

GIANNINY-BAILEY HOUSE



STREET ADDRESS:	507 Ridge Street
MAP & PARCEL:	29-141
VDHR FILE NUMBER:	104-25-19
CITY FILE NUMBER:	364
PRESENT ZONING:	R-3
ORIGINAL OWNER:	E. M. Gianniny
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
PRESENT USE:	Residence
PRESENT OWNER:	Lottie Scott
ADDRESS:	507 Ridge Street Charlottesville, Virginia
HISTORIC NAME:	Gianniny-Bailey House
DATE/PERIOD:	1895
STYLE:	Vernacular Queen Anne
HEIGHT(to cornice)OR STORIES:	2 storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:	60' x 225' (13,500 sq. ft.)
CONDITION:	Good
SURVEYOR:	Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY:	Fall 1980, Revised 1993
SOURCES:	City Records Mrs. Lottie Scott Mrs. E. A. Talley (Mabel Apple Talley)

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This house is two storeys tall, two bays wide, and double-pile, set on a low foundation. The original weatherboarding has been covered with stucco, significantly altering the appearance of the house. The trim is painted green. There is a semi-octagonal projecting side bay on the east facade, a rectangular projecting bay on the north side, and a projecting pavilion to the rear. The high-pitched hipped roof has steeply pedimented gables over the three projecting bays and another centered over the southern elevation. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal, painted red, and has Philadelphia gutters, projecting eaves and verges, and a boxed cornice. Brackets with a sunburst motif support the overhanging corners of the gable over the semi-octagonal bay. The sunburst motif is repeated at the peaks of the gables. The rear gable is weatherboarded; the other three are covered with pressed tin. There is a pair of 9-over-9 light tinted glass attic windows in the west facade gable, and a single, plain 1-over-1 light window in each of the others. There are two interior capped chimneys. Other windows are double-sash with architrave trim, 1-over-1 light on the facade and 2-over-2 light elsewhere. The one on the verandah has a panelled spandrel, suggesting that it may originally have been a triple sash window. A deep one-storey verandah covers the northern bay of the facade and wraps around the corner to a side entrance in the projecting bay on the north side. It has a medium-pitched truncated hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal with boxed cornice. The original spool frieze and simple balustrade are gone, square posts have replaced the attenuated Eastlake posts and brackets, and the floor and steps have been replaced with concrete. The wide entrance door in the northern bay has nine lights over three panels and a three-light rectangular transom. Beside the door there is a small double-sash window with one large light bordered by small lights. A small second storey porch is set on the roof of the verandah at window-sill level. It has a nearly flat roof, and it has retained its spool frieze, attenuated Eastlake posts with brackets, and turned balustrade. The second storey hall window gives access to the porch. There is a one-storey hipped-roofed back porch beside the projecting rear pavilion. Interior trim is symmetrically moulded with corner blocks. The three-flight open stair in the entrance hall has a decorated rail and paneled wall. The six fireplaces with Victorian mantels have been closed. There is a one-storey, gable-roofed, white weatherboarded servant's cottage behind the house.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

E. M. Gianniny purchased this lot in 1895 (City DB 6-13) and built the house the same year, according to tax records. He sold it to E. M. Buck in 1897 (DB 8-331), then bought it back in 1901 (DB 12-103), and sold it to C. S. Apple in 1906 (DB 17-336). Ida L. Birch bought the house from Apple in 1915 (DB 27-487). Her husband, who had inherited it from her (WB 2-229), lost it during the Depression (DB 69-52, 86-128). E. I. and Mollie F. Bing owned it from 1935 to 1940, when they sold it to G. C. Bailey (DB 102-334). The Bailey family lived there for 22 years before selling it to Mrs. Lottie Scott in 1962 (DB 333-430). The weatherboarding was covered with stucco sometime between 1915 and 1962.

