

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 427 Park Street  
 Map and Parcel: 53-23  
 Census Track & Block: 3-501  
 Present Owner: William Groke Mickey  
 Address: 427 Park Street  
 Present Use: Residence  
 Original Owner: Nancy Price  
 Original Use: Residence

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: The Poore House  
 Date/Period: 1836-7  
 Style: Federal  
 Height to Cornice: 19'  
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2  
 Present Zoning: B-1  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 55 x 155  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 8210 + 5460 = 13,670

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Poore House is an example of a house that grew from a small vernacular structure to one of the finest residences in the city. The original portion, which was built by Nancy Price in 1836-7, was a simple one and a half brick laid in Flemish bond with queen closers. Shortly thereafter, the walls and roof were raised to their present two and a half height. Still later, after returning from a visit to France in 1868, Virginia Carrington, a life tenant, added the fine Mansard roof with its three arched dormers. This feature, characteristic of the Second French Empire style, is unique in Charlottesville. Large scrolled brackets were added at this time but, unfortunately have since been removed. There are also indications of a one story veranda on the front.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1836, Nancy Price assembled two lots bought from Opie Norris and Charles Everett and began construction on what is now the nucleus of the Poore House. In 1851, after several sales, the property was sold to Ann E. Poore. Miss Lizzie Poore conducted a successful school for children in this house during the 1850's. Robert Carter bought the property in 1914 and held the title until 1924 when it was sold to Charles Carter. The present owner bought the Poore House in 1965. Deed references: ACDB 27-312, 28-44, 37-80, 28-312, 34-250, 37-85, 42-178, 49-404, 49-409, 68-532, 85-354, City WB 1-175, DB 13-218, 19-377, 22-79, 26-206, 49-278, 266-78.

## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

Excellent

## SOURCES

Title Abstract, Morris to Carter, 1914  
 Alexander's Recollections, p. 42.  
 Mr. Groke Mickey



No. 427 PARK STREET  
Name THE POORE HOUSE  
Order 108  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
Retouched \_\_\_\_\_  
Order Finished Aug. 1974  
Reorder \_\_\_\_\_