



IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 503 West Main Street
 Map and Parcel: 32-175
 Census Tract & Block: 1-308
 Present Owner: Timothy Reilly
 Address: 503 W. Main Street
 Present Use: Beauty School
 Original Owner: J. D. Paxton
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Paxton Place
 Date/Period: cir. 1824
 Style: Federal
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2
 Present Zoning: B-3
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 52 x 210
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 9460 + 2430 = 11,890

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SIGNIFICANCE

This is a fine example of the Federal style popular in the early 19th century. There are many similarities between this house and the one at 1211 West Main.

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

Alexander, Recollections, p. 108
 City/County Records
 Mr. Thomas Watson

↑ sides - 5-c Am-wf - F-lm, F-lm W

1/1 wind, wick ~~bag~~ ^{trunk}, lintels of corner block of round ~~inset~~ ^{inset}

4-bay

ent doors 2nd & 4th, shaped " " " , ~~bluesome~~

med. gable roof

Col Rev veranda:

nearly flat 55m roof, proj eave, bordered, modillions,
at fringe, 4 Tuscan columns, Col Rev bal

double pile

Rear wing - 2-5, off to E



hip roof

6-c Am

seg-arched 2/2

1-5 wing behind it (E)

stretcher

wind notch

Parcel ID	Card	Address	Date	Time
320175000	01 of 01	503 WEST MAIN STREET	07/13/2009	14:43

Owner Information

January 1 THE SUTTON GROUP, LLC
 Current THE SUTTON GROUP, LLC
 c/o
 Address 1
 Address 2700 EAST HIGH STREET
 Address 3 CHARLOTTESVILLE VA
 Zip Code 22902-
 Common Name

Parcel Information

Class
 State Code 3.0 Multi-Family
 Tax Type 0 Taxable
 Neighborhd 36 West Main
 Tax district
 Sch Dist
 Zoning WMNH West Main Historic
 PropType 5 Comm. Dwelling
 C/I Type 8 Multi-Family

Legal Information

Legal
 Legal LOT

Account # 00000003482
 Mag Dist
 Acreage 0.2570
 Appraiser DWB Reason

Transfer Information

Deed Bk/Pg 775 /290 Plat Bk/Pg 1121 /951-2
 Prior Owner PERIOLAT, JOHN J & PATRICIA R
 Date of Sale 02/15/2000
 Sale Price \$311,500
 # of Parcels 1
 Sale Class 1 Valid Sale

Assessment Information

	January 1	Prior Year
Land	\$489,800	\$437,300
Use		
Improvements	\$326,700	\$291,700
Total	\$816,500	\$729,000

Commercial Improvement Data

Use Code	Section	Occupancy	Sq.Ft.	Story Height	# of Stories Section/Bldg	
300 Apartment	1	300 Apartment	2,660	8	2.50	2.50
Year Built 1819	2	300 Apartment	1,904	8	2.00	2.00
Gross Area 4564	3					
Net Leaseable	4					
No. of Units						

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Census Tract & Block:

Present Owner: ~~Dr.~~ THOMAS WATSON
Address: SAME

Present Use:

Original Owner:

Original Use:

Historic Name:

Date/Period: 1819

Style: LATE GEORGIAN DETACHED HOUSE

Height to Cornice:

Height to Eaves: 2 1/2

Present Zoning: B-3

Land Area (sq. ft.): 52-210

Assessed Value (land + imp)

WATSON'S BEAUTY SCHOOL - 6860 + 2520 = 9380

mouse tooth cornice - 4 bay 2 doors lintels - end block -
wood curbin bet. chimneys - tripp. over doors -
Cd. Rev. Dor. porch - fair - thermal window -
Flam bond Front.

Moose addition at rear -
Reveal in window -
pressed tin ceiling - very elaborate
arch halfway down hall
jeff. arch -

Lavender Powell 1960 Historic Description

Moose Lodge - as manse as Dr. to China
Presbyter. Son -

Schisler Funeral home - Alexander p. 108

"handsome brick residence owned & occupied by John C. Wood,
w/ the beautiful flower garden around it, was, we learned,
built by a Presbyterian clergyman, when the U was being erected,
by the name of Paxton, who a daughter of Maj. Garland Carr.
Mr. Wood was a northerner who married here.

