

2301 Fairmount - Photos of the Rear Ell's Second Story

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Dr. Farnham,

We are attaching here for the Commission's review several photos taken on September 1, 2022 of the remaining building materials found beneath the metal paneling of the 2301 Fairmount Avenue second story rear ell. As you are aware, the Designation Committee suggested that this second story of the rear ell should be included in the designation if it can be shown that this portion of the building was constructed during the period of significance.

Heritage Consulting has performed a review of the available historic maps and photos of the 2301 Fairmount property and has been unable to find any document definitively showing that the second story of the rear ell was constructed or a part of the larger building during the period of significance. While we concede that the second story of the rear ell *may* have existed during the period of significance, we believe that the condition of the building beneath the metal paneling supports that this portion of the building should be excluded from designation regardless, as there is no remaining "historic" fabric on the second story of the rear ell.


As shown in the attached photos, the original wood components of the ell's second story have been coated in stucco (the stucco is what currently exists beneath the metal paneling). While there is evidence that a cornice did exist around the top of the ell's second story, the photos show that the wooden supports of the cornice have long been removed. Any historic fabric that may have once been a part of this second story have been significantly altered or removed entirely. Given the lack of remaining historic fabric on this portion of the building, we respectfully request that the Commission exclude the second story of the rear ell from the designation of the 2301 Fairmount Avenue property.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Meredith

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