

**323 10 ½ Street NW**



**Significance:** Medium

**Date of Construction:** 1923

**Architect:** Unknown

**Parcel ID:** 040178000

**Original Owner:** William and Elizabeth Love

**Builder:** Unknown

**Building History:**

This two-bay, two-story, frame house with vinyl siding was built around 1923. The garage was converted to a second dwelling in 1953 – this is a three-bay, one-story, concrete block, hipped asphalt shingles roof structure with 6/6 wood sash windows. The main house has a hipped asphalt shingle roof with an interior brick chimney. There is a two-bay, hipped asphalt shingle roof porch with decorative wrought iron posts and rails with a parged concrete foundation. Across the façade is a two-bay, hipped roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, battered piers, and a concrete block decorative screen. The front-facing windows are 1/1 vinyl sash type. A stepped concrete walkway leads from the sidewalk to the front entrance. There is a gravel driveway in the side yard and a brick and metal rail fence between the front yard and the sidewalk.

**Ownership History:**

Isaac Bell et al sold the property to Nicholas and Daisy Johnson (married) on Feb. 5, 1922 (City 30 – 4). William and Elizabeth Love purchased the land later that same year (City 42 – 223). Viola Brown bought it in 1934 and then sold it back to the Love family in 1935 (City 74 – 42) and (City 87-459). The Love family sold the property again in 1936 to Curtis Tarry (City 90 – 102). Tarry owned the property through the 1970s.

**Social History:**

The African American family of William Love, a waiter and his wife Elizabeth Love, a waitress lived in the residence from 1924 – 1931. Another African American family, William Lewis, a waiter at The University Tea Room, and his wife Violet Lewis rented the house from 1931 until 1934. Lawrence Brown, an African American laborer, lived in the house with his wife Viola Brown from 1934-1936. Curtis Tarry, an African American employee of the Farmington Country Club lived in the house with his wife Monzella Tarry from 1936 through the 1970s.

**Statement of Significance:**

The Tarry family owned and lived in this home for forty years. Although most of the original materials have been replaced, the house retains social and community value.