

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 116 West Jefferson Street
Map and Parcel: 33-183
Census Tract & Block: 1-314
Present Owner: Family Services of C'vill-Albemarle
Address: 116 West Jefferson Street
Present Use: Offices
Original Owner: J. C. Revercomb
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Revercomb House
Date/Period: 1913
Style: Colonial Revival
Height to Cornice: 21.5
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: B-3
Land Area (sq.ft.): 47.5 x 116.5
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 8310 + 5370 = 13,680

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Revercomb House, until recently, was one of the fine examples of the Colonial Revival style. The floor plan is similar to Stanford White's Carrs Hill at the University. Built of brick that was once penciled so that the mortar joints would appear more even, the two story, three bay residence boasted of a handsome veranda with four Ionic columns with diagonal volutes, so characteristic of revival capitals, and a strong modillioned cornice that added sophistication to an otherwise ordinary structure. With this veranda gone, the Federal style entrance with fan and sidelights of beveled leaded glass loses much of its original elegance. On the interior the original doors, woodwork, and mantles are also typical of the Colonial Revival. The most interesting and unusual interior detail is the open spool-work lunette in the archway between the entrance and the stair hall.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1878, Elisah Gilmer bought the property from B. L. Powell (ACDB 69-4). Gilmer sold the property and the small one story brick structure to Mrs. B. G. Leterman in 1903 (DB 14-304). In 1909, J. C. Revercomb bought the property (DB 20-483) and in 1913 razed the older structure and built the present house. The house remained in the Revercomb family until 1972 when the Family Services of Charlottesville-Albemarle, Inc. purchased it. The veranda was removed in 1974.

GRAPHICS

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CONDITIONS

Average

SOURCES

Miss Virginia Revercomb
City Records