

331 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: Medium

Date of Construction: c.1941

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040175000

Original Owner: Martha Thomas et al

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This three-bay, one-and-a-half-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1941. The current dwelling has a front-facing gable asphalt shingle roof, a central interior brick chimney, and two gable dormers – one on each side- with paired 6/1 wood sash windows, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends. Across the façade is a three-bay porch with a hipped roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends, a parged concrete foundation, rectangular wood posts, and aluminum awnings. There is also a rear screened porch (two-bay). The front-facing windows are paired 3/1 wood sash type, with a pair of 3/1 wood sash windows under an aluminum awning on the half story gable. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the street to the slightly off-center entrance. A high privet hedge and chain-link fence line the front yard and several other large evergreen bushes surround the porch.

Ownership History:

Kemper D. and Josephine Brown purchased the property from investor-owner Martha Thomas in 1968 (City 104 – 434). The Browns owned the house through the 1970s.

Social History:

Kemper D. Brown and his wife Josephine Brown lived in the house from the time it was built through the 1970s.

Statement of Significance:

This house is well preserved with original windows, chimney, and porch. The house is architecturally unique with multiple gables and prominent brick chimney, as well as the large plantings in the yard giving it an almost English Tudor revival look. The Brown family rented and then bought the house from the family who originally built it.