

327 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: c.1929

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040176000

Original Owner: Martin and Lucy Hickman

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This three-bay, one-story, frame house with aluminum siding was built around 1929. The siding was added in 1984. The current dwelling has a hipped asphalt shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a three-bay, hipped roof porch with a concrete foundation (covered in stone veneer), simple, thin, Doric columns, a wood post and rail ramp, and brick and concrete stairs. There is a three-bay, one-story rear addition with a gable roof. The front-facing windows are 1/1 vinyl sash type. There are two prefabricated shed outbuildings in the rear yard which is separated from the front by a privacy fence. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the central entrance. There is also a wood and wire fence dividing half the front yard with the ramp, from the other. Beds in the front of the porch are lined with a stacked wood post retaining wall. The yard is separated from the sidewalk with a concrete block, brick capped wall with a wood gate.

Ownership History:

Martin and Lucy Hickman bought the property in 1928 from trustee B.P. Chamberlain (City 62-355). In 1948, James and Olive Coltraine purchased the land and buildings (City 138 – 411).

Social History:

Martin Hickman, an African American driver at the Midway Market, and his wife Lucy Hickman lived in the house from 1929 until 1945. After the Hickman family, James E. Coltraine, an African American waiter at the Thomas Jefferson Inn, and his wife Olive A. Coletraine lived in the house from 1950 until the 1960s.

Statement of Significance:

This dwelling is an example of a working-class African American family dwelling in the 20th century in Charlottesville. While, some of the original fabric of the house on the exterior has been replaced with

modern materials the original footprint of the dwelling remains intact. Only three families have owned and lived in the home.