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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Poplar Lawn Historic District (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

Central Park *new name used since 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

2 LOCATION

Roughly bounded on N by College Place and Surrey Lane; on E by 123-409 S. Jefferson Street; on S by 60 and 100 blocks of S side of E. Fillmore

STREET & NUMBER

Street and 00 block of S side of Liberty Street; and on W by 312-500 (west side) S. Sycamore Street and 200 block of E side of Harrison Street

CITY, TOWN

Petersburg

VICINITY OF

Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

(in city)

CODE

730

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership (See Continuation Sheets #19-22, #24)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Petersburg City Hall

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Petersburg

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1959

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Poplar Lawn Historic District, located south of downtown Petersburg, is composed primarily of mid- to late 19th-century, single-family residences grouped about a two-block green. The eleven-block area is bordered to the north by Surrey Lane (an alley) and College Place, to the east by S. Jefferson Street, to the south by Fillmore and D'Arcy Streets, and to the west by S. Sycamore and Harrison Streets. The plan of the district follows an irregular grid plan centered about the park, itself bordered to the north by late 19th-century Colonial and Georgian Revival houses (in a rough visual extension of Liberty Street), to the east of S. Jefferson Street, to the south by Fillmore Street, and to the west by S. Sycamore Street. Streets within the district are minor residential avenues with the exception of S. Sycamore and S. Jefferson Streets. These latter streets provide vehicular communication in a north - south direction to and from the downtown area and Appomattox Bridge.

The park is approximately two blocks in area, generally formed of flat and gently sloping land. To the southeast lies a small ravine, used in the 1870s as a goldfish pond. Early topographical maps and photographs depict Poplar Lawn as a lush garden of trees and rich plantings traversed by picturesque paths. Today it retains numerous trees, a late 19th-century fountain to the southwest, and a late 19th-century garden shed to the southeast. A small early 20th-century shelter stands near the bottom of the ravine. The original 19th-century paths remain in addition to more recent "short cut" paths cutting across sections of the lawn. The present condition of the park is fair and in need of general maintenance.

Several streets within the district share rows of deciduous trees; Liberty, Harrison, and Fillmore Streets contrast starkly with these. Marshall Street is unique in having trees line both sides from S. Sycamore to S. Jefferson Streets. Adding to the district's landscape scheme, most dwellings observe a setback line twenty-five feet from the sidewalk permitting individual plantings and lawns. Occasionally, as noted on the east side of the 200 block of S. Sycamore Street, houses share a continuous cast-iron fence, while residences enclosed by individual cast-iron fences spot the remainder of the district. Better examples of cast-iron work are found at 405 S. Sycamore and 244 S. Sycamore. These ornamental fences give continuity to both individual streetscapes and the district alike.

While buildings located within the survey area date from the late 18th century to the present, most were constructed during the second half of the 19th century. One of the earliest extant structures within Poplar Lawn Historic District is the Bolling-Zimmer House at 244 S. Sycamore Street (circa 1830). This two-story Federal residence (now offices), constructed of a very even Flemish-bond brick, still carries its original windows, sashes, doors and handsome porch. A second Federal structure worthy of note is the John Smith Residence at 126 S. Adams (1834).

A late 18th-century, 1½-story (now 2 stories) wood frame Georgian residence survives at 126 S. Jefferson ( ca. 1790). Though altered through the addition of a half story and removal of the original entrance porch, this building contributes both historically and architecturally to the district.

Greek Revival residences stand at 108-110 Marshall Street (1850-1857), 133 Marshall Street (1820-45), and 228 S. Sycamore (1835-55). With its two-story portico extending across the entire facade, this latter example is unique in Petersburg.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Poplar Lawn Historic District is a 19th-century residential neighborhood centered about a two-block public green and historically was the site of notable military and social events in Petersburg. In response to growth patterns established in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, most of the park land and areas now defined by the historic district were annexed to the city of Petersburg in 1816. Within the district, the annexed land includes the area south of Marshall and east of S. Sycamore Streets. Though the site of public recreation as early as 1800, it was not until 1846 that Poplar Lawn, as the park was known through most of the 19th century, was purchased by the city. The property was acquired for \$15,000 from George W. Bolling.<sup>1</sup>

In spite of the construction of several large upper middle-class homes in the area, the neighborhood was slow to develop. Editorials in the Daily Southside Democrat appeared in 1854 bemoaning the condition of the Lawn. One tersely noted, "The lawn, at once the muster ground and the mulery of a great and growing city, is now a den of cows, and the noble, long eared animals have surrendered their fair possession to inglorious kine."<sup>2</sup> Little was done to improve the park until the planting and landscaping of 1869.<sup>3</sup>

In a controversial move in 1871, city fathers proposed extending S. Adams Street through the park to Fillmore, subdividing and selling land west of S. Adams and east of S. Sycamore Streets. Public pressure against this move remained strong, and the project never came to fruition.<sup>4</sup>

Realizing the public usefulness and appeal of Poplar Lawn, the city did an about-face, setting aside funds to clean up and improve the park land (1873). These plans called for construction of a small lake in the lower section, directly across from St. Andrews Street. By 1874 the lake was enlarged and stocked with goldfish, and Poplar Lawn had completed its transformation from a "den of cows" to a "place of resort for the ladies and children of the city."<sup>5</sup>

The last and most significant improvement of Poplar Lawn occurred in 1875. At this time funds were appropriated<sup>6</sup> for the planting of five hundred trees on Poplar Lawn at a cost of one hundred dollars. It was probably during this year also that irregular paths were laid out in rough concentric and radiating patterns. The plan of the park reflects the popularity of landscape theories practiced by Frederick Law Olmsted during the second half of the 19th century.

Poplar Lawn was the site of military activity from the War of 1812 through the Civil War. In the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, Petersburg volunteers drilled and camped on the Lawn. In 1824, Lafayette was honored here. The Petersburg Artillery drilled at the park in 1843.<sup>7</sup> The Fourth Battalion of Virginia camped here on April 19, 1861. During the Civil War, the park was the location of a temporary hospital caring for Federal prisoners, and following the Battle of the Crater on July 10, 1864, it was

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

(See Continuation Sheet #18)

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 1/2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Petersburg, Va.

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

A	1,8	2,8,7	1,8,0	4,1	2,2	4,7,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
C	1,8	2,8,6	9,3,0	4,1	2,1	7,2,0

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B	1,8	2,8,7	2,6,0	4,1	2,1	9,9,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
D	1,8	2,8,6	7,4,0	4,1	2,2	0,0,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point at SE corner of Surrey Lane and S. Sycamore Street; thence extending approximately 990' NE along S side of Surrey Lane to intersection with S. Jefferson Street; then continuing NE, crossing latter street, for about 300';  
 Thence jogging approximately 420' SE, then 130' SW, encompassing the properties fronting on the E end of Marshall Street; then continuing about 740' SE (paralleling S. Jefferson Street), then about 80' NE, then 220' SE, 70' SW, and then 120' SE to S side of E. Fillmore Street, then 40' SW along S side of E. Fillmore Street, then about 140' SE, encompassing

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES (See Continuation Sheet #17)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff		
ORGANIZATION	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	DATE	January 1979
STREET & NUMBER	221 Governor Street	TELEPHONE	(804) 786-3144
CITY OR TOWN	Richmond	STATE	Virginia 23219

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 26 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1974, 1978 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

7. DESCRIPTION

The Italianate proved popular in Petersburg. Italianate residences flourished throughout the Poplar Lawn area from mid-century to the late 90s. Late antebellum (1850-1861) Italianate buildings are located at 1 Surrey Lane, 123 S. Sycamore, 129 S. Sycamore, and 205 S. Sycamore. Post-Reconstruction (1875-1900) Italianate residences dominate the district with clusters of builder and speculative houses on Adams, Fillmore, and Marshall Streets. Other examples are found on the north side of Central Park and at 20, 22, and 26 Liberty Street.

