



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 272-6
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## SURVEY FORM

Historic name County/Town/City Occoquan Street address or route number 203 Union Street, Occoquan, Virginia 22191 USGS Quad Occoquan Original owner Original use Residence Present owner Edson M. Lynn, Jr. Present owner address Rt. 1, Box 45 <span style="padding-left: 100px;">Ruther Glen, VA 22546</span> Present use Store Acreage 4,248 sq. ft.	Common name The Colchester Shoppe Date or period c1870. Architect/builder/craftsmen Source of name Source of date Architectural evidence. Stories 2 stories Foundation and wall const'n Brick foundation; frame wall construction Roof type Pressed tin-covered gable roof.
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State condition of structure and environs Building and environs are in good condition.

State potential threats to structure  
 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.)

Painted light green with dark green trim, this EL-plan former residence now houses a lamp and gift shop on the first floor and an apartment above. Distinguishing architectural features include the four-bay front pierced by large 6/6 (replacement) sliding sash windows. There is a center gable. A pair of front doors, side by side, are replacements, but the doorways appear to be original. There is a one-pane overhead above each door. There is a plain box cornice, a wide frieze, and cornerboards. Gable returns, seen in the similarly-built Woodyard House directly across Union Street, are not present. There are shutters across the front, and unused shutter hinges are present along the Poplar Alley side of the building. The exterior is clad with German, or channeled, siding. The door and window trim is plain box trim. There is a one-story open porch across the building's front, supported by plain, tapering columns. There is no rail, however, and the porch floor has been replaced with concrete. There is a recently-added open, one-story porch across the rear.

The building was remodeled in the mid-1970's. The main staircase, which probably rose opposite one of the two front entrances, was removed. (An employee of the shop claims that the stair was located at the rear of the house.) A new stair was installed at the rear of the building, and a new entrance to provide access to the second floor apartment. The interior moulding is primarily wide architrave trim, but there is some plain wide box trim present in the first floor front room on the right. Closets have been made over into display cases. There is one mantel present, in the rear room on the left. Designed for a stove flue, the mantel has a moulded shelf supported by fluted pilasters and scroll brackets. The frieze is plain. There may be a similar mantel in the corresponding room on the second floor.

The plan is an EL, but the space between the two sections has been filled in with a small two-story addition, to which was added a one-story shed addition. This room, the former  
 Interior inspected? Yes. (Continued below)

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

This building, a former residence, possibly built as a combination dwelling/store, has been the location of the Colchester Shoppe, a lamp and gift shop, for quite a few years. The present owner, Donnie Lynn, reportedly found a set of ledgers in the building when he bought it. The ledgers, dating from 1870 to 1878, had belonged to his great uncle. Prior to the Lynn ownership, the house was owned by veterinarian Dr. Alec Malcolm. Robert S. Hall is also a previous owner.

The building was remodeled in 1975-76.

ARCHITECTURE (Cont.)

kitchen, now serves as a wrapping room. There is a small (c18'x36') cinder block and frame barn or garage behind the building.

This building makes an important visual contribution to the late 19th century feeling along Union Street, one of Occoquan's two heavily commercial streets. Many of the building's distinguishing architectural details were retained during the remodeling, including the old wood siding, the two front doors, the working shutters, the columned front porch, and the pressed tin roof. The old plan, the high ceilings, and most of the late 19th century wide architrave trim have also been retained. This building and the Woodyard House across the street should be preserved as outstanding examples of late 19th century architecture in Occoquan.

Sources and bibliography

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

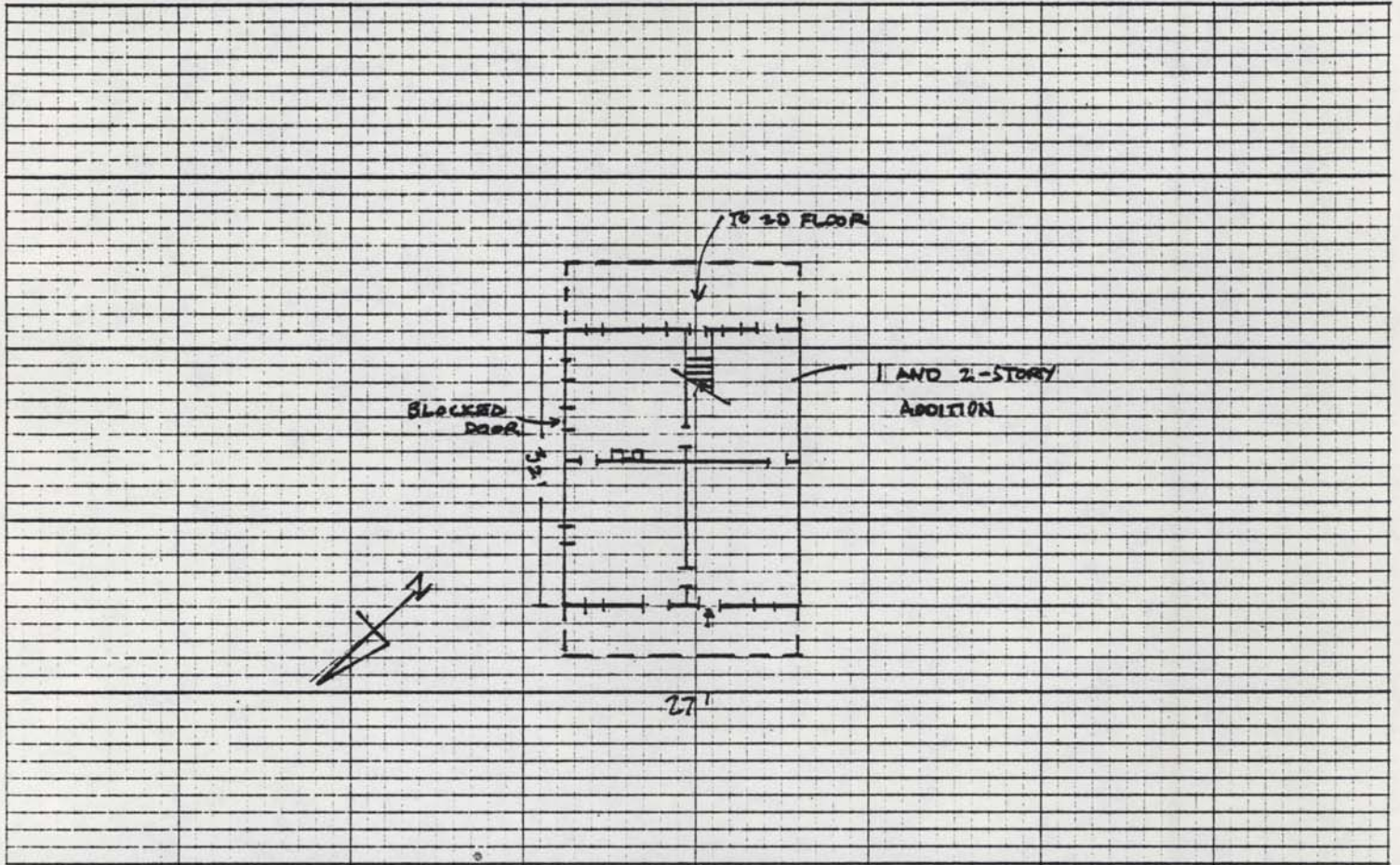
See part 2 of 4-part series on Occoquan by Ann Holiday in Manassas Journal-Messenger, Sept. - Oct., 1973.

