



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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| File No. 104-130 |
| Negative no(s). 7217 |

Street address 37 University Circle
 Town/City Charlottesville
 Historic name Charles Hancock House Common name _____

Material

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood frame (siding: <input type="checkbox"/> weatherboard, <input type="checkbox"/> shingle, <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum, <input type="checkbox"/> bricktex, <input type="checkbox"/> _____) <input type="checkbox"/> brick (bond: <input type="checkbox"/> Flemish, <input type="checkbox"/> stretcher, <input type="checkbox"/> _____-course American, <input type="checkbox"/> _____) <input type="checkbox"/> stone (<input type="checkbox"/> random rubble, <input type="checkbox"/> random ashlar, <input type="checkbox"/> coursed ashlar, <input type="checkbox"/> _____) <input type="checkbox"/> log (siding: <input type="checkbox"/> weatherboard, <input type="checkbox"/> shingle, <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum, <input type="checkbox"/> bricktex, <input type="checkbox"/> _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stucco <input type="checkbox"/> concrete block <input type="checkbox"/> enameled steel <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> cast iron <input type="checkbox"/> terra cotta <input type="checkbox"/> glass and metal |
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| Number of Stories | Roof Type | Roof Material |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2½ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> composition <input checked="" 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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> pedimented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

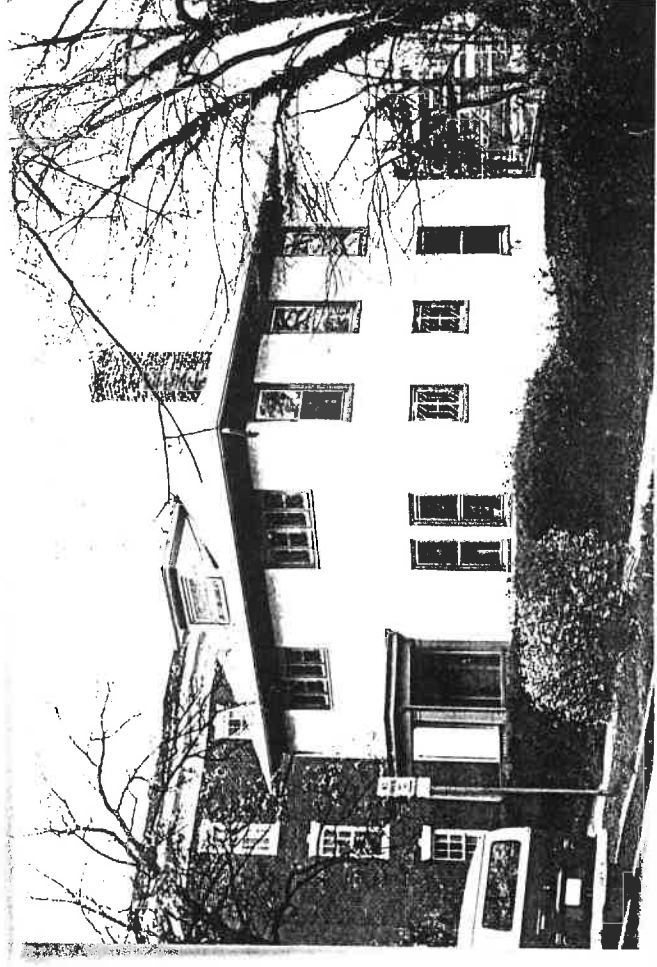
| Porch | Stories | Bays | General description |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input 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"/> _____ | Distyle front porch with Roman Doric posts; flat roof. |

Building type

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house <input type="checkbox"/> detached town house <input type="checkbox"/> row house <input type="checkbox"/> double house | <input type="checkbox"/> garage <input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse <input type="checkbox"/> apartment building <input type="checkbox"/> gas station | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office) <input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store) <input type="checkbox"/> railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> school <input type="checkbox"/> church <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Style/period Colonial Revival / Craftsmen Date 1910-12 Architect/builder _____

Location and description of entrance Side entrance with top- and side-lights.



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

This rather plain foursquare house has an asymmetrical front and odd-sized windows with geometric sash.

Historical information

This was the home of Charles Hancock, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UVa, during its first decade.

Source Sanborn maps; University Directory

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 4-83; 9-83

Arch Design

37 Univ Ct

This house is a ~~two-story~~ two-story, two-bay, double-side cube set on a high brick foundation. Its walls are faced with smooth white stucco. The trim is painted light gray. The house has a medium-pitched bellcast hipped roof, covered with standing-seam metal, with deeply projecting eaves, a boxed cornice, & a plain frieze. There is a copped interior ~~and~~ chimney at the western end.

Most ~~of~~ windows are 12-over-one light with plain trim, the same height at both levels. There ~~are two in the~~ ^{are two in the} side bay on the first level of the facade. At the second level, each bay has a band of two square pairs of decoratively leaded casement windows. There are two separate pairs in the front bay of the western elevation at the first level, probably flanking the fireplace. A single dormer centered on the facade has stuccoed walls, a bellcast hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal, ^{and} a boxed cornice, & plain frieze, & a wide 12-light hinged sash window.

A one-story entrance porch covers the eastern bay of the facade. It has a flat metal roof with boxed cornice & plain frieze, two Tuscan columns, a simple balustrade, & ^a wooden floor & steps. The entrance door has five horizontal panels, & there are narrow 6-light sidelights, a 4-light transom, & corner lights.

A shallow back porch, the rear half now enclosed & stuccoed, covers the rear bay of the eastern ~~side~~ side elevation. The basement door is in the rear bay of the western side elevation.

Basement windows

~~A shallow, original~~
~~original, shallow, 2-story, addition~~
~~covers most of the rear~~
elevation. It matches the main block in all details.

A low privet hedge surrounds the ~~front~~ lot.
~~yard~~ The ^{front} yard is several steps below
street level, & concrete steps & walk lead to
the ~~in~~ front porch.

Heat Drainage

Charles Hancock, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University, purchased this lot in 1909 (ACDB 139-404) and probably built ~~the~~ the house soon afterwards. Mrs Hancock continued to live in the house for a decade after ~~her~~ her husband's death in the 1920's and then used it as rental property, until she sold it in 1951 (City DB ~~161-80~~ 161-80). It has had many owners since that time and has ~~always~~ usually been used as rental property. Somewhere along the way, probably in 1951, it was divided into three apartments.

Additional Deed References: City DB 54-71, 171-12, 212-313, 308-311, 339-291, 353-312, 506-519, 644-259, 657-47450.

The 1912-13 City Directory shows the Hancock family living on University Place.

STREET ADDRESS: 37 University Circle
MAP & PARCEL: 6-84
VDHR FILE NUMBER:
CITY FILE NUMBER:
PRESENT ZONING: R-1
ORIGINAL OWNER: Charles Hancock
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Apartments
PRESENT OWNER: William B. Pollard, III, & J
ADDRESS: 1446 Rugby Road
Charlottesville, VA 22
Hancock House
c. 1910
HISTORIC NAME:
DATE/PERIOD:
STYLE:
HEIGHT IN STORIES: 2 stories
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 50' x 145.5'
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Fall 1999
SOURCES: City/County Records
Charlottesville City Directories
Sanborn Map Co - 1920