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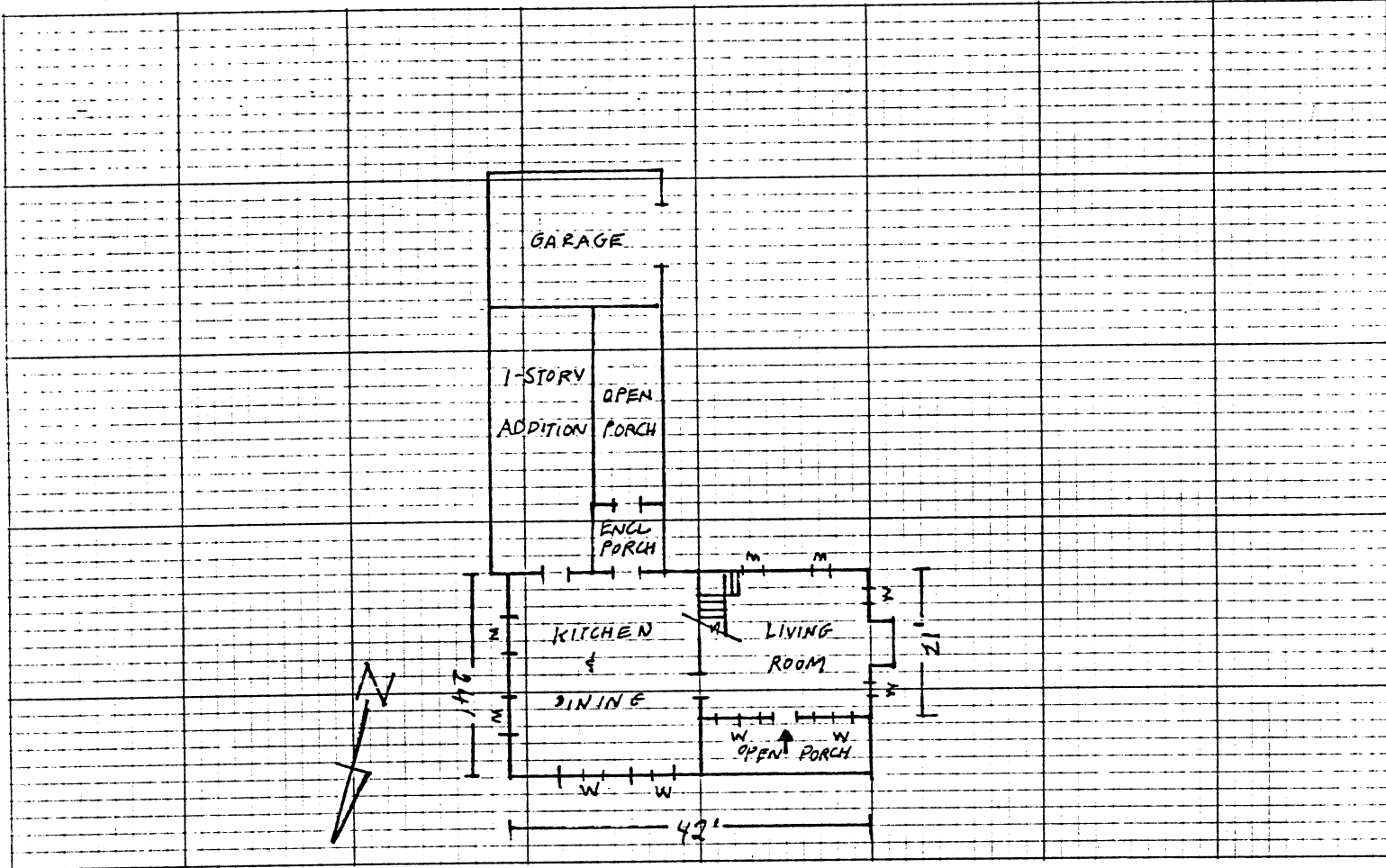
Historic name Aldrich House County/Town/City Prince William County Street address or route number 10109 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas, Va.	Common name
USGS Quad Gainesville Original owner Francis W. Lewis (?) Original use Residence Present owner Scott Aldrich Present owner address 10109 Balls Ford Rd. Manassas, Va. Present use Residence Acreage 6 acres	Date or period c1900 - 1930 Architect/builder/craftsmen Source of name Source of date Architectural evidence, local informant. Stories 2, 1½ Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, log & frame wall construction. Roof type asphalt shingle covered gable roof.
State condition of structure and environs Good	
State potential threats to structure Note any archaeological interest Civil War artifacts found on property.	
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no <u>X</u>	
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.) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">House was built in two stages - a 2-story part to which was later added the 1½ story wing with exterior stone chimney. House rests on a stone foundation. Under the kitchen is a small (c15'x15') unfinished, 6'-high basement, formerly a root cellar. Floor joists are rough-hewn timbers finished on top only. Floors are pine plank, covered with masonite and carpeted. Woodwork consists of plain box trim around windows and doors.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"Permastone" applied to front of larger section for insulation in 1950s. Logs, however, remain visible on inside of larger section, and are covered with wallboard in the small wing. Carport and garage were added in the 1960s.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Fireplace rebuilt by present owner. Central heat replaced stoves in the 1950s.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There is a small gable-roofed, frame-built shed west of the house which was allegedly used as a residence by the Lewises while the log house was being built.</p>	
Interior inspected? No	
Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This property was probably part of the Lower Bull Run Tract which was patented by Robert "King" Carter in 1724 and passed to his great grandson George. The 762-acre estate, known as Pohoke and later as Portisi, was purchased in 1812 from George Carter by his brother-in-law Spencer Ball, who married Elizabeth Landon Carter in 1790. In 1853, part of Portisi came into the possession of Francis W. Lewis, the grandson of Spencer and Elizabeth Ball. In the mid-1930s the descendants of Francis W. Lewis conveyed Portisi to the National Park Service for inclusion in the soon-to-be-created Manassas National Battlefield Park. Francis W. Lewis, Jr. reserved a small tract and subsequently took up residence in this log house on the farm. It is not known when this house was built - some say c1900, others claim it was built by Lewis in the mid-1930s.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Present owner's parents purchased this property, which then totaled about 150 acres, in 1947 from William A. and Fannie Lee Henry.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Located on the Old Washington Road, better known as Ball's Ford Road, close to the scenes of both the First and Second Battles of Manassas, this property may have been the location of military action in 1861 and 1862. Portisi, the manor house, was used as a field headquarters and hospital, and in 1862 it was burned by Union forces.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This is a rare and interesting house, even if it is a reproduction of an early log cabin.</p>	

