

WILLIAMS PARK

MEMO

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MEMO NOTES

Last issue Alicia Taylor introduced us to Mike Bullard in an article that ran under the heading "Meet your neighbor." This seemed like a good idea so we have a second installment in this issue introducing us to Wade Ingle (see page 3). We now have a volunteer to carry this forward as a regular column and I really look forward to reading future installments.

Completely new this issue, we have the first in a series of pieces about the oldest houses in Williams Park. The content is based on research done for a presentation made last fall to the Smyrna Historical Society and WPN. We'll cover the 20 houses still standing which were built before World War I, arranging them chronologically. We start with John Lampp's home, the 1884 Whitfield-Nelson House, on page 7.

We encourage contributions to the MEMO.

Deadlines for future issues are August 15 and November 15. Tell us something about yourself — tell us something about your neighbor — send your contributions to Casey Clavin at dingblue@earthlink.net

Thanks!

News in and around Williams Park

Sixteen-year old **Kenzie Shay** (Mimosa Circle) appears to be a bit of an entrepreneur. In a neighborhood with an exploding infant population (see page 6), Kenzie's offering her **services as a babysitter**. You may remember her name from this publication—as our Pet Profiles columnist, Kenzie documented various neighborhood dogs, birds, and a pot bellied pig over a few years time. Now a rising Junior at Johnson Ferry Christian Academy, Kenzie can be reached at 678-772-0774 (or her mom Amy Shay can be reached at 770-598-2488).



Pipe farm update. Construction has begun on the 10 acre tract between Roswell and Whitfield Streets which has been a waste pipe punctuated weed field for the last several years. Foundations have been poured for 11 houses—nine near the middle of the property and two on the Roswell Street side. With four houses now in various stages of framing, it's clear how close houses nestle when built at a density of 7.9 per acre. The Providence Group who, we're told puts strong emphasis on quality and landscaping, will build 76 houses, ranging from 1950 to 2820 square feet, over a three year period. Prices will start at \$260,000.



Since **John Lampp** (Gilbert Street) lives in the oldest house in the neighborhood (see page 7), it's no surprise that his property is home to some of the largest old trees here. Now, for the third time in two years, one of John's old behemoths have reached the end of their days.



On a Thursday evening in mid-June, during a period of high winds and strong gusts, John was playing Trivia with the Williams Park "Killers" when a big red oak came crashing to the ground in his front yard.

At 95 feet tall and 5'2" across (measured at chest level), and suffering a structural deficit due to a hollow core, the big tree split across its width at its base and broke about 10' above the ground. It just barely damaged the house—took a bite out of the front edge of the front porch roof and loosened the railings along the front steps.

Having contracted to have the mass of the tree removed the following week, John and his friend Carol addressed cleaning up the smaller parts on Sunday afternoon. They wanted to keep everything up to about a 12" diameter as fire wood. Even before they cranked up a chainsaw, a couple of neighbors stopped by and offered to help. Half an hour later, three neighbors were on the job and more were arriving with chain saws, wheel barrows and rakes. At least seven neighbors helped out, some for many hours of hard

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2013 CALENDAR

wpn happy hour
July 19, 7 pm
Jill and Daniel Huitron
1539 Roswell St
404.376.5114

WPN adopt-a-mile
Sat, July 20 8am
(Mike 678-698-0987)

WPN book club
Sun, July 28, 3pm at
Madge Jackson's house,
1449 Spring Street
Book: **Little White Lies**
by Gemma Townley

WPN "Island" Cookout
with "deserted island"
desert contest
Sat., August 10
1351 Roswell Street
4-6, island attire
appreciated
Suzy Miller
770-757-4275

Smyrna's Birthday
Celebration with
fireworks!
Sat., August 3, 6p-10p,

wpn happy hour
August 16, 7 pm
Lem Ward & Leanne Fey
1496 Spring St
770.863.9580

WPN book club
Sun, August 25, 3pm
at Debbie Savage's
2583 Old Roswell Rd
Book: **Short Night of
the Shadow Catcher**
by Tim Egan

WPN Board Meeting
September 3

WPN General Assembly
meeting September 17

wpn happy hour
September 20, 7 pm
Myrna and Larry Evans
1320 Roswell St
770.434.5094

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News in and around Williams Park *continued*

work—cutting, hauling, stacking. It was a bit like an old fashioned barn raising only in reverse—one more example of what makes Williams Park a real community.



