

Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 308 Fifth Street SW

MAP & PARCEL: 29-112

~~CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK~~: File No. 659

PRESENT ZONING: R-1A

ORIGINAL OWNER: N. B. Lilienfeld

ORIGINAL USE: Rental Property (Residence)

PRESENT USE: Residence

PRESENT OWNER: Estate of Mary Ellen Jeter

ADDRESS: 308 Fifth Street SW
Charlottesville, VA

HISTORIC NAME: Lilienfeld-Dickerson House

DATE / PERIOD: c. 1877-79, c. 1913-20

STYLE: Vernacular

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 stories

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 74' x 102' (7400 sq. ft.)

CONDITION: Good

SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1993

SOURCES: City/County Records
Sanborn Map Co. - 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929
Ch'ville City Directories

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~~310~~ 5th St SW

Arch. Drawing

This is one of a ~~cluster~~^{group} of identical workers cottages, which ~~originally~~ have gradually changed over the past century & assumed their own separate identities.

The basic form ~~was~~^{was} a common one in late 19th century Ch'ville: a 3-room ~~small~~ cottage consisting of a ~~an~~ one-over-one-room 2-story section & a 1-story side or rear wing.

~~Architect~~

The walls of this house are stuccoed. Its medium-pitched gabled roof is covered with standing-seam metal.

There is a brick exterior end chimney at the northern end of the original 2-story section, between it & the original northern wing, which has been enlarged to 2 stories. ~~Extended to the rear~~

Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with plain trim.

A 1-story veranda covers the ~~front~~ ~~side~~ facade of the original 2-story section & most of the side wing. It has a hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal, with a boxed cornice, a plain frieze, ~~and~~ square stuccoed pillars, & a stuccoed balustrade.

A one-story addition with a steep shed roof covers the rear elevation & projects beyond the main block at the southern end.

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Hist Descr

N. B. Lillienfeld purchased a one-acre lot on Fifth Street in 1846 (ACDB 172-234). The purchase price of \$665 would seem to indicate that there were no buildings on the lot, & none are shown on the 1877 Gray map of Ch'ville. Tax records indicate that ~~he~~^{Lillienfeld} built six houses there before 1880. They were apparently used as rental property.

The entire tract was sold at auction in 1898 to satisfy four deeds of trust (City DB 1-461, 3-265, 4-187, 6-160). The purchaser was Robert Portner, one of Lillienfeld's creditors (DB 9-84).

He immediately began to sell ^{off} the ~~separate~~ houses ^{separately} (City DB 11-325).

Ellen Pollard bought this house in 1903 (DB 15-36),
& it was owned & occupied by members of her family
for 85 years, as she willed it to the family of her
sister Fannie Dickerson at her death in 1930
(WB 3-388).

The original side wing was enlarged to 2 stories
between 1913 & 1920. The northern half of the rear
addition was built before 1907, & the southern half
was added in the 1920's.

Mary Ellen Jeter bought the house in 1988
(DB 520-610).

Additional References: City DB 74-385, WB 32-342