



LANDMARK

SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 213-215 Fourth Street NE
 Map and Parcel: 33-211
 Census Tract & Block: 1-110
 Present Owner: Gladys L. Stevens
 Address: 215 Fourth Street, NE, City
 Present Use: Residence
 Original Owner: Harden Massie
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Massie-Wills House
 Date/Period: cir. 1830 & 1870's
 Style: Federal
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2
 Present Zoning: B-3
 Land Area (sq. ft.): 34.2 x 94.2
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 6030 + 6030 = 12,060

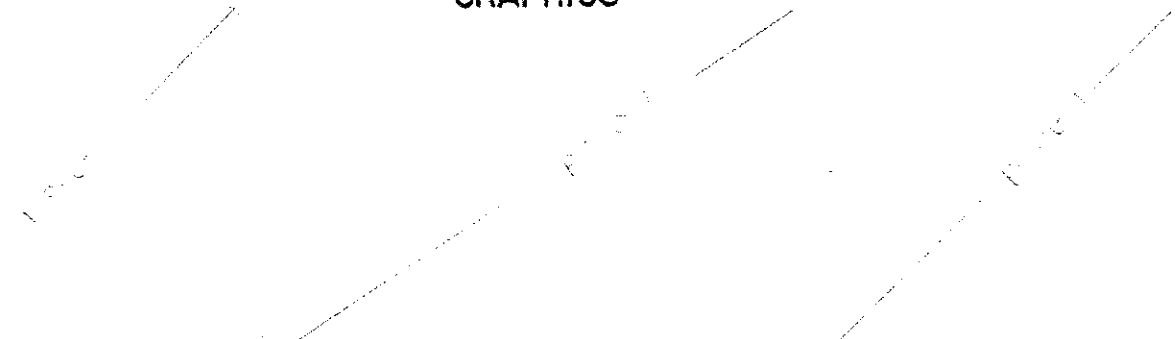
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two rowhouses on Fourth Street, NE, are the most charming early nineteenth century structures in the Court Square area. They are invaluable as clues as to what early Charlottesville was like. The original house at 215 Fourth Street, NE, is a two story, three bay structure set on a high basement with the front laid in Flemish bond terminating in a brick cornice. The interior chimneys are joined by a curtain on the southern wall. The first floor windows are nine over six and have wooden lintels with end blocks while the second floor windows diminish to six over six. The entrance door, which is very similar to that at the Leitch Storehouse on Court Square, appears to be a later improvement. The interior retains much of its original woodwork including heart pine flooring, Jeffersonian mantles, and six panel doors. The recessed 213 section was built in the 1870's over the old carriage passage between the two houses.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The original house on this site is believed to have been built by Harden Massie about 1830. He purchased lots 5 and 6 in 1828 from the chancery suit Lehen vs. Bell (ACDB 27-199). Harden willed the property to his nephew, N. H. Massie about 1850. In 1856 N. H. Massie conveyed it to Philip E. Bacon (ACDB 54-202). The property changed hands several times before Frederick M. Wills purchased it in 1868, but each transaction referred to it as "the house and lot, and also improvements situated near the old Baptist Church and adjoining the lot of Dr. Hughes...It being the same lot Bacon bought from N. H. Massie". The 213 Section was probably added by F. M. Wills around 1870. In 1890 the property became part of the Warner Wood estate (DB 2-1) and was used as rental property. The present owner and her mother purchased the property in 1945 and began a careful and thorough restoration.

GRAPHICS



CONDITIONS

Excellent

SOURCES

City/County Records
Miss Gladys Stevens