

Le Droit Park
Bounded by 2nd Street, 7th Street,
Florida Avenue, and Elm Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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National Park Service
Department of the Interior
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Le Droit Park		HABS NO. DC-287
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Bounded by 2nd Street, 7th Street, Florida Avenue, and Elm Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870's through 1890's	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James H. McGill primary architect represented	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Planned and developed as a residential subdivision of large free-standing houses and duplexes of related architectural design. Developed by Amzi L. Barber and Andrew Langdon on land purchased from Howard University in 1873. Scene of early attempt at racial CONTINUED		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) The oldest houses are similar to A. J. Downing's country villas		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 50 of the original 64 houses remain. Between them are smaller brick and frame rowhouses of the late 1880's and 1890's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed on National Register of Historic Places Category II District of Columbia Landmark		
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SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

integration. Houses occupied by prominent District and national figures up to the present, including many noted black educators, poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and District mayor Walter Washington. Anna J. Cooper founded Frelinghuysen University, an adult education facility for working blacks, in her home at 201 T Street.