2020-07 BAR Decision for 518 17th Street NW

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Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 20-07-04 518 17th Street NW Tax Parcel: 050066000

Owner: Charlottesville VA House Corp – Alpha Phi

Applicant: George Stone

Replace slate roof

Dear George,

Last Tuesday, the Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review (BAR) reviewed your project listed above. The BAR approved your project with the following motion:

Breck Gastinger moved: Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitation, I move to find that the proposed roof replacement satisfies the BAR's criteria and is compatible with this property and other properties in the Rugby Road- University Circle-Venable Neighborhood ADC District, and that the BAR approves the application as submitted, with the following conditions:

- Match the existing dimensions of the exposed valley flashing.
- Ridge and hip cap profile to match or be similar to the existing profiled, metal cap.
- Install new downspouts at same locations as the existing.

Cheri Lewis seconded. Motion passes (7-2, Jody Lahendro and Tim Mohr opposed).

Your Certificate of Appropriateness will expire in 18 months. Please contact Jeff or me with any further questions.

Best,

Robert

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City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review Staff Report July 21, 2020



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BAR 20-07-04 518 17th Street NW Tax Parcel 050066000 Zeta Iota Deuteron, HCB, Owner/ George Stone, Applicant Roof replacement



Background

Year Built: 1900

District: Rugby Road- University Circle-Venable Neighborhood ADC District

Status: Contributing

This rambling Victorian house was constructed for Randolph M. Balthis in 1899 and remained a single-family dwelling until at least the 1970s. The two-story house has weatherboard cladding, a steep hipped roof, and a wraparound verandah. (Historic survey attached.)

Prior BAR Actions:

November 15, 2011 – Preliminary discussion re: proposed addition.

<u>December 20, 2011</u> – BAR approved two-story frame addition. BAR found that the proposed handicapped ramp does not threaten the historic significance of the building.

June 21, 2016 – BAR approved proposed fence.

November 20, 2018 – CoA request to replace the entry door deferred by applicant.

Application

Application Submittal: Narrative and photographs of the proposed (Eco-slate) imitation slate shingles.

Request CoA for removal of existing slate roof and replacement with imitation slate shingles, matching the shingles used on south addition approved by the BAR in December 2011. Flashing to be copper, with valley exposure to match existing. (Ledge flashing at the gables to remain.) Ridge and hip caps to be bent shingles. Internal gutters will be abandoned, replaced with eave-

mounted, 6" half-round gutters and 4" round downspouts. (Gutters will be attached to the roof sheathing; the existing cornice profile will remain.) New gutters and downspouts to be aluminum, painted white. No work proposed for the porch roof or on southern addition.

Discussion and Recommendations

Shingles: Per the Design Guidelies, artificial slate is an acceptable substitute when replacement is needed. Apploicant has expressed that repeated efforts have been made to repair leaks, however priblems persist. In lieu of continuing the ineffectibe spot repairs, the roofer recommended replacement of the entire roof. With replacement, the use of simulated slate is less expensive than new slate.

Gutters and Downspouts: The BAR has approved CoA requests to remove internal gutters and replace with eave-mounted. Applicant proposes painted aluminium (white), matchinh the current downpouts and reducing the visibility of the new gutters.

Staff recommends approval of the CoA, with the following conditions: (See the attached images.)

- Match the existing dimensions of the exposed valley flashing.
- Ridge and hip cap profile to match or be similar to the existing profiled, metal cap.
- Install new downspouts at same locations as the existing.

Suggested Motion

Approval: Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitation, I move to find that the proposed roof replacement satisfies the BAR's criteria and is compatible with this property and other properties in the Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable Neighborhood ADC District, and that the BAR approves the application as submitted. [...as submitted with the following modifications...]

Denial: Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitation, I move to find that the proposed roof replacement does <u>not</u> satisfy the BAR's criteria and is not compatible with this property and other properties in the Rugby Road-University Circle-Venable Neighborhood ADC District, and that for the following reasons the BAR <u>denies</u> the application as submitted:

Criteria, Standards, and Guidelines

Review Criteria Generally

Sec. 34-284(b) of the City Code states that, in considering a particular application the BAR shall approve the application unless it finds:

- (1) That the proposal does not meet specific standards set forth within this division or applicable provisions of the Design Guidelines established by the board pursuant to Sec. 34-288(6); and
- (2) The proposal is incompatible with the historic, cultural or architectural character of the district in which the property is located or the protected property that is the subject of the application.

