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LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 800 Delevan Street
 Map and Parcel: 30-19
 Census Tract & Block: 5-104
 Present Owner: F. Bradley Peyton III, et al.
 Address: P.O. Box 3387, City
 Present Use: Residence, Single-family
 Original Owner: Thomas S. Hawkins
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Rose Cottage/Peyton House
 Date/Period: 1856, 1900, 1910
 Style: Vernacular ~~Greek Revival/Italianate~~
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: M-2
 Land Area (sq. ft.): 135,472
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 32,100

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Rose Cottage apparently began as a simple three-bay, single-pile, two storey rectangular form in a vernacular mixture of Greek Revival and Italianate styles. The western bay is somewhat larger, giving an off-center appearance to the central bay. Plan is two-over-two rooms with a center hall. The presence of brick piers with brick and/or concrete block infill would suggest that the house was originally supported only on piers and that the basement under the main section and western wing is a later addition. Construction is frame sheathed with flush weatherboard on the facade and beaded weatherboard on the sides and rear. A shed roof covered with standing-seam tin is concealed behind a parapet cornice supported by frieze brackets. Two chimneys of brick are located one within each end wall. Windows (possibly later) are two-over-two-light, double hung sash, and the entry door is flanked by plain pilasters and has a simple transom light. A small pediment apparently covered the door, but was either removed or has been hidden by the addition in the 1920's or 30's of a single-storey Colonial Revival porch across the front of the house. Additions noted in the Tax records of 1901 and 1911 include matching, single-storey, one-room wings with gable roofs to either side and a two-storey, two-over-two-room, center-chimney house that stands perpendicular to the main house off the southwest corner and is now joined to it by an enclosed porch. Windows in the wings and all are six-over-six light, double-hung sash and appear quite old: they may possibly be originally from the main section of the house.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Tax records of 1857 under the name of Thomas S. Hawkins note "from William B. Phillips, added for improvements \$900". Hawkins purchased 2+ acres from Phillips (Co. DB 55-268) and built a house (\$900 improvements) by the end of 1856. In July 1858, Hawkins sold the house and lot (2 3/4 acres) to Thomas C. Keller (Co. DB 56-636). The property was purchased from the widow and children of Keller in 1880 by John S. Barbour, the receiver of the Washington City, Virginia Midland, and Great Southern Railroad Company (Co. DB 77-225). When the Railroad built its station in 1885, the house became the station master's residence; and in February 1891, F. Bradley Peyton, the station master, purchased the property from the Virginia Midland Railway Company, successor of the above Railroad (City DB 6-200). Tax records indicate additions to the house in 1900 and possibly again in 1910. The property is still in the Peyton family. See also: City DB 6-201(plat), WB 4-430, DB 283-64, WB 20-64.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Poor

SOURCES

County and City Records
 F. Bradley Peyton, III