

The first page has a spot for the date, but no date is filled in. Please correct that.

Historic name: We have it surveyed as the “Roberts House.” The first page refers to the house as the “McKeithan-Rogers House” and it is otherwise referred to as the “D.T. McKeithan House.” Which is the correct historic name? Be consistent throughout the report.

Architectural Description: Please include the dates of changes to the historic appearance and rear addition if known. According to the NR nomination, the garage is c. 1950 and one story. The current garage/outbuilding appears to be two stories tall and has certainly had some later alterations and enclosures, but it appears to have the same footprint as the outbuilding on the 1922 Sanborn map. Also to the east of the outbuilding is a much smaller 1-story, hipped roof building that should be addressed in the report.

Differences from NR District Nomination: The National Register nomination for West End Historic District provides a c. 1893 date of construction and a series of owners that differ from the information presented in the LDR. This information, if indeed incorrect, should be mentioned in the report and recognized as incorrect based on new research.

Architectural Significance: The report does not currently provide adequate architectural context to justify special significance of the property for its Colonial Revival-style design. An architectural context should provide some basic discussion of the history of the style and its use locally, as well as a comparison to other local properties that exhibit the same style. The report should identify other Colonial Revival-style houses locally and provide comparative analysis to justify how the subject property possesses special significance within the given context. The West End Historic District National Register nomination does provide some basic architecture context in Section 8, Page 6 that could provide a starting point.

Photos: Add a photo clearly shows the enclosure of the side porch.

With these changes, we believe the designation report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether The

McKeithan-Rogers House possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation. Thank you for the opportunity to review this local designation report. Please contact Hannah Beckman-Black at hannah.beckman@dncr.nc.gov or at 828-250-3112 with any questions you may have regarding our comments.