

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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DEPARTMENT of CULTURE & HISTORY
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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: 4
Theme(s):
Neg No (a):
USGS Quad: Charleston West, W/4.
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DISTRICT . SITE . BUILDING . STRUCTURE . OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: "Dalgain"; McCabe ^{House} residence

2. LOCATION, street/road: 1223 Staunton Road.

city/town: ✓ Charleston
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: residence

(public/private,
restricted)

original: residence

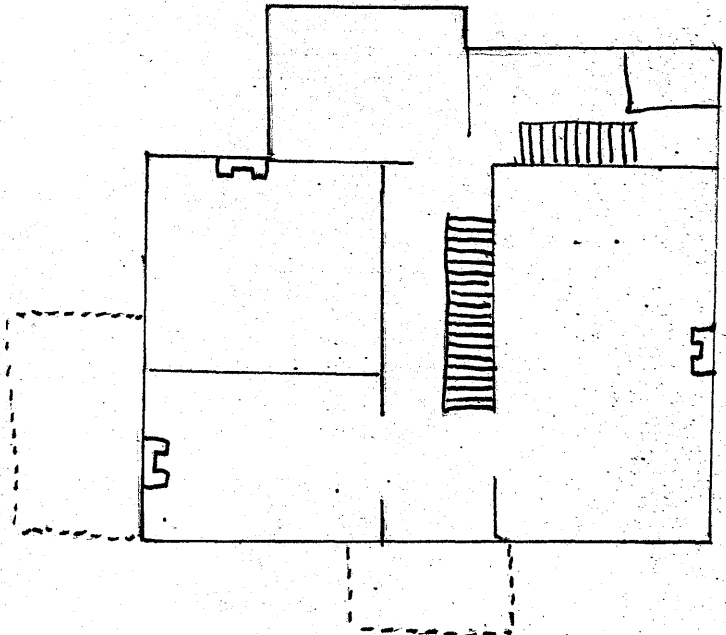
4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Brooks McCabe
(address above)

(public/private)

original: Robert E. McCabe

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

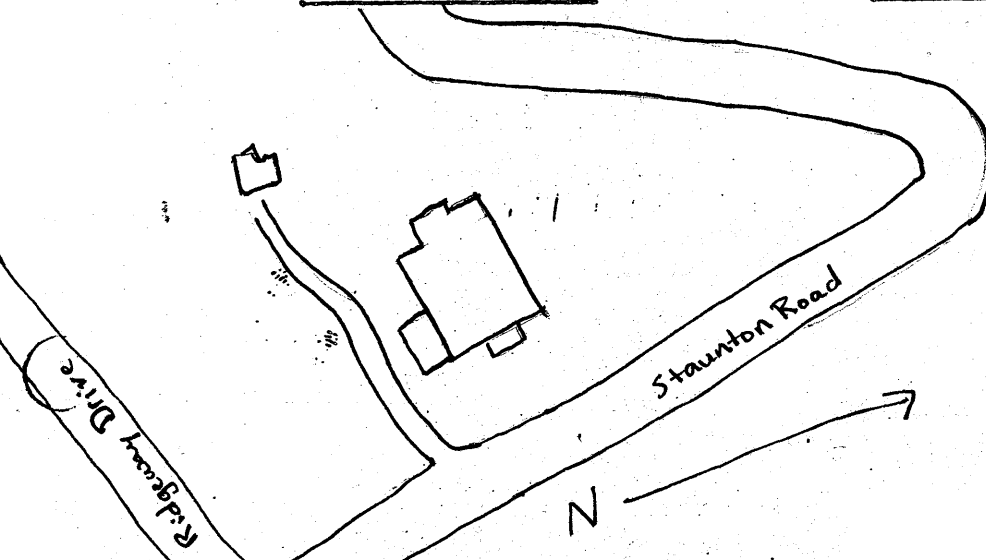
7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

2 1/2 acres



COUNTY: KANAWHA
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick _____
 concrete _____
 stucco X _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame X _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____

 foundation _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate X _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings garage/storage _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations NONE _____

 additions NONE _____

f. Condition:

excellent X _____
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: NONE

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

- a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:
H. Rus Warne
 b. Style/Period: American
Four-Square
 c. Date(s): 1916

"Dalgain" is a distinctive early South Hills residence and is significant for its owners, the McCabe family.

