

GV 486
Robert L. Suit House
SR 1102
Northside vicinity

In 1859 Robert L. Suit (1827-1882) purchased from his father, William, the property upon which this two-story house stands. He is said to have originally built a one-room log cabin on the land and then started work on the house, which he and his wife, Jane Ellen Walker (1840-1921), are said to have completed by 1875. The structure's flush gable ends, a pre-Civil War framing device, suggest, however, that all or part of it may have already been standing when he purchased the property. Its asymmetric, four-bay facade further suggests that it was built, in two stages, prior to the Civil War. Its simple Greek Revival style features also appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century. These include the crossettes that enframe its front and rear windows and the two-panel doors set in flat-angled moldings that serve its center hallway.

The house was extended by a shorter, two-story, rear ell in 1910. This ell was built by the Suits son and daughter-in-law, William E. (1875-1951) and Lila (Fleming) Suit (1883-1949), who were the house's next owners. The house is now owned by Omega Suit, the widow of their son, Robert.