Pertinent Standards for Review of Construction and Alterations include:

- (1) Whether the material, texture, color, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable design control district;
- (2) The harmony of the proposed change in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances, windows, awnings, exterior stairs and signs;
- (3) The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation set forth within the Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R. §67.7(b)), as may be relevant;
- (4) The effect of the proposed change on the historic district neighborhood;
- (5) The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls and walks;
- (6) Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures;
- (7) Any applicable provisions of the City's Design Guidelines.

Pertinent Standards for Review of Rehabilitation include:

- G Roof
- 1) When replacing a standing seam metal roof, the width of the pan and the seam height should be consistent with the original. Ideally, the seams would be hand crimped.
- 2) If pre-painted standing seam metal roof material is permitted, commercial-looking ridge caps or ridge vents are not appropriate on residential structures.
- 3) Original roof pitch and configuration should be maintained.
- 4) The original size and shape of dormers should be maintained.
- 5) Dormers should not be introduced on visible elevations where none existed originally.
- 6) Retain elements, such as chimneys, skylights, and light wells that contribute to the style and character of the building.
- 7) When replacing a roof, match original materials as closely as possible.
 - a. Avoid, for example, replacing a standing-seam metal roof with asphalt shingles, as this would dramatically alter the building's appearance.
 - b. Artificial slate is an acceptable substitute when replacement is needed.
 - c. Do not change the appearance or material of parapet coping.
- 8) Place solar collectors and antennae on non-character defining roofs or roofs of non-historic adjacent buildings.
- 9) Do not add new elements, such as vents, skylights, or additional stories that would be visible on the primary elevations of the building.



Figure 1: Oblique view of 518 17th Street NW, facing southwest.



Figure 2: Oblique view of 518 17th Street NW, facing southeast.



Figure 3: Oblique view of 518 17th Street NW, facing southeast.



Figure 4: West elevation of 518 17th Street NW.



Figure 5: View of 518 17th Street NW, at right, in context of neighboring buildings on street.



Figure 6: View of 518 17th Street NW, at left, in context of neighboring buildings on street.

Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 518 Seventeenth Street, NW

MAP & PARCEL: 5-66

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: R-3

ORIGINAL OWNER: Randolph M. Balthis

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Rental Property (Residence)

PRESENT OWNER: Thomas E. Spicer, Jr., & David S. Spicer DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1982

ADDRESS: Cismont, Virginia 22928

HISTORIC NAME : R. M. Balthis House

DATE / PERIOD: 1900 STYLE: Victorian

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 104' x 150' (15,600 sq. ft.)

CONDITION :

Good

SURVEYOR : Bibb

SOURCES: City/County Records

Thomas E. Spicer, Jr.

Sanborn Map Co. - 1920, 1929

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Although altered in apperance when the original weatherboarding was covered with asbestos shingles, this remains a handsome house nicely adapted to its large corner lot. Set on a high brick foundation, it is 2½ storeys tall, three bays wide, and double pile. Its steep hip roof has pedimented gables over the south half of the facade (west), over the west half of the north elevation, and over a projecting pavillion in the center of the south elevation. The roof is covered with slate and has projecting eaves and verges, boxed cornice, and plain frieze, There are two interior capped brick chimneys, one with inset panels. The tall and narrow windows are double-sash, 2-over-2 light, with architrave trim and black louvered shutters. They are the same height at both levels. There is a pair of small, double-sash, multi-light attic windows in each gable, those in the smallest south gable being the largest. A broad one-storey veranda wraps around the northwest corner of the house, covering half of each elevation and serving to orient the house toward both Seventeenth Street and Grady Avenue. The western section of the veranda is recessed into the facade as well as projecting from it. It has a medium-pitched hip roof with a simple entablature, coupled Tuscan columns set on wooden pedestals with inset panels, and a Colonial Revival balustrade. The wooden floor remains, but the front steps on the west facade have been replaced with cinderblock ones, and those on the north side have been removed and the gaps in the balustrade boarded over. The paired entrance doors in the north bay of the west facade have one large oval light above a decorated panel. There is a 3-light rectangular transom. There is a 2-storey back porch at the rear of the south side of the house, beyond the projecting bay. It has plain square piers, and the turned balustrade remains only at the second level.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Randolph M. Balthis bought 2 lots in Preston Heights in 1899 (ACDB 114-456) and, according to tax records, built this house the next year. It faces west, toward 17th Street; instead of north, toward Grady Avenue almost opposite Wyndhurst, the Preston House. The walls were covered with asbetos shingles in 1953, while Mrs. Balthis still occupied the house. (Mr. Balthis died in 1925). Thomas E. and Camille S. Spicer bought it in 1963, the year after her death and deeded it to their sons Thomas E. Spicer, Jr. and David S. Spiecer in 1975 (City DB 237-26, 370-335). it is used as rental property and has been occupied by Alpha Omega, a religious community, for some time.