Finally, a handsome Second Empire residence stands at 226-228 S. Jefferson Street (1882). This 2½-story frame house remains basically unaltered on the exterior and contributes greatly to the scale and character of the district.

Most structures within the Poplar Lawn Historic District were built as detached, single-family dwellings. Most are 2-and 2½-story, white frame structures sharing a consistent scale and color scheme. Woven within this fabric are numerous masonry (brick) buildings of a similar height presenting secondary color patterns. Two 20th-century buildings (1957-65) at 402-408 S. Sycamore Street do not conform to the established pattern of the district. These contemporary, one-story brick offices, occupying the southwest corner opposite the park, break from the surrounding urban scheme in their low scale and simplified form. It is unfortunate the southwest corner of the park lacks a stronger architectural statement. A 1950s, one-story, single-family, stucco residence located at 128 Fillmore similarly breaks with established patterns in its olive-green color, low scale, and box-like form. In addition, voids resulting from the loss of houses on the west side of the 200 block of S. Sycamore Street give this streetscape a spotted, uneven appearance. This unfortunately breaks the cluster of several of the more pretentious residences in the district. However, on the whole, the Poplar Lawn Historic District continues to retain its 19th-century flavor. No high-rise buildings break the 19th-century skyline and, with minor exceptions, urban sprawl and renewal programs have bypassed this area. Though a handful of 20th-century structures have crept in, most do not detract from the overall character of the district.

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7. DESCRIPTION

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, houses in the Poplar Lawn area were built for a middle to upper-class clientele. Today, the majority of these single-family residences serve as duplexes and apartments. Concurrent with the change from single- to multiple-family housing has been a general decline in the upkeep of the structures, streets, sidewalks, park, and general landscape. In addition, electric and telephone wires have been allowed to clutter views and detract from the overall appearance of the area.

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INVENTORY (123-94) TOTAL 154 #s

Below is an inventory of all the buildings comprising Poplar Lawn Historic District:

Poplar Lawn Historic District-Inventory

South Adams Street

- 1 123: cinder block with brick facade, 1 story, flat roof, side entrance porch. Contemporary commercial vernacular. Ca. 1960. Does not conform to historic character of district.
- 2 126: brick with Flemish-bond facade, 2 stories, hip roof, 1-story porch addition, Federal. 1834. Original windows, sashes, door with fanlight. Home of Nora Fontaine Maury Davidson, teacher and principal of the Confederate School on Harrison Street and originator of National Decoration Day (now Memorial Day). This house is listed in the Mutual Assurance records, file R14/V.93/N.8056. (also 123-28)
- 3 132-34: brick with pressed-brick facade; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; double residence; 1-story, single-bay side porches; Greek Revival. ca. 1832. Porches original, raised basement, metal roof. (also 123-17)
- 4 138-40: brick, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, town houses, Italianate. Ca. 1883. Front porches and ironwork added. Twin of 142.
- 5 142: brick, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, town house, front porch probably later addition. Italianate. Ca. 1880. Twin of 138-40. Integral part of three town house block.
- 6 214: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, gable roof, three bays, 1-story porch, Greek Revival. Erected 1840-1855. Tripartite windows on second floor.

(See Continuation Sheet #3)

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7. DESCRIPTION - Poplar Lawn Historic District-Inventory - South Adams Street (Continued)

- 7 225: brick, 1 story, gable roof. Contemporary church. Ca. 1965. Does not conform to prevalent scale of district.
- 8 224-26: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 2 1-story porches. Italianate. Erected 1870-1890. Original 2-light sash and windows. Original doorway and doors. Metal roof.
- 9 230: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof, screened-in, 1-story porch. Italianate. Erected 1890-1900. Side-hall plan, metal roof.
- 10 232: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof, 1-story porch. Italianate. Erected 1890-1900. Side-hall plan, metal roof. Similar to 230. Both probably constructed at same time.
- 11 233: contemporary 20th-century vernacular. Filler.
- 12 236: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; multi-gabled roof; 1-story, single-bay entrance porch. Colonial Revival. Fan vents in gables.
- 13 239: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, gable roof, 1-story porch. Greek Revival. Erected 1835-50. One of the oldest houses in this district.
- 14 243: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1900. Metal roof.
- Poplar Lawn (Buildings on Poplar Lawn face directly onto the green)
- 15 109: frame, 2½ stories, hipped roof with cross gable, 4 bays. Vernacular. Ca. 1900.
- 16 111: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, 1-story porch, Italianate. Ca. 1880. Porch is later addition. Metal roof. 2-light sash.
- 17 115: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof with gabled dormer addition; 1-story, 2-bay porch. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1900. Metal roof.
- 18 119: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; 1-story, single-bay porch; Georgian Revival. Ca. 1915-25. Wide roof eaves, low dormer window, metal roof.
- 19 123: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof with hip dormer; 1-story, 2-bay porch. Georgian Revival. Metal roof.

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7. DESCRIPTION - Poplar Lawn Historic District-Inventory

Fillmore Street

- 20 16-18: weatherboard frame; 2 story; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch; Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Double residence. Double brackets supporting wide roof eave, segmented arched windows.
- 21 22: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof; 1-story, 2-bay porch. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1900-1910. Double columns support porch. Central gabled dormer. Recessed bay window east side of facade.
- 22 24: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, gable roof with rear side wing, 1-story porch, Eastlake/Queen Anne. Ca. 1880-95. Cut-out work in gables.
- 23 28-30: weatherboard frame, 2½ stories, hip roof with central gabled dormer. Double residence with double-bay windows and porches. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1900-1915. Metal roof.
- 24 34: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 4-bay porch; Italianate. Ca. 1877-85.
- 25 102: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof with central pedimented dormer; 1-story, 3-bay porch with pedimented central bay. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1890-1915. Metal roof.
- 26 104: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; hip roof; front and side single-story porches with notable spindle work. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Metal roof.
- 27 106: stucco-covered brick; 1½ stories; gable roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Bungalow. Ca. 1925. Asphalt roof.
- 28 108: stucco -covered brick; 1½ stories; gable red-tiled roof with central shed dormer; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Spanish Colonial Revival. Bungalow. Ca. 1925.
- 29 120: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof with central pedimented dormer; 1-story, 4-bay porch. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1910. Aluminum siding added.
- 30 124: weatherboard frame, 2½ stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Late 19th-century builder house. Ca. 1885-1910.
- 31 128: weatherboard, 1 story, low-pitch roof. Tract house. Ca. 1950-65. This house is out of scale with the district.
- 32 132: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; gable roof with side wing; 1-story, 5-bay porch; Colonial Revival. Ca. 1880-90.

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7. DESCRIPTION - Poplar Lawn Historic District-Inventory

Harrison Street

- 33 Corner Harrison and College Place: brick, 2 stories, low-pitch roof. Late 19th-century Commercial Vernacular. Ca. 1900.
- 34 219: weatherboard frame; 1 story, low-pitch roof, 3-bay porch. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1910.
- 35 223: board and batten, 1 story, hip roof, 1-bay pedimented central porch. Gothic Revival Cottage. Ca. 1870. This small builder's cottage is unique in Petersburg.
- 36 225-227: bricktex covered weatherboard, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, double residence, 1-story central porch. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1910.
- 37 231: Vacant.
- 38 235-237: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, double residence, 1-story, 3-bay porch. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1910.
- 39 239-241: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; double residence; 1-story, 4-bay porch. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1910.
- 40 243: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1910.