The Smyrna Fresh Market, your local source for farm fresh fruits and vegetable, also offers a variety of food and garden related products. Every Saturday morning from 8:00 until noon, May through September, vendors set up in the First Baptist Church parking lot free of charge (to keep prices low for market customers). A project of Keep Smyrna Beautiful, the market averages 13 vendors each week selling items as diverse as soaps, sauces, spices, herbs, plants, honey, jams, pickles, dog biscuits, flowers and container gardens. On July 20, we'll have music and a new food truck. Buy locally and take advantage of this wonderful resource for local food.

—Ann Kirk

By now everyone has noticed the construction involved in widening Concord Road between Atlanta Road and South Cobb Drive. We asked City Engineer Eric Randall a few questions about the project.

Q: When will it be completed?

A: *Scheduled completion is Spring of 2015*

Q: Will the median be more like the one on Spring Road or the one on Atlanta Road?

A: *More like Atlanta Road—trees are planned for both projects.*

Q: How will Love Street and

Vickery hardware be affected? Will any businesses close or relocate?

A: *Love Street will remain essentially as is. Entrance islands in front of Vickery's will be revised, with an additional entrance being provided from the realigned McLinden Road.*

Q: What kind of lighting will be added?

A: *The same type of fixtures as are on Atlanta Road, but not as densely lit.*

Q: Will there be a walking/biking trail like the one on Atlanta Road? Does that complete the connection from downtown Smyrna to the Silver Comet Trail? Will that be on the north side of Concord?

A: *The 10' wide multi-use trail will be on the north side of Concord, and will connect the Spring Road trail to the portion on Concord Road west of South Cobb Drive. That trail does connect to a SCT trail head.*

Q: Will the median be landscaped with trees and shrubs or just grass?

A: *Trees are proposed.*

—Keith Bentley



Kudos to the Stewarts at 1314 Roswell Street for a wonderful color selection for their new exterior paint job. These are such period correct tones and colors for a Craftsman styled house, that the Stewarts home now looks like a grand survivor from the early 20th century

rather than a recently built homage to that era's styling. The transformation is a delight to behold—you guys really nailed it!



And thanks to this group for keeping WP litter free through their participation in neighborhood's monthly Adopt a Mile program.



When I asked Wade about an interview for this article, he agreed to talk tomorrow. "Here, before you go, take a picture of these. I'm setting them out tonight but I'll tell you a good trick tomorrow.

When tomato plants can first go in the ground, around April 15, seedlings are readily available in stores. Later in the season, they can't be found.

Trick: You can extend your tomato season with cuttings off those early plants.

Around July 1st, you take cuttings—about the size of a pencil and 6" long. Strip the leaves off all but the tops, dip the bottoms in Rootone. Put Miracle Grow potting soil in 4" pots. Stick a pencil into the soil about 3/4 the depth, place cuttings in those holes, press the soil around cuttings. Water well and place pots in the shade. Move the pots daily, gradually introducing them to sun. After 2-3 weeks, put the plants into the ground. You'll be eating tomatoes into November.



Meet your neighbor — Wade Ingle

You may know him as the guy in the lederhosen at our October Happy Hour, or the guy in the biggest sombrero at our Cinco de Mayo cookout. But when he's at home, he's just a simple redneck tending his little garden.

Wade and Sonya live on Highland Ave. in the house where Sonya grew up. Having bought the house from her mother, she was living there when they met. Wade says that seeing "Sonya's back 40" clinched his decision to marry her, implying that he really took advantage of her. But I'm looking at an (almost entirely) organic garden so bountiful they can't eat all it produces, and here's what I'm thinking: without even going to a grocery store, Sonya eats better than money can buy. Win/win.

So, you ask, what's out there? Well, there's corn—you can see that behind Wade in the picture—as well as tomatoes, okra, asparagus, cucumbers, five kinds of peppers, potatoes, yellow squash, zucchini, beans, peas, beets, two kinds of onions, a plethora of herbs, blueberries, strawberries, red and green muscadines, canary melon, cantaloupe, watermelon, two kinds of apples, figs, and peaches.

