

339 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: High

Date of Construction: 1914

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040173000

Original Owner: S.P. Purvis

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1914. The house had several rehabilitations in 1951, 1955, and 1967. The 1955 work was done by Charlottesville Lumber Corporation. The current dwelling has a hipped asphalt shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a two-bay, hipped roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, battered piers, and a concrete block decorative screen. There is a one-bay, one-story side addition and a two-bay, two-story hipped roof addition. The front-facing windows are 4/4 vinyl sash type, with one 6/6 wood sash window. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leads from the sidewalk to the central entrance. Hedge plantings line the porch area.

Ownership History:

S.P. Purvis sold the property to Julian Corbett on August 5, 1916(City 29 – 87). Corbett sold to F.L. Watson and Mary W. Watson in 1925 (City 52 – 87). The Watsons resold the property the next year, in 1926 to Norman Lewis Shaw and Betty A. Shaw (City 52 – 328). Laura J. Richardson purchased the property in 1977 from the Shaw estate (City 382-794).Richardson still owns the property today.

Social History:

The African American Shaw family lived in the house from 1914, until 1977. Norman Shaw, a janitor, lived in the house until his death in the mid 1950s. Norman’s wife Betty A. Shaw, a nurse, lived in the house with their children as a widow until she passed away in the 1970s.

Statement of Significance:

The Shaw family lived in and owned this house for over fifty years. The majority of the materials have been replaced, although there is one original wood 6/6 window on the first floor.