Additional References: City WB 9-192

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Form 10-168 Rev. 3/84

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OMB Approved 12.5 No. 1024-0009 Expires 8/31/86

National Park Service Office

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PART 1 – EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

NPS Office Use Only Project Number: Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets. 1. Name of property: R. M. Balthis House Address of property: 518 Seventeenth St., NW City Charlottesville County N/A State VA Zip Code 22903 Name of historic district: Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District potential historic district National Register district certified state or local district 2. Check nature of request: 🖾 certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation. Certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes. certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district. preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register. 🗖 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district. preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district. 3. Authorized project contact: Name Paula Williams, Historic Renovation Corp. Title Project Manager Street P.O. Box 9012 Virginia ______ Telephone Number (during day): <u>804/924-0995</u> State _ 4. Owner: Name Historic Renovation Corporation for Alpha Omicron Pi Renovation Limited Partnership _____city__Charlottesville Street P. O. Box 9012 state <u>Virgini</u>a 22906 ______Telephone Number (during day): (804)924-4465 I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property. Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number NPS Office Use Only The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property: contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation. ontributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980. does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district. Preliminary Determinations: appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register. appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer. appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

National Park Service Authorized Signature

R. M. Balthis House

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION-PART 1

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Property Name

518 17th St., NW, Charlottesville, VA

Project Number:

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Property	Address	

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

5. Description of physical appearance:

Although altered in appearance when the original weatherboarding was covered with asbestos shingles, the Balthis House remains a handsome R.M. structure nicely adapted to its large corner lot. Set on a high brick foundation, it is 2 1/2 stories tall, three bays wide and double pile. Its steep hip roof has pedimented gables. The roof is covered with slate and has projecting eaves and verges, boxed cornice, and plain frieze. The tall and narrow windows are double-sash 2-over-2, with architrave trim and black louvered shutters. They are the same height at both levels. A broad one-story veranda wraps around the northwest corner of the house. The paired entrance doors in the north bay of the west facade have one large oval light above a decorated panel. There is a two-story back porch in the rear.

Date of Construction:	1900	Source of Date:	City deed	records	
Date(s) of Alteration(s):	1953 (asbestos s	<u>hi</u> ngles)			
Has building been moved	yes 🗆 no. If so, when	?			

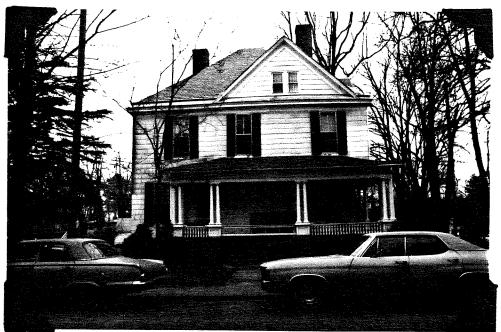
6. Statement of significance:

On of the many reasons the Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District is significant is because of its mix of buildings that have associations with university life. The R. M. Balthis house is a good example. One of the first houses built in the Preston Heights subdivision, it was the home of R. M. Balthis. Mr. Balthis was manager of Anderson Brothers Bookstore, one of the oldest businesses still operating in Charlottesville, and a popular source of books for students at the University of Virginia. After his death, his widow lived in the house for many years and rented a number of its rooms to students. Since 1963, it has been been used entirely as a rental property, most recently occupied by a religious fraternity, Alpha Omega.

