

HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM 09/12/94

Address: 1300 BROADWAY

Historic Name: Absalom Traver House
Date Built: 1837

Category of Significance: HISTORY

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Aluminum

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: six-over-six

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Side Gable with returns
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: None

Porch Type: Stoop
Porch Posts: N/A
Porch Railings: N/A

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Residential/SF/Owner occupied

Special Features: Greek Revival details: Sidelights and entablature,
original sash on right half, possible frieze boards under
siding

First Map: 1853
First City Directory: 1860
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Absalom Traver
Notes: Traver in Ann Arbor & buys 22 acres 1831, built sawmill
1834, furnished wood to build first U-M buildings (Chapin
Scrapbook 2, Box 1) Traver's Addition 1837, Traver Road
and creek named after him, died 8/12/69 @ 68. Wife Amanda
Malorna Hill 1846 continued business, died 3/25/1896.

Photo Date: 06/27/94 Roll: 1 Frame: 2 By: Nakata



Statement of Significance

1300 Broadway

Absalom Traver owned a successful saw mill next to this lot which furnished wood to build the first University of Michigan buildings in 1840. He subdivided a large portion of his 22 acres of land into 67 lots along Broadway and Jones Drive (then called Mill Street) and added them to the city in 1837. Both Traver Creek and Traver Road are named after him. Though his house has been altered with modern siding, many of its original Greek Revival details are still intact: the gable returns on the sides, the front entry with sidelights and entablature, and several of the original six-over-six windows.

INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM 09/12/94

Address: 1324 BROADWAY

Historic Name: Zerah Pulcipher House
Date Built: 1834

Category of Significance: HISTORY

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Asbestos Shingle

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: -0-

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Side Gable with returns
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: None

Porch Type: None
Porch Posts: N/A
Porch Railings: N/A

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Residential/SF/Owner occupied

Special Features: Greek Revival details: 3 bay center entry, small entablature over door, possible frieze under siding

First Map: 1853
First City Directory: 1868
Architect: None
Builder: Zerah Pulcipher
Notes: Dotys emigrated from NY, built house with Pulcipher's help. He married daughter Caroline & stayed here when parents moved on. Doty served in first state legislature. Original lot went down to river. Milo Ryan (View of a Universe) great grandson of Caroline & Zerah. (Observer, June 1985)

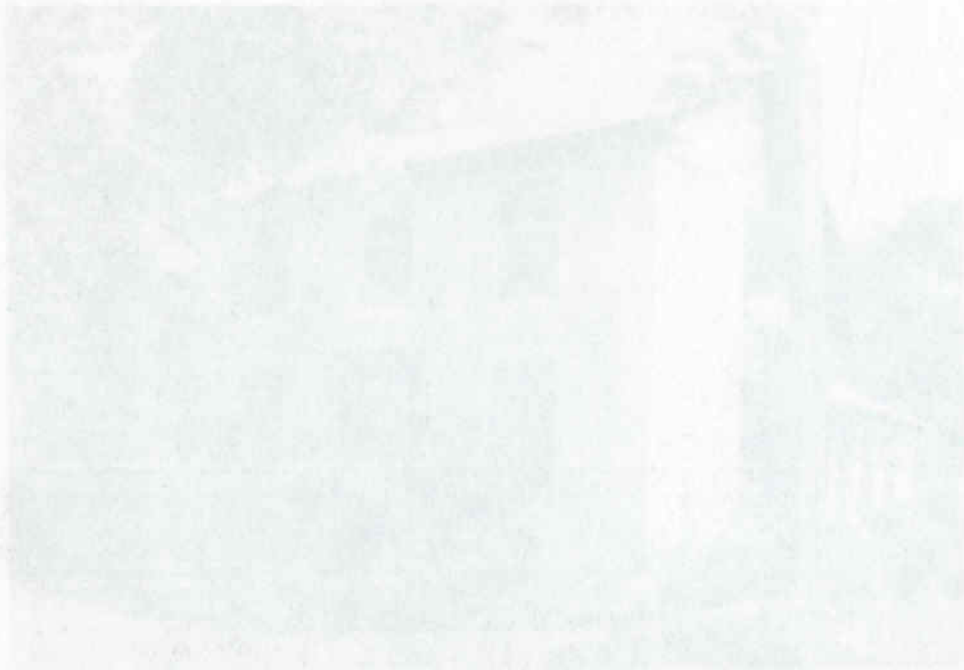
Photo Date: 06/27/94 Roll: 1 Frame: 3 By: Nakata



Statement of Significance

1324 Broadway

According to the late Milo Ryan in his memoir View of a Universe, his great, great grandfather Samuel Doty built this simple house with the help of his son-in-law Zerah Pulcifer. Though Doty served in the first State legislature, he and his wife soon left Ann Arbor. The Pulciphers stayed behind and became active members of the community. The gable returns on the sides, small entablature over the center entry, and symmetry of the facade are Greek Revival details typical of the 1830s period of settlement.



INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM 09/12/94

Address: 632 N FOURTH AVE.

Historic Name: African Methodist Episcopal Church
Date Built: 1891-96

Category of Significance: History

Architectural Style: Gothic Revival

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Solid Brick

Window Type: Fixed pane
Window Panes: Stained Glass

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Front Gable
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: None

Porch Type: N/A
Porch Posts: N/A
Porch Railings: N/A

Historic Use: Religious
Current Use: Religious

Special Features: Square tower with tall spire on front left corner,
stained glass in tops of pointed arched windows

First Map: 1908 Sanborn
First City Directory: NA
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown
Notes: Historic Buildings page 60

Photo Date: 06/27/94 Roll: 5 Frame: 4 By: Nakata

