

Co. 1.7. 1.

March 2, 1978

1. Building Name: "Alcoya"
2. Address: 3435 - 8th Street, South
3. Original Owner: Thomas Hodges
4. Original Use: Farmhouse
5. Present Owner: Nicholson, Dan H. and Alice C.
6. Present Use: Dwelling
7. Legal Description: From Deed Book #1532 page 445

"Beginning at a point in the north line of 8th St., South, said point being S.76 deg. 23' w. 291, 50 feet from the west line of South Glebe Rd; thence continuing with the north line of 8th St., South, 75 deg. 23' W. 242.13 feet to a point, the southeast corner of lot 19, Block 10, Alcova Heights; thence with the east line of Lot 19, N. 13 deg. 03' W. 140.55 feet to a point; thence S.75 deg. 30' w. 85.0 feet to a point; thence north 13 deg. 03' W. 20.0 feet to a point in the South line of a 10.0 foot alley; thence with the South line of the alley N. 75 deg. 30' E. 322.97 feet to a point; thence S. 14 deg. 37' E. 160.81 feet to the point of beginning;"

"Less and Except: Beginning at an iron pipe at a point where the north line of South 8th Street intersects the West Boundary line of property owned by Arlington Methodist Church; thence S. 75° 23' W. 34.00 feet to an iron pipe in the North line of said street; thence departing from the North line of South 8th Street, N. 14° 37' W. 160.88 feet to an iron pipe in the South line of a ten foot alley 34.00 feet to an iron pipe at the West boundary line of said church property, thence S. 14° 37' E. 160.88 feet to the place of beginning; and being the same property acquired by the party of the first part by Deed recorded in Deed Book 950 at page 115 among the land records of Arlington County Va."

8. Description and History:

Today the original farmhouse structure is but a part of the present "nautilus-like" structure. The original structure can be dated at about 1836 when John Young, a carriage maker and wheelwright, acquired the farm from Thomas Hodges. Civil War maps show the house once had a mature orchard. On June 1, 1875, the property was deeded from John Young to his son, William N. Young. Following William's

Alcova Property

- Continued -

- 2 -

death, the property was passed on to his widow, the former Mamie Bailey. In 1915 she sold the property to the former State Senator Joseph Cloyd Byars. Byars expanded the house with the help of architect Edward St. Cyr Barington. He also named the house Alcova for Alexandria County, Va. Renovations included the addition of tall white pillars, a wrought iron balcony, new paneling, mantels, floorings, and shutters obtained from old Georgetown houses which were being demolished.

Furthermore, Byars subdivided the farm into residential development lots which later became what is today known as "Alcova Heights". In 1932, the mansion was sold to Allen Coe.

References:

Templeman, Eleanor Lee, Arlington Heritage, p. 88



HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

ALCOVA
PLATE: 24
 prepared by