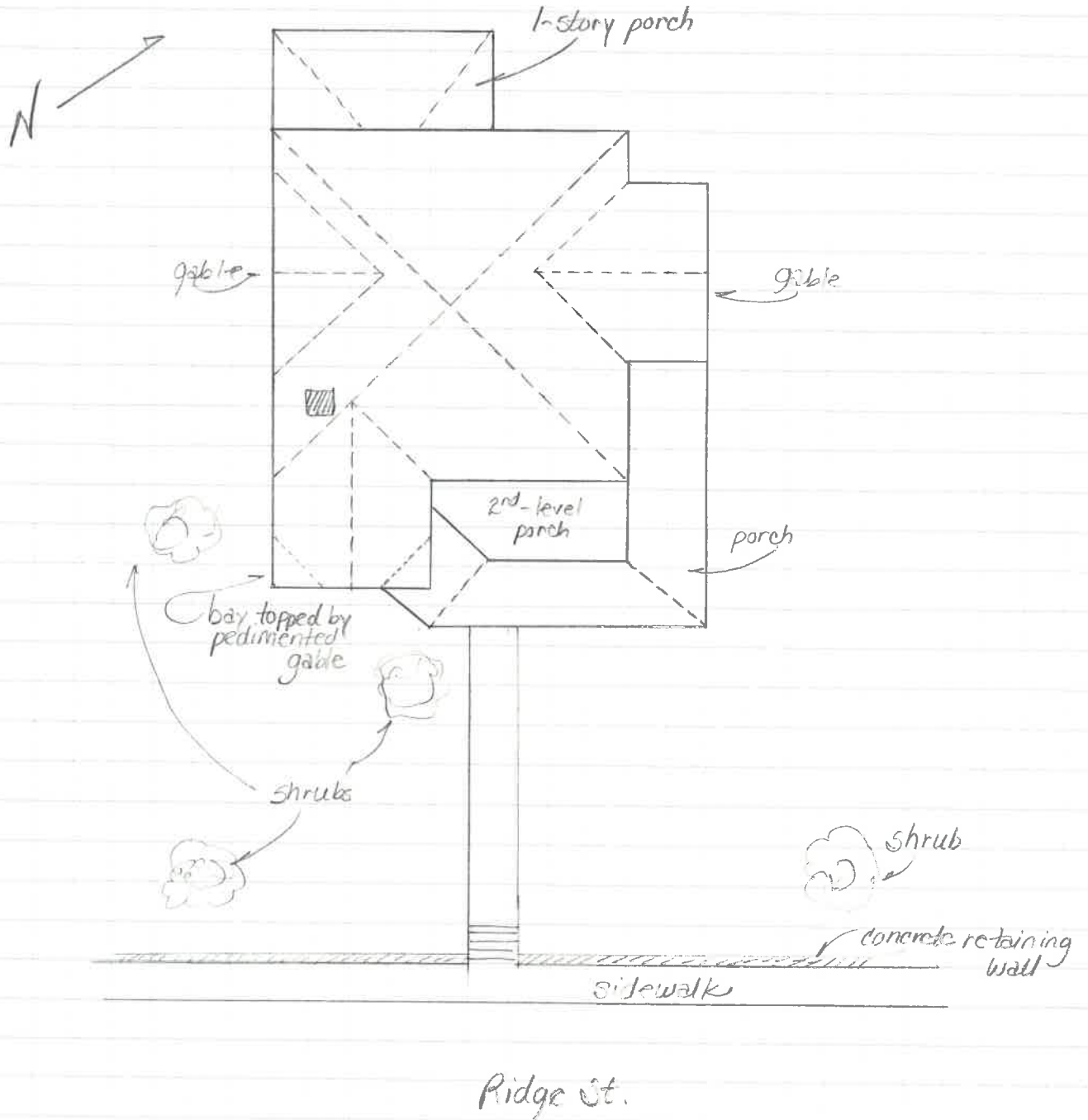
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This nicely detailed Vernacular Queen Anne residence is typical of the houses built on Ridge Street in the 1890's. The loss of many of them makes the remaining ones more important. The little second-storey porch, which has retained its Eastlake trim, is especially noteworthy.

This house has one of the three surviving servants' quarters in the Ridge Street Historic District. The Gianniny-Bailey House is important to the streetscape and the District.

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JANUARY 1994

507 Ridge St.

333-430	Lottie Scott ^{same}	1972	highway plat 8-331
233-459	O.C. Bailey	1962	
102-337	O.C. Bailey		

1-fam, 2 stories, 7 rooms, 1 1/2 baths
 conc. block found., stucco walls, metal gable & hipped roof, basement
 "old"

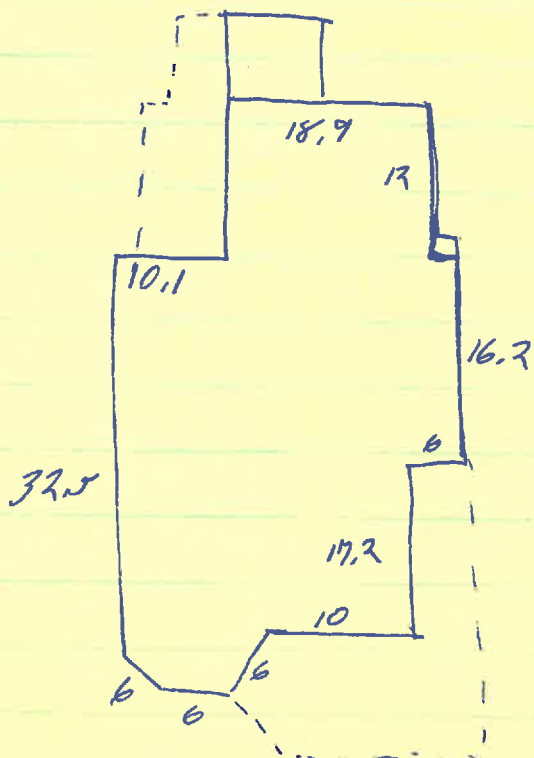
cheap concrete

frame cottage 10' x 12'

