

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION	BASE DATA
Street Address: 302 Riverside Avenue	Historic Name: House at Pireus
Map and Parcel: 55A-148	Date/Period: 1830-1840
Census Track & Block: 3-101	Style: No Identifiable Style
Present Owner: Francis McQ. Lawrence & Edith C. Address: 1729 Chesapeake Street, City	Height to Cornice:
Present Use: Sunday School	Height in Stories: 1 1/2
Original Owner: William Hunter Meriwether	Present Zoning: R-2
Original Use: Probably Residence	Land Area (sq.ft.): 40,275
	Assessed Value (land + imp.): 8800

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A small vernacular cottage of rectangular form, the house at Pireus has a two-bay facade width and single-pile depth. Height is one and one-half storeys with a two-over-two-room plan above a two-room, full basement (with ground level exit to rear). A central door opens into a small entry way between rooms, and an interior stairway at the north end of the house provides communication between floors. Construction is frame covered with weatherboard, with a stone basement. Roof is hipped gambrel covered with standing-seam tin, painted red. (Hip and gambrel portions of the roof are trimmed independently with a simple eave molding.) A single chimney of stone and brick rises through the center of the house. Windows throughout are six-over-six-light double hung sash, with two dormer types each in the roof of the facade and rear elevations. One window is also located at the second floor level of each end. The entry is covered with a simple porch with shed roof.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

When William Hunter Meriwether purchased 148 acres from Molly Miller, the daughter of Nicholas Lewis in 1825 (Co. DB 25-212, DB 26-342). Tax records indicate no buildings on the property. But by 1829 indications are that building activity was underway, and it was continuing through 1839. The notation "\$300 added for improvements" appear in the tax records of each of the years 1832, 1834, and 1835; and one of these seems most likely to reflect the construction of such a structure as this house at Pireus. Thomas L. Farish purchased the Pireus property in 1846 (Co. DB 44-355) and continued the industrial activity that Meriwether had begun there. In 1867, the Charlottesville Woolen Mills Company purchased the mills area (Co. DB 66-58). Tradition is that this house was originally located on East Market Street, at a site just west of No. 1907: it was probably moved to its present location on Riverside Avenue while in Woolen Mills ownership and during the last quarter of the 19th Century.

## SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located behind the Pireus Store (nomination #22). It shares the same associations with the Charlottesville Woolen Mills, and is one of the original structures built in the area.

## CONDITIONS

Fair

UTM: 17/723300/4211070

## SOURCES

County and City Records  
Hallie Johnson Shisler

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

House at Pireus (Charlottesville MRA)  
VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2435

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 10/21/82

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Significance is not demonstrated. Additional information is needed. Building was moved, perhaps in late 19th century. Its use is unknown.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
 Reviewer McClennan  
 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

*Please date and describe alterations. Please provide an analysis of the architectural features supporting the 1830-40 date.*

**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

Please expand statement to demonstrate building's historic importance for its specific role in Woolen Mills Co. (Association is a earlier, unidentified industry, have likely been obscured by noise), or for its architecture. Please evaluate significance and integrity in appropriate local context. What other buildings were part of Woolen Mills Co, and what important role in Co. did this one play? Please discuss significance as it meets the special requirements for moved buildings.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
USGS 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

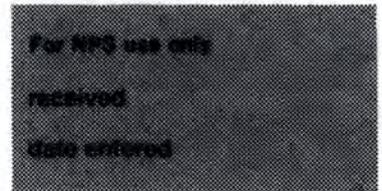
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to L. McClelland / P. Anderson

Signed Linda McClelland Date 10/21/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area  
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Wyndhurst  
(611 Preston Pl.)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

52. Updike, Robert L., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 8/10/83

Attest

53. Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

54. Carey House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

55. House at Pereus

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept Patrick Andrus 8/10/83

Attest

56. Smith-Marshall House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret. PWA 8/10/83

Attest

57. Stonefield

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept C. Dinkins 1/10/84

Attest

58. Four Acres

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-28-82

Attest

59. Ebenezer Baptist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

60. Tonsler, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret accept Patrick Andrus 8/10/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Charlottesville (Independent City)  
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Reviewer's comments:

*Historic significance of Wexler Mills est. in significant statement for # 22 (Stovall Pireus) - this old significance is for its association with the mills - though moved, it was on its present site when the Mill bought it and used it to house workers*

Recom./Criteria accept A  
Reviewer Patrick Andrus  
Discipline Historian  
Date 8/10/83  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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