

325 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: 1923

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040177000

Original Owner: Mary Watts Holmes

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco house was built around 1923. The current dwelling has a hipped standing seam metal roof and a central interior brick chimney. A one-story, gable roof addition with aluminum siding is located at the back of the structure. Across the façade is a two-bay, standing seam metal hipped roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, rectangular wood posts and rails. The front-facing windows are 6/6 vinyl sash type. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the entrance. A wood picket fence surrounds the front yard.

Ownership History:

Julian Corbett sold the property to Isaac J. Bell and Joseph B. Lightfoot on Dec. 28, 1916(City 29 – 432).

Mary Watts Holmes purchased the land on May 24, 1918(City 31 – 433).

Mary Watts Holmes willed the land to Julia Holmes Ledbetter on July 21, 1930 (with the clause that Mary be able to use the property for “the remainder of her natural life”) (City 70 – 125). James Marshall purchased the property in 1965 and the Marshall family continued to own the house until 2006.

Social History:

African American laundress Mary Watts Holmes lived in the house from 1923 until 1964 along with her daughter Julia Holmes Ledbetter and her daughter’s family.

Statement of Significance:

This home was owned and occupied by a single woman and her children, Mary Watts Holmes for over fifty years. Her daughter, Julia Holmes Ledbetter lived in the house with her husband and children as well. Most of the original materials have been replaced, but the site holds social and community value.