

## 332 10 ½ Street NW



**Significance:** High

**Date of Construction:** c.1919

**Architect:** Unknown

**Parcel ID:** 040197000

**Original Owner:** Elwood and Daisy Key

**Builder:** Unknown

### **Building History:**

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco house was built around 1919. The current dwelling has a hipped, standing seam metal roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends, a shed dormer (also with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends) with paired wood six light casement windows, and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a two-bay, hipped asphalt shingle roof porch with a brick pier and lattice foundation, and modern rectangular wood posts and rails. There is an enclosed rear porch. The front-facing windows are 1/1 vinyl sash type. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the main entrance. A chain-link fence lines the front and side yards of the lot.

### **Ownership History:**

John West sold the property to Elwood and Daisy Key on April 27, 1920(City 35 – 339). The loan company (Charlottesville Perpetual Building and Loan) took possession in 1929 but returned the land in 1930 to Daisy Key who sold it that same year to C. Venable Minor(City 67 – 12), (City 70 – 459) and (City 70 – 461). CPBL again gained ownership in 1932, and resold it to Nancy and James Brown who sold it back to C.Venable Minor that same day (City 76 – 273), (City 76 – 276) and (City 76 – 277). Minor sold the land to Nancy Brown in 1936 and the Brown family owned the land until 1962 when it was sold to Emmett and Clara Jefferson (City 89 – 354) and (City 232-168). The Jeffersons owned the house until the 1990s.

### **Social History:**

Several African American families have lived in, owned, and rented this home through the years. Elwood Key, a laborer and his wife Daisy Key owned and lived here from 1919 until 1931. Nancy Brown, a maid and her husband James Brown lived in and owned the house from 1932 until 1955. The house was then rented to Robert C. Kelley, a janitor at the Christ Episcopal Church and his wife Nancy R. Kelley (1955 –

1960) and then to Charles E. Murray Jr. a waiter at the Blair House and his wife Christine S. Murray (1960 – 1962). Emmett Jefferson and Clara Jefferson owned and lived in the home from 1962 until the 1990s.

**Statement of Significance:**

Originally owned by John West, this property was owned and rented by a number of families over the years. The majority of the original materials have been replaced.