



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
 SURVEY FORM

File no. 76-247
Negative no(s). 4371

Historic name Bauder House	Common name AKA "The Cottage in the Yard"
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number Vic. 12320 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA	
USGS Quad Nokesville	Date or period c1822
Original owner John Williams	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Agnes Webster	Source of name
Present owner address 12320 Bristow Road	Source of date Owner estimate, architectural evidence.
Bristow, VA	Stories 2 stories
Present use House is in ruins	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls.
Acreage .4 acre	
Roof type Shingle-covered gable roof.	

State condition of structure and environs **House is in ruins; grounds are overgrown.**

State potential threats to structure **Arson, continued neglect.**
 Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? **yes ___ no ___**

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

This dilapidated, two-story frame house is most certainly beyond saving. Before it was allowed to deteriorate and fall into ruin (by 1966 it was assessed as having no value), this was a weatherboarded, five-room, el-plan house with a 1 1/2 story rear addition. In 1959, according to a contemporary snapshot, the house had a one-story bracketed c1900's porch across the front with turned porch posts. The house was painted white with dark trim, and had shutters on the 6/6 or 9/6 sliding sash windows. There is a large exterior brick chimney on the east end, but by 1959 most of the top of the chimney was missing.

Today, this house is a sharp contrast to its neighbor on the northwest side, the White House 76-31, which was built at about the same time as the Bauder house, but of brick instead of frame. Directly across S.R. 619 from the Bauder House is the Brentsville Courthouse and Jail complex, a County-owned historical and recreational facility.

Interior inspected? **Yes.**

Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Located on square no. 5, lot no. 11 on the Plan of the Town of Brentsville (1822), this small frame house, known as the "Cottage in the Yard," was probably built in about 1822 for the mother of John Williams. Williams was, from 1795 to 1813, Clerk of the County Court when it was located in Dumfries. When the County seat was moved to Brentsville in 1822, Williams' widow Jane Dawe Williams, according to a published history, qualified and acted as clerk through her brother Philip D. Dawe. Later, her son, John Williams III, became clerk and moved into the White House beside this house.

In the late 1870's, this house was the residence of Ezra Bauder, who conducted a private academy in Brentsville, possibly in the White House. Known as the Brentsville Seminary, this co-educational college preparatory academy also offered courses in engineering and surveying. Bauder's daughter Fannie was the wife of Judge J.B.T. Thornton, a prominent figure in Prince William County in the early 20th century. Ezra Bauder and his wife Julia are buried in the community cemetery behind the White House.

The present owner acquired the property in 1965 from Clyde and Emma Wolfe.

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Ratcliffe, R.J., This Was Prince William (c1978), pp. 74-75.

W.P.A., Writer's Project, Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places (c1941), pp. 62,

Primary sources (Manuscript/documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

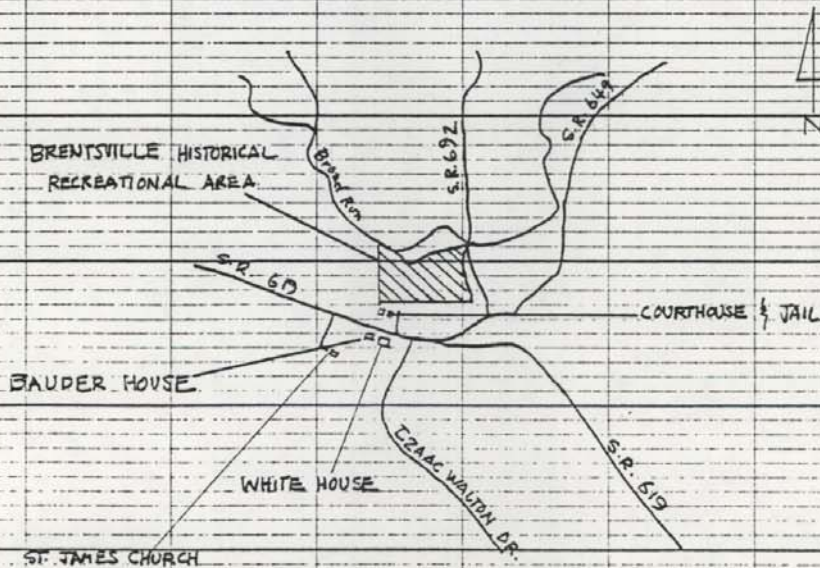
See snapshot of house taken in 1959 by Cleveland Fisher in a Fisher-compiled scrapbook in the possession of the Manassas Museum. Album is labeled "Lower Prince William."

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Agnes Webster, owner.

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)

MEASUREMENTS & PLAN NOT AVAILABLE.

Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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