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DHR ID: 104-5744 Other DHR ID: No Data

# **Property Information**

**Property Names** 

Name Explanation Name

Function/Location House, 708 12th Street NW

**Property Evaluation Status** 

**Property Addresses** 

Current - 708 12th Street NW

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

Incorporated Town(s):No DataZip Code(s):22903Magisterial District(s):No DataTax Parcel(s):No Data

USGS Quad(s): CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

### **Additional Property Information**

Architecture Setting: Urban
Acreage: No Data

### Site Description:

January 2020: This one-story house is located on the east side of 12th Street NW near the dead end. In front of this property, the street transitions from asphalt to gravel, as if it were a private driveway, and angles to the northeast. As a result, the parcel is almost trapezoidal. The site slopes downward to the east. There is a tree in the front yard and small bushes along the west-facing façade. Around the northwest corner of the house, there is a low timber retaining wall. There is a mature tree near the center of the north elevation and a gravel parking area to the rear of the house. This property consists of a house.

#### Surveyor Assessment:

January 2020: According to the Charlottesville City Property Records, this house was constructed in 1959 (City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). According to city directories, it was indeed under construction that year (Hill Directory Co. 1959). Aerial photographs indicate that the house historically had a rear wing of some nature, but it may have been renovated or expanded slightly into the current deck c. 2018 (NETR 1968; City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). This house was likely 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 (Brennan 2012:13-14). As of 2012, the house was clad in vertical wood siding, which has since been replaced. Based on other houses on the block, siding likely covered up its original concrete block construction (Google 2012).

This property retains good integrity of location. The integrity of setting has been slightly compromised by the multi-family residential development to the north, built by 1968 on previously undeveloped land (NETR 1968). The integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been compromised by replacement windows and siding, and minor alterations to the rear wing/deck. 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 the group of buildings he constructed on this block 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 Build

### **Primary Resource Information**

Resource Category:DomesticResource Type:Single DwellingNR Resource Type:BuildingDate of Construction:1959

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Date Source: Local Records

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

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

Architectural Style: Minimal Traditional

Form: No Data
Number of Stories: 1.0
Condition: Good
Threats to Resource: None Known

#### **Architectural Description:**

January 2020: This one-story house rests on a concrete block foundation, is clad in aluminum siding, and has a side-gabled roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. There are two interior concrete block and brick chimneys located on the ridgeline near the north and south ends. The west-facing facade has the main entrance in the center; it is likely but not confirmed that there was originally a small entry porch like the surrounding buildings. There is a one-story, partial-width wood deck on the rear (east) elevation with a shed roof that is supported by wood columns and has wood railings. Visible fenestration includes six-over-six, double-hung, vinyl windows; and a single-leaf wood door with nine lights.

### **Exterior Components**

Component Component Type **Material Treatment** Material Chimneys Interior Central Concrete Block Foundation Solid/Continuous Concrete Block Structural System and Not Visible Aluminum Siding Exterior Treatment No Data Windows Double-hung Vinyl Roof Side Gable Asphalt 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:DigitalSurvey Date:2/5/2020Dhr Library Report Number:No Data

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### **Property Notes:**

No Data

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