

1100 Gordon Avenue

Significance: High

Date of Construction: c.1919

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040146000

Original Owner: Jeff and Annie Jackson

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This three-bay, two-story, brick house was built around 1919. The current dwelling has a hipped, standing seam metal roof and paired brick exterior end chimneys. Across the façade is a one-bay, hipped standing seam metal roof porch with a parged concrete foundation, and decorative wood supports. There is a one-bay, one-story gabled kitchen addition built in 1964 on the west end of the house. The front-facing windows are 2/2 wood sash with wood louvered shutters. The front of the lot has a concrete walkway leading down from the sidewalk to the entrance, as the house sits lower than the street. Privet hedges line the front and side yards. There are two standing seam metal, gabled roof outbuildings in the side yard (one of which faces the alley and is likely a former garage). A gravel alley runs north to south on the west side of the property. There is a large oak tree at the corner of West and 11th in the yard.

Ownership History:

C.C. Cocke sold the property to Jeff and Annie Jackson on June 1, 1915 (County 160 – 26). . Jeff and Annie Jackson died interstate and their children inherited the property but all sold to sister Nannie Luck. For example, daughter Bessie Cosby granted the property to Nannie Luck in 1927 City 59 – 106). The other deeds in this transaction are: 60-271, 61-360, 62-456, and 62-457. Edward O. McCue Jr. became trustee of the property in 1928(City 63 – 27). Citizens Bank and Trust became trustee in 1935(City 87 – 333). E.L. Bailey bought the property in 1939(City 99 – 397). The Baileys owned the house through the 1970s.

Social History:

Jeff Jackson, an African American laborer and his wife Annie Jackson lived in the house from 1919 until 1926. Their daughter Nannie Luck, a cook, lived in the house with her husband John Luck, a bellman, from 1927 until 1933. The house was rented to another African American family in the late 1930s until the 1940s, Peyton Gross, a laborer, and his wife Amanda Gross. In 1945, Richard Norris, an African American laborer, and his wife Estelle Norris, lived in the house. Estelle lived there alone as a widow after Richard's death from 1950 until 1955. William Coleman, a painter, and his wife Margret Coleman lived there from 1956 until 1964.

Statement of Significance:

This 20th century single-family dwelling has a unique below grade, large open site and two substantial older outbuildings. The original material of the house are well preserved, windows, doors, porch, and roof all seem intact.

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Significance: Low

Date of Construction: 1979

Architect: Unknown

Parcel ID: 040080000

Original Owner: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Building History:

This four-bay, one -story, ranch-style house was built in 1979. The house has board and batten siding and a gabled, asphalt shingle roof with an exterior brick chimney. There is a concrete and wrought iron railing stoop. The front-facing windows are 2/2 paired horizontal wood sash. Hedge plantings line the porch area. There is a large paved parking area on the west side of the house with a path leading from the parking to the front stoop. A gravel alley runs along the parking area from north to south.

Statement of Significance:

This house is not yet fifty years old.