South Jefferson Street

- 41 123: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Side-hall plan.
- 42 125: weatherboard frame; 1 story, low-pitch roof, 1-bay central porch, Late 19th-century vernacular. Ca. 1877-90.
- 43 126: weatherboard frame; 2 stories on raised basement, low-pitch roof, central porch removed. Georgian. Ca. 1790-1810. Large exterior side chimneys. Probably oldest house on Jefferson Street.
- 44 129: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay Eastlake porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Side-hall plan. Wide eaves visually supported by single brackets.
- 45 203-205: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; gable and mansard roofs; 1-story, 4-bay porch. Second Empire (altered). Ca. 1850-85. House greatly altered.

(See Continuation Sheet #6)

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7. DESCRIPTION - Poplar Lawn Historic District-Inventory

South Jefferson Street (Continued)

- 46 209: weatherboard frame; 2 story, gable roof, 1-story porch with pedimented bay entrance, Queen Anne/Colonial Revival. Ca. 1885-1900. Side-hall plan. Bay window crowned by pediment.
- 47 215: weatherboard frame; 2 story; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch supported by Doric columns. Greek Revival. Ca. 1840.
- 48 216: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1880. Segmental, single-pane sash.
- 49 221-223: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch with side pedimented bay. Italianate. Ca. 1880.
- 50 224: brick, 2½ stories, low-pitch roof with central hip dormer, 1-story central porch. Georgian Revival. 1900-1920. Central plan, 2-light sash.
- 51 225: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Late 19th-century vernacular. Ca. 1880-95.
- 52 226-228 (Davis House): weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; mansard roof; 1-story, single-bay porch. Second Empire. Ca. 1882. Slate roof with color patterns still evident. Dormer windows. Segmental windows with heads first and second stories. Central projecting pavilion. Belvedere on roof. Cast-iron cresting.
- 53 229-233: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof with central gable, 1-story porch with paired columns. Italianate. Ca. 1850-75. Paired segmental windows under central gable.
- 54 234-236: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; double residence; 1-story, single-bay side porches. Italianate. Ca. 1850-70. Metal roof.
- 55 235: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1850-75. Side-hall plan.
- 56 239: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Greek Revival remodeled as Italianate.
- 57 251: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, gable roof, 1-story porch. Queen Anne. Ca. 1890. Second-story balcony screened in.
- 58 301: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; hip roof; central 1-story, single-bay pedimented porch. Georgian Revival. Ca. 1890-1925.

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South Jefferson Street (Continued)

- 59 305: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, low-pitch roof, porch. Georgian Revival. Ca. 1910.
- 60 311: brick, 2½ stories. Williamsburg Colonial. Ca. 1950-65.
- 61 323: brick, 1½ stories, gable roof with symmetrical pedimented dormers, central single-bay pedimented porch. New Colonial. Ca. 1940-55.
- 62 327: brick, 2 stories, gable roof, New Colonial. Ca. 1940-55.
- 63 401: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, gable roof, 1-story porch. Queen Anne/Colonial Revival. Ca. 1890.
- 64 405: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, gable roof with symmetrical gable dormers, porch removed. Turn-of-the-century speculative house. Ca. 1890-1915.
- 65 409: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 5-bay porch. Greek Revival. Ca. 1850.

Liberty Street

- 66 18: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, gable roof, 1-story central single-bay pedimented porch. Georgian Revival. Ca. 1920-45. Slate roof.
- 67 20: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Side-hall plan. Built at same time as 22 and 26.
- 68 22: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Side-hall plan. Reverse plan as 20 and 26.
- 69 25: Vacant Lot.
- 70 26: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Side-hall plan. Built at same time as 20 and 22.
- 71 29: brick, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 1-story side entrance porch. Italianate. Ca. 1850-70. Corbeled window brackets, double brackets under eave, side-hall plan.
- 72 30: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90.
- 73 33: brick; 2 stories; flat roof; 3 bays; 1-story, 3-bay porch with turned spindle work. Eastlake/Stick. Ca. 1875.

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~~South Jefferson~~ Street (Continued)

- 74 34: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch with elaborate scrollwork. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90.
- 75 36: Vacant Lot.
- 76 39: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch with central pediment. Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. Central-hall plan.
- 77 40: brick; 1 story, low-pitch roof. Contemporary office building. Ca. 1968-74. Out of scale and character with the district.
- 78 41: Vacant Lot.
- 79 43: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; gable roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Eastlake/Italianate. Ca. 1877-90. L-shape plan. 1-story bay window on rear wing. Sawwork in end gable.

Marshall Street

This street is marked by trees lining both sides from Sycamore to Jefferson. In addition, occasional iron fences, low cement property walls, and individual landscaping make Marshall one of the more attractive streets in the district.

- 80 7: brick; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, single-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1845-61. Originally this building was the kitchen/servants' quarters/carriage house for 137 South Sycamore Street.
- 81 9: brick; 1 story; gable roof; small 1-story, 1-bay porch. New Colonial. 1948.
- 82 14: brick; 2 stories, low-pitch roof. Italianate. Ca. 1850-75. Probably an out-building for the Ragland Mansion at 123 South Sycamore Street.
- 83 18: brick, with pressed-brick-facade; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1850-70. Probably twin of 22 Marshall.
- 84 22: brick, with pressed-brick facade; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1 story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1850-70. Interior side chimneys.
- 85 104: brick; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1875-90.
- 86 105: brick and frame; 1 story on high basement, hip roof, 5 bays, 1-story central entrance porch. Colonial Revival. Ca. 1977. Minor architectural significance.

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- 87 108 (Joynes House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; central 1-story, 3-bay porch. Greek Revival. Ca. 1850-57. Side chimneys.
- 88 109-111 (Mahone House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; double residence; 1-story, 1-bay side porches. Italianate. Ca. 1883.
- 89 114: brick; 2 stories; gable roof with red mission tile; 1-story, single-bay side porch. Mission Revival. Ca. 1915. Stuccoed walls.
- 90 115 (Robert Turner House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, 2-story porch (later addition), Italianate remodeled as Greek Revival. Ca. 1883. Metal roof. Bay window with ornamental cast-iron cresting.
- 91 116 (Benjamin Decatur Booth House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1865. Metal roof. Wing added to north side of house.
- 92 119: weatherboard frame, 1 story, slate hip roof, porch (later addition). Italianate. Ca. 1855-80.
- 93 122: weatherboard frame, 2½ stories, low-pitch hip roof with central hip dormer, 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1850-75. Metal roof. Cast-iron work on porch. Attributed to James Noe.
- 94 125: brick; 2½ stories, hip roof with central dormer. 1-story porch (added ca. 1910). Italianate. Ca. 1881. Remodeled ca. 1910. Metal roof. Top ½ story added ca. 1910.
- 95 126: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch with upper deck and balustrade. Italianate. Ca. 1825. Remodeled 1870-85. Raised brick basement. Attributed to James Noe.
- 96 129 (Steere House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch (later addition). Italianate. Ca. 1856. Remodeled 1870-85. Bay window with ornamental cast-iron cresting.
- 97 130: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories, hip roof with large central pedimented dormer visually supported by giant pilasters. 2 small pedimented dormers flank the central dormer. 1-story, 3-bay porch with pedimented central bay. Georgian Revival. Ca. 1880. Good example of Georgian Revival.

