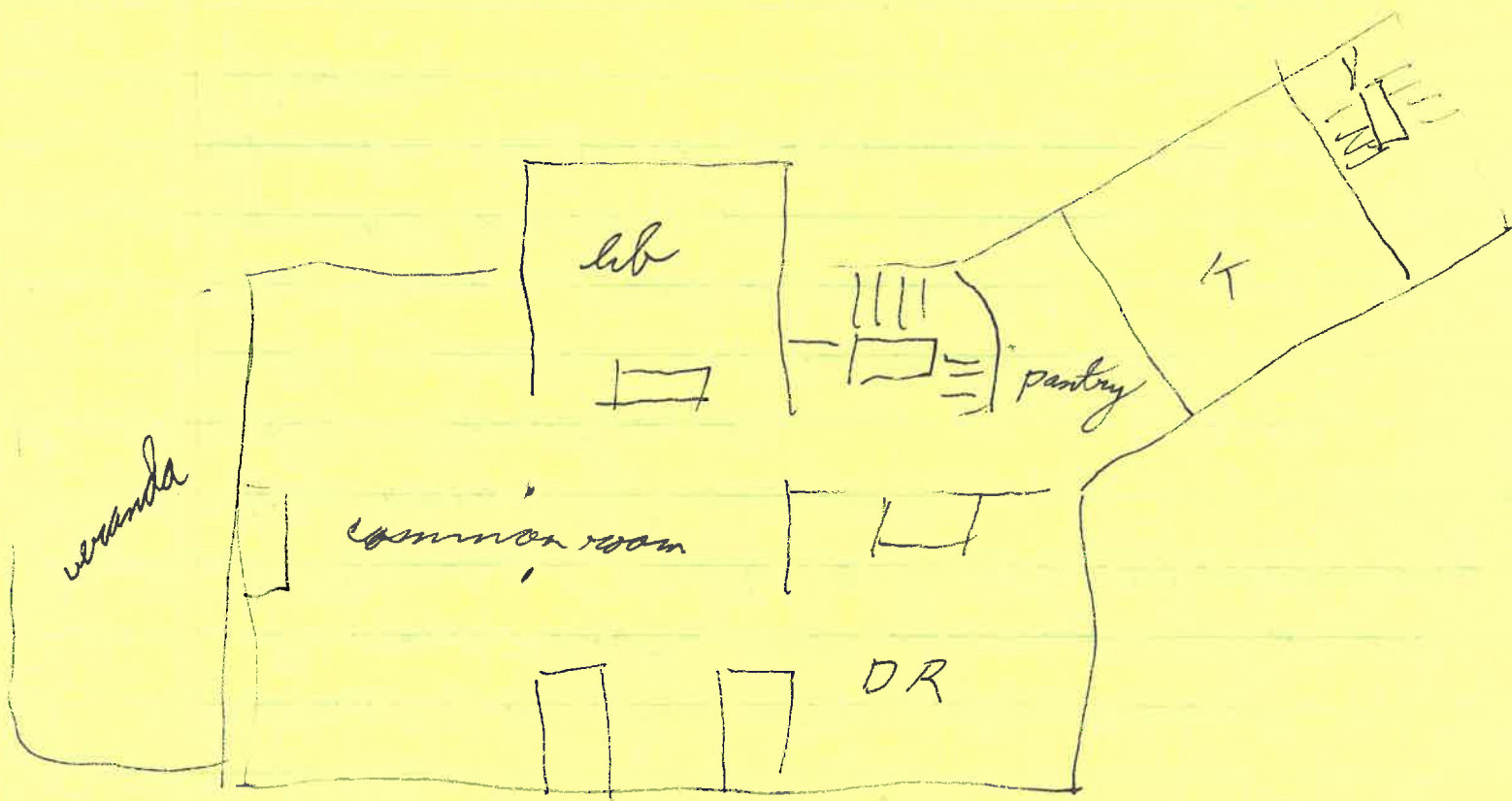
back porch at end; sq jillars; simple bal end,

• bell's front & rear; entab; ½-gable ends stuccoed ~~over~~,

shed-roofed dormer (^{low}~~and~~) over porch & others, w/ 2 or 3 ^{8" l. casement}

21 Union St

cent ent hall w/ fireplace at rear.
pilastered (inset panels); closets on either side
of door make ent vestibule, but no work
sq ~~pt~~ pillars w/ inset panels divide for parlor
on S side; mantel has coupled reeded columnettes;
Fr doors
3-fl open well stair



built 1914

Cameron B Trotter fam to 1934, then 3 dau of
Dr Wm M Thornton, Prof Engineering & Applied Math
& Chairman of Faculty, UVA 1883-1931, 1st Dean of Sch of
Engineering Bldg named for him

Rosalie - concert pianist

Janet - social worker at Pres Hosp in NY

Mrs Therman - taught at Miller Sch

bequeathed to UVA w/ some furniture

appointed as Sta Cen 1970, 1st manager app 1972

9 fireplaces

