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From: PWPLS Ask A Librarian - RELIC
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2005 2:17 PM
To: 'Linda Ragn'
Subject: RE: Ask RELIC about house on Washington St.

Dear Ms. Ragn:

We have identified the house as the former business called Hairmarket in Haymarket. We have tracked the deeds back from Lynda Farr (Aug 2003) to Frances Sinclair and wife selling it to Mary H. Price and Virginia Bell Price (March 1934). That latter deed makes reference to an earlier deed of Sarah C. Bragg et als. to A. (Albert) B. Rust on Nov. 1916, Deed Book 69, pg 48. Unfortunately our online access starts at 1918 and in order to view the 1916 Deed one would need to go to the Courthouse. We have copied the various deeds on this house and if you would like them, you can pick them up in RELIC (we charge 15 cents per page and there are 21 pages), and plats are included with some of them.

In the book "Haymarket A Town In Transition A History of the Town of Haymarket, Va." prepared by the Haymarket Historical Commission (1998), p. 265 has a picture of the house with the caption "Hairmarket. Full Services Hair Care. Home of former Mayor Mason Pickett and earlier home of Albert and Wilhemina Rust. Built 1921." Unfortunately, there is no index for the book. Under the Chapter of "The Days of Transformation for Haymarket" p. 165, the story of the Rust family begins. On page 215 and 178 are pictures of some Rusts. On page 179 it says "Albert Rust became a strong civic leader. He and his brother, Rob Rust began investing in real estate and building new homes in Haymarket. Albert married the daughter of Dr. Tulloss, Wilhelmina, and moved into a new house on Washington and Fayette Street, where their first children, Breckenridge, Nancy and William were born." This book is available for loan here at Bull Run Regional Library or at the Gainesville Neighborhood Library located in James S. Long Park off of Rt. 15. It may also be available for sale from the Town of Haymarket.

I looked at our Real Estate fiche for 1982 (the earliest we own) and it indicates the house was there prior to 1901. The county at a certain point in time gave all older homes the generic year 1901 instead of determining when the home was built. Don Wilson, the Virginia Librarian, looked at the picture of the home in the book mentioned above, and said it does not look like a house that was built in the 1920s - it looks like a older farm home. He says homes built in 1920s were of the bungalow type.

We can track the Bragg family as being in Haymarket at the turn of the century. Was their house demolished and Rust built a new house on that lot? Or did Rust just improve and enlarge the house? If you check land tax records, it should give you an idea of any improvements to the lot. We own land tax records here but only have 1892 and earlier. The Library of Virginia has later records. Film for 1893-1900 can be obtained through interlibrary loan. Also you may want to hire an architectural historian who may be able to determine the house's age upon investigation.

Without further research we cannot determine the age of the home. We do have a helper who would be willing to investigate further for a fee. Her name is Charlotte Cain and can be reached at gensearcher@verizon.net if you're interested in having her pursue what we have found so far. She would be willing to go to the Courthouse and obtain the microfilm from the Library of Virginia and give you a report. I'll leave it up to you.

Let us know if we can help in any other way.

Sincerely,
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RELIC Question

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Question	Looking for local history on the historical homes in Haymarket, I work for Heritage Realty and we are located in a old house 15030 Washington Street and would like to develop the history on the house. Thank you, Linda
Sources level	Internet and Haymarket museum adults