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- 98 133: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; central 1-story, 1-bay entrance porch. Greek Revival. Ca. 1820-45. Metal roof. House is said to have been moved from Sycamore Street.
- 99 136: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1875-95. Side-hall plan. Aluminum siding added. Eave brackets removed.
- 100 137: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch (later addition). Italianate. Ca. 1885-1900. Side-hall plan. Double eave brackets. 1-story wing addition to east. Similar to 141 Marshall Street and probably built at the same time.
- 101 140: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof, 1-story side porch. Italianate. Ca. 1875-95. Side-hall plan. Metal roof. Italianate front appears to have been added to older section to rear.
- 102 141: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof, large wood ornamental hood over entrance. Italianate. Ca. 1885-1900. Side-hall plan. Double eave brackets. Screened-in Eastlake side porch. Similar to 137 Marshall Street.
- 103 143: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 4-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1875-95. Second entrance added. Metal roof. Segmental arch hood molds.
- 104 144: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof, 1-story porch. Italianate. Ca. 1870-90. Side-hall plan. Metal roof. 1-story bay window with ornamental cast-iron cresting.
- 105 201: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, gable roof, 1-story porch (later enclosed). Italianate. Ca. 1870-90. Metal roof. 1-story bay window. First floor altered.
- 106 207: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, gable roof. Mid-century vernacular. Ca. 1820-60. Italianate porch added. Ornamental wooded hoods over second-floor front windows. Wooden scrollwork on gable ends of house.
- 107 211: weatherboard frame; 1½ stories; gable roof; 1-story, 1-bay entrance porch. Georgian Revival. Ca. 1880-1915. Doorway with fanlight and sidelights. Dormer windows, asphalt roof. Porch possibly original. Wing addition to west side. Porch enclosed on east side.
- 108 212: weatherboard frame; 2 stories, low-pitch roof, porch added. Italianate. Ca. 1870-90. Doorway altered; 2 doors added.

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-109 216: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1870-90.

Surrey Lane (formerly Pink Alley)

-110 1: pressed brick; 2 stories, low-pitch hip roof. Italianate. Ca. 1850-61. Originally an outbuilding for 123 South Sycamore Street. Slate roof. Additions to rear and side.

S. Sycamore Street

In the 19th century the 100 and 200 blocks of S. Sycamore (originally Walnut Street) were the site of upper-middle-class housing in Petersburg. These blocks are noted for their landscaping; intricate cast-iron fences; and large, architect-designed, single-family residences. The 300, 400, and 500 blocks mostly contain late 19th-century speculative housing.

-111 123 (Ragland House): pressed brick; 3 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 5-bay porch. Italianate. Ca. 1859. Interior end chimneys. Central-hall plan. Twin of 129 S. Sycamore. (also 123-22)

-112 129 (Ragland House): (also 123-21) pressed brick; 3 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 1-bay central porch. Italianate. Ca. 1859. Interior end chimneys. Central-hall plan. Twin of 123.

113 137: (John Dodson House): brick; 2 stories on raised basement; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 1-bay central porch. Italianate. Ca. 1859. Interior end chimneys. Central-hall plan. Exterior walls are stucco, scored to resemble stone. Brownstone ornamental hoods over windows (round hoods over first-floor windows; segmental hoods over second-floor windows). Alterations to the north and east sides. This house was built for John Dodson, early mayor of Petersburg. Home of General Mahone where General Lee was entertained in 1867. This building presently serves as the Petersburg Public Library. (Kitchen/servants' quarters now 7 Marshall Street). (also 123-9)

114 200-222 (west side): Vacant.

115 205 (Ragland-Cameron House): pressed brick; 3 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Italian Villa. 1856. Remodeled 1888-89 by Major Harrison Waite. Central plan. Central cupola. Paired brackets on porch and eave. Central paired windows on second and third stories. Interior end chimneys.

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- 116 215 (Trinity United Methodist Church): Indiana limestone; 2 stories, pediment roof--2 slopes of gentle pitch, 3-bay porch with giant order. Georgian Revival. 1921 (completed 1928). Architect: R. E. Mitchell.
- 117 221: pressed brick; 2½ stories, porch. Georgian Revival. 1895-1915. (This lot was originally the lawn of the Roper House 225 S. Sycamore Street).
- 118 225 (Roper House): pressed brick; 2½ stories, mansard roof, 1-story porch (remodeled). Italianate remodeled as Second Empire. Ca. 1838. Central-hall plan. Slate roof, dormer windows. Stained-glass in second-floor windows. Original carriage house behind 221 S. Sycamore Street.
- 119 228 (McCabe House): weatherboard frame; 2 stories; gable roof; 2-story, 3-bay pedimented porch. Greek Revival. 1840-45. Box columns with recessed panels typical of early Greek Revival. Cast-iron porch railings. Once the home of Captain William Gordon McCabe, owner and professor at University McCabe's School in Petersburg. (once located on northwest corner of Fillmore and S. Sycamore Streets). (also 123-16)
- 120 229: pressed brick; 2½ stories, hip roof, 1-story porch. Early 20th-century builder's house. 1915-30. This lot was originally the lawn of the Roper House 225 S. Sycamore Street).
- 121 230: Vacant lot.
- 122 241: pressed brick; 2½ stories, multi-gabled roof, 1-story porch additions. Queen Anne remodeled as Georgian Revival. 1889-1895. Multiple bays. Bracketed/pedimented window hoods. Designed by Major Harrison Waite. (~~Augusta~~ Wright House).  
Augustus
- 123 244 (Bolling-Zimmer House): pressed Flemish bond brick; 2 stories, pitched roof, large 1-story, 1-bay pedimented porch. Federal. Ca. 1830. Slate roof. Extensive landscaping. Elaborate cast-iron fence. In 1867 Mary Tabb Bolling, resident of this house, married General W. H. F. Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee. The arrival of the bridegroom's father aroused great excitement in the city. (also 123-14)
- 124 250 (David Dunlop House): pressed brick; 2½ stories; gable roof; 1-story, 2-bay Eastlake porch. Queen Anne. 1890-92. Stained glass in large front window. Ornamental terra cotta brickwork in recessed panels, on gables, and around windows. Brick carriage house in rear. Dunlop was a leading tobacco manufacturer in the 1860s. Architect: Major Harrison Waite. (also 123-102)
- 125 300: brick; 1 story, hip roof (asphalt). New Colonial. 1970-74. This house is presently out of scale with the neighborhood.

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- 124 308: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; central 1-story, 1-bay porch (altered). Greek Revival. 1840-60. Interior end chimneys, 6/6 sash windows on second floor.
- 127 312: weatherboard frame; 2½ stories; pitched slate roof; 1-story, 4-bay porch. Vernacular/Eastlake. 1880-1900.
- 128 314: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; hipped roof with central pedimented dormer; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Queen Anne/Georgian Revival 1890-1900. Fan window over sash window in dormer. Palladian window on second floor. Corner octagonal 2-story tower (without conical or turret roof). Side bay window.
- 129 320: weatherboard frame, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, porch. Greek Revival. 1840-1860. Metal roof.
- 130 326: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 5-bay porch. Italianate. 1855-75. Original front central entrance replaced with 2 entrances to accommodate present use (offices). Maintains street facade.
- 131 328: pressed brick, 3 stories, town house, low-pitched roof, Georgian Revival porch addition. Italianate. 1865-77. This is the only 3-story residence on the west side of Sycamore Street from Liberty to D'Arcy.
- 132 332: brick; 2½ stories; hip roof with central hip dormer; 1-story, 3-bay porch. Georgian Revival. 1890-1920. Interior end chimneys. Slate roof.
- 133 336: Vacant lot with stone marker noting site of McCabe's School.
- 134 402-408: brick; 1 story. Contemporary professional buildings (2). These 2 buildings occupying the southwest corner of the park, break from the overall scale and form found within the district.
- 135 405 (Collier-Cuthbert House): <sup>(also 123-85)</sup> pressed brick; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 1-bay central porch. Italianate. 1878. Stained-glass windows in front. Notable cast-iron fence and balconies. Bracketed hoods over windows. Architect: Major Harrison Waite.
- 136 414-416: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; double residence; low-pitch hip roof; 2 1-story, 1-bay side porches. Greek Revival and Italianate. 1820-40 and 1870-95. In rear is a 1-story brick structure predating the front section of the house.