Robert E. McCabe, for whom the house was built, was a prominent Charleston attorney active in the city's business life. "Dalgain" was built the year of his marriage to Margaret Fleming Ward. She was the daughter of Charleston engineering giant Charles E. Ward. "Stoneleigh", Ward's residence, was built a year later and is on land adjacent to "Dalgain".

The house is a colonialized American Four Square with Italianate influence apparent in its roof and paired

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Clark, Walter E., ed. West Virginia Today. New Orleans: James O. Jones Co. 1941.

Interview with Brooks McCabe, July 7, 1983.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter ; DATE Sept, 30 1983

- a. Address 4011 Kanahwa Ave., Charleston, WV 25304
 b. Organization _____

"Dalgain ";McCabe residence
1223 Staunton Road

brackets. The windows have multipaned upper sashes and single paned lower sashes and wooden trim painted green, making an interesting play of color with the white stucco and green roof.

13. Verbal Boundary Description.

A 2 acre lot that begins at the northern intersection of Staunton Road and Ridgeway Drive, along Staunton Road 400 feet north; thence along the southern curve of Staunton Road 200 feet; thence in a line 400 feet to Ridgeway Drive; thence along the northern right-of-way of Ridgeway Drive 200 feet to the point of beginning.

ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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1. Name(s) Historic/Common: "Dalgain"(McCabe House)
(South Hills Multiple Resource Area)
Kanawha County
West Virginia

#7. Description

The Dalgain garage, located approximately 100 feet southeast of the main house, matches the parent structure with subtly textured stucco walls. The gabled elevation, facing Staunton Road, is at right angle to the main roof. The rectangular structure is a contributing dependency that was designed to complement the main house. The garage's roof is sheathed in a green shingle tile that presents the building with a sense of permanency and quality not often observed in garage construction of the area and of the period.

#8. Significance

"Dalgain" was built in 1916 as a wedding gift for Margaret Fleming Ward, a granddaughter of West Virginia Governor Aretas Brooks Fleming (1890-93), and Robert McCabe. McCabe, one of Charleston's leading attorneys, was also President of McCabe Shipping Co., a prominent Kanawha and Ohio River merchant shipping firm, and an early historic preservationist. Upon his retirement from the practice of law, Robert McCabe purchased "Happy Retreat", the Jefferson County home of Charles Washington (founder of Charles Town, West Virginia and brother of President George Washington) and restored the home.

The architectural significance of "Dalgain" is two-folded: It is a noteworthy work of noted Charleston, West Virginia architect H. Rus Warne (1872-1954); and is an outstanding example of early 20th century period house incorporating a Colonial and American Four-Square theme that stands out in a spacious suburban tract with broad lawns.

H. Rus Warne designed many of Charleston's finest residences, schools, churches, and public buildings. His best known Charleston public buildings include the Charleston City Hall and the Kanawha County Courthouse. Leading Charleston businessmen and professionals commissioned him to design fine residences in the capital city. Over a dozen of his finest buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The house designed for Robert McCabe and his wife Margaret is an elaborated American Four-Square with Colonial and Classical detailing represented in a dentil row at the cornice level of both the roof and porch roofs and in paired Roman Doric columns of the front portico and side porte-cochere. A special and favorite ornament employed by architect Warne was the paired bracket, a throw-back to Italianate designs, that many of his early 20th century domestic designs include. Warne favored the use of stucco facing that appealed to a generation in love with variations of Colonial, Beaux Arts and Palladian styles.