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City of Portland Int. visited:

09-21
11-7
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11-7
02-2
2-20
1-356
958-1

THOMAS WATSON 1960 222-381
LAVENDER POWELL 1960 ~~222~~ 221-4

CHARLOTTESVILLE Lodge

#1028 LOYAL ORDER OF

MOOSE, INC. 1958 205-246

Virginia Lee Shisler leave house to Moose 1945 08123 p.19 1945
for 20,000,

James S. Shisler from E.M. Antrim 50-14 1925 1925

E.M. Antrim from R.L. Thomas 1922-41-470

THOMAS FROM O.E. DRISCOLL 1922-39-459

DRISCOLL " J.D. Via 376 1922-

VIA " FANNY WHEELER 1911 22-491

1922
1911

~~FANNY KATE WHEELER 1908 19-452~~

FANNY " Will W.D. Wheeler 1-244 224 1906

1906

bet. Main & Commerce 4th & 5th ~~W.D. Wheeler~~ ~~W.D. Wheeler~~ ~~W.D. Wheeler~~

1-356 W.D. Wheeler & M.W. Wood 1889

1889

6500. Scraggy Lane & Little Commerce St.
"Paston Property?"

W.D. Wheeler buy at auction from L.B. Armstrong default
10-350 211' deep - 1401. 10-350

~~89-8-398 1888~~ 63-529 74-382

1868 63-529 - refer to as Paston Place

1868

Mary Wood buy from Digges Estate (Mrs. John C.)