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- 137 420: brick; 2 stories, town house, low-pitch roof. Italianate. Ca. 1852-54. Pressed-brick facade. Metal roof.
- 138 424: brick, with pressed-brick facade; 2 stories, low-pitch roof. Porch added later. Greek Revival remodeled as Italianate. 1830-55. Metal roof. Bracketed cornice probably added during remodeling.
- 139 430: Brick with pressed-brick facade, 2 stories, low-pitch roof, central 1-story Eastlake porch addition. 5-bay Greek Revival house remodeled as Italianate. 1830-55.
- 140 434: Brick with pressed-brick facade, 2½ stories, double residence, mansard-like roof with red mission tile, dormers, 1-story porch with upper deck and balustrade. Georgian Revival. 1890-1925. Similar to 438.
- 141 438: Brick with pressed-brick facade, 2½ stories, mansard-like roof with 3 dormer windows, 1-story porch with upper deck and balustrade. Georgian Revival. 1890-1925.
- 142 442: brick; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 2-story, 3-bay porch (added). Italianate. 1840-70. Wall covered with stucco to simulate stone.
- 143 500: brick; 1 story; low-pitch hip roof; 1-story, 1-bay pedimented central porch. Greek Revival. 1825-50. Metal roof.
- 144 510 to D'Arcy: Vacant lot.

Tulip Alley

- 145 122-124: weatherboard frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 1-story, 3-bay porch (probably added). Mid-19th-century builder house. 1850-70.
- 146 126-128: weatherboard frame; 1 story; double residence; low-pitch gable roof; 1-story, 1-bay pedimented end porches. Vernacular. 1950-60. Cinder block foundation.

Southeast corner Tulip Alley and Adams: Parking Lot.

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The east side of the 400 block of S. Sycamore Street is characterized by 2- and 2½-story frame residences built at the turn-of-the-century. Several of these buildings were erected as rental units (see: 429-31 and 433-35). Buildings are set back approximately twenty feet from the street. Stylistically, these structures include examples of builder's Queen Anne and Italianate.

The First Baptist Church on Harrison Street is a prominent building on the district's western border. The church is flanked by a vacant lot to the south. Notable architectural features on the church's exterior are the large, projecting, 2-story central tower; round-arched, stained-glass windows; and drip mold courses.

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Harrison Street

148 First Baptist Church brick; 2 stories with central 3-story tower; gable roof; 3 bays. Italianate church. Built 1872. Rebuilt 1884. Stained-glass, round-arched side windows. Central entrance (through tower). Double, round-arched slat vents enclosed within round-arched openings in 3rd story of tower. Drip moldings. Building fronted by simple cast-iron fence.

S. Sycamore Street

149 423: frame; 2 stories; hipped roof; 2 bays; 1-story porch with square columns and balustraded deck fronts south bay. Builder's speculative house. Ca. 1890. 3-part bay window fronts north bay. Bracketed cornice. Central chimney.

150 427: frame; 2 stories; gable roof with cross gable to south; 2 bays; 1-story shed roof porch across facade. Builder's Queen Anne. Ca. 1900. Entrance in north bay. 3-part bay window in 2nd-story south bay. Sawn brackets provide visual transition from bay window to cross gable. Central chimney.

151 429-31: frame; 2 stories; hipped roof with cross gable fronting south bay; 2 bays; 1-story porch with attenuated columns and deck balustrade fronts north bay. Double house. Builder's Queen Anne. Ca. 1900. 3-part bay window fronts south bay. Decorative sawn-gable bargeboard.

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#### S. Sycamore Street (continued)

152 433-35: Identical to 429-31 S. Sycamore St.

153 439: frame; 2 stories; low-pitch roof; 3 bays; 1-story, flat-roof porch across facade. Builder's Italianate. Ca. 1885. Entrance in south bay. Bracketed cornice on house and porch.

#### NE corner S. Sycamore and Mars streets:

154 frame; 2 stories; hipped roof; 5 bays; 1-story shed-roof porch across center and north 2 bays. Ca. 1900. 2-story, 2-bay projecting wing fronts south 2 bays. House originally erected as double residence. Bracketed cornice on house and porch.

### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

Buildings on the east side of the 400 block of S. Sycamore Street should have been included in the original district. Building patterns on this street follow those established throughout the remainder of the district. This is evidenced in building types and styles, land densities, and land use.

The First Baptist Church on Harrison Street was erected in 1872 and remodeled in 1884. It is a notable example of Italianate church architecture in the Poplar Lawn Historic District.

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the site of a retention camp for captured black soldiers. Perhaps in response to the history of military activity here, as well as its central location, Poplar Lawn became the traditional site of fairs and 4th of July celebrations.

Poplar Lawn was a focus for four well-known Petersburg schools during the late 19th century. These schools included Peabody (colored) Public School (northeast corner Fillmore and Harrison Streets, established 1863); McCabe's School (northwest corner Fillmore and S. Sycamore Streets); and two women's colleges--Southern Female College (southwest corner S. Sycamore Street and Tulip Alley, chartered 1863, closed 1938) and Petersburg Female College (southwest corner College Place and S. Sycamore Street, established 1854, chartered 1856, moved from Poplar Lawn 1881, closed 1885). In 1872 Petersburg Female College was listed in the second annual report of the State Superintendent of Public Institutions as having six teachers and fifty-one students. All of these buildings have been destroyed. The only physical reminders of the educational facilities once found in the neighborhood are a stone marker erected in 1947 to note the original site of McCabe's School and the Peabody High School (ca. 1915) located contiguous to the district.

The Baptist (colored) Church was the only church within the district's boundaries during the late 19th century. Erected before 1877, it was located on the east side of Harrison Street opposite Maple Lane. The Trinity United Methodist Church (Georgian Revival), designed by R. E. Mitchell and erected between 1921 and 1928, is the most imposing church remaining in the district. Its tall spire continues to serve as an important focal point on S. Sycamore.

Poplar Lawn appealed to Petersburg's civic leaders as an upper middle-class residential neighborhood. Early members of Petersburg's high society tended to cluster near the 100 and 200 blocks of S. Sycamore Street. The George W. Bolling mansion is located opposite the northwest corner of the park at 244 S. Sycamore Street. In 1867 General W.H.F. Lee married Mary Tabb Bolling of this house. The arrival of the bridegroom's father, General Robert E. Lee, for the ceremonies attracted much attention from city residents. William Gordon McCabe, headmaster of McCabe's School, lived in a two-story Greek Revival house at 228 S. Sycamore Street. The house is unique in Petersburg, having a two-story portico extending across the entire facade. John Dodson, Petersburg's first mayor after the General Assembly passed legislation declaring Petersburg Virginia's third official city (March 16, 1850), lived at 137 S. Sycamore Street. In the late 1860s his two-story Italianate house became the home of Confederate General William Mahone and presently serves as the Petersburg Public Library. The two-story, brick Federal house (1834) at 126 S. Adams Street was the home of Nora Fontaine Maury Davidson. Miss Davidson taught at and served as principal of the Confederate School on Harrison Street from mid-century until her death at age 92. Miss Davidson was the originator of the Memorial Day, first observed in Petersburg on June 9, 1865. According to the Progress-Index, this event inspired National Decoration Day (now Memorial Day). William H. Baxter, member of

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Petersburg's first Board of Education, lived at the southwest corner of S. Sycamore and Fillmore Streets and owned property on Fillmore Street extending from S. Sycamore to S. Adams Streets (all within the historic district).