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

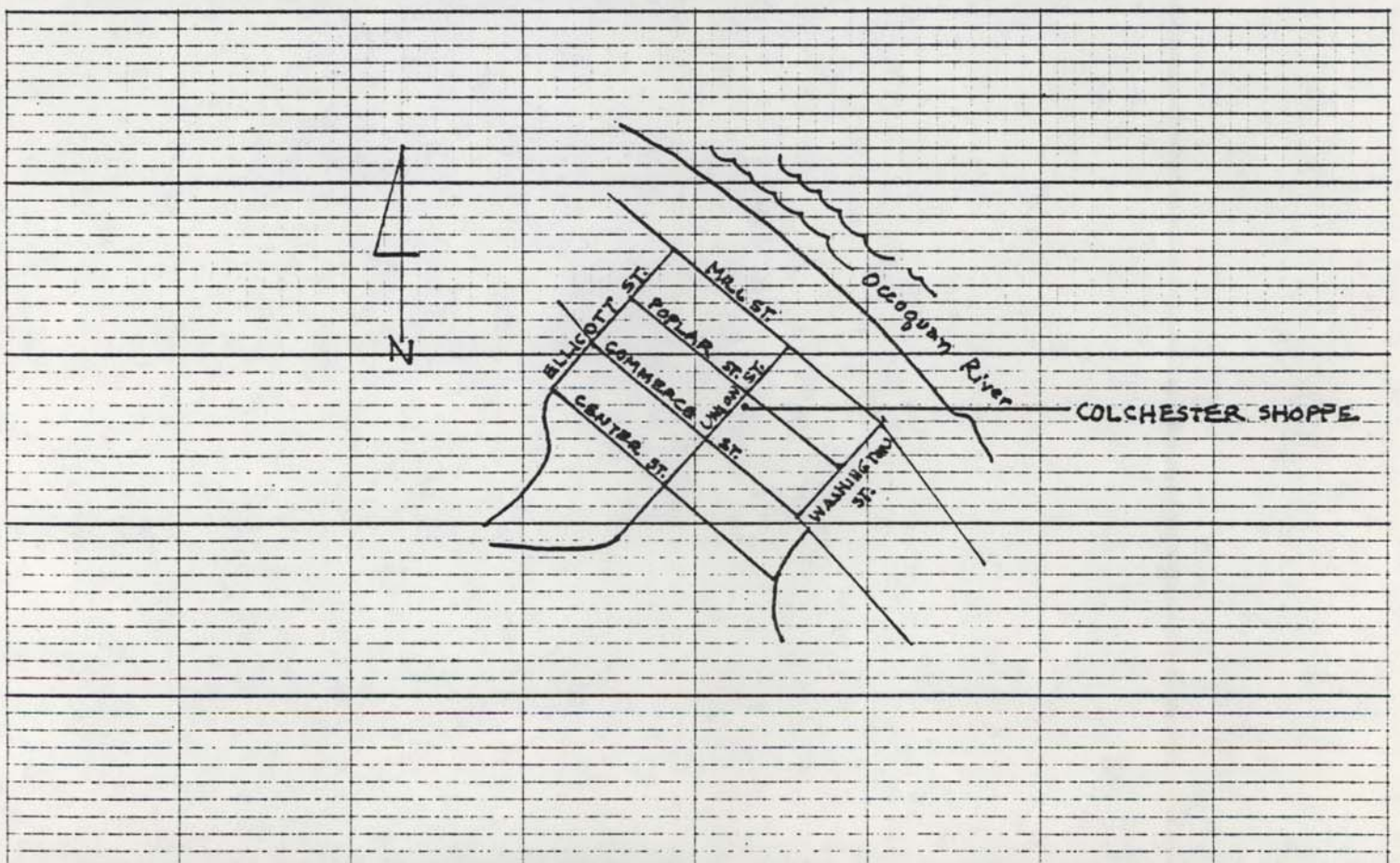
Donnie Lynn is said to own ledgers dating to 1870's found in the building.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

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



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





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