

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

A. Photographs



Adams-Scott House, northwest elevation



Adams-Scott House, northeast elevation



Adams-Scott House, front entrance detail



Adams-Scott House, porch detail



Adams-Scott House, southeast elevation



Adams-Scott House, basement entrance detail



Adams-Scott House, rear elevation and yard



Adams-Scott House, rear elevation



Adams-Scott House, southwest elevation



Adams-Scott House, west elevation

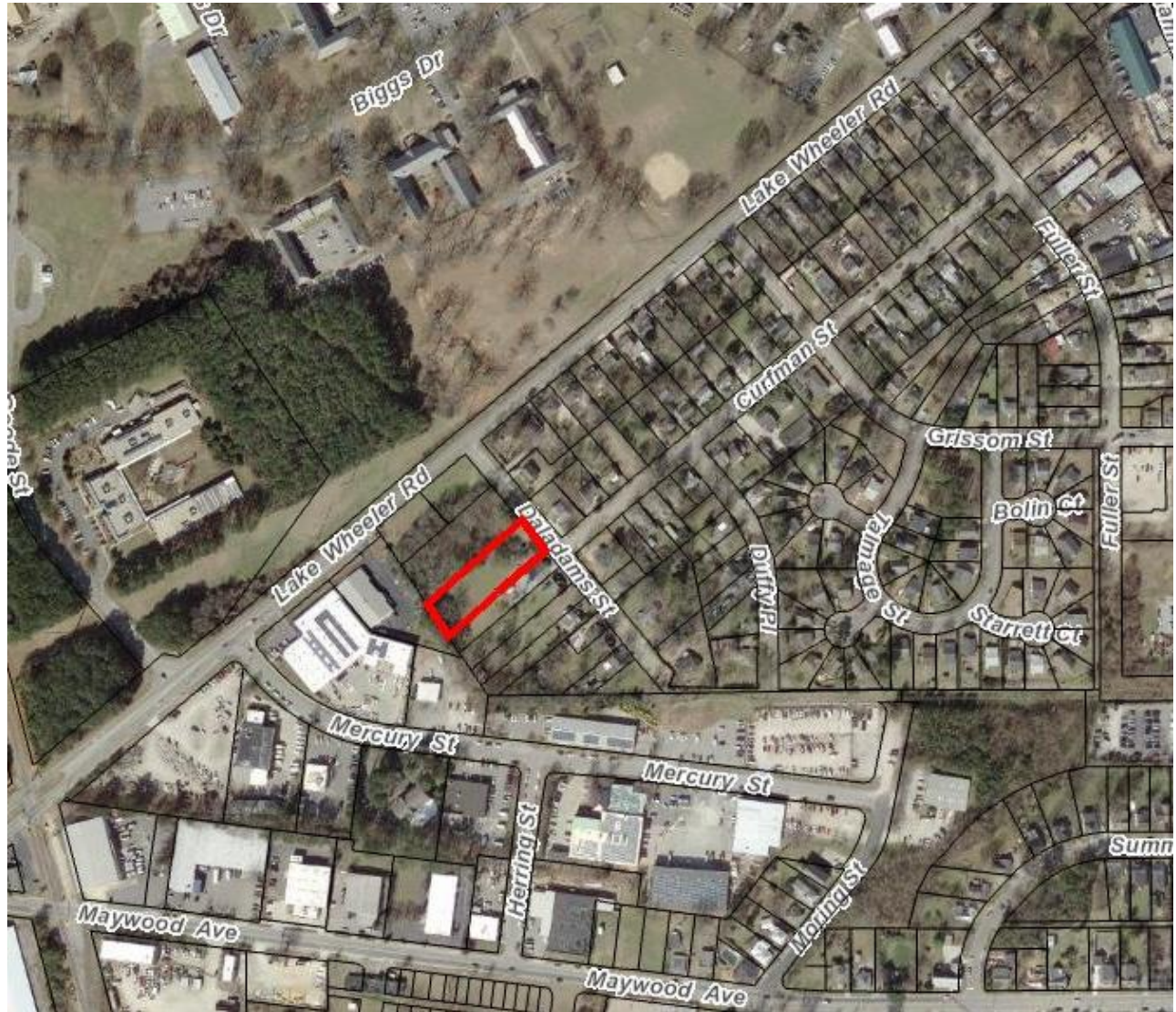


Adams-Scott House, Daladams Street streetscape looking east



Adams-Scott House, Daladams Street streetscape looking east

B. Boundary Map



Adams-Scott House, Boundary Map
1220 Daladams Street, PIN 1703231084, North↑
Landmark Boundary indicated in red