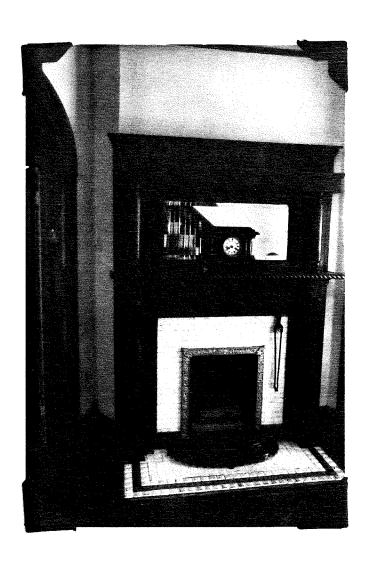
7. Photographs and maps.

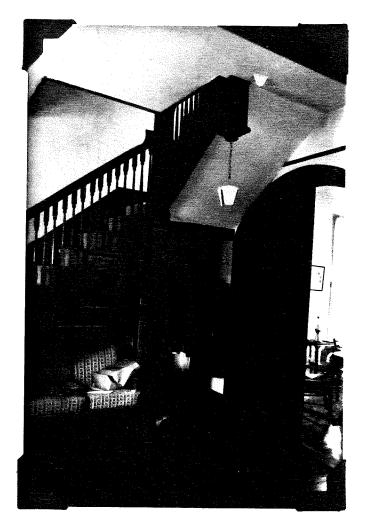
Attach photographs and maps to application.













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Page 1 of	HISTORIC DISTRICT 2 (see also attached	SURVEY FORM City survey sheet)	
Street address 51g 17th S			
Historic name R.M. Balti	nis House	Common name	
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Number of Stories □ 1 □ 2½ □ 1½ □ 3 □ 2 □ □	Roo shed gable pediment hipped other:	☐ flat	Roof Material Slate
□ 0 □ 3 □ she		□ 1	of bays — Main facade ☐ 4 ☐ 7 ☐ 5 ☐ 8 ☐ 6 ☐ ☐
Porch S ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ 1 ☐ 2	tories		General description raparound veranda with pairted asi-Tuscan posts.
Building type detached house detached town house row house double house	☐ garage ☐ farmhouse ☐ apartment building ☐ gas station		industrial office) school store) church
Style/period Colonial Re	evival/Queen Anne	Date 19t0 Architect	/builder
Location and description of enti	rance Plain entry on 1	17th St.	
		cornice/eave type, window type This house achieves	nation (plan, exterior and interior decoration, e and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations) visual interest by its the multiple gables and its veranda.

Historical information

See attached City survey sheet, 1982.

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC

Date 4-83; 8-83







Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Certificate of Appropriateness

Please Return To: City of Charlottesville Department of Neighborhood Development Services P.O. Box 911, City Hall Charlottesville, Virginia 22902 Telephone (434) 970-3130

Please submit ten (10) hard copies and one (1) digital copy of application form and all attachments.

Please include application fee as follows: New construction project \$375; Demolition of a contributing structure \$375; Appeal of BAR decision \$125; Additions and other projects requiring BAR approval \$125; Administrative approval \$100. Make checks payable to the City of Charlottesville.

The BAR meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Deadline for submittals is Tuesday 3 weeks prior to next BAR meeting by 3:30 p.m.

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Project Name/Description	ON REPLACES LATE ROOF & PHILI	ADELPHAParcel Number OSOO	66000
Project Property Addres	S 518 177 ST. N.W., ALPHA	PHI SORORITY, CHARLOTTES	(ILLE VA 22903
Applicant Information		Signature of Applicant	
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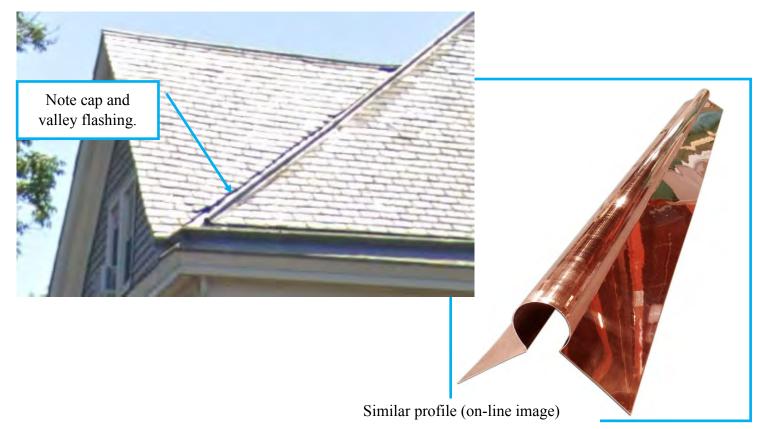
Consideration of Replacing Slate Roof at Alpha Phi sorority with Eco-slate

