HISTORIC PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
Joseph Lorence House
Prepared by the Planning Division

Address: 7335 Marth Road

Year Built: 1900

Lot Size: 31,588 square feet

Zoning/Guide Plan: R-1 -- Single Family Residential / Conservation

Historic Designation: Class I Local

HISTORY

Joseph Lorence built this cruciform plan brick farmhouse in an individual and vernacular style. He was a carpenter and bricklayer from Czechoslovakia who settled variously in Jordan, Silver Lake and Hopkins before coming to Bloomington.
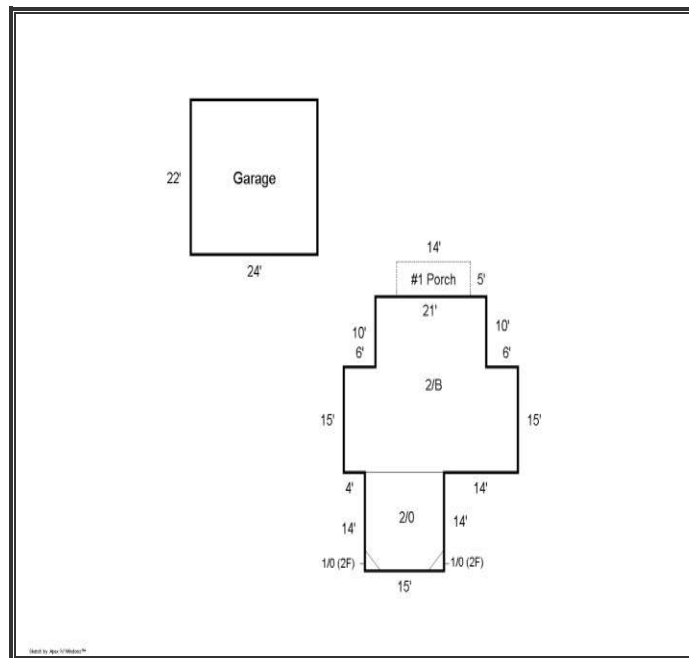
The dwelling has unusual detailing including decorative keyed arches over the windows and truncated corners on the first level supporting full corners above by means of arches. The house rests on a fieldstone and poured concrete foundation. Short returns appear at the gable ends expressing the influence of a Georgian revival style popular at the time. A majority of the original fabric remains intact and in good condition.

NOTE: (The above information is extracted from the Miller Dunwiddie Community Survey of Historic sites completed in 1977.)

Philip and Marie Leisenheimer own the property. They have approached the City staff a number of times seeking assistance in the required maintenance of the home. No programs were available and they are proceeding to repair the aged home using individual funds. This includes tuck pointing the brick and replacing the windows, including portions for the detailed fenestration. As a Class I historic structure, no exterior changes may be completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness. There are no regulations for interior alterations and upgrades.

Snapshot from City of Bloomington GIS

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