The dedicated area is 60' x 200' (that's 12,000 square feet of produce) laid out Asian style—4' wide beds separated by 2' wide paths. Crops are rotated every year—tomatoes, for instance, won't go back to a former location for at least five years.

Wade comes from a farming background. His farmer grandparents supported their family growing tobacco, corn, beans, cantaloup and watermelon on 40 acres. His parents, who share-cropped in their early adulthood, continued to keep a six acre garden after Wade's dad went to work for Sherwin Williams. Describing that garden as his mother's "passion," Wade recalls helping her with it after his father died. Having returned from the high adrenaline world of flying missions over Viet Nam, Wade commuted between home/work in metro Atlanta, to his mother's place three hours away. Slogging through the dirt there, he found himself thinking sarcastically, "this is real elegance, real high elegance."

But growing edibles is in his blood. He started the Highland Ave. garden 33 years

ago when he married Sonya and they lived there. When they moved to West Cobb, he commuted to continue gardening there. In 2009, when they enlarged, remodeled and returned to the house, Wade's gardening commute dropped from miles to feet.

He grows beans on portable structures he designed and fabricated himself—8' x12' frames of 3/4" steel tubing across which 2" wire fencing is affixed. They can be located any place, secured to steel poles driven well into the ground.

He doesn't generally use insecticides—the exception being the presence of kudzu beetles on the beans. "They'll kill the plants entirely before this time tomorrow." Inspecting the garden at least twice a day, he acts quickly if he finds those little #^%&#%*s on his beans.

Fertilizer? "No more horse manure—you can't trust it," he says. It may be contaminated with a particular herbicide which can pass through the horse and persists through composting the manure to render your soil infertile for three years. Wade won't take that risk. After shoveling hundreds of loads of manure over the years, he now uses Cottonseed Meal or a product called Jobe's Organics All Natural Heirloom Tomato Food which, despite its name, is good for all vegetables.

Wade grows everything from seeds collected from last year's crops. Onion seeds get started in December, then the plants go in the garden in mid to late February. He plants tomato seeds the last week in February, then puts the plants in the ground around April 15.

He grows Parks' Whopper tomatoes—"They're big, juicy, flavorful and disease resistant"—and a couple of heirloom varieties ("but they're not doing too well"). For Okra he favors Cowhorn 22, "They reach 6" to 7" without getting tough." And, while he espouses different "best" ways to prepare various vegetables, one thing is fairly constant—most everything goes well with cornbread, "I eat a lot of cornbread," he says, "a lot!" —Casey Clavin



2013 CALENDAR

WPN book club
Sun, Sept. 29, 3pm
at Leanne Fey's house,
1496 Spring Street
Book: *Where'd You Go
Bernadette*
by Maria Semple

WPN Fall Social Event
Sat., October 19

wpn happy hour
October 18, 7 pm
Wendy Amundson
and Tony Graves
1335 Marston
678.575.0842

WPN book club
Sun, October 27, 3pm
at Thelma Hancock's
1419 Hawthorne Avenue
Book: TBA

wpn happy hour
November 15, 7 pm
Gil & Susan Morgan
1345 Roswell St
678.844.4441

November Book Club:
Sunday, November 17th
at 3pm at Nancy
Smith's house, 2611
Gilbert Street
Book: TBA

Pergola decorating
December 1st, 2 pm

Pergola lighting
December 6th, 6 pm

wpn happy hour
December 20, 7 pm
Robyn Phillips
2647 Gilbert St.
678.844.4441

December Book Club:
No meeting in
December

Smyrna Elementary—our new school

SUSAN BENTLEY PHOTO



Our new elementary is a reality. Our community can be very proud of this new facility, and I hope that Williams Park residents will provide lots of support. I'd encourage WPN members to volunteer, donate supplies, and actively participate to make this school a shining star within the Cobb County School District.