Considering 20th-century growth patterns within Petersburg, Poplar Lawn Historic District is fortunate in retaining much of its character as a 19th-century residential neighborhood. With minor exceptions, the entire district maintains a consistent, 2- to 2½-story scale. While there is a handful of 20th-century, single-story buildings, no structures break above 2½ stories, providing a consistent roofscape within the district's boundaries.

As the site of the more formidable residences of Poplar Lawn, the 100 and 200 blocks of S. Sycamore Street tend to be more richly landscaped than other areas within the district. These residences are closely tied to each other through the observance of a continuous setback line, the occasional sharing of a cast-iron fence, and the row of trees fronting the east side of the street extending from the 200 block to the 400 block of S. Sycamore Street. The west side of the 200 block of S. Sycamore gains continuity through its rich landscaping and individual cast-iron fences yet suffers from voids at both the northwest and southwest corners of College Place and at 236 S. Sycamore Street.

Throughout the district, most houses observe a common setback line. Many have late 19th-century, cast-iron fences. A few examples depicting the range of cast-iron work found within the district are 115 and 116 Marshall, 214-226 Adams, and 405 S. Sycamore Streets. Areas of extensive public planting include rows of trees on sections of Adams and Jefferson Streets as well as Marshall Street from S. Sycamore to S. Jefferson Streets. These elements work together to provide unity to individual streetscapes and add to the integrity of the district as a whole.

The remainder of the district consists of third-quarter, 19th-century housing. Speculative and builder Italianate residences can be found throughout the district. On the south side of Liberty Street stand three two-story, wood frame houses constructed after 1877: 20, 22, and 26 Liberty Street, probably erected by the same builder. They share common roof and porch lines, low concrete property wall, side-hall plans, and identical 2-story bays. Twenty-two is reverse in plan from 20 and 26 Liberty Street. Marshall Street from mid-block to Jefferson Street has numerous two-story Italianate wood frame residences as does the 300 block of S. Sycamore Street facing the park. The Italianate and Colonial Revival houses on Fillmore, also fronting the park, are additional examples of speculative ventures.

While S. Jefferson Street is a web of electrical and telephone wires and Harrison Street remains barren, completely devoid of landscaping, the district as a whole tends to be in fair condition. Though many houses have been converted to apartments and are in varying states of disrepair, the district retains strong indications of its 19th-century life. New planting on the 400 block of S. Sycamore Street and the 100 block of Fillmore

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### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

Street is evidence of efforts to preserve and restore the park district. Currently the more attractive sections of the district are the 100 and 200 blocks of S. Sycamore and Marshall Streets.

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1. The Republic, April 8, 1846; April 20, 1846; May 6, 1854. In 1881 city fathers renamed this area Central Park. Its original title was restored in 1934. James G. Scott and Edward A. Wyatt, Petersburg's Story-A History, p. 132.
2. Daily Southside Democrat, March 23, 1854. Also see April 14, 1854; May 8, 1854 and May 30, 1854.
3. Daily Express, March 13, 1869; April 5, 1869; April 23, 1869.
4. Daily Progress, September 29, 1871; November 3, 1871; November 4, 1871.
5. Petersburg Index and Appeal, August 18, 1874.
6. Petersburg Index and Appeal, November 17, 1875.
7. The Republican, May 3, 1843.
8. Progress-Index, February 11, 1929, and Scott and Wyatt, op. cit., pp 275-276.

### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

the properties fronting on S. Jefferson Street; thence extending about 840' SW; thence turning parallel to S. Sycamore Street and extending 375' SSE; thence extending SSW 200' across S. Sycamore Street to W side, encompassing properties fronting on E. Fillmore and S. Sycamore streets; thence extending 150' SSE along W side of S. Sycamore Street to intersection with D'Arcy Street, then following 190' SW along N side of D'Arcy Street, then 700' NW to W. Fillmore Street, crossing said street and continuing 300' (for a total of about 1000' NW), thereby encompassing properties fronting on S. Sycamore and D'Arcy Streets;

Thence extending 340' SW to E side of Harrison Street and following along said side of said street for about 400'; thence extending approximately 200' ESE; thence extending 150' NNW; thence extending approximately 200' ENE to E side of Harrison Street; thence extending 200' N to intersection with College Place, then continuing 500' NE along S side of College Place to E side of S. Sycamore, thus encompassing properties fronting on Library and Harrison Streets;

Thence extending about 430' NW to point of origin.

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(Unless otherwise noted, the completion of each address below is: Petersburg, Virginia 23803)

South Adams

- 36- Fishermans Club, Not in District  
 123- Knights of Pythias, Robt. A. Tinney, 102 Suffolk Ave. COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA. 23834  
 126- Arthur C. & Selina Stutz, address- Same  
 132;134- W. J. Elizabeth R. Feazel, Same; 134- Landon Properties, SAME  
 138;140- Brevard M. & Susan Brown; 140- David & Freida Lapkin, SAME  
 142- Doris V. L. Zimmerman, 305 St. Andrew St.  
 214- Lida Smith Kemery, 512 Tulip Lane, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406  
 225- United Way, Same  
 224-26- Pierce Abercrombie, Same  
 230- Beatrice A. Partridge, Same  
 232- Linda B. Dailey, Same  
 233- *Parking Lot*  
 236- Robert L. & Linda E. Jones, SAME  
 239- Luke A. & Patricia A. Wavra, Same  
 243- Cockade City Properties, Inc., P.O. Box 625

Poplar Lawn (Buildings on Poplar Lawn facing directly onto the green)

- 109- Jane E. Aman - 109 Central Park.  
 111- Robert E. & Sherry Ritz- Same  
 115- Herbert L. & Irene Kimmel, Same  
 119- Joann S. Tuma, Same  
 123- Joann S. Payne, 119 Central Park

Fillmore Street

- 16-18- Joann S. Payne, 119 Central Park  
 22- H. R. and Barbara Francis, 897 Conduit Rd., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834  
 24- Irene G. Graves, 411 S. Jefferson St.  
 28;30- James A. & Mildred Wilson. Rt. 6, Box 2042; 30- Genora J. Lawrence  
 34- Anne P. Finn, Same  
 102- James A. & Mildred Wilson, Box 2042, Petersburg  
 104- Howard K., Jr. & Lunda Edsall, Same  
 106- Lillian I. Horne, Same  
 108- Charles L. & Peggy Young, Same  
 120- David & Gail Dussere, Same  
 124- C. R. & Agatha Key, 17100 Jefferson Davis Highway, Colonial Heights, Va. 23834  
 128- Annie Bell Spencer, Same  
 132- Kermit J. & Barbara Moore, 110 Sherwood Dr., Colonial Heights, Va.

