

313 and 315 10 ½ Street NW



Significance: High

Date of Construction: c.1890 and c. 1950

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040180000

Original Owner: James B. Johnson

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

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This three-bay, two-story, frame and stucco dwelling house was built around 1921. The house has a multi-gable standing seam metal roof, with a prominent central gable, overhanging eaves, decorative brackets and two central interior brick chimneys. There is a two-bay, one-story, gable roof rear addition and an enclosed rear porch addition. Across the façade is a one-bay, hipped standing seam metal roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, wood rectangular posts and rails. The front-facing windows are 2/2 wood sash, and there is a wood frame door with a single light transom. There is a gravel driveway in the side yard and a concrete pathway leading from the sidewalk to the central front entrance. Hedge plantings surround the porch area.

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Located in the rear yard of 313. This is a one-bay, one-story gabled asphalt shingle, minimum traditional dwelling built in 1950. The structure has aluminum siding, 1/1 aluminum sash windows and a shed roof portico with rectangular wood posts.

Ownership History:

L.W. Cox sold the property to James Johnson on April 22, 1889 (City 1 – 254). Jack Hicks purchased the lot in 1923(City 45 – 155). The Hicks family estate sold the property in 1967 to Lucille and Louis Bowles (City 292-345). Don and Esther Burch bought the house and land in 1973 and sold it in 1979(347-415) and (391-450).

Social History:

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From 1890 until 1923, James B. Johnson, an African American laborer, lived in the house with his family. Another African American family, the Hicks family lived at the residence from 1923 until 1962. Jack H. Hicks, a cement finisher, lived in the house with his wife Mary Hicks, and their family. In 1964, African American maid at Alderman Library, Mrs. Caroline E. Wilson lived in the house.

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The small house was rented to several African American women and their families including Mary Young, a maid at UVA (1956-1960) and Mrs. Betty S. Johnson, a domestic servant (1960 -1964).

Statement of Significance:

313 is one of the earliest homes on 10½ Street, and is remarkably intact physically. The rear dwelling built as a rental property in 1950, 315, demonstrates an interesting development of the site to increase density and also to provide additional income through tenants. This space could also house extended family. The Hicks family owned the property for almost forty years.