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A Personal Description of Three Staunton Homes
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Scope & Content

In 1971, Mrs. Armistead provided a history of three Staunton houses (310, 322 and 324 East Beverley Street). From personal knowledge and memories, she recalled details regarding the construction of the house and the various owners of each property. The house at 310 E. Beverley Street was built mid-nineteenth century and was gutted by fire 1909-1910. It was rebuilt and occupied by the McChesney Goodall family; Nathaniel Catlett built 322 E. Beverley for his son Nathaniel Jr. and his bride Betty. It was known as the "Bride's House"; 324 E. Beverley was built by Cyrus Mason who had purchased the land about 1847. Behind the house were two steep terraces, shaded at the top by great elms, which gave it the name, "Elm Terrace".

Historical/Biographical Note

All three houses continue to be among the outstanding old homes in Staunton. East Beverley Street, the center of the area known as Gospel Hill, represents some of the finest architecture in the city. Gospel Hill was named as a result of religious meetings in the 1790's at the Sampson Eagon blacksmith shop on the corner of East Beverley and Coalter Streets.

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