LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Elijah Dunkum

Street Address: 409 Ridge Street

Map and Parcel: 29-135 Census Track & Block: 4-339

Present Owner: Dora Walls and Mabel Jones

Address . 409 Ridge Street

Present Use: Residence Original Owner:

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BASE DATA

Historic Name: Dunkum-Spooner-Brown House

1842, c1895 Date/Period:

Style: No Identifiable Style

Height to Cornice: Height in Stories: 2 Present Zoning: R-3

Land Area (sq.ft.): 90' x 206' Assessed Value (land + imp.):

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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HEIGHT (to cornics) OR STORIES: 2 Storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 90' x 205' (18,540 sq. ft.)

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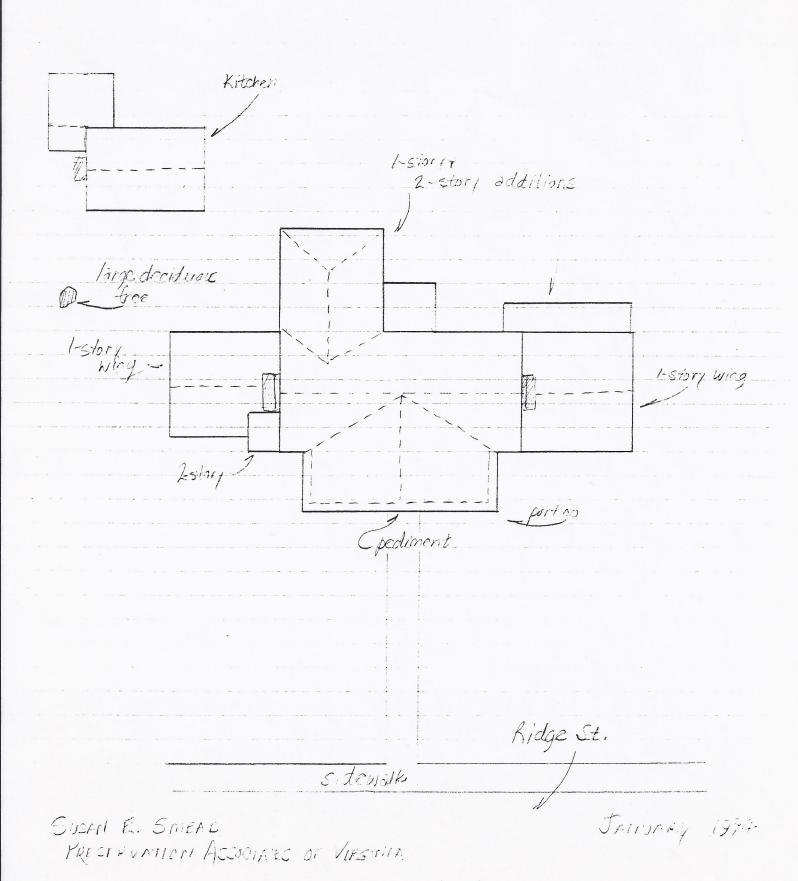
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1842, the Dunkum-Spooner-Brown House was one of the first built on Ridge Street, and it is now the oldest one left. From 1861 until 1902, it was the home of G. Wallace Spooner and his family. A prominent Charlottesville builder and amateur architect, Spooner was the contractor for Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Christ Church, and the present portico on the Albemarle County Courthouse. He was the son of George W. Spooner, one of the builders at the University, and the grandson of John M. Perry, one of Jefferson's master builders who worked both on Monticello and on the University. Spooner is believed to have added the one-storey flanking wings to the Dunkum-Spooner-Brown House, giving it a form similar to that of Montebello, his childhood home which was built by Perry.

Repeated remodelings have robbed the Dunkum-Spooner-Brown House of much of its original material, but the basic form of the house remains, and the central block is identifiably a Federal side-hall-plan house. The small brick dependency with mousetooth cornice and a large chimney probably dates from the 1840's and is unique in the District.



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