- Eco-slate, a synthetic material made from recycled rubber, is about half the
 weight of genuine slate, resulting in less stress on the existing joists (which are
 120 years old)
- Eco-slate is flexible and easy to make precise cuts on, resulting in a tighter fit and less likelihood of leaks
- Eco-slate is less likely to shift under wind load, thus reducing probability of needing repairs after installation
- Eco-slate is virtually indistinguishable from genuine slate, so it maintains the appearance of the original slate roof (see photos)
- Eco-slate is 60% less expensive than natural slate



518 17th Street NW (images from Google Maps, dated July 2019)





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Proposed ridge and hip cap

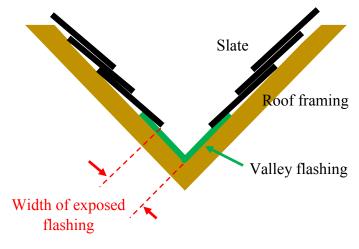




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SYNTHETRE
SLATE

HIGH
TEMP ICE SHIELD

COPPER
VALLEY

3"-4" EXPOSED FLASHING

HALF ROUND HANGERS



GEM CIRCLE W/ SPRING CLIP, NUT & BOLT

MATERIALS:

WIDTHS:

NOTES:

Alumin im - Painted, Aluminum - Mill Finish, 5", 6" Copp r, Copper - *FreedomGray®,

Street - Galvanized,

reel - Painted Galvanized

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#10 COMBINATION CIRCLE & SHANK W/ SPRING CLIP

MATERIALS:

WIDTHS:

Aluminum - Painted, Copper, Steel - Galvanized, Steel - Painted Galvanized 5", 6"



FACE MOUNT HANGER W/ CROSSBAR & SPRING CLIP

MATERIALS:

SIZES:

WIDTHS:

NOTES:

2 week lead time.

Aluminum - Painted, Copper, 3/16" x 1" Bar 7", 8" Steel - Galvanized and Steel Steel - Galvanized, Steel - Painted Galvanized 1/16" x 1" Crossbar Painted Galvanized items require a

HIDDEN HANGER FOR REVERSE BEAD GUTTER ONLY

MATERIALS:

WIDTH:

 ${\bf Aluminum - Painted,\ Copper,}$

Steel - Stainless



RIVAL STRAP HANGER

MATERIALS:

WIDTH:

 ${\bf Aluminum \hbox{-} Painted, Aluminum \hbox{-} Mill Finish,}$

Copper, Steel - Galvanized

5", 6"

SHANKS



#1 SHANK PLATE FOR FASCIA

MATERIALS:

Aluminum - Painted, Aluminum - Mill Finish, Copper, Copper - *FreedomGray®, Steel - Galvanized

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#6 SHANK FOR OGEE OR CROWN MOLDING

MATERIALS:

Copper, Steel - Galvanized, Steel - Painted Galvanized



#8 SHANK FOR CORNICE

MATERIALS:

Iron - Malleable



#10 SHANK FOR FASCIA

MATERIALS:

Copper, Steel - Galvanized, Steel - Painted Galvanized



#11 SHANK FOR NAILING TO EXPOSED RAFTER

MATERIALS:

Aluminum - Painted, Copper, Steel - Galvanized



12 SHANK FOR NAILING
O SHEETING - 1/3 PITCH

MATERIALS:

Aluminum - Painted, Aluminum - Mill Finish, Copper, Copper - *FreedomGray®, Steel - Galvanized, Steel - Painted Galvanized

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#25 SHANK FOR NAILING TO SHEETING - 1/2 PITCH

MATERIALS:

Copper, Steel - Galvanized