C. Architectural Significance

The Adams-Scott House is a remarkably intact c.1880 vernacular home with Victorian detailing, and it is one of the oldest homes in the Fuller Heights neighborhood of Raleigh. It is a one-story front-gabled house clad in plain weatherboard with a brick foundation and steeply-pitched asphalt shingle roof. The house features a small corner porch, and the windows are original four-over-four wood-sash. A kitchen wing, originally a living room, was added to the rear in the 1920s, and a bathroom was added to the west elevation in the 1970s. The house faces Daladams Street to the north and is sited on a deep, narrow lot with mature trees adjacent to the building and an expansive rear lawn. The building is in excellent condition following a recent rehabilitation and retains a high degree of material integrity.

Setting

The Adams-Scott House is located in the Fuller Heights neighborhood, just off Lake Wheeler Road near the former Dorothea Dix Hospital. It is approximately two miles west of downtown Raleigh. The house sits on the south side of Daladams Street, which predates the neighborhood and wasn't included in the original 1928 plat, although now is considered part of Fuller Heights. There are two c.1900 one-story triple-A houses also located on Daladams Street, both significantly altered, in addition to the c.1880 Adams-Scott House. The neighborhood was platted in 1928, after which Craftsman-style bungalows were constructed between the older homes on Daladams Street. The remainder of the neighborhood to the north includes primarily post-World War II Minimal Traditional-style and Ranch houses located on Fuller, Grissom, Curfman, Duffy, and Tallman Streets.

The houses on Daladams Street are similarly sited on deep narrow lots, most with mature trees providing shade for the yard immediately adjacent to the houses and large, grassy lawns extending to the rear. Houses have similar setbacks and the quiet dead-end road has no sidewalk. The Adams-Scott House is shaded by a mature poplar tree in the front yard, a mature Osage orange tree at the rear, and a mature crepe myrtle on the west. The lot slopes gently downhill toward the rear of the property, and a wide tree-line provides screening from the adjacent businesses to the south.

Description

The Adams-Scott House is a one-story, front-gable house with Victorian architectural details. Built c.1880, it features a steeply pitched roof on the main block, with an original, narrow, flat-roof wing that extends the full depth of the west elevation with an inset porch at its north end. A kitchen wing, originally a living room, was constructed on the rear of the main block sometime after 1920, though offset slightly to align with the flat-roofed wing, and a bathroom addition on the west elevation of the

flat-roofed wing was built in the 1970s. The entire house is clad in plain weatherboard with plain cornerboards, and has widely overhanging eaves and a flat frieze board. The foundation is brick and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

The front (north) elevation of the main block has a four-over-four wood-sash window and a trefoil-shaped vent in the gable. The flat-roof, inset porch at the northwest corner has a single square support and elaborate, Victorian-style decorative sawn brackets. The porch shelters an elaborately carved door with two long, arched windows above two square recessed panels. The door retains its original hardware and doorbell, and has a simple flat board surround. The east elevation has two four-over-four wood sash windows and a six-light casement window at basement level where the lot slopes downward toward the rear of the house. The rear elevation has a trefoil-shaped vent in the gable above the rear wing and a six-light casement window at basement level east of the rear wing.

On the west elevation of the main block, the full-depth, flat-roof wing features a six-light casement window at basement level and an opening for a second casement window that has been removed to accommodate a window air conditioning unit. A small, flat-roof bathroom was added to this elevation, just south of the porch, in the 1970s. It has one three-light, horizontal-paned window in the west elevation.

The rear wing is situated west of center at the rear of the main block, creating a recessed corner on the southeast corner of the house, but aligning with the shed-roofed wing on the west elevation of the house. The kitchen wing features a two-over-two wood-sash window on the east elevation, paired replacement six-light windows and a salvaged single-light-over-two-panel door sheltered by a small, bracketed shed roof on the rear elevation. It also has two two-over-two wood-sash windows on the west elevation, and the foundation is brick covered with stucco. The basement-level entrance on the east elevation of the rear wing has a single-light-over-three-panel door accessed by concrete stairs and enclosed with concrete block and brick retaining walls. A large deck, completed in 2017, extends from the rear entrance and provides access to the backyard.

