

120 North Front Street



Beginning in 1876, the land on which this house stands was owned by John V.L. Rodgers (1836-1917), a Civil War veteran of the Confederate Shriver Grays and prominent insurance agent, and his wife Ophelia Murfin Rodgers (1836-1919).

Hattie E. and Louis Walters purchased the property in late 1909. Louis's name first appears at this address in the 1911-12 Wheeling City Directory, suggesting that the house was built around 1910. Louis Walters (1866-1948) was a court reporter. He and his wife Hattie Reitz Walters (1871-1930) sold the property in 1919 to Minnie V. and James K. Wren. According to the 1923-24 City Directory, Wren was the general manager of The Rose Company, "ladies' and children's outfitters," located at 1002-1004 Main Street.

The next owners were Gladys R. and William H. Elbin, whose 1931 purchase included "all electric fixtures, window shades, stair pads, and window and door screens." Elbin was secretary of Morris Plan Savings and Loan.

Martha W. and Robert C. Tucker purchased the property in 1954 and sold it to Ida Mae and James A. McLaughlin for \$12,100 in 1961.

Lindsay J. and Joseph P. Pockl purchased the property in 1980 and sold it to Cassandra R. Porter for \$193,000 in 2013. The next owner, Benjamin Seidler, purchased the property in 2017.

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Sources:

- Ohio County Deed Records
- West Virginia Vital Records
- Wheeling City Directories
- *Wheeling Intelligencer*