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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Present Owner: Dr. Martin D. Delaney, Jr.

Present Occupant and Use: Doctor's Office and Residence

Description

Brick, Flemish bond with Aquia stone trim, Early Republican style.

Number of stories: 3 with 2 story ell

Historical Data

Year of erection: Early 19th century

Built for (first owner): William Gregory

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Wm. Gregory

Notable events and occupants

Town House with gable roof, and tall chimneys on south joined by curtain, The elaborate moulded brick cornice with modillions and fret are noteworthy. The building has no verge boards or watertable. Flat window arches of brick have Aquia keystones and the sills likewise are Aquia stone. Aquia stone steps have wrought iron rails of good design. The archway separating the entrance and stair halls (which exhibits an interesting ball decoration), was photographed for as key to the building's interior trim. RECTANGULAR LEADED TRANSOM REMOVED C. 1938

The builder was a Scotsman who established himself in Alexandria early in the 19th century as merchant and importer. He is believed to have built this town house in 1821. According to local tradition the roof line was raised and the elaborate moulded cornice added in 1830.

References: Mary G. Powell, History of Old Alexandria, Virginia, pp. 319-21. HABI forms, prepared by T. Russell Jones and Worth Bailey, HABS, National Park Service.

Approved

Deek Sutton  
Chief Architect

Date

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