While the exterior of the house remains remarkably intact, the interior has been altered significantly since the building's construction. The floor plan originally consisted of a side passage on the west side of the house leading to two bedrooms on the east side and a living room at rear. The basement level, which included a living room on the south side of the house, a kitchen on the northwest corner, and a third bedroom on the northeast corner, was accessed from the outside entrance. The first floor was altered in the 1970s to add a bathroom wing on the west side of the house and an interior stair to the basement level. During the recent renovations, the first floor was further altered with the

removal of walls to create an open floor plan, forming a combined living room, kitchen, and hallway in the east, south, and west portions of the house, while retaining one bedroom on the north end of the house. The kitchen was moved from the basement to the rear wing, and the former kitchen converted to a master bath. A chimney was also removed from the rear wing, and with it the hearth that was located on the first floor, although the firebox and hearth remain at basement level.

D. Historical Significance

The Adams-Scott House was originally part of a multi-parcel property owned by Dallas Adams, for whom Daladams Street was named.¹ Adams was born in Raleigh in 1843, the middle of five children of Elizabeth and Nathan Adams.² He served as a medic in the Confederate Army, enlisting in 1862 and assigned to Townsend's Company and later Wallace's Company, both of which were local North Carolina guard units.³ He studied pharmacy, and by 1870 was serving as the "drug clerk" at the Dorothea Dix Hospital, which had opened in 1856 and was known then as the Dix Hill Asylum.⁴

He bought several parcels of land between 1876 and 1883, including two properties in Raleigh and four contiguous properties on an unnamed county road (now Daladams Street) off of Rhamkette Road (now Lake Wheeler Road), near the Dix Hill Asylum southwest of Raleigh. He owned seven houses on the unnamed county road, which became known as Adams Row, living in one of the houses and renting the others.⁵

¹ Personal interview with Adriana Pardo and John McCombie by Cheri LaFlamme Szcodronski, August 18, 2017 (hereafter referred to as "Interview with owners, 2017").

² Ancestry.com, "D.L. Adams," *1850 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, "Dallas Adams," *1860 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

³ Ancestry.com, "Dallas L. Adams," *U.S. Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1965* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); National Park Service, "Dallas L. Adams," *The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database*, www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm (accessed October 2017).

⁴ Ancestry.com, "Dallas Adams," *1870 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Harry McKown, "Dorothea Dix Hospital," *NCpedia*, <https://ncpedia.org/dorothea-dix-hospital> (accessed September 2017). Note: Dallas Adams served as the hospital pharmacist until at least 1900. In the 1910 census, his occupation is "own income," which may refer to a retirement pension. See Ancestry.com, "Dallas L. Adams," *1900 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2004), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017), and Ancestry.com, "Dallas Adams," *1910 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2006), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

⁵ "W.J. King and wife to Dallas Adams," Deed Book 43, Page 128, January 25, 1876, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; "W.J. King and wife to Dallas Adams," Deed Book 52, Page 720, December 9, 1878, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; "H.C. Watkins and wife to Dallas L. Adams," Deed Book 56, Page 94, October 14, 1879, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; "E.W. Watkins and wife to Dallas Adams," Deed Book 74, Page 701, October 9, 1883, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; Ancestry.com, "Dallas L. Adams," *U.S. City Directories*,

In 1883, he married Louise Sater, but by 1900, she had passed away and Adams was a widower.⁶ He remarried in 1905 to Mary “Mollie” Luther.⁷ They continued to live on Daladams Street and rented several homes on either side of their own. Adams died in 1912 and is buried at the Inwood Baptist Church Cemetery in Raleigh.⁸

Following Dallas Adams’ death, his widow Mollie Adams petitioned to receive a dower from the land holdings of his estate.⁹ Adams’ four properties off Rhamkatte Road were recombined into sixteen individual parcels.¹⁰ All sixteen lots were sold at auction in 1920, with the first six awarded to Mollie Adams as her life estate and the remaining ten sold to other individuals. Her dower stretched from Rhamkatte Road (Lake Wheeler Road) along the south side of Daladams Street, and included the Adams-Scott House, as well as two additional houses to the west, both of which have been demolished. Walter O. Scott purchased Mollie Adams’ dower as well as the two lots immediately south of her land.¹¹