1971 - 1/2 bath

1976 - storage shed

Diagram



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10/2/19

Mrs Scott

stusco before bought

→ come to door — has German shepherd

* Biaminy - 1895 - 1906 = 11 yr

Apple - 1906 - 1915 = 9 "

Birch - 1915 - 1935 = 20 "

Bailey - 1940 - 1962 = 22 "

Scott - 1962 - 21981 = 219 yr

5-5581 Bailey

507 Ridge St

- 233-459
~~102-334~~
 1962
 Gunner C & Myrtle M. Bailey → Lottie Scott \$12,500
- 102-334
 5/21/1940
 E I & Marg E Bing, & Mollie F. Bing (s) → C. C. Bailey
 same as 86-128
- 86-128
 7/11/1935
 Geo NB, under 1930 deed of trust for F. H. Birch, widower,
 (69-52) → E. I. Bing & Mollie F. Bing, at auction \$3500
 lot of impts W side Ridge St
- 69-52
 same as ~~27~~ 27-487
 & will of Eda L. Birch, 1919, WB 2-229
- 27-487
 10/14/1915
 C. S. & Genevieve W. Apple → Eda L. Birch \$4500
 same as 17-336
- 17-336
 5/24/1906
 Ella M & E B Banning → C S Apple \$4800
 house & lot on west side Ridge St
 same as 12-103
- 12-103
 8/12/1901
 EM & Delia C Buck → EM Banning \$3000
 lot w/ "house & other impts"
 same as 6-13
 8-331
 Arlie B. Scribner & hab → Ella M. Banning
- 8-331
 11/12/1897
 Edgar B & Ella M Banning → EM Buck (trade for farm)
 same as 6-13
 house & lot
- 6-13
 4/8/1895
 Arlie B & W Scribner → EM Banning (now S. 13) \$1000
 lot (no mention of house) on west side Ridge St
 part of ACD 385-398, 1885, & EM Wolfe est → Scribner

Tax

1895	3rd	Orelie B. Scribner	w Ridge	$1000 + 2000 = 3000$	
1896	"	"	"	$500 + " = 2500$	\$500 off to Binning
"		EB Binning	"	$700 + 1800 = 2500$	for Scribner

507 Ridge

2-story, 2-bay 2nd, 3 bay 1st
low found, cov w/ conc
surco of med green trim

high-pitched hipe roof, red ss, gutters, boxed cornice
gables over semi-prot proj 5 bay facade, red proj w bay N side
centered on S side, sunburst corner brackets w/ pediment; jagged ^{repeated} in gable peak;
passed to ^{sunburst} on 9/9 l stained glass attic windows in front gable,
ing reg 1/1 in 5

2 int capped chim
windows 1/1, arch trim, 2/2 sides
one in proj bay on porch has expanded ✓

deep 1-story veranda wraps around NE corner bet proj bays
rather high hipe roof, matches
sq posts prob replace ^{bracketed} w/ collars, as 1 pilaster remains
no balustrade or fence
conc flr steps

ent - wide door 9 l / 3 panels
3-l rect transom
side door 1 l bordered w/ small / panels

run 2nd storey porch set on porch roof
1 bay of facade
nearly flat roof
spool bays, bracketed E cast-iron posts, V in turned bal
no floor at window sill level
stair window on facade 1/1 bordered w/ small

wants picture

3 fl open stair, dec rail, paneled below
sym moulded trim w/ corner blocks

arch trim

rear wing gable-roof, w B gable w/ 1/1 and

one back porch in ell - 15, ^{red} hip roof, exposed rafter ends

~~see~~ servants cottage:

1-storey, gable roof, white weatherboarded
prob 1 room

old picture 507 Ridge St

c. 1906 or 1907

weatherboarded, appears to be light color w/ white trim
low foundation

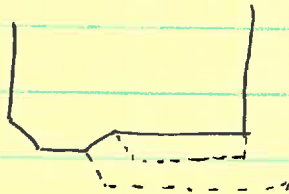
1/1 windows

veranda: 3 wide steps

55T hips roof, boxed cornice

Eastlake posts, open (or good?) frieze, simple balustrade

2nd storey porch: same cornice, frieze, posts, but turned balustrade



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April 8, 2003

Mr. Edward W. Wayland
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**RE: 507 Ridge Street
Virginia Historic Landmark Designation**

Dear Ed:

We were surprised to learn that the above referenced property is not already on the State's Landmarks list, as it is on the local and national register designations. I am happy to lend our support for designation of this house/property on the Virginia Landmark's list.

This house, known as the Gianniny-Bailey House, dates from 1895, and represents the Victorian style residences built on Ridge Street in the 1890's. The loss of many such residences makes this house an important remaining resource. Such details and features as the Eastlake trim on the second story porch represent items which are rarely seen on homes in Charlottesville. Finally, this house/property has one of the very rare servant's quarters remaining in structures from this era.

I hope this helps to confirm the significance of the structure to the Charlottesville and Virginia Landmarks collection. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 970-3995. Best of luck in obtaining this well-deserved designation.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Higgins, AICP
Planning Manager

RLH:sdp



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