By the way, did you know that our district is the second largest in Georgia? Only Gwinnett is larger. Also, Cobb is the 25th largest school district in the nation. Last year, Cobb was one of only 37 districts in the state, and the only metro Atlanta district, to meet Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives with regard to English Learners in our schools. Working in Cobb's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) department, I'm thrilled at this achievement which represents a lot of hard work by talented teachers. It also means that our English learners are excelling both academically and in acquiring the English language.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to the educators in WP—teachers, district level educators and school administrators. Teachers are some of the hardest working people you'll meet, yet they rarely get adequate appreciation. Shadow a teacher for half a day—you'll be amazed at the skills required to do the job.

I'll have an office in the new school for the upcoming year. Feel free to come by for a tour in the last two weeks of July before school starts.

— Catherine Porch

We now know that Smyrna Elementary's mascot is a Star—the "Smyrna Stars"—and the colors are blue and gold. Also, the decision has been made to adopt Standard School Attire. The kids will wear khaki, navy or black bottoms or jumpers with solid collared shirts in blue, yellow or white (no stripes or advertisements). Jeans and t-shirts are not permitted. The PTA will also sell approved collared shirts with the school logo for \$10. —Hayli McQuade

WPN will be in the writing on the wall. The school's media center will feature murals painted by local artist Scott McIntyre where, for donations as low as \$20, supporters' names will be included. Platinum(\$1,000), Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250), and Bronze (\$100) contributors receive special recognition. You'll find WPN recognized within the Silver level contributors and many of your neighbors scattered throughout. The contributions go to fund the media center mural project. If you wish to make a contribution, contact Heidi Garguilo at heidi.garguilo@cobbk12.org



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WELCOME

to these new members

— on bernard lane —

- Cody & Mallory Wington
- Andrea Fuller

— on devin court —

- Matt & Jessica Miller

— on highland ave —

- Blair & Matthew McHale
- Lauren & Daniel Rice

— on ivy spring —

- Robert & Amy Crifas

— on marston —

- Len & Becky Freedman

— on roswell street —

- Ryan & Kristin Achord

So, when you see these new people, say "hello."

Smyrna Elementary—our new school *continued*

Smyrna's new elementary school is the first Cobb County School District facility to meet Certification standards for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED promotes environmentally sound, sustainable building practices at every step of the development process—site selection, water efficiency, energy usage, materials and resources, and indoor air quality, helping to lower operating costs and minimize environmental impact.

Building to LEED standards represents one level of commitment—to achieve LEED Certification is proof of having successfully reached a lofty goal. We asked the school's architect Ray Moore to tell us about the project.

This is a rough overview of a project complicated by many factors—State water buffers, the city as a developer, a commercial developer, wrapping a building around a corner, maintaining minimal square footage while providing all the educational needs, proper circulation and meeting LEED standards. Here are just some highlights.

The new Smyrna Elementary School was designed to compliment the adjacent development [future development of ex-Belmont Hills] and promote a sense of community and

connectivity while incorporating LEED goals. The site consisted of a former radio tower, portions of a demolished shopping center, and a housing project.

The building is located to face an intersection in the adjacent [future] development and situated close to the street to further the sense of community involvement. In front of the building, there's a large permeable paver area for public gatherings. These pavers, also used for the visitors

parking lot, are a LEED feature for water quality control. The parking lot contains spaces designated for energy efficient vehicles. All exterior concrete, including permeable pavers, meet LEED requirements for reflectance values to lessen heat island effect.

A large portion of the Southwest corner of the site has been preserved as a nature area with a gazebo for outdoor classroom use. All the large on-site trees along the area abutting the back of the Campbell High stadium were saved by carefully addressing playfield grading. Site plantings rely on indigenous plants that do well in our climate without special care. Site lighting was designed to limit the effects of light pollution.

School playgrounds, fenced for security during school operations, are open to the public during non-school hours. Green space is provided beyond the playfields for public use any time.

The building's highly reflective flat roof areas are sloped according to LEED requirements for reflectivity. Roof and wall insulation exceeds building code requirements for efficiency. All windows are insulated glass units with internal coating to reduce heat gain. Window and door frames are "thermally broken" to reduce thermal transfer through frames.

Student areas without windows receive natural light through Solatubes fitted with dampers for light level control. All classrooms, except the Music and P.E. spaces, have natural light from large windows. Classrooms have motion sensors which turn off the lights and set back the HVAC when that space is unoccupied. Variable speed pumps provide efficiency in the HVAC which is controlled by a county wide energy management system.