Walter O. Scott was a widower whose first wife, Cordelia Morris Scott, had passed away in 1912.¹² Prior to her death, they had lived in Raleigh with their nine children and operated a printing business, grocery store, and, for a few years, a general contracting and building business.¹³ By 1920, Scott

1822-1995 [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1899, 1903, 1907, and 1911, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

⁶ Ancestry.com, “Dallas L. Adams,” *North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, “Dallas Adams,” *1900 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2004), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

⁷ Ancestry.com, “Dallas L. Adams,” *North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

⁸ Ancestry.com, “Dallas Lafayette Adams,” *U.S. Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

⁹ Ancestry.com, “Dallas L. Adams,” *North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

¹⁰ “Map of Lots Belonging to the Estate of Dallas L. Adams,” Book of Maps 1911, Page 50, March 24, 1913, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

¹¹ Edith M. Partin, et. al., vs. Dallas Adams and Drusilla Adams, Superior Court of Wake County, Special Proceedings, Case Number 2690, May 6, 1920, Order and Decree Docket, Book T, Page 45, Microfilm Reel C.099.90029, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC; “Herbert E. Norris to W.O. Scott,” Deed Book 368, Page 430, December 8, 1920, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

¹² Ancestry.com, “Delia F. Scott,” *U.S. Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

¹³ Ancestry.com, “Walter J. Scott,” *1900 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2004), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, “Walter O. Santt (Walter O. Scott),” *1910 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2006), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, “Walter O. Scott,” *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), 1899, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, and 1911, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

had married Mollie Adams, and they were living at his home in downtown Raleigh, where he continued to operate the grocery store and printing business, and even spent a brief period with the police.¹⁴ The houses on Daladams Street, including the Adams-Scott House, remained under Scott's ownership until his death in 1933 and were probably used as rental properties.¹⁵ Mollie Adams Scott died in 1939, and both are buried in the Raleigh City Cemetery, along with Delia Morris Scott and several of their children.¹⁶

At the time of his death, Walter Scott owned several real estate properties, which were sold or given to his surviving heirs: his wife Mollie, daughters Dorothy, Irene, Lucy, and Jennie, and sons Claude, Paul, and Walter Jr. He ordered the sale of his businesses at 227, 229, and 331 Smithfield Street and 812 South Person Street in Raleigh, as well an additional property on Salem Street in Apex. He gave his wife their home at 1001 South Wilmington Street in Raleigh. He also left his property near the Dix Hill Asylum (by then known as the State Hospital) to his wife and specified that she should benefit from the rental income produced. Upon her death, the lots would be divided among his children, with Walter Jr. receiving lots 1 and 2, Lucy receiving lots 3 and 4, and Paul receiving lots 5 and 6, where the Adams-Scott House is located, with each also receiving the portion of lots 15 and 16 directly south of their own two lots.¹⁷ Around 1940, the previously unnamed county road on which Dallas Adams originally owned so much property, including the Adams-Scott House, was renamed Daladams Street in his honor.¹⁸

The Adams-Scott House changed ownership several times in the early 1940s following Mollie Adams Scott's death. Her son Paul inherited the house and he and his wife, Gladys, sold it to H.G. and Elaine Clark, who immediately sold it to Walter and Estelle Childress.¹⁹ Walter Childress was an

¹⁴ Ancestry.com, "Walter O. Scott," *1920 United States Federal Census* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, "Walter O. Scott," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), 1913, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1931, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

¹⁵ Ancestry.com, "Walter O. Scott," *North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

¹⁶ Ancestry.com, "Mrs. Mollie Scott," *North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976* [database online] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Find A Grave, "Scott," *City Cemetery*, www.findagrave.com (accessed October 2017).

¹⁷ Will of W.O. Scott, Will Book M, Page 9, Wake County Record of Wills, 1932-1939, Microfilm Reel C.099.80025, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.

