

Charlotte Forten Grimke House  
1608 R Street, NW  
Washington  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Charlotte Forten Grimke House		HABS NO. DC-366
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1608 R Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) late 19th century	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of Grimke (1838-1914), a pioneer black female educator, feminist, abolitionist and writer. Noted for her work with ex-slaves in the Union occupied Sea Islands of Georgia.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate elements		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2-story; 3-bay front; 1-story rear addition; L-shape		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE First story bay; door with transom and hood supported by consoles; bracketed main cornice and cornice on bay; brick hoodmoulds over windows		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Renovated and interior modernized prior to 1976.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1979 appeared good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination form.)		
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