The paint and adhesives are all "No VOC." Carpeted areas utilize carpet tiles made of recycled materials. Ceiling tiles are high NRC for good classroom acoustics.

The products used contain as much recycled content as possible, are manufactured within 500 miles of the site when possible, and delivered from within 500 miles when possible. The school has a recycling area as a teaching tool to encourage student understanding and participation in recycling.

Crushed concrete and paving materials from the demolished apartment project were utilized on site as an aggregate fill in deeper fill areas. Construction waste was sorted by the contractor for recycling. HVAC ducts were kept covered during construction to keep dust out of the system. The Owner chose Greenguard cleaning products and Greenguard furniture for this project. —Ray Moore

You Are Invited



Dedication & Celebration

Sunday, August 4, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Smyrna Elementary Cafeteria

1099 Fleming Street

Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Bring your family & friends for an afternoon of light refreshments & music to celebrate the opening of Smyrna Elementary!

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No end in sight to Williams Park Baby Boom

SUSAN BENTLEY PHOTO



Emma Katherine Burch
born April 11 to Kristie
and Paul Burch.



Mason Thomas McKinney
born on May 6 to Craig
and Amanda McKinney.



Bates Elizabeth Pratt
born June 11 to Dan
and Grayson Pratt.

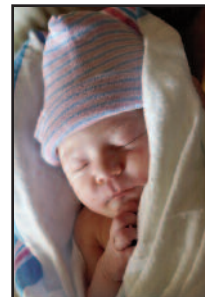
We're currently averaging more than three babies per month and Williams Park is only 1.4 square miles! How long can this go on? Last issue we reported on four eerily synced up mothers-to-be, living in four houses in a row on Devin Court. Three have delivered, as per photos above, in April, May, and June. Chances are good MacKenzie Schoolmaster will complete the quartet within the month.

In other birthing news... Congratulations to Rob and Heather Teilhet (Anderson Circle) on the birth of daughter Emerson Elizabeth Teilhet (right). Emmie arrived March 24 weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Five year old big sisters Harper and Maddie love having a live baby doll.



Welcome to Jonathan David Hasler born April 2, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Congratulations to parents Jennifer and David (North Ave.) as well as big brother, Christian (left).

Congratulations to James and Catherine Hardy (Whitfield Street) on the birth of their daughter Scarlett Alexandra Hardy (right). She arrived on April 17 weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches long.



Welcome to William James Arnold born May 23. And congratulations to parents Lesley and Rob Arnold (Old Roswell) and big sister Madison who's being a very good helper.



Welcome to Collin Charles Kuhn (above) born May 19 weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces and measuring 19.5" long. Congratulations to parents Chris and Amy Kuhn (Spring Street) on the birth of their first baby.



Congratulations to Alicia and Ashley Taylor on the birth of their second child Evangeline Jane Taylor. Evie was born May 23 weighing 5 pounds and 13 ounces. Big sister Elia adores "her" new baby as evidenced in the photo below.

Liz Davis and I make every effort to learn when a new baby is born in WP. Once in a while, however, we miss a new baby. Please help us out by giving us a call or an email when a birth occurs in yours or a neighbor's family. If, reading this, you think of a baby we've missed, please let us know. Thanks!
—Susan Bentley (770) 433-0350.
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1884

Historic homes within the Williams Park neighborhood

The greatest concentration of surviving older buildings in Smyrna lies in Williams Park. Twenty houses still stand which were built before the First World War. WPN members Casey Clavin and Vic Koch researched them for a 2012 presentation to the Smyrna Historical Society and Williams Park Neighbors. This issue of the MEMO inaugurates a series of features based on that lecture.

Whitfield-Nelson House

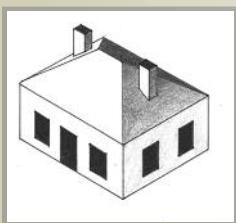
2730 Gilbert Street **GEORGIAN COTTAGE**



The Whitfield-Nelson house, the oldest verifiable house in Williams Park, is a Georgian Cottage known to have been standing in 1884. Possibly the single most popular and long-lived house type in our state, the Georgian Cottage is not named for the state, but for its floor plan, associated with 18th century English Georgian architecture. Houses of this type were built throughout Georgia's history well into the 20th century, with greatest concentration from 1850 to 1890.