¹⁸ Ancestry.com, *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1939 and 1941, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

¹⁹ "Paul J. Scott and wife Gladys B. Scott to H.G. Clark and wife Elaine C. Clark," December 29, 1939, Deed Book 823, Page 158, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; "H.G. Clark and wife Elaine C. Clark to W.M. Childress and wife Estelle W. Childress," Deed Book 823, Page 300, February 19, 1940, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

interior decorator, painter, wallpaper hanger.²⁰ While it appears that they lived in the house until 1946, in 1942, Childress sold the Adams-Scott House to Lawrence Brothers Company, Inc., a real estate, rental, and property insurance company, who immediately resold it to James and Allie Bynum.²¹ James Bynum was the vice-president and secretary of the Bynum Printing Company and purchased the house as a rental property.²² The Bynums rented the house to Walter and Estelle Childress for a time before they moved to Durham.²³ In 1946, the Bynums sold the Adams-Scott House to William and Sarah Tant.²⁴

William Tant was born in 1890 and left school after the fourth grade.²⁵ He married Sarah White in 1920, and they had seven children.²⁶ He worked as a driver for Capital City Laundry and later Oak City Laundry. When the Tants purchased the Adams-Scott House, its address was 6 Daladams Street. It was renumbered 1208 Daladams Street around 1950 and finally given its current address, 1220 Daladams Street, in 1954.²⁷

After William Tant's death in 1958, his widow Sarah sold the property to their son, William Atlas Tant, and they continued to live there together until her death in 1984.²⁸ Atlas Tant's nieces, Sheila Beach and Jeannette Roberts, visited him frequently as children, and inherited the Adams-Scott House after his death in 2009. However, they were both married and living in Clayton, North Carolina, by that

²⁰ Ancestry.com, "Walter M. Childress," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, and 1943, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²¹ "W.M. Childress and wife Estelle W. Childress to Lawrence Bros. Co. Inc.," Deed Book 883, Page 78, April 28, 1942, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; Ancestry.com, "Lawrence Bros Co," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); "Lawrence Brothers Company, Inc. to James R. Bynum and wife Allie Y.," Deed Book 879, Page 466, June 4, 1942, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

²² Ancestry.com, "James R. Bynum," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1943, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²³ Ancestry.com, "Walter M. Childress," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1943, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²⁴ "James R. Bynum and wife Allie Y. to William J. Tant and wife Sarah W.," Deed Book 935, Page 316, February 20, 1946, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

²⁵ Ancestry.com, "J. William Tant," *1940 United States Federal Census* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²⁶ Ancestry.com, "John Tant," *North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017); Ancestry.com, "J. William Tant," *1940 United States Federal Census* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²⁷ Ancestry.com, "William J. Tant," *U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Raleigh City Directory, 1948, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1956, www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

²⁸ "Sarah W. Tant to William Atlas Tant," Deed Book 2606, Page 381, April 18, 1978, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC; Interview with owners, 2017; Ancestry.com, "Sarah Jane Tant," *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database on-line] (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), www.ancestry.com (accessed October 2017).

time, so the house remained vacant for eight years until it was purchased by the current owners, Adriana Pardo and John McCombie, in 2016.²⁹ The house had fallen into disrepair and underwent a significant rehabilitation in 2017.³⁰

E. Special Significance Summary

The c.1880 Adams-Scott House is significant for its Victorian-style architectural details applied to a vernacular form. Unlike most triple-A roofed one- and two-story homes constructed in turn-of-the-century Wake County, the Adams-Scott House is a front-gabled form with an inset, corner porch supported by a square post with elaborate, Victorian brackets. It retains a high degree of integrity, with trefoil-shaped vents in the gables, four-over-four wood-sash windows, and a two-light-over-two-panel Victorian door with original hardware and doorbell. The vernacular form of the house reflects its middle-class ownership, as well as the stylish, but simple, Victorian details. It was constructed for Dallas Adams, the pharmacist at the nearby Dorothea Dix Hospital, then owned by Raleigh businessman Walter Scott, and finally by William Tant, a driver for Capital City Laundry.

Daladams Street originally included seven houses, all owned by Dallas Adams, including the Adams-Scott House. Two of these c.1900 houses remain extant on Daladams Street, but both houses have been significantly altered. The other four houses have been demolished. Therefore, the Dallas-Scott House is the best remaining example of this early neighborhood.

²⁹ Interview with owners, 2017; "Sheila Beach and spouse, Charles Beach, and Jeannette Roberts and spouse, David Roberts," Deed Book 16594, Page 2646, November 7, 2016, Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.

³⁰ Interview with owners, 2017.

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