

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 759 Belmont Avenue  
Map and Parcel: 58-172  
Census Tract & Block:  
Present Owner: George W. Seiler  
Address: 1508 Rugby Avenue  
Present Use: Apartments  
Original Owner: John Winn  
Original Use: Residential

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Belmont (CMAA)  
Date/Period: circa 1837  
Style: Late Georgian  
Height to Cornice:  
Height in Stories: 2  
Present Zoning: R-2  
Land Area (sq.ft.): 13,986 sq. ft.  
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 2400 + 9960 = 12,360

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Belmont is an unusually large brick house seven bays in length, originally one room in width with a central stair hall. A great many changes have occurred in its long history. The main section is two stories on a raised basement with 9 over 9 windows on the first floor having six pane windows for the basement beneath them and 6 over 6 windows on the second floor. There are Jack arches over the first floor windows and the second floor windows almost touch the deep wooden cornice attached to a brick projection under the roof line. There are no windows on either end wall and the chimneys are flush with the end walls projecting from the gently sloping parapet gable. In the middle of the Belmont Ave. side is a projecting wing end gable to the street that was added by the present owner. It is half the size of the original building and both stories are brick. It is attached where a larger frame addition once was that reached the edge of the present Belmont Ave. There were also several dependencies shown as late as 1890 where the street now is. The other side of the building is the original front and now has a large two story neo-classical revival portico and is the same height at the outer windows, while the second story windows on either side of it under the portico are 9 over 9. The entrance door is under the upper doors' balcony and has a Greek Revival door frame with shouldered architrave trim. The pedimented portico is supported by four square paneled columns resting on a raised brick base. The entrance bay is wider than the end spaces and the whole one bay in depth. From this porch an extension and symmetrical stairways have been added by the present owner.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

759 Belmont Avenue, known as the Belmont Mansion (from which the area takes its name) or more recently as the "Ficklin Mansion" (DB28-387) was possibly built before 1837. John Winn, who died in 1837, mentions his residence on his 539 acre farm Belle-Mont in his will (WB 13-6). He acquired the property in 1820 from Charles Bankhead (ACDB 23-118). In pursuance of Winn's will the house was sold at auction to the highest bidder Slaughter W. Ficklin in Nov. 1847. In 1887 Ficklin's wife and children inherited the house and 551 acres of land. In 1906 the house with lots 10, 11, 12 in the Belmont Subdivision of the Belmont Land Co. and Charlottesville Land Co. (ACDB 96-72) was conveyed to Kate Farrish. It subsequently passed through several hands (ACDB 44-363; 151-445; 161-176) (DB 28-387; 34-56) until acquired by W. B. Nichols in 1915 (DB 35-492). The present owner purchased it in 1940 from Idah H. Nichols.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Built early in the 19th century, Belmont was the manor house of a 500-acre farm which has become Charlottesville's large Belmont neighborhood. A Colonel Wells used the house as his headquarters during a brief Union occupation of Charlottesville in March 1865.

## CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/721420/4211330

## SOURCES

George W. Seiler  
City Records  
County Records

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area  
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

67-66-1  
Rec. 87  
+ 21  
(2015)  
DOE/EC Ret

✓

1. Wertland Street Historic District

Substantive Review

fil Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 2/12/85

Attest

✓

2. Ridge Street Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland  
10/21/82

Attest

✓

3. Willow Cottage House

Substantive Review

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4. Farish, G. W., House

Substantive Review

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5. Purvis-Seay House

Substantive Review

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6. Belmont

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7. Young Building

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8. Ficklin-Crawford Cottage

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9. Peters-Hartmen House

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10. Doswell-Mayo House

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Belmont (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:

*ok*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer J. Mc Clelland  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

UMT 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

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Survey*



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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000882