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From: Eliza [mailto:elizak@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 10:32 PM
To: Toby Long
Subject: More information on 1936 Delaware history

Hi Toby,

I went to Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) today to find out more about our house. I have two topics to share information on.

1. Updated information on residents
2. Information on presumed first owners, Luella F and William G. Black

The attached (via Google Drive) zip file contains all the files previously sent, as well as new images to support item 2 and the updates to item 1.

1. Updated information on residents:

We realized upon closer examination of the 1910 Census images that William and Luella Black actually appear on the record for 1930 Delaware; not 1936 Delaware (See 1910_Census_A through 1910_Census_D). If you look carefully at the address I showed for 1910, you'll see that it looks like it could be a zero or a 6, but that the image showing David and Catherine Evans (1910_Census_E) is very clearly a 6. Therefore, I'm correcting the list I initially sent to reflect this.

At BAHA I found a sale record (see 1957_Owner) that shows the sellers as Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richard. I also found a list of owners between 1942 and 1957 (see 1942_1957_Owners). The writing on the list is quite faded, so I've guessed at the names. I've added them to my list of residents, assuming that they were residents, even though they may have just been owners. Updated resident list below:

Summary of residents at 1936 Delaware:

- 1900 - Not yet built
- 1910 - David A Evans (Head of second family), Catherine Evans (Wife), Howard A Evans (Son)
- 1920 - David A Evans (Head), Catherine Evans (Wife), Eugene A Evans (Son who apparently changed his name?)
- 1930 - John C Fitzgerald lived alone at 1936 Delaware, age 64.

1940 - Lorraine Clotty (Head), Robert Clotty (Brother)
1942 - Fitzpatrick and/or Finley
1951 - Kuhn or Edmund
1957 - Sold by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richard
1957 - 1986 - Katherine Ferguson
1987 - 1993 - No information (just XXXX instead of name in the directory)
1994 - 2001 - Raymond Robertson
2002 - 2011 - Ahmet Kahya
2012 - Present - Harry Kao and Eliza Khuner

2. Information on presumed first owner, William G. Black

The Heritage Association noticed that the lot on which our house was built was entitled to Luella Black (see 1906_Map_A, 1906_Map_B and Black_Property_Record). This led us into a search on William Black's properties. As you can see by looking through all the images whose names start with the word "Black", Mr. Black was a brick-layer and contractor who owned and/or built several properties in the area, including a warehouse that is now known as Bonita Hall. William and Luella Black came to reside at 1930 Delaware, the house next to ours. This house, along with Bonita Hall and several other buildings, were noted as important in relation to Mr. Black. However, 1936 Delaware, while registered in Luella Black's name (as were all the properties they owned), appears to be irrelevant to the family's history. It is not mentioned in any of the articles, and the couple appears to never have lived there, and instead used the house as a rental unit.

Anthony Bruce, at BAHA, helped me obtain all of this information. He also found a tax assessment of 1936 Delaware in March of 1908. It is clear the property did not exist in 1906, therefore Anthony is certain it was built in 1907 or early 1908. However, there are no building permits available during 1907-1908, so we can't confirm the exact date it was built, or the name of the builder/architect.

Please let me know if more research on the house is requested.

Regards,
Eliza Khuner

Attachment via Google drive:



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