

Docket Item #6  
BAR CASE #2004-0269

BAR Meeting  
January 19, 2005

**ISSUE:** Addition and alterations

**APPLICANT:** Robert B. Adams

**LOCATION:** 200 Duke Street

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

1. Contact Alexandria Archaeology (703-838-4399) two weeks prior to any ground disturbing activity (such as coring, grading, filling, vegetation removal, undergrounding utilities, pile driving, landscaping and other excavations as defined in Section 2-151 of The Zoning Ordinance) on this property. City archaeologists will provide on-site inspections to record significant finds;
2. Call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds;
3. The applicant should not allow any metal detection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology; and,
4. The above statements must appear in the General Notes of the site plan so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements.

### NOTE:

Docket item #5 must be approved before this docket item can be considered.

### I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition and alterations to the residential property at 200 Duke Street. These include:

- The installation of a new six-over-six wood window with true divided lights to match that existing on the first floor at the rear of the house on the east elevation;
- Enclosure of a square section of the first level of the rear porch with true divided multi-light wood door with multi-light sidelights and transom above.

### II. HISTORY:

200 Duke Street is a two story freestanding wood frame house dating from ca. 1787 constructed for Leven Powell according to Ethelyn Cox in Alexandria Street by Street (p.20). Later additions at the rear of the house were added in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and as late as 1964.

The Board originally approved a similar addition and alterations in 2000, but these changes were never built (BAR Case #2000-0053, 4/5/00).

### III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed porch enclosure, new window and doors comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

The amount of 18<sup>th</sup> century building fabric that will be lost is limited to that used for a section of the new porch addition. The new windows at the rear are in a 1964 addition. Staff has no objections to the proposed alterations which are compatible with the historic character of the house.

Staff notes the recommendations of Alexandria Archaeology and has included them as a condition.

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## CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

### Code Enforcement:

- C-1 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

### Historic Alexandria:

This is an important, significant building. I have some concern about the “glazed” porch here, does not seem appropriate.

### Alexandria Archaeology:

- F-1 According to *Historic Alexandria, Virginia, Street by Street, A Survey of Existing Early Buildings* by Ethelyn Cox, the house on this property probably dates to 1787, when Leven Powell purchased the quarter block at the southwest corner of Fairfax and Lee Streets from James Mercer. The property therefore has the potential to yield archaeological resources that could provide insight into domestic activities in 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Alexandria.
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