

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1204 Rugby Road.
Map and Parcel: 38-134
Census Track & Block: 7-124
Present Owner: Barbara W. Rosser
Address: RFD 3, Box 238, Glenaire, City
Present Use: Residential Apartments
Original Owner: Schuyler T. Rhodes, Mason Gordon
Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Stonefield (C.M.R.)
Date/Period: 1860, 1881-84
Style: Vernacular, Victorian
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: R-1
Land Area (sq. ft.): 94,962 (2.18 acres)
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 84,200

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Since its origins in 1860, Stonefield has undergone a process of growth which is difficult to determine precisely but which consisted of two general stages. The original building was a simple, vernacular two-storey, one-over-one-room frame house on a high brick basement (finished, and used as a dining room). Exterior sheathing of this section is board and batten; a massive exterior chimney of brick stands at one gable end; and the gable roof is covered with standing-seam tin. Several additions and porch-enclosures have expanded this section considerably. In the period 1880-1884, Mason Gordon added a two-storey Victorian Queen Anne "facade", two rooms in width and one room deep, effectively masking the rambling vernacular structure behind. Construction of this "new" addition is frame sheathed with weatherboard over a high brick foundation. A hip roof of composition shingles covers the main section, while a large gable on the left side of the facade overhangs the semi-octagonal bay-projection that the first-and second-floor rooms make to the front on that side. Eaves are finished with a simple boxed cornice supported on frieze brackets. Elaborate brackets with fan motifs support the overhanging corners of the gable. A large chimney of brick is located in the center of the roof. A small single-storey, rectangular porch with a quantity of spool-work covers the main door.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

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SIGNIFICANCE

The prestigious Stonefield School was conducted by Miss Nancy Gordon in this house from 1915 until her death in 1954. (The name is perpetuated, after two mergers with other schools, in St. Anne's-Belfield.) The house itself is a fine example of a Victorian country house.

CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/720000/4213880

SOURCES

County/City Records
Mrs. James H. Chenery

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Substantive Review

Stonefield (Charlottesville MRA)
VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2485
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 of school architecturally and/or historically unless reexpansion.*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer AM DeLard
Discipline A. Hist.
Date 10/20/82
 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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

X 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
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- justification of exception
- other

Please expand statement:
 What was importance of private schools generally and of this particular example in Charlottesville's history? Does building possess architectural significance resulting from its 1861-84 styling? Please discuss historical or architectural significance in context of Charlottesville's overall development whether educational or architectural.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres 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 _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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

Signed Luis McClelland Date 1/20/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

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SIGNIFICANCE

Stonefield was one of the original estates north-west of Charlottesville before suburban expansion after World War I brought development into the area. The prestigious Stonefield school operated in this house between 1915 and 1954, when the school merged with what is today St. Annes Belfield School. On a site of over two acres, the Stonefield house is one of the oldest homes in the Rugby Road area, as well as being an interesting mix of Italianate and Vernacular styles.

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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. Darline 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

Substantive Review

Stonefield (Charlottesville MRA)
Charlottesville (Ind. City)
VA

Working No. 9-7-82
Fed. Reg. Date: 7.5.85
Date Due: 1/15/87
Action: ACCEPT 1/10/84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Large, once rural estate significant for historical association w/ Stonefield School, 1915 - 1954. Also appears to be good example of country Victorian.*

Recom./Criteria ACCEPT A
Reviewer Dunkie
Discipline 4125
Date 1/9/84
_____ see continuation sheet

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relationship of the property's history to overall development of city is still quite poor. One assumes that important secondary schools were located in Charlottesville partly because of the presence of the University; (#8 now discusses univ. role + city's reliance on education as basis of economy after WWI.)

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title _____ date _____

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

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