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DHR ID: 104-5740 Other DHR ID: No Data

## **Property Information**

**Property Names** 

Name Explanation Name

House, 703 12th Street NW Function/Location

**Property Evaluation Status** 

**Property Addresses** 

Current - 703 12th Street NW

County/Independent City(s): Charlottesville (Ind. City)

**Incorporated Town(s):** No Data **Zip Code(s):** 22903 **Magisterial District(s):** No Data Tax Parcel(s): No Data

USGS Quad(s): CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

## **Additional Property Information**

**Architecture Setting:** Urban Acreage: No Data

#### **Site Description:**

January 2020: This one-and-a-half-story house is located on the west side of 12th Street NW, just north of Rosser Avenue East. It is sited on a slope that increases in elevation to the west. There is a concrete block retaining wall along the east property line. Two bushes flank the steps and sidewalk that lead to the house. There is a large tree in the southeast corner of the lot, with additional trees along the south property line. Along the north elevation of the house, there is an asphalt driveway with a low concrete block retaining wall along the north property line. The backyard is bounded by a tall wood fence. This property consists of a house.

January 2020: According to the Charlottesville City Property Records, this house was constructed in 1959 (City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). The house does not appear on Sanborn Maps (Sanborn Map Company 1950). According to aerial photographs, it does not appear that there have been any significant changes to this house since it was constructed (NETR 1968; City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). This house was built by Reverend Charles H. Brown, who built several houses on this block after building the Holy Temple Church of God the Christ at the corner of 12th Street NW and Rosser Avenue East. According to personal interviews, this house may have been built by 1956 (Brennan 2012:13-14).

This property retains good integrity of location and setting. The integrity of design, materials, and workmanship have been slightly compromised by replacement windows. This property retains good integrity of feeling and association. Overall, this property retains good integrity.

This property is recommended as not individually eligible for listing in the NRHP due to a lack of historical significance. Further research is recommended to study Reverend Brown's construction portfolio to determine if his group of buildings may have historical significance. Additionally, it is located in the potential 10th & Page Historic District, which is recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. Further study is recommended to determine if the 10th & Page Historic District is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A in the areas of Ethnic Heritage, Community Planning and Development, and Social History, and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. This property includes one contributing primary resource.

**Surveyor Recommendation:** Recommended Not Eligible

Ownership

Ownership Category **Ownership Entity** Private

No Data

Associate

**Property Associate Name Property Associate Role** 

Reverend Charles H. Brown

# **Primary Resource Information**

**Resource Category:** Resource Type: Single Dwelling NR Resource Type: Building 1959 **Date of Construction: Date Source:** Local Records

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**Historic Time Period:** The New Dominion (1946 - 1991)

**Historic Context(s):** Domestic Other ID Number: No Data

**Architectural Style:** Minimal Traditional

Form: No Data 1.5 **Number of Stories: Condition:** Excellent Threats to Resource: None Known

#### **Architectural Description:**

January 2020: This one-and-a-half-story house is constructed of concrete block and has a side-gabled roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a concrete block exterior chimney in the center of the north elevation. The east-facing façade features a one-story, partial-width porch with a shed roof covered in asphalt shingles. The porch roof is supported by square wood columns, and the porch has wood railings, and is accessed via concrete steps with wood railings. There are two front-gabled dormers clad in vinyl on the east facade. The west (rear) elevation features a shed roof dormer and a one-story, full-width, shed-roof wing. It could not be determined if this wing is enclosed or an open porch (USGS 2016). Visible fenestration includes one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl windows with metal screens; a single-leaf wood door with a metal storm door; and a vinyl picture window flanked by one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl windows.

#### **Exterior Components**

Component Component Type Material Material Treatment Exterior End Chimneys Concrete Block Vinyl Dormer Gable No Data Solid/Continuous Block Foundation Concrete Porch Portico/Entry Porch Wood Square Structural System and Masonry Concrete Block Exterior Treatment Windows Double-hung Vinyl No Data Side Gable Asphalt Roof No Data

## **Secondary Resource Information**

## **Historic District Information**

**Historic District Name:** No Data **Local Historic District Name:** No Data **Historic District Significance:** No Data

## **CRM Events**

## Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance

**Project Review File Number:** No Data Investigator: Erin Que

Organization/Company: The 106 Group Ltd.

Photographic Media: Digital **Survey Date:** 2/5/2020 **Dhr Library Report Number:** No Data

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## **Property Notes:**

No Data

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