# Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 1314 Rugby Road

MAP & PARCEL: 38-92 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:

PRESENT ZONING: R-1
ORIGINAL OWNER: Melton C. and Lucy Cocke Elliot

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential

PRESENT OWNER: Caroline Camp Sherman

ADDRESS: 1314 Rugby Road

Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

HISTORIC NAME: Four Acres

DATE / PERIOD: 1910

STYLE: Colonial Revival
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2½ storeys
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 246,265 sq. ft.

CONDITION: Excellent

SURVEYOR: \_\_\_\_\_/Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974/1985

SOURCES: City/Cour

City/County Records
Dr. Hilbert H. DeLawter

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## SIGNIFICANCE

Designed by architect Eugene Bradbury "Four Acres" is an outstanding example of the Colonial Revival style. Admiral Halsey occupied it for several years in the late 1940's.

## LANDMARK



## SURVEY

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Census Track & Block:

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Address: 1314 Rugby Road

Present Use: Residential

Original Owner: Melton C. and Lucy Cocke Elliot

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Style: Colonial Revival

Height to Cornice:

Height in Stories: 2 1/2

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Assessed Value (land + imp.): 12,300 + 26,580 = 38,880

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GRAPHICS present owners bought it from the estate of Mrs.



CONDITIONS

Excellent

SOURCES

Dr. Hilbert H. De Lawter County Records City Records

## **FOUR ACRES**



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ORIGINAL OWNER:
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HISTORIC NAME:
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1314 Rugby Road
38-92
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R-1
Melton C. and Lucy Cocke Elliot
Residence
Residence
Caroline Camp Sherman
1314 Rugby Road
Charlottesville, V A 22903

Four Acres
1910, 1987
Colonial Revival
2 1/2 Storeys
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Good
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

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IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

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Wuzit: House

Tax Code: Section Parcel \_\_\_\_\_\_

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County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map:

USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

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Rugby Road

Street

Location:

Vicinity of: Municipality:

ZIP: 22903

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Property Boundaries: Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

Category Contributing?

TOTAL: 1

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Contrib:

Non-Contrib: 0

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Resource Level:

Estimated Construction Date: 1910

Source of Date: Tax Records Physical Status: Existing

Condition: Good Threat: None Known

Degree of Historic Integrity:

Association:

Design: Feeling: Location: Materials: Setting: Workmanship:

## PRIMARY RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style/Derivative: Colonial Revival

# of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 3 # of Bays Deep: 3 Arch Config:

Geo Config:

Footprint:

Component # Form/Treatment Material Matr'l Treatment Chimneys Brick

Masonry

Foundation

Porch

Frnt. Ionic port. Wood

Roof

Hipped

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Windows

sash

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Interview

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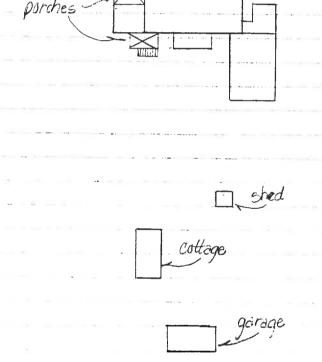
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## Rugey Road

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CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PRESERVATION ASSOCIATES OF VIRGINIA

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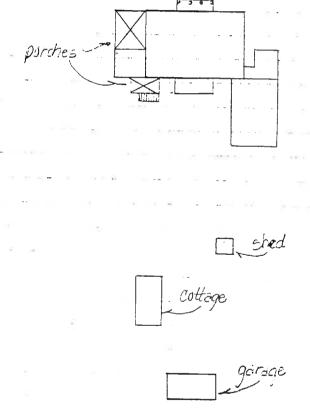
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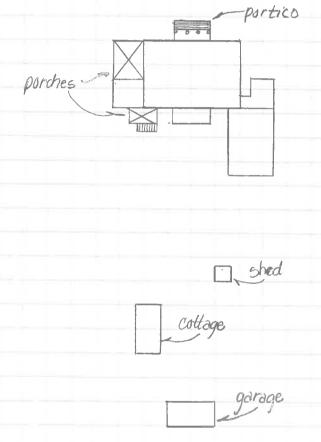