Harrison Street

- 219- Robert & Pearl Bland, Same  
 223- Herman & Marie Massenberg, Same  
 225-27- Eliz. H. Holloway, 120 New St., (Eliz. A. Holmes, Name Change)  
 231 Vacant  
 235-37- L. A. Sheffield, 1260 E. Washington Street  
 239-41- Maj. Joel E. Wolfson, HQUSAGO SPO\*O, APO Box 3015. APO SF 96331  
 243- Edna J. Valentine, 216 S. West Street

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Jefferson Street - South

- 123-David & Walpiede Windle, Same  
 125- Robert & Greta Perkins, 1562 Berkeley, Ave.  
 126-Donald F. & Emma Biensfeld, Same  
 129- Hubert B. Edwards, Same  
 203;205-R. Steven & Maryanne B. Skalak, Same;205-Franklin C. & Mary B. Vinsh  
 209-Eugene Farinholt & Alice F. Maclin, Same (see 225 BELOW)  
 215- Roy B. Hoffman, Same  
 216- Barbara Moore, 110 Sherwood Drive, Colonial Heights, Va. 23834  
 221-23- Roy B. Hoffman, 215 S. Jefferson St.  
 224-Alfred & Minnie Woodard, Same  
 225- Franklin C. & Mary B. Vinsh, 2466 Boydton Plank Rd.  
 226-28- R. L. Bowman, Rt. 4, Box 573  
 229-33-Harold R. & Barbara Francis, Conduit Rd., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834  
 234-36-Susie R. Turner, 403 St. Andrew St.  
 235-Harold R. Francis, 897 Conduit Rd., Colonial Heights, Va., 23834  
 239-Edith M. Sheffield, Same  
 251-James A. & Mildred K. Wilson, P.O. Box 2042  
 301- " " " " " " " "  
 305-Vacant Lot, Petersburg Home for Ladies  
 311- Petersburg Home for Ladies, Same  
 323- " " " "  
 327- Jessie L. Traylor, Same  
 401-Mary A. Gilliam, Same  
 405- Mildred & Frank O. Irvine, P.O. Box 2025  
 409- Indiana Wallace, Same

Liberty Street

- 18 - Philip J. & Jane McEwen, 1641 Wilton Rd.  
 20- James F. & Frances Greewell, c/o Phyliss Acherman, 126 Sadler Ave., COLONIAL  
 22 - George Tate, Same HEIGHTS, VA.  
 25 Vacant 23834  
 26 -Carlyle A. & Marie Jones, 242 New St.  
 29 -Philip M. & Catherine Bland, Same  
 30 -Helen B. McNamara, Same  
 34 -James I. & Anne Brown, Same  
 36 Vacant  
 39 -Demolished  
 40 -Benjamin B., Jr. & Jocelyn Barnwell, 20527 Southlawn Ave., Ettrick, Va.  
 41 Vacant 23803  
 43 -C. J. Clarke, 463 Pine Ridge Rd.  
 33- Philip M. & Catherine Bland, 29 Liberty St.

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Marshall Street

- 7-James H. Powell, 1701 S. Crater Rd.  
 9- " " "  
 14 -John B. Young, Same  
 18 -Archie P. Daughtry & Martha, Same  
 22 -Cockade City Properties, Inc., P.O.Box 625  
 104 -Cockade City Properties, Inc. "  
 108 -110- Sanford W. & Phyliss Turner, Same  
 109; 111 -Mary Mahone, Same-111-Jacob A.&Linda N. Crocker, Jr., Same  
 113 Vacant  
 114 - John & Leslie Booth, Same  
 115 -William A. & Marion Turner, SAME  
 116 -Richard C. & Betty Hecker, Same  
 119 - Harrison M. & Eugenia Woody, 1666 Powhatan Ave.  
 122 -Eloise Hinton Johnson, Same  
 125 -Baxter Bailey, Same  
 126 -W.H.Talley III & Audrey T. Dean, P.O.Box 789  
 129 -Thomas L. & Kay H. Carwile, Same  
 130 -Estelle G. Johnson, 221 S. Sycamore St.  
 133 -Charles J. & Betty K. DuBois, Same  
 136 -Shelton H. & Louise Cogle, Same  
 137 -Julius L. & Doris Schwartz, 1929 Coggin St.  
 140 -Franklin C. & Mary C. Vinsh, 2466 Boydton Plank Rd.  
 141 - Bernard J. Jr. & Allie Goodyear, Same  
 143 -James A. & Mildred Wilson, P.O.Box 2042  
 144 -Kenneth R. II & Deborah S. Noble, Same  
 201 -Kermit J. & Barbara Moore, 110 Sherwood Drive, Colonial Heights, Va.  
 207 -Amelia Ann Henning, Same 23834  
 211 -Harold C. II & Vickie B. Minitree, Same  
 212 - Alton L. & Beth O. Boykin, Box 60, Rt. 2, Prince George, Va. 23875  
 216 - Amelia Ann Henning, 207 Marshall St.

Surry Lane - No. 1, Claude & Frances Whitmore, 2016 Cumberland Ave.

S. Sycamore Street

- 123 -Claude & Frances Whitmore, 2016 Cumberland Ave.  
 129 -Charles W. Wells, Box 790  
 137 -Petersburg Public Library, City of Petersburg  
 200-22 Vacant  
 205 - James & Frances Basis, 1857 S. Sycamore St.  
 215 -Trinity Methodist Church, Same  
 221 - Alice Chappell, Same  
 225 -F. Heath Myers, Jr., 229 S. Sycamore St.  
 228 -Evert S. & Florence I. Lunderman, Same  
 229 - F. Heath Myers, Jr., Same  
 230 Vacant

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- 236 - John W. Mason, 120 Liberty St. (demolished)  
 241 - Alexander J. & Carroll S. Jesudowich, Same  
 244 - Episcopal Church, Dioceses of Southern Virginia, Same  
 250 - Laura T. Wells, Box 790  
 300 - Dr. McEwen Office, Philip J. & Jane C. McEwen, 1641 Wilton Rd.  
 308 - Roy B. Hoffman, 215 S. Jefferson St.  
 312 - Louis James Allen, Same  
 314 - Harriet C. Percival, Same  
 320 - Dr. Dorothy D. Moore Office, 2032 Matoax Ave.  
 326 - Dr. L. E. Rayhorn, Jr., Dr. Spencer V. Perkins, Same  
 328 - Jane Aman, 109 Central Park or Poplar Lawn  
 332 - D.A.R., Mrs. William E. Lum, Sr., 1731 Brandon Ave.  
 336 Vacant  
 402-08 - Petersburg Eye Clinic & Dr. VanKeuren, Same *repeat*  
 405 - Charles & Hibernia Cuthbert, IV, Same  
 414-16 - Petersburg Eye Clinic, Poplar Lawn Co., Same *repeat*  
 420 - J. H. Clarke, Jr. & P. H. Seawell, P.O. Box 216, Newport News, Va. 23607  
 424 - Virginia Coode Duke, 3362 A Wakefield St., Arlington, Va. 22308  
 430 - Joann S. Payne, 119 Poplar Lawn  
 434 - Harvie L. Fowlkes, Jr., Same  
 438 - C. W. & Laura Wells, Box 790  
 442 - Paul K. Pickering, 107 Sherwood Drive, Colonial Heights, Va. 23834  
 500 - Gordon B. Galusha, Same  
 510 to D'Arcy Vacant

Tulip Alley

- 122-24 - Madeline T. Pond, 1668 Fairfax Ave.  
 126-28 - Madeline T. Pond, 1668 Fairfax, Ave.  
 Southwest Tulip Alley and Adams Parking lot

