

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 605 Preston Place
 MAP & PARCEL: 5-111
 CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 2-502
 PRESENT ZONING: R-3
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Sally Ann McCoy, et al
 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 PRESENT USE: Rental Property (4 apartments)
 PRESENT OWNER: Preston Court, Inc.
 ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. J. L. Hartman
 Box 254
 Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Wyndhurst (C M R H),
 DATE / PERIOD: 1857
 STYLE: Vernacular
 HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 2 storeys
 DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 100' x 171.7' (18,880 sq. ft.)
 CONDITION: Good
 SURVEYOR: Bibb
 DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1980
 SOURCES: City/County Records
 Mrs. J. L. Hartman

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Wyndhurst is a typical 2-storey, 3-bay, double-pile white weatherboarded house with Greek Revival details. It is set on a high foundation of brick laid in 5-course American bond. It has a low-pitched hip roof covered with standing-seam metal with projecting eaves and boxed cornice. Capped chimneys centered between the two rooms on each side of the central hall serve fireplaces in all the original rooms. Windows are double-sash with architrave trim and black louvered shutters, 6-over-9 light at the first level and shorter 6-over-6 light at the second. A one-storey entrance porch covers the center bay of the facade. It has a low-pitched hip roof with boxed cornice and plain frieze, four square pillars with inset panels, and a simple balustrade. The 4-paneled Greek Revival style entrance door has sidelights over panels and a rectangular transom. Interior doors are also 4-paneled with architrave trim. Ceilings are quite high. A 3-flight open stair with turned newels and simple balustrade rises from the extremely wide central hall. A small one-storey addition with bowed end covers the south (front) bay of the east elevation. Its windows are 6-over-6 light. A one-storey enclosed sun parlor with wide 8-over-8 light windows covers the north bay of the east elevation. These two additions are connected by a one-storey hyphen and both have foundations of brick laid in stretcher bond. A complex series of one- and two-storey additions covers the rear elevation. They are weatherboarded and set on cinderblock and concrete foundations. Some windows are 2-over-2 light. There is one circular-headed window at the second level.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1857 Sally Ann McCoy et al purchased a 102½-acre tract that had been part of the Opie Norris estate (ACDB 56-214). Tax records indicate major construction activity, probably this house, in 1857. She sold the entire farm to Thomas L. and Anna M. Preston in 1863 (ACDB 61-156). The house was raided by Union soldiers during the brief occupation of Charlottesville in March 1865. The farm was subdivided in 1892, (Preston Heights plat ACDB 97-346), reserving ten acres with the house. After the deaths of Colonel and Mrs. Preston, that was also subdivided (City DB 34-28 and 478). The house had four owners between 1919 and 1930 when it was purchased by Charity S. Pitts (Mrs. William Pitts) (DB 70-489). For many years Mrs. Pitts operated a popular boarding house for University students. The east side additions and the first two-storey rear addition had been made by the Prestons; most of the others were probably made by Mrs. Pitts. Preston Court, Inc., which had built Preston Court Apartments on what had originally been Wyndhurst's front lawn, bought the house when Mrs. Pitts retired in 1970 (DB 314-104) and divided it into four apartments, retaining most of the original fabric. Additional References: ACDB 106-139, 126-130; ACWB 32-95; City DB 30-396, 34-349, 35-305, 57-334, 58-358, 59-485.

SIGNIFICANCE

Wyndhurst was the manor house of the 100-acre farm now comprising the Preston Heights section of the city. It was raided by Yankee soldiers during the brief occupation of Charlottesville in March 1865. It is a large vernacular structure with Greek Revival details.

UTM: 17/719485/4213200

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. White, John S., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

42. Hill-Holladay House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

43. House at 867 Locust Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

44. Landrum-Irving House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

45. House at 1025 Locust Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

46. Smith, John A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

47. Phi Kappa Sigma House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

48. Hard Bargain

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

49. King Lumber Company
Warehouse

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

50. Wyndhurst

(605 Preston Pl.)

Keeper

Attest

Ret.

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accept Linn Dinkie 1/10/84

for accept Patrick Adams 8/10/83

Linda McClelland 10-20-80

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Wyndhurst (Charlottesville MRA)
VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2435

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 10/7/82 - 10/22/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/21/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Good Ex. of Greek Revival / Neoclassical
plantation house*

Recom. / Criteria Accept C

Reviewer L.M. Cleveland

Discipline A. Hist

Date 10/21/82

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

*Architectural And Historic
Survey*



Graphics



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000882