

1120 Page Street



Significance: High

Date of Construction: 1916

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040244000

Original Owner: Langston and Florie Wars

Builder: Langston Wars

Building History:

This two-bay, two-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1916. The current dwelling has a hipped, asphalt shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. Across the façade is a two-bay, hipped, standing seam metal roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, and rectangular wood posts. There is a one-bay, two-story rear gabled wing; a one-bay two story, hipped, standing seam metal roof rear addition; two one-story and a one-bay shed additions with standing seam metal roofs, one with corrugated metal siding. The front-facing windows are 6/6 wood sash. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading from the sidewalk to the entrance. Rose bushes and hedges line the side and front yard. There is a three-bay, saw-tooth roof, terra-cotta block and concrete block, stuccoed playhouse in the rear yard which Langston Wars built.

Ownership History:

George B. Marshall sold the property to Eppa Rixey on March 17, 1903(City 17-353). Bessie V. Walker was granted the land in 1913(City 25 – 400). M. Langston Wars bought the property in 1916 (City 28 – 350). The Wars family still owns the house today.

Social History:

Langston Wars, an African American waiter, and his wife Flora Wars built and lived in the house with their family from 1916 until 1964. Anthony Wars, his grandson, and his family live in the house today.

Statement of Significance:

This 20th century single-family dwelling has only been owned by one family. Very little of the original fabric of the house has been replaced. The windows, doors, porch, and outbuilding are especially significant for their age and craftsmanship. This site holds social and community significance, according

to Anthony Wars, his grandfather would allow flowers he grew in the yard to be picked for weddings, funerals and local celebrations and neighborhood children would play in the yard.