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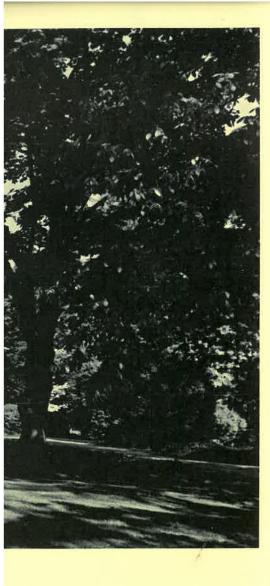
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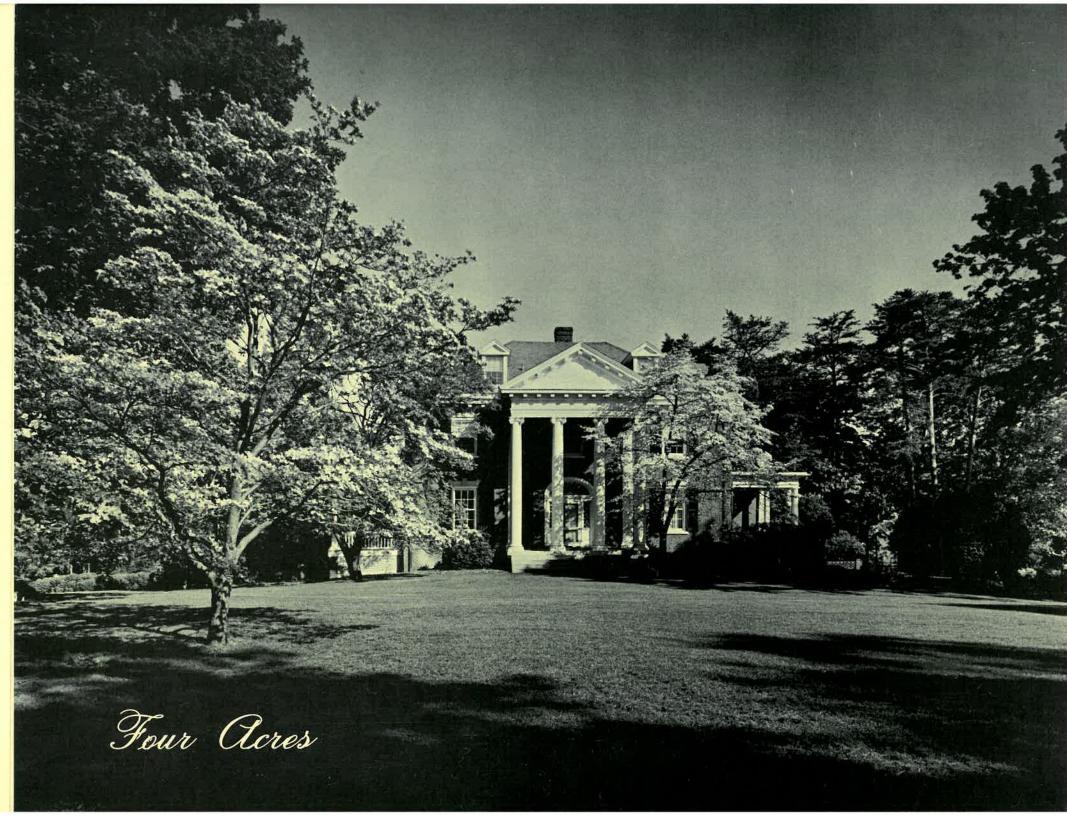
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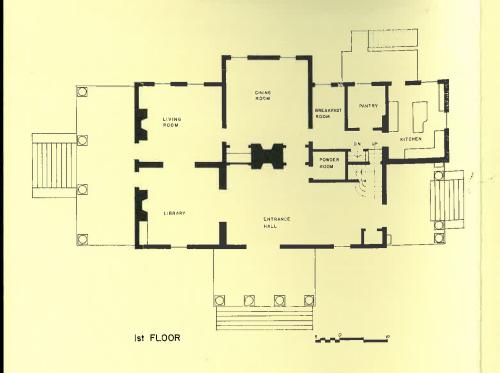
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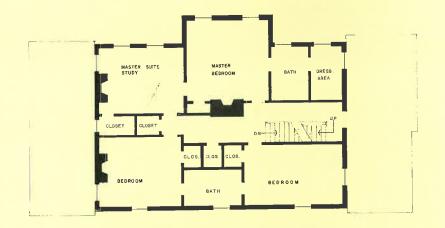
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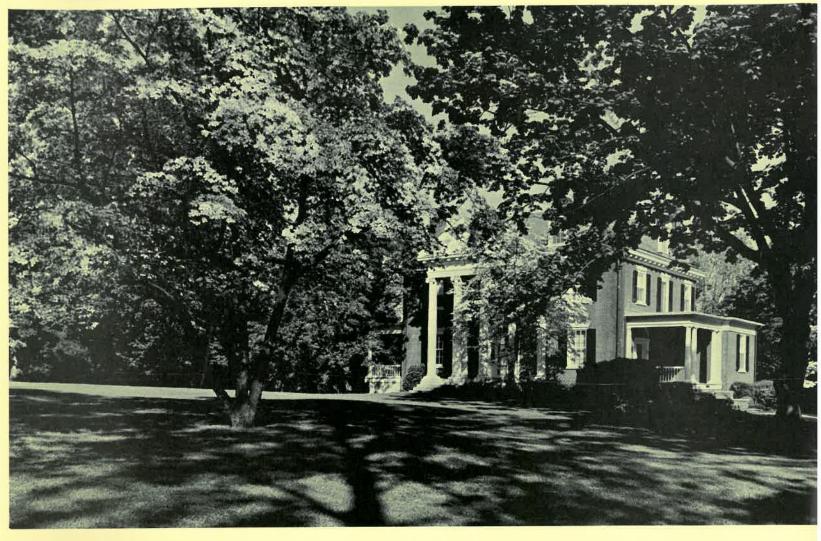