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

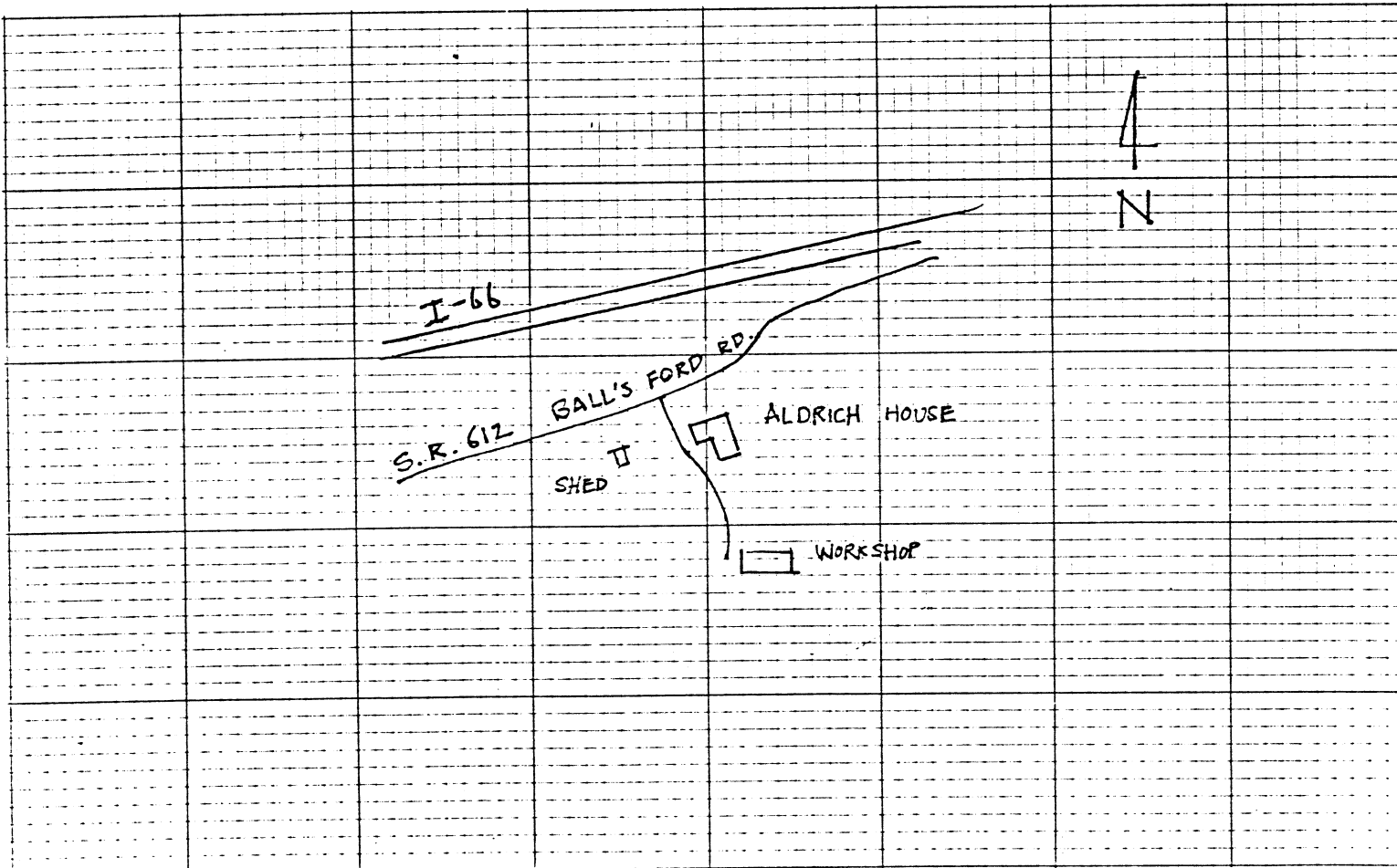
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Scott Aldrich, owner; William Wheeler (dec.), Willow Green Farm.

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



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



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