LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address:

503 Wast Main Street

Map and Parcel:

32-175

Census Track & Block: 1-308

Present Owner:

Timothy Reilly

Address:

503 W. Main Street

Present Use:

Beauty School Original Owner: J. D. Paxton

Original Use:

Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Date/Period:

Paxton Place

cir. 1824

Style:

Federal

Height to Cornice:

Height in Stories: 2 1/2

Present Zoning:

B = 3

Land Area (sq.ft.): 52 x 210

Assessed Value (land + imp.): 9460 + 2430 = 11.890

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

detached house once stood on spacious grounds on the rural road that linked the University with the downtown area. It is a very good example of houses built in Charlottesville around 1825 and is similar in form to the Livers House at 1211 W. Main St. The two story structure is laid with a Flemish bond front terminating in the typical mouse-tooth brick cornice. The two interior chimneys on the western side of the house are connected by a curtain, characteristic of this period. The lunette window in the garret of the western wall is identical to that at $12\overline{11}$ W. Main. The triangular wooden door and window pediments are very similar to those at the Carter-Gilmer House. Its plan is unusual in that it was a side hall and three rooms deep accounting for the deep, shallow pitched roof form which allowed spacious garret rooms. Except for window and door architraves, the interior has been removed. A handsome late 19th century pressed tin ceiling is in the entrance hall.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Alexander reported a "handsome brick residence owned and occupied by John C. Wood, with the beautiful flower garden around it, was, we learned, built by a Presbyterian clergyman, when the University was being erected, by the name of Paxton". Paxton bought 33 acres in 1824 for \$3,035 from John Kelly, and probably built the house shortly thereafter. In 1854, J. D. Paxton sold the house and 1-1/2 acres of land to Melinda Digges (ACDB 52-385). In 1868 Mrs. John C. Wood purchased it from Mrs. Digges, and the deed referred to the property as the "Paxton Place", (ACDB 63-529). The house has had many owners and has served as the Shisler Funeral Home and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. In 1960 the present owner Thomas Watson purchased the property.

SIGNIFICANCE

This is a fine example of the Federal style popular in the early 19th century. There are many similarities between this house and the one at 1211 West Main.

CONDITIONS

Good

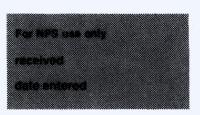
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SOURCES

Alexander, Recollections, p. 108 City/County Records

United States Department of the InteriorNational Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Substantive Review

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Architectural And Historic Survey

Graphics



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

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