

## **Chipmunk Cottage History**

### **18 The Circle**

1922 – “Chipmunk Cottage” was built. The 1920 drawings were done by Smith & Carrier, Architects (Richard Sharp Smith & Albert Heath Carrier).

12/8/1939 – Carlylle M. Taylor and his wife purchased Chipmunk Cottage from St. Louis Union Trust Company and James H. Grover, Trustee (The Manor Hotel owners). Mr. Taylor made a number of changes to the house. He converted the downstairs bathroom to a kitchen (the house was built without one because hotel guests walked to The Manor for meals). The sink was located under the window at the north end of the room, with a door at the center of the room which opened to the living room. Mr. Taylor installed a coal-fired steam boiler in the basement. Originally, steam for the radiators was piped in from The Manor Hotel plant located on Charlotte Street. He also built a single-car garage out of rough-sawn oak.

12/24/1940 – William Hugh and Lucile Yancey Barkley purchased Chipmunk Cottage from the Taylors. The Barkleys had held their 1939 wedding reception in The Manor Hotel.

5/17/1945 – Their son William Yancey Barkley (“Bill”) was born.

11/22/1946 – The Barkleys paid a “Paving Assessment” for their frontage on The Circle. The charge for 165.7 feet was 65 cents per foot, or \$107.70.

1947 – They remodeled the upstairs bathroom by replacing the tub and adding tile. In the basement, they installed a Bendix front-load automatic washing machine.

1950 – A flagstone back terrace was added.

1951 – They converted the boiler from coal to oil.

1951 – A concrete patio with a brick outdoor fireplace was built.

1952 – The porch was closed in and included an addition which became a den with fireplace. Architects were S. Grant Alexander & Associates and contractor J. E. Herren Construction Co.

1953 – A stone wall on Quarry Road was built. The “Brothers Harrell” who lived on Charlotte Street were masons, and the stone was from a steep bank at the lower end of Coxe Avenue.

1957 – The Barkleys installed pine paneling in the foyer and stairway and added pine built-in bookshelves at the top of the stairs.

1958 – They renovated the kitchen by closing off the door to the living room, installing pine paneled cabinets and moving the sink to its present location. They added redwood paneling (now painted) in the living and dining rooms.

1963 – Son Bill graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School and left Asheville.

4/25/1969 – William Hugh Barkley died at age 65. His widow Lucile remained in Chipmunk until 1995.

1982 – The boiler was replaced with a gas-fired one.

1984 – Galvanized pipes in the upstairs bathroom were replaced with copper.

1995 – Lucile Barkley entered an assisted living facility in Raleigh and died there on December 28, 1996 at the age of 87. From 1995 to 2002, the house was rented.

2002 – Son Bill Barkley returned to live in the house for several years. He installed a new roof with 50-year architectural shingles and copper flashing.

2003 – The improvements continued with updated electrical wiring which included a new 200 Amp. service and breaker panel; exterior painting by Lindberg Painting Co.; two new natural gas-fired furnaces with central air conditioning (installed by Gentry Heating and Cooling, Inc.); and new gutters.

2007 – The garage was rebuilt and included a new foundation and roof.

2010 – Chipmunk's interior was painted, the floors refinished, the bath tub re-glazed, and the kitchen counter and floor replaced.

Today, Chipmunk Cottage remains the only house in the Manor Grounds which has been in the same family for 72 years.