

Historic Vienna, Inc.



Freeman Store and Museum, built in 1859

131 Church Street, NE ♦ Post Office Box 53 ♦ Vienna, VA 22183

September 11, 2024

Mercury Payton
Town Manager
Town of Vienna
Vienna Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Re: 217 Walnut Lane, NW

Dear Mr. Payton,

At its May 8, 2024 board meeting, Historic Vienna, Incorporated voted to recommend that the application of the house at 217 Walnut Lane, NW be approved for inclusion on the town's Historic Properties Register.

According to tax records, there was a building on the site from 1898. It was valued at \$375 in 1899, at \$400 in 1900, at \$700 in 1911, and at \$750 in 1920. The first owner, who bought the land from Captain Salsbury and his wife Suzanna, was Thomas Robinson.

We recommend that the location be approved for the Historic Register as a presumptive candidate under the register requirements: Section 25-8, a) Buildings and other structures erected at their present location that are at least 100 years and which retain all or a substantial portion of their original dimension and appearance.

The property is located in Lot One of the original Windover Heights plat from 1894 (see pages 236-237 of *This Was Vienna, Virginia*). The chain of title for this property includes a number of familiar family names from Vienna's history:

1897 H L Salisbury and Susanna Salisbury to Thomas Robinson Deed Book Y5 Page 575

1908 Thomas Robinson and Mary M. Robinson to Oliver F. Jones Deed Book A7 page 133

1911 Oliver F. Jones to Jane Austin Lange Deed Book K7 page 172.

1920 Jane Austin Lange and Emil F. Lange to Edward E. Millard and Edna J. Millard. Deed Book R No. 8 page 45

1923 Edna J. Millard and Edward E. Millard to Liber F No 9 154 Hamilton

1929 Leonard A. Hamilton to Echols Deed Book L-10 Page 365

1948 Mary Louise Echols and Floyd Leslie Echols to Warner R. Cockerille and Tivis T. Cockerille Deed Book 666 Page 328

1965 Warner Ray Cockerille and Tivis T. Cockerille to Tivis T. Cockerille Deed book 2655 page 410

April 1977 Tivis T. Cockerill to Nichols Deed Book 4592 Page 638

Sept 1977 David Creel Nichols II and Diana HoloRoyd Nichols to Johnson Deed 4718 Page 706

2005 Robert A. Johnson to Robert A Johnson and Virginia Price Johnson

We are glad that this house continues to survive to this day as a reminder of Vienna's rich history. We will be thrilled for it to be added to the town's Register.

Sincerely,



Anne G. Stuntz
Historic Vienna, Inc.
President