As per the isometric drawing below left, the Georgian plan consists of a central hallway with two rooms on either side. The plan shape is square or nearly square. The roof is usually hipped, as here, but may be gabled. The chimneys are usually positioned interiorly—two of them, each located between a pair of rooms provides four fireplaces. Less commonly, they're placed interior on an outside wall or exterior, on a foundation outside the building's footprint. This house has three chimneys exemplifying two chimney locations. One well inboard of the north side of the house, serves two fireplaces in the two north rooms. Two chimneys just inside the south wall, each serve one room.

Comparing the old photo at top with recently shot photos (left and below), you'll see a large gabled dormer has been added. While it provides light to a room finished upstairs in the 1980s, it does alter the appearance of what was originally a rather simple single story residence.



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Whitfield-Nelson House



This is a balloon framed house, constructed of true dimensional lumber, joined with cut nails. The floors are 3 3/4" tongue and groove heart pine. The original door hardware is of the rim lock type. The ceilings are 11' 4 1/2" high.

The original floorplan, a hall and four rooms, is largely in tact. Kitchen and bathroom functions, originally housed within separate buildings nearby, are now accommodated with additions at the rear.

Three sides of the house

retain the original windows—all double hung. Those on the front are 6 over 9, and reach all the way to the floor. Those on the sides are 6 over 6. The front wood door is in place, along with its side lights and transom.

An old lever action door bell still works. The porch supports are solid wood, tree trunks shaped into tapering columns.

While the house has never moved, it's had three different addresses. Built facing the railroad tracks and Atlanta Road on the west side of the tracks, it first had an Atlanta Street address. Later it was assigned an address on Nelson Lane, a little dirt road along the east side of the tracks. Its current Gilbert Street address is at the back of the house.



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Whitfield-Nelson House



We know a fair amount about the turn-of-the-century family who occupied this house, thanks in large part to Mazie Whitfield Nelson having written a book, "Past, Present, Future," equal parts autobiography and history of her home town. Mazie was born in the house on January 1, 1890, and lived there for about 75 of her 87 years. She was there when the house gained electricity, indoor plumbing, and its first telephone.

Mazie's father, Thomas P. Whitfield, grew all kinds of fruit including apples, peaches, pears, cherries, figs, quince, strawberries, gooseberries, red and black raspberries and grapes. He owned a grocery store and had the agency for Southern Express Company. They were a significant local family.

Thomas P. had a son and two daughters by his first wife, then daughter Mazie by his second wife Emma. An African American family named Hood lived "in a nice little cottage in the northwest corner of our yard" and worked for the Whitfields. "Uncle Jake" worked the garden and yard while his wife "Aunt Mandy" did the Whitfields cooking and cleaning.

After graduating high school, Mazie held various teaching positions for about eight years before going to work in Georgia Power's clerical office during WWI. In 1922 she married and moved with her husband to Washington DC, then to Rosemont Virginia, then to Atlanta. When he died in a car accident, she returned to Smyrna (c.1932) and began writing life insurance for the Maccabees. In 1957 she accepted the job as Smyrna's librarian which she held until retirement in 1964. She remained in her house until her death in 1977.

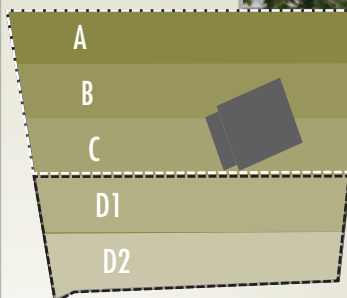
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Whitfield-Nelson House



Chain of ownership for parcel 17052100020

year	purchaser	date	book/page
	A J Anderson	A	
	W N Pace	B	
	G B Eidson	C	
	W.D. Wright	D1&2	
1879	Rebecca A Moore	A	4-15-79 E/608
1880	Rebecca A Moore	B	4-10-80 E/746
1880	Rebecca A Moore	C	4-10-80 E/747
1882	Noel B Knight	A,B,C	9-6-82 G/709
1883	Ruth Whitfield	D1&2	2-12-83 G/711
1883	Isabella Benton	A,B,C	2-23-83 G/711
1884	Savannah Whitfield	A,B,C	5-25-84 H/344
1950	Mazie Nelson	5/8 A,B,C,D	8-31-50 220/338
1950	Mazie Nelson	all A,B,C,D	8-31-50 222/192
1976	Lester Dilbeck Jr.		8-14-75 1629/499
1981	Stan & Cheryl Sullivan		8-1-80 2215/525
1996	John & Janelle Lampp		10-10-96 9941/234



time, plus taxes, fire insurance, and upkeep.

