

STREET ADDRESS: 421 Fourth Street NE  
MAP & PARCEL: 33-57  
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: Title No. 643  
PRESENT ZONING: R-5  
ORIGINAL OWNER: Charles R. Irving  
ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence  
PRESENT OWNER: George C. & Cleo M. Gagianis  
ADDRESS: 421 Fourth Street NE  
Ch'ville, VA

HISTORIC NAME: Irving-Gagianis House  
DATE / PERIOD: 1928  
STYLE:  
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 stories  
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 60' x 76.3' (4614 sq. ft.)  
CONDITION: Good  
SURVEYOR: Bibb  
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1992  
SOURCES: City Records  
Sanborn Map Co. - 1929-57

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### **Architectural Description:**

This picturesque 2-story house is dominated by its steep gabled roof which sweeps down in an unbroken plane to shelter a 1-story front porch. The 1<sup>st</sup> story walls are veneered with brick laid in stretcher bond. A band of vertical stretchers forms the water table. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story walls are faced with aluminum siding, probably over weatherboarding. There are 2 chimneys: a central one, and an interior end chimney on the southern side of the house. The steep tabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves and verges. The northern half of its front plane dives down across the 2<sup>nd</sup> story to shelter the one-story front porch which covers the northern bay of the façade. The porch has a segmentally arched fringe and square wooden pillars. It is now screened in. The entrance to the house is through this porch. Windows are double-sash, 3 vertical lights over one, with plain trim. They are the same height at both levels and many are arranged in pairs. There is a band of 4 narrow windows at the 1<sup>st</sup> level of the northern elevation. Attic windows in the gable ends are small, 2-over-2 light. Contributing to the irregular massing are 2 way small, 1-story shed-roofed projections, a brick one on the façade and a weatherboarded one on the southern elevation. The windows in the central bay of the façade are located on the stair landing. This combines with the sweeping roof to create an extremely asymmetrical facade.

### **Historical Description:**

Charles R. Irving purchased this corner lot in 1928 (City DB 60-492) and built the house in 1928, according to tax records. He sold it to Constantine & Despina W. Gajigianis in 1940 (DB 101-375) and it is still owned and occupied by members of their family (DB 180-338).

Arch Description

This picturesque <sup>2-story</sup> house is ~~centrally~~ dominated by its steep gabled roof which sweeps down <sup>to shelter</sup> in an unbroken plane over a 1-story front porch.

The ~~foundation~~ 1st story walls are ~~constructed~~ <sup>veneered with</sup> brick laid in stretcher bond. A band of vertical stretchers forms the water table.

The 2nd story walls ~~are~~ are faced with aluminum siding, probably over weatherboarding. There are 2 chimneys: a central one, & an interior end chimney <sup>on</sup> the southern side of the house. The steep gabled roof is covered with composition shingles & has close eaves & verges.

The one-story front porch, <sup>which</sup> covers the northern bay of the facade. ~~The front plane of the roof~~ ~~is a front plane~~

The northern half of its front plane <sup>dives down</sup> ~~descends~~ across the 2nd story to shelter

The porch has a segmentally arched frieze & square wooden pillars. It is now screened in.

The entrance to the house is through this porch.

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Contributing ~~factor~~ to the irregular massing are 2 <sup>very</sup> ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup>, 1-story shed-roofed projections, a brick one on the facade & a weatherboarded one on the southern elevation.

~~Furthermore~~ The windows in the central bay of the facade are located on the stair landing. This combines with the sweeping roof to create an extremely asymmetrical facade.



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3 vertical lights over one with plain trim.  
They are the same height at both levels, & many  
are arranged in pairs. There is a band of 4 narrow  
windows at the 1st level of the northern elevation.  
Other windows in the gable ends are small,  
2-over-2 light.

Hist Group

Charles R. Drwing purchased this corner lot in 1928  
(City DB 60-492) & built the house in 1928,  
according to tax records.

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