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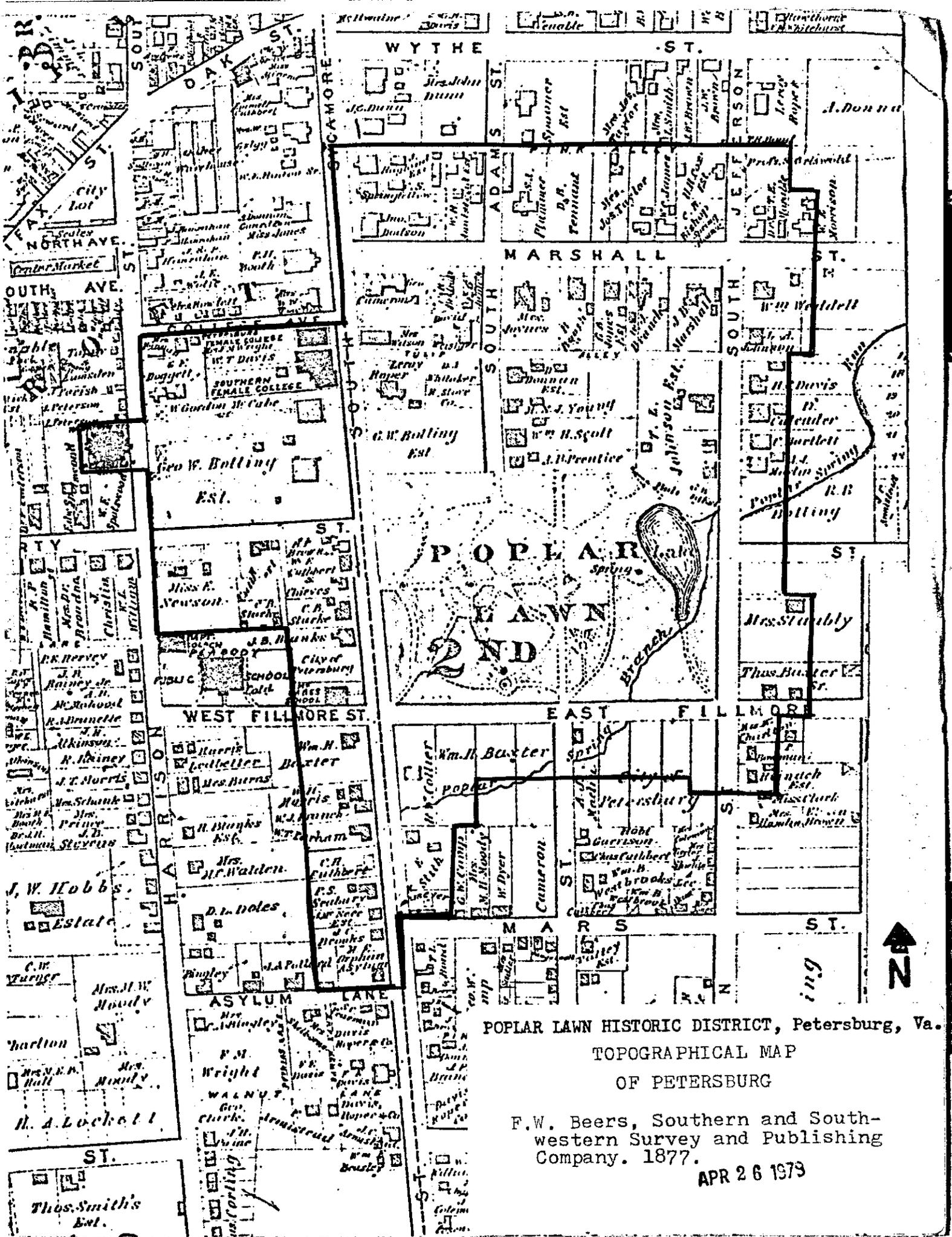
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Harrison Street

236 - Harrison Street (First Baptist Church): Trustees, Same, 236

South Sycamore Street

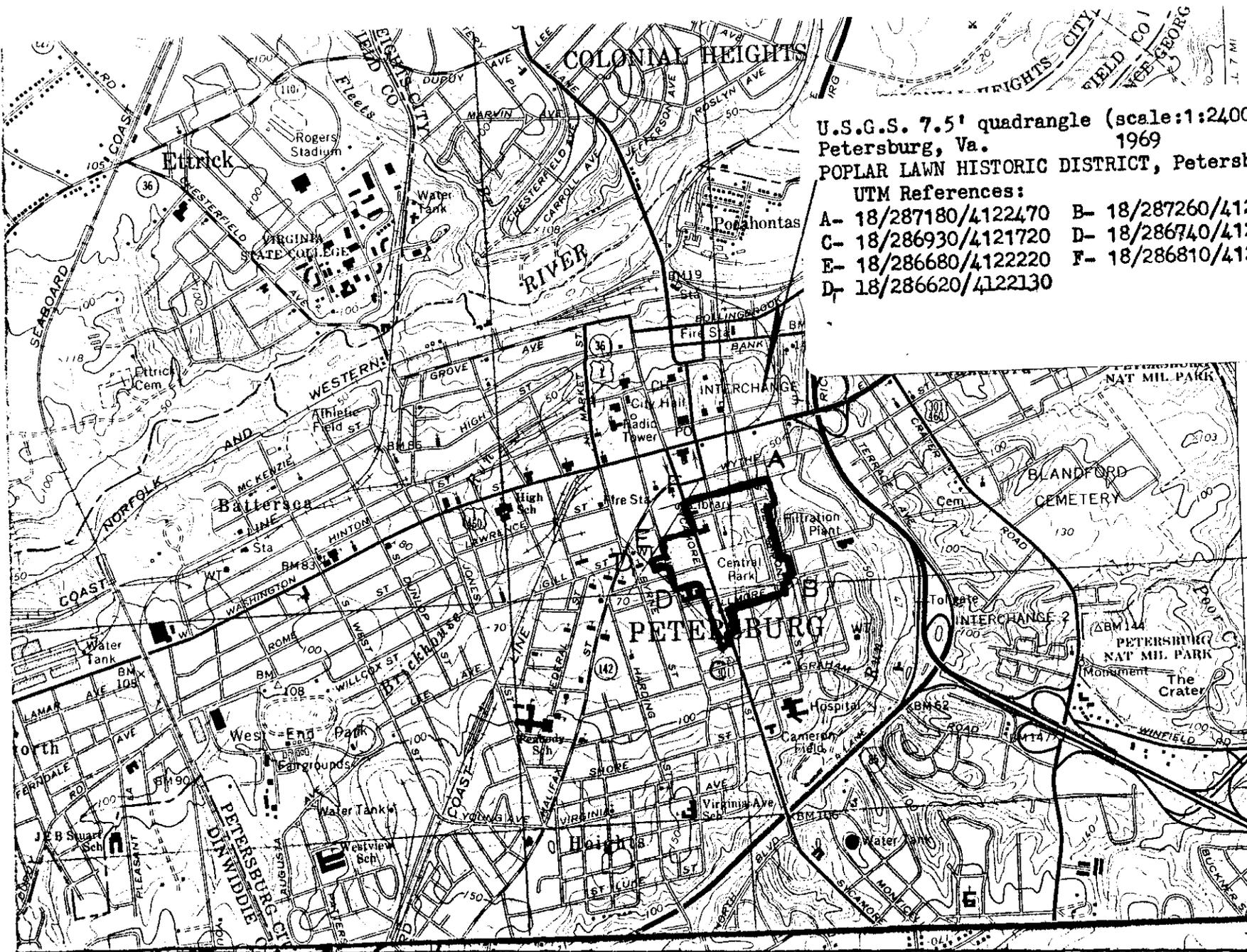
- 443-445: NE corner S. Sycamore and Mars Street: Kenneth R. Noble, & Deborah,  
144 Marshall St.
- 439: Edna Mae Chappell (Hoffman) 215 S. Jefferson Street
- 433-35: Harold R. Francis, 897 Conduit Rd., Colonial Heights
- 429-31: Barbara L. Francis, 897 Conduit Rd., Colonial Heights
- 427: Dorothy V. Stith, Same
- 423: Harold R. Francis, Listed Above



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