Melinda Digges get from Paston - 1854 52-38.5 J.D. Paston 1854

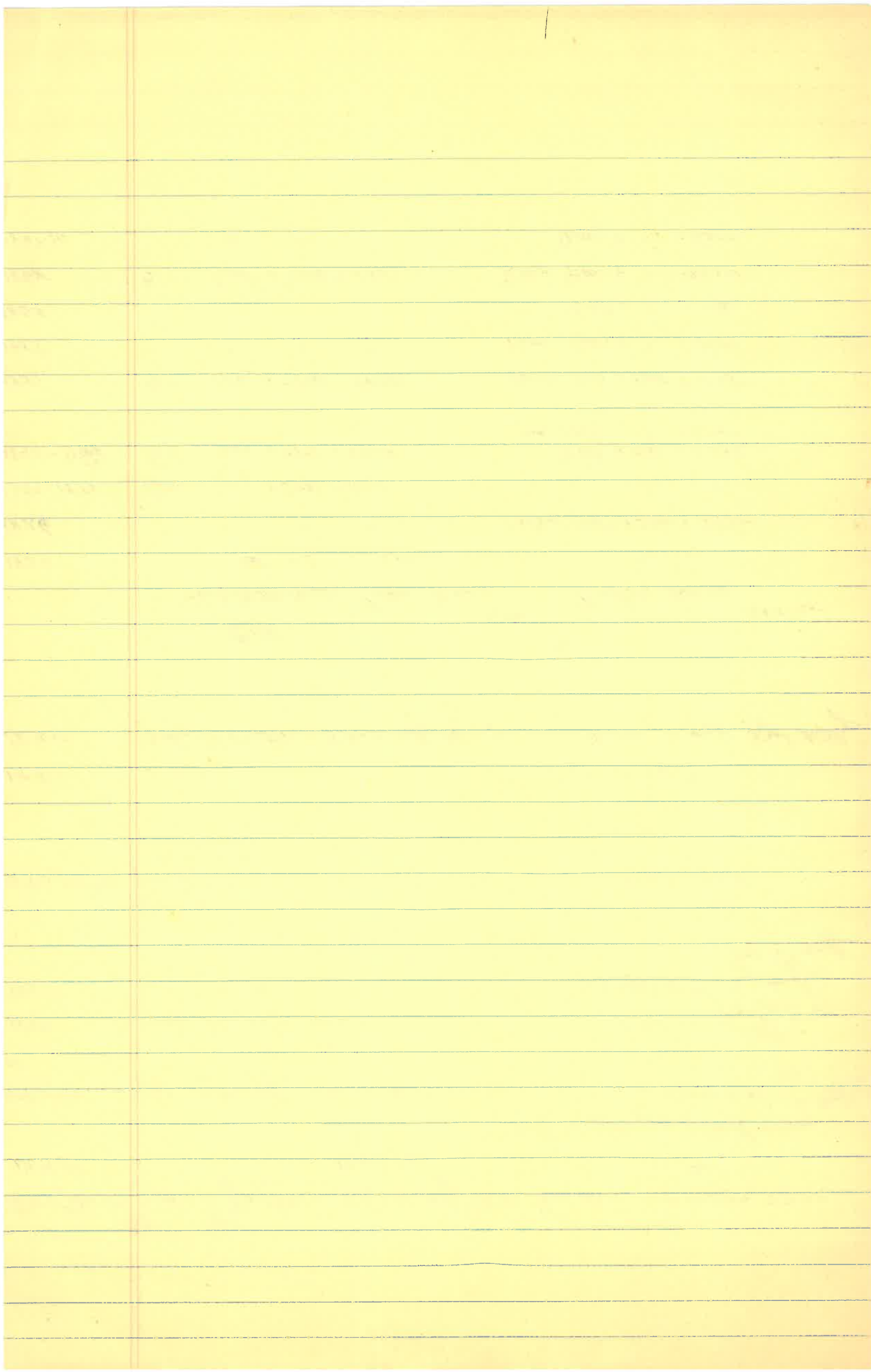
refer to house 1 1/2 acres land

1824

Paston from John & Mary M. Kelly 1824 33 acres -
#30350

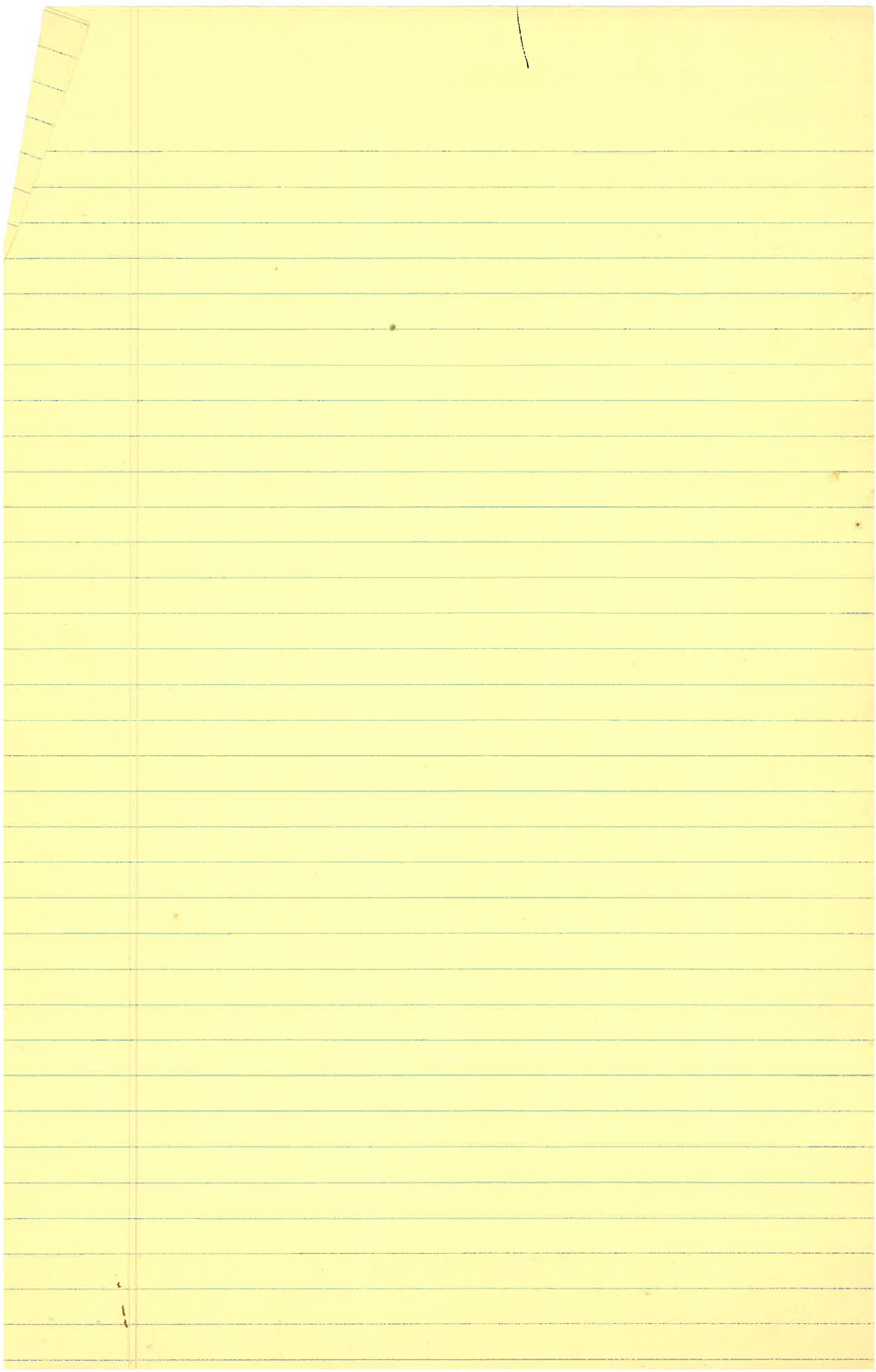
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 1845, 46, 47, John B. Patton - 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac adj Ch. & $\frac{1}{2}$ m W. + 1700 = 2332
 1848 " " 15 a 94p " " " " —
 1848, 49 Geo Shauff 10 $\frac{5}{16}$ a " " 10 $\frac{5}{16}$ ac off to Geo Shauff + Recd for Geo Patton + 1700 = 1859
 1849 John D. Patton 6 ac + " " + 0 — off — Geo T. Cole '49
 1850 " " " " + 1700 = 1851 imp'd for Geo Shauff
 1836, 38, 39, 40 John D. Patton 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ a " " + 2000 = 2438 of woodland
 1824 " " " " " "
 1825 John D. Patton - 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ a adj Ch. & " + - = 528 for John Kelly

~~1824~~
 Heiskell-McKemie-Livora house 1826 Patton house 1824-25
 1824 " + 0 = 11.25 —
 1826 " " 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac (438) + 2000 = 2438
 1827-1835 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac (11) + 3000 = 3011 " "
