

Houses
221-225 S. Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

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Present Owners: 221-23 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hill, Georgetown, D.C.
225 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Adams

Present Use: Residential

Description

Row of contemporary frame houses, double and semi-attached examples, together with Nos. 219 S. Lee and 201 Duke forming a notable neighborhood grouping.

The larger dwelling at 221 S. Lee was doubtless preceded by the brick rear ell. ~~which contains the stairhall.~~ Subsequently and probably about 1760, the front section (two rooms deep) was added, *together with the frame section containing the stairhall.*

Number of stories

2 ½

Historical Data

Year of erection: mid 18th C., Regional type.

Built for (first owner): 225 may have been remodeled by Dennis Ramsay.

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Notable events and occupants

This structure was owned in the late eighteenth century by Dennis Ramsay, son of William. Both Ramsays served Alexandria in the capacity of Mayor and both officially addressed George Washington, the father in 1781 following Yorktown, and the son in 1789 as the General paused on his way to New York to be inaugurated.

The Dennis Ramsay House exhibits some of the widest ship-lap weather boarding in town.

References: HABI form, prepared by T. Russell Jones, and Worth Bailey, HABS, National Park Service

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