So A, B, and C were owned by Savannah Whitfield and D1 and D2 were owned by her daughter Ruth. The family used all of that together as though it was one piece.

Both Savannah and Ruth died in 1885. Savannah's husband Thomas remarried. His second wife, Emma, raised Savannah's surviving children and her own daughter, Mazie, Thomas' fifth child. After the children matured and left, Thomas and Emma remained. Mazie, who later returned to live in the house, was the only Whitfield child with no direct right of ownership to it, she having not been a child of Savannah's, but of Emma's.

Inheritance to A, B, and C spread out through Mazie's surviving half siblings. Inheritance to D1 & D2 spread to Mazie's surviving half siblings, and father and mother. Mazie accrued ownership over time through inheritance and quit claims so that by 1950 she claimed $1/20 + 3/40 + 1/4 + 5/40 + 1/8 + 3/8$ equalling 100% of the whole property (all five parts together) and the house.

In 1976, Mazie transferred ownership to Lester Dilbeck, a Smyrna firefighter who'd been a boarder in the house for some time. Miss Mazie died in 1977. In 1981 Dilbeck sold the place to Stan and Cheryl Sullivan. They put a room in upstairs, adding a stair case in the hall and the big dormer on the front of the roof as part of that project. They also added the office on the side of the kitchen

John Lampp still lives in the house he and his late wife Janelle bought in 1996. Artifacts from the house include

1. a cut nail, also known as a square nail—these were used throughout the 19th century,
2. a ceramic knob from the old knob and tube electrical wiring added to the house in the early 20th century,
3. a Civil War mini ball found on the property—these were used by both sides.

I'd always heard that Mazie Whitfield Nelson inherited the house from her father, though it wasn't clear if he built it or bought it. Attempting to find evidence one way or the other, I learned that Thomas P. Whitfield never owned the house or property at all. In 1879 and 1880, Rebecca Moore consolidated a parcel 116' wide through three separate purchases—A, B, and C on the graphic above. She sold that complete parcel to Noel B. Knight in 1882 and he sold that complete parcel to Isabella Benton in 1883. Also in 1883, Ruth Gertrude Whitfield bought two city lots, D1 and D2 on the graphic.

In 1884, Isabella sold her property—A, B, and C. The deed referenced the house—so we know it stood at that time. It transferred ownership to Savannah Augusta Whitfield, her four living children, and any future children she may bear, then further specified they would own it "free of any debts or control by Savannah's present husband Thomas P. Whitfield or any future husband Savannah may have." Isabella financed the sale. Savannah would pay \$4.16 monthly during Isabella's life-



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A Land More Kind Than Home

by Wiley Cash ★★★

A Southern gothic style novel about a small North Carolina town and the charismatic preacher who has an evil hold over the town and one family in particular.

Run

by Ann Patchett ★★★★★

This novel explores the story of two young African American brothers who are adopted into an upper class, political, Boston family and the love, losses and family drama they experience.

Is Paris Burning

by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre ★★★★★

Set in German occupied Paris in 1944, this book is the story of Paris' liberation by the Allies through painstakingly researched and detailed stories from German soldiers, French resistance fighters, Allies and French civilians.

Our rating system:

- ★ No one liked the book
- ★★ We thought it was ok
- ★★★ It was good
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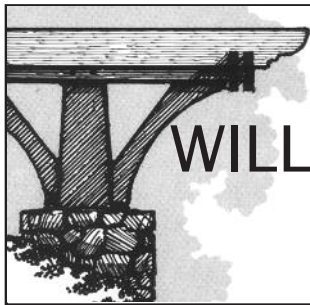
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