



**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM**

File No. 104-130
Negative no(s). 7220

Street address 2 University Circle
Town/City Charlottesville

Historic name Neff House Common name

- Material**
- wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, _____-course American, _____)
- stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
- log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
- stucco
- concrete block
- enameled steel
- other: _____
- cast iron
- terra cotta
- glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> slate
<input type="checkbox"/> 1½	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable <i>cross-gable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composition
<input type="checkbox"/> 2½	<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> standing seam metal
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> parapet	<input type="checkbox"/> tile
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hipped	<input type="checkbox"/> pressed tin
	<input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> not visible
	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Dormers	Number of bays — Main facade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <i>signature</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<input type="checkbox"/> gable	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
<input type="checkbox"/> pedimented	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> hipped	

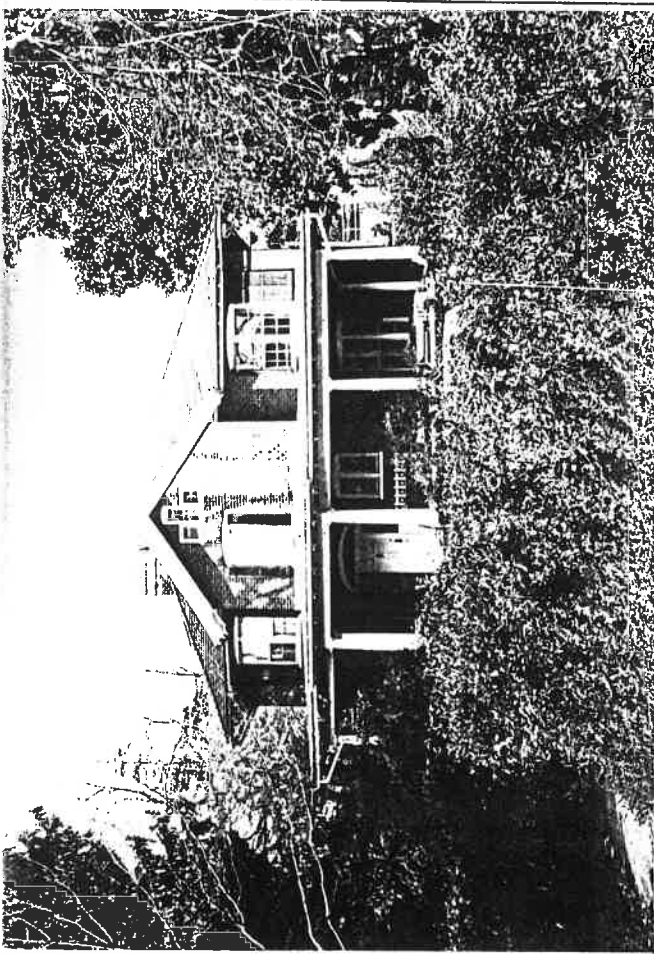
Porch	Stories	Bays	General description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	Full-length veranda with projecting section opposite main door
<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (center)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (side)	

Building type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> detached house	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> detached town house	<input type="checkbox"/> farmhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (office)	<input type="checkbox"/> school
<input type="checkbox"/> row house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> apartment building	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial (store)	<input type="checkbox"/> church
<input type="checkbox"/> double house	<input type="checkbox"/> gas station	<input type="checkbox"/> railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Style/period Colonial Revival/*Eclectic* Date c. 1910 Architect/builder

Location and description of entrance Entry door surmounted by elliptical fanlight and flanked by sidelights.



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

This handsome house has a complex facade and attractive-color brick walling. The projecting front T and full-length veranda makes the house unique in Charlottesville. Interesting details include the small triple attic window in the front gable; the segmental-arched windows with lattice muntins, and the larger paired windows at the main facade.

The house is set well back from the street and thickly planted with hedges and shade trees.

Historical information

This house was the home of J. H. Neff, Professor of Biology at the university (and his family) for from 1920 or before to the 1950s. It may well have been built for Neff.

The house is presently divided into apartments and rented to students.

Source Univ. Directory; Eugenia Bibb

Surveyed by Jeff O'Dell, VHLC Date 4-83; 9-83

STREET ADDRESS: 62 University Circle
MAP & PARCEL: 5-41
VDHR FILE NUMBER:
CITY FILE NUMBER:
PRESENT ZONING: R-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: John H. Neff, Sr.
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Rental Property (Residential)
PRESENT OWNER: Arthur L. & Helen W. Thiele
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1426
Charlottesville, VA 22902
HISTORIC NAME: Neff House
DATE/PERIOD: c. 1911
STYLE: Vernacular
HEIGHT IN STORIES: 2 stories
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 118.74' x 155' (15,462 sq. ft.)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Fall 1999
SOURCES: City Records
Sanborn Map Co. - 1920

Arch Description

2 Union St

This intricately detailed house is two stories tall above a low basement, and four ~~unequal~~ unequal bays wide. Walls and foundation are veneered with brick laid in stretcher bond. The high-pitched hipped roof is covered with slate and has deeply projecting eaves with shaped rafter ends. ~~There are gables~~

There are gables with small, vernacular, Palladian windows above projecting bays on the facade and eastern elevations, and small shed-roofed dormers on the western and rear elevations.

There is one interior chimney with cap & stringcourse.

Most of the windows are 8-light casement, arranged in segmentally-arched groups of two, three, or four. Those at the first story level in the side bays of the facade are taller and have lowered shutters.

The two-bay central section

~~The central two bays~~ of the facade project slightly and ~~are~~ ^{is} crowned by a gable with a sort of segmentally-arched Palladian window.

The ^{7-paneled} entrance door, in the western ^{bay} of this projection, has sidelights and a semi-elliptical fanlight.

Small diamond-paned casement windows in the eastern bay ^{at both levels} light the staircase.

A one-story verandah covers the facade. It has a nearly flat roof, covered with standing-seam metal, with shaped rafter ends and a plain frieze, supported by Tuscan columns set on a wooden-shingled balustrade. The entrance bay alone projects slightly and is set off by coupled columns. Floor and steps are wooden.

A complex of original, ~~shipped~~ hipped-roof, 2-story wings covers the western two-thirds of the rear elevation and includes a second story sleeping porch that has been enclosed with plywood.

The lot is enclosed by a privet hedge. The backyard parking area is accessed by an alley. The front yard is dominated by two large trees, a spruce on the west and a deciduous tree on the east, and there is a parking area there also.

First Description

John H. Neff, Sr, father of Dr. John H. Neff, Professor of Urology at the U. Va. Medical School, purchased this lot in University Place subdivision in 1911 (AEDB 146-41) and probably built the house the same year. The 1912-13 City Directory shows his family living on University Place.

~~was after~~ ^{in 1918} Dr. Neff bought the house in 1918, after ~~his~~ his parents' deaths (City WB 32-114; City DB 34-333). ~~the Neff family~~ Mrs. Neff lived there for many years after Dr. Neff's death. She sold the house in 1968 to Arthur L. & Helen W. Thiele (DB 220-7). They lived there for about two decades and now use the house as rental property.

~~John H. Wolf, Sr. of the City of
Purchased the lot in University Place
addition in 1911 (ADB 146-47) and
probably built the house the same year.
The 1913 City Directory shows the family
living on University Place.~~

Harold Hooper