 1840-1850 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (150) + 2898 = 3028 " (632) + 1700 = 2332
 6 ac (1517) + " = 1851
 1851 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (500) + 2500 = 3000 3 ac 10 p (175) + 1000 = 1175
 1855 " " " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac (200) + " = 1200
 1863 " (500) + " = 1500
 1868 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (250) + 2000 = 2250 1 a 80 p (1250) + " = 2250
 1869-70 " " " " (2000) + " = 2000



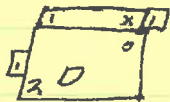
Paxton Place

1851	John D. Paton	3000p adj. ch. w. $\frac{1}{2}$ m. W	+1000 = 1175
1855	"	nl	
	Melinda Duggan	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac near 416 " "	+1000 = 1200
1868	" "	1000p	" = 2250
1869 170	R B Dice for Mary Mary W. Wood	40p " " " W	+ " = 2000 424 250 off 5 RF of book



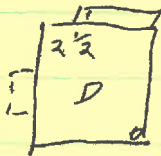
Payson

1891 Sanborn



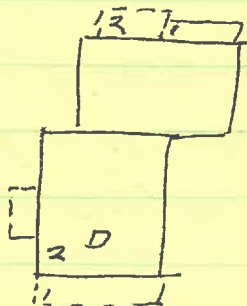
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1896 "



1904 "
~~1920~~ same as 1896

both
1920 "



1890 94, 98 W.D. Wheeler 5 side main 300 + 1200 = 1500
1902 " " 500 + 1000 = "
1908 " " 1000 + " = 2000

1.

