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Historic Name: G. R. Ratcliffe House (9136 Grant Avenue, Manassas)

Date or Period: ca. 1904

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Manassas

"Built for G. R. Ratcliffe, a Manassas builder and influential citizen, this house has not been changed significantly since its construction. It is a large, two-story, bi-colored, asymmetrical, shingle-and-weatherboard-clad house. Its distinguishing architectural features include a conical-roofed, circular bay window; a gracefully flared hip roof with wide overhanging eaves; and a hip-roofed front porch around the front and south side. The G. R. Ratcliffe House may be the best example of a type of residential architecture that prevailed in Manassas around the turn of the century. It incorporates elements of the Shingle Stick, Eastlake, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Tudor styles of architecture.