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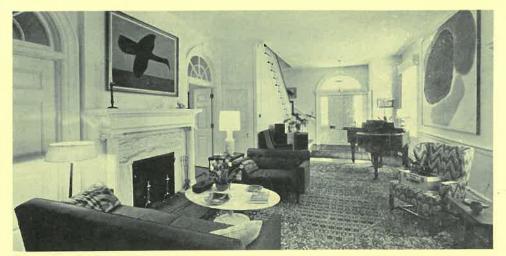




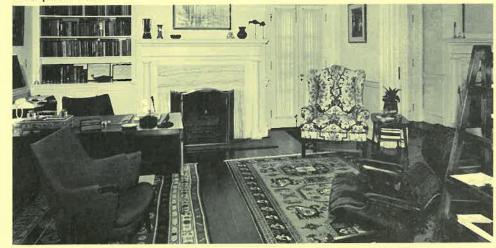


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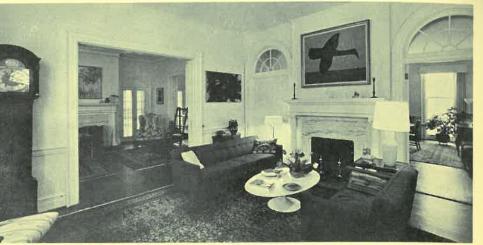
Reception Hall



Library



Dining Room



Sitting Area



Parlor



Kitchen

# Four

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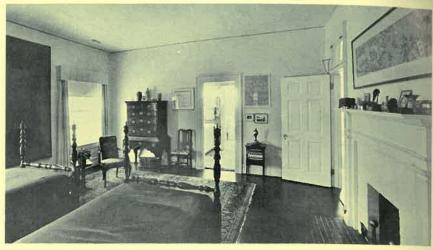
# Four Acres

historic Rugby Road 1.3 miles from the irginia's Rotunda "Four Acres" represents the ttesville's residential offerings. Combining the of Colonial Revival Architecture with a private landscaped setting, this classic home offers the or casual living within convenient walking and of city schools, shopping areas, downtown Court Square and the cultural, educational and s of Mr. Jefferson's University.

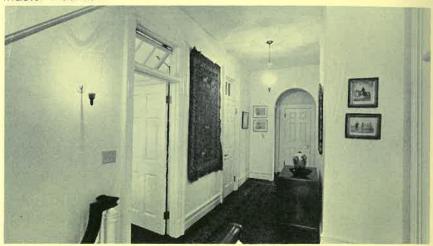
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ne architectural merits of the main house, its nd private gardens, this offering features a well age shed, and a three room brick guest cottage. cture, containing fifteen rooms and eight slate roof, all copper plumbing, two furnaces, I is serviced by underground cable for its sion and telephone wiring.

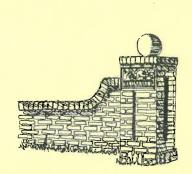
this dedication to workmanship and design and xtensive renovation and interior modernization rners in 1972, "Four Acres" has the distinction ted an Historic Landmark by the Department of elopment of Charlottesville in 1976.



Master Bedroom



2nd Floor Hallway





Guest Room



Master Study



Guest Cottage

