

348 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: High

Date of Construction: 1911

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040203000

Original Owner: Angelina Ayers

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame dwelling house with aluminum siding was built around 1911. An interior renovation was done in 1966, there was a fire which damaged the upstairs and prompted another renovation in 1976. In 1984, the siding was added to the structure. 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, turned wood posts and rails, and a wood lattice screen. The front-facing windows are 6/6 wood sash type. The front of the lot has a stepped concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the front entrance. There is also a concrete block wall lining the front yard, between the sidewalk and yard. Hedge plantings line the porch area. A gravel alley runs behind the house. A large tree at the northwest corner of the lot is located near this alley.

Ownership History:

A.D. Cox sold the property to Angelina Ayers on May 30, 1911(County 146 – 183). Her daughter Aldretta Gibbons inherited the property and sold it to H. W. Walsh in 1934(City 82 – 476).Home Owners' Loan Corporation was granted the property in 1937(City 91 – 256). Aldretta Gibbons repurchased the land in 1937 and sold it to Bessie Lockley in 1939(City 92 – 250) and (City 103 – 344). Lockley owned the land through the 1970s.

Social History:

Several African American families owned, rented, and lived in this home. From 1911 through 1931, Angelina Ayers, a domestic servant, lived in the house. Her daughter, Aldretta Gibbons, lived there from 1934 – 1945. In the early 1950s Bessie Lockley and her husband, Samuel Lockley, a janitor, lived in the house. W. Lewis Douglas, a cement finisher, rented the house from 1956 until 1964 with his wife Agnes L. Douglas.

Statement of Significance:

Angelina Ayers and her daughter lived in and owned this well-preserved house. The houses at 344 and 346 10 ½ Street were owned by Ayers and her family as rental properties.