

**HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE**  
*September 11, 2002 – 3:30 P.M.*  
**BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Charlottesville Tour Book Status
3. Downtown Cultural Map
4. Discussion of Local Markers
5. Discussion of State Markers
6. Historic Court Square Status Report
7. Other Business

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## *Historic Resource Task Force*

### *Minutes*

*August 14, 2002*

*3:30*

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Rick Britton  
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Mary Hill Caperton  
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Ginny Keller  
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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be September 11, 2002 at 3:30.

# Architectural and Historic Survey



## Identification

STREET ADDRESS:	114 Lankford Avenue	HISTORIC NAME:	Robert Goins House
MAP & PARCEL:	26-10	DATE / PERIOD:	c. 1845-49, c. 1870-75, 1957, 1964
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	4.01-133	STYLE:	Vernacular
PRESENT ZONING:	R-3	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES:	1½ storey
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Robert Goins	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA:	135' x 131' (17,685 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence	CONDITION:	Good
PRESENT USE:	Residence	SURVEYOR:	Bibb
PRESENT OWNER:	Thomas J. and Roberta K. Dawson	DATE OF SURVEY:	Spring 1981
ADDRESS:	114 Lankford Avenue Charlottesville, VA 22901	SOURCES:	City/County Records Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Dawson Moore, Albemarle: Jefferson's County

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Although it has been covered with aluminum siding and additions obscure much of the original facade, this house is still recognizable as a mid-19th century vernacular structure. The central block is 1½ storeys tall, four bays wide, and single pile. It is set on a low dry-laid fieldstone foundation and faces west toward Ridge Street, although an addition with a new entrance now orients the house toward Lankford Avenue. Wall construction of the central block is log, probably weatherboarded at one time, then stuccoed, and finally covered with aluminum siding. The medium-pitched gable roof is now covered with composition shingles and has exposed rafter ends. The medium fieldstone chimney. The stack has been stuccoed. Windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light, with architrave trim. There are two gable-roofed wall dormers on the original western facade. The window in one was replaced with a shorter one when the west wing was built in 1957; the other dormer still has a 6-over-6 light window with plain trim. The northern half of the central block is believed to have been built about 25 years after the southern half. It is a little smaller and the first storey level is one step lower. The central block originally had two rooms at each level without a central hall. Each room at the first level had an exterior door, a fireplace in the central chimney, and an open stair, apparently single-flight, to the bedroom above. The remaining fireplace, in the north room, has a brick surround, simple pilasters, a plain frieze, and a simple mantel shelf. A one-storey veranda that once covered the western facade had a shed roof with exposed rafter ends, square pillars, and a simple balustrade. There were entrance doors in the two center bays of the facade. One-storey wings now cover the two center bays of the east side and the three south bays of the west side. Both are of frame construction, with aluminum siding over stucco and have medium-pitched gable roofs covered with composition shingles. Glass-enclosed shed-roofed porches on both sides of the east wing and the north side of the west wing cover the remaining bays of the east and west elevations of the central block. A new entrance in the north side of the west wing orients the house toward Lankford Avenue.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Robert Goins was one of the first property owners in the community of Free Blacks that grew up on Lankford Avenue in the decades preceding the Civil War. He purchased a 3-acre tract in 1845 (ACDB 45-272) and an adjoining 1.4-acre tract in 1860 (ACDB 59-239). Tax records and an 1849 deed of trust (ACDB 47-546) indicate that he built the nucleus of this house, a 1½-storey, 1-over-1 room cottage with external end chimney, c. 1845-49 and doubled its size c. 1870-75. In the division of his estate in 1912, the house and a one-acre lot were awarded to his daughter Katherine Goins Jones (ACDB 151-283). Her daughter-in-law Mary S. Farrar sold it to Wallace Mason Page and Thomas J. Dawson in 1946 (City DB 125-52). The house had been stuccoed sometime before then. The east wing at that time was a large enclosed porch, and they constructed a kitchen and bath there. They also dug out a partial basement, removed one stair, and replaced a door with a window. In 1957 Mr. and Mrs. Dawson acquired full ownership and replaced the veranda with the present west wing (DB 199-132). They covered the house with aluminum siding in 1964 and glassed in the small porches in 1971. Additional References: City WB 4-104; City DB 88-71, 100-1.

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Notes of the meeting of the Historic Resources Task Force, Sept 11, 2002  
(beginning with point 4 of the agenda).

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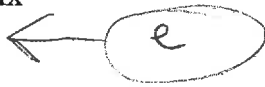
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**Minutes:**

It was moved by Ms. Caperton and second by Mr. Gooding to approve the minutes of August 14, 2002 as corrected (attached).

Mr. Huja stated that the tour book turned out to be excellent. Ms. Smyer-Kelly commented that the tour book should be taken to gift shops and Ms. Smyer-Kelly is willing to do that for the group. Ms. Smyer-Kelly suggested Michie Tavern, The Senior Center, University of Virginia Hospital, Martha Jefferson Hospital, Boars Head, etc. Mr. Shore commented that it could go into the "Chamber Gift Baskets". Mr. Shore also suggested getting in touch with the Real Estate Relocation Departments. Mr. Beliles will present the tour book report to City Council on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beliles also hopes to present a full report to City Council in November.

Ms. Caperton will work on the reception for the tour book unveiling during the week starting at 5:30 p.m. Tentative dates for the unveiling are October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and the tentative location will be the Historical Society Building. Mr. Huja

will help Ms. Caperton with the address list and the invitation. Mr. Britton will present the book to the Charlottesville Regional Tourism Council on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Keller wondered if this book could be incorporated into "The Festival of Book". Ms. Keller will contact Nancy Damon.

Mr. Huja commented that the Historical Court Square project is proceeding forward and is waiting for responses to the 7 easements. The plan will have to be sent to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for their approval. Mr. Huja hopes to have the bid out by the end of the year and have construction to begin in the spring.

Mr. Shore stated that he has sent out the Request for Proposal (FRP) for the "Heritage Venture Project". *This is the end of the minutes as told by Mr. Huja.*

*Minutes Continued per Ms. Devereux*

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