1911 2nd Mrs. Fannie M. Wheeler 503 W Main 800 + 1800 = 2600 for F.M. Wheeler
1915, 1912 2 J.D. Via " " + 3400 = 4200 imppts added
1920 2nd J.D. Via 503 W Main 1700 + 4000 = 5700

City Directories

1917-20 Mrs W D Wheeler - 60 E High
 " J. D. Via - 503 W. Main
 1924 Elshler's Funeral Home elsewhere
 1927, 31, 36 " " " - 503 W Main
 " " ^{me} 36, 38 James R. Elshler - "
 " " Robert H. " - " - prop. funeral home
 1938 funeral home n e
 1940, 45 Mrs V. Elshler (wid J. R.) - " - furn. room
 1947-48 Loyal Order of Moose Hall - "
 51, 52, 56, 58, 60, 61
 1962 Watson's

ACDB John & Mary M. E. Kelly -> John D. Paston \$13,035
 24-326 tract on N side ~~town~~ rd town - 7 min, 33 1/2 ac
 7/21/1824 adj Dinsmore
 52-385 Paston -> Diggs
 lot w/ brick house

LANDMARK



SURVEY

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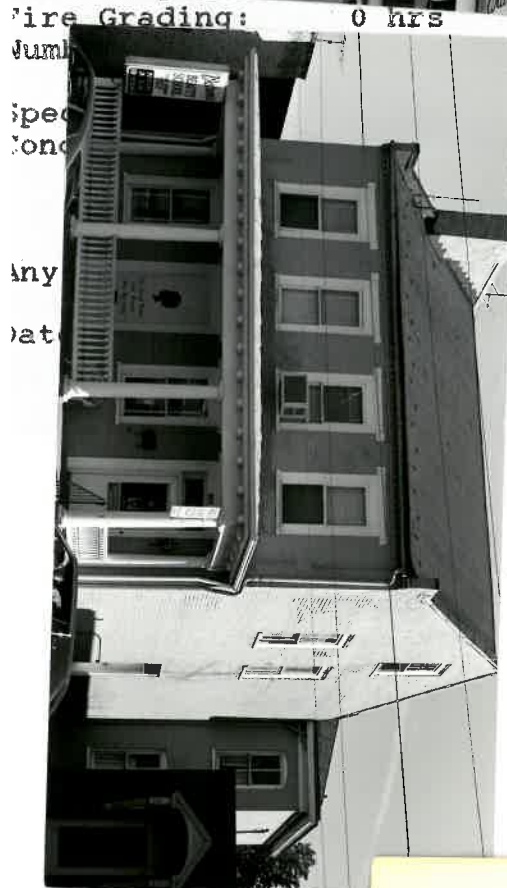
32-175- Paston

411-347 Timothy & Janice Reilly 1980

444-131 Thos E. Hickman, Thos J. M. Brammochy
& John J. & Patricia R. Periolat 1983

448-851 ~ 1984

482-602 ~ "



SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN EDUCATIONAL WING OF CHURCH

CLASSE
EARS

ANCY



503 W. MAIN ST.

"Old" (assessor)

32-175



Watson's Beauty School

NAME: PAXTON ~~HOUSE~~ 503 W Main Street

Name FAIR VIEW

County/City BOTETOURT CO.

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File No. 11-6

Owner: Thomas + Betty C. Watson
503 W Main St.

Orig. Charlottesville Lodge - Loyal Order
of Moose
Built 1819 for a Presbyterian minister
who went to China
Then owned by John C. Wood
had beautiful gardens
Was a funeral home, Moose Lodge until 1960 when Watson bought it

c. 1970

