

316 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1927

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040193000

Original Owner: Hamilton and Berta Brown

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and aluminum-siding clad house was built around 1927. The siding was added in 1965, renovations were done in 1959 and 1976. Windows are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements. There are several shed roof additions, one two-bay, one-story with a shed dormer 2nd floor added later and a third one-story shed roof addition layered on the back of these two additions. The roof is standing seam metal gable and there is a hipped roof (metal) enclosed two-bay porch with a wood post frame and louvered glass windows. There is a large modern wood deck on the side of the house and a chain link fence separating the sidewalk and front yard. A concrete path leads from the sidewalk to the entrance. There is an unpaved driveway in the south side yard.

Ownership History:

John West sold the land to Hamilton and Berta Brown on March 24, 1919 (City 33 – 371). David J. Wood, a trustee, took over the property briefly after Hamilton Brown's death in 1928, before returning ownership to Berta four days later (City 60 – 128) and (City 60 – 129). Florence Hughes (Berta Brown's married daughter) was given ownership of the property in 1935, "as her separate estate, free from the claims of any present or future husband" (City 88 – 138). She returned the land to her mother in 1944, but then willed to the family in 1953, after Berta's death (City 115 – 403). The Brown family sold in 1959 to Vassar R. Tarry who resold in 1960 to Mamie Sturdevant (City 216-55) and (City 219-402). Mamie Sturdevant and family owned the property until 1976 (City 376-451).

Social History:

Several African American families have lived in this home through the years. From 1927 until 1953, the house was owned and inhabited by the Brown family, lead by Hamilton Brown, a janitor who died in 1928, and Berta Brown, a domestic servant who passed away in 1953. In the late 1950s John I. Lockett, a

janitor at the UVA Alumni Association and Ethel B. Lockett, his wife, rented the home. After the Locketts, owner Mamie Sturdevant, a widow, lived in the home with her family until her death in 1976.

Statement of Significance:

This property was originally owned by John West, and the Brown/Hughes family owned the home from 1919 – 1959. The original materials have mostly been replaced.