



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-206-76-4  
Negative no(s). 4360, 4368

## SURVEY FORM

Historic name Ben Lomond Caretaker's House Common name  
County/Town/City Prince William County  
Street address or route number 10326 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, Va.  
USGS Quad Gainesville Date or period Mid-to-late 19th c., early 20th c.  
Original owner Architect/builder/craftsmen  
Original use  
Present owner Manassas Associates Source of name  
Present owner address c/o Weaver Bros., Inc. Source of date Architectural evidence.  
5530 Wisconsin Ave. Stories 2, 1½ stories.  
Present use Chevy Chase, MD Foundation and wall const'n stone foundation, frame & log  
Acreage Residence wall construction.  
c6 acres including main house. Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.  
State condition of structure and environs Fair

State potential threats to structure Lack of maintenance; development.

Note any archaeological interest Mr. Lam's sons report finding many Civil War artifacts around the house.

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.)

1½-story log-constructed kitchen wing contains large but unexposed, brick fireplace. Enclosed, winding stair is constructed of rough-sawn lumber and has a batten door with strap hinges. Square-headed cut nails throughout interior of this section. Ceiling, 1st floor: 7'2". Upstairs divided into two rooms by 1½" rough-sawn vertically laid, board partition. Ceiling height, 2d floor: 8'4". Walls and ceiling covered in matchboard. Floor level of 2d story log section is c3 steps below that of frame 2-story portion. Porches, front and back built by present tenant. Log joists in 1st floor. Partial cellar. Front portion has two similar Victorian mantels.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

This tenant house, presently the residence of the caretaker and former farm manager of Ben Lomond, is an important link, along with the remaining out buildings and accessory buildings in the historical development of what was once a very large plantation that extended into Fairfax County across Bull Run. Since the farm was sub-divided about 10 years ago, and inaccurately renamed "Sudley," the visible evidence of the earlier plantation consists of the "manor" house, this house, and a few outbuildings isolated upon little more than 6 acres. A large, early 20th century barn was demolished, and in its place has been constructed a community center whose design, though "barn-like," is only a reminder of the earlier structure. Another tenant house located west of this parcel was demolished, and a small stone slave quarters, threatened with demolition by new church construction, must be moved in order to be preserved. Incompatible new construction encroaches upon this small collection of historical structures from almost every side. Thoughtless location of highways and intersections has also contributed to the threat of demolition to these old buildings, and the deterioration of the aesthetic appeal of this once-attractive rolling Virginia countryside, within a stone's throw of the Manassas Battlefield commemorative park, has been all but ruined by suburban sprawl and ugly strip commercial development. Ironically, Weaver Brothers, Inc., have been cited by the County for their "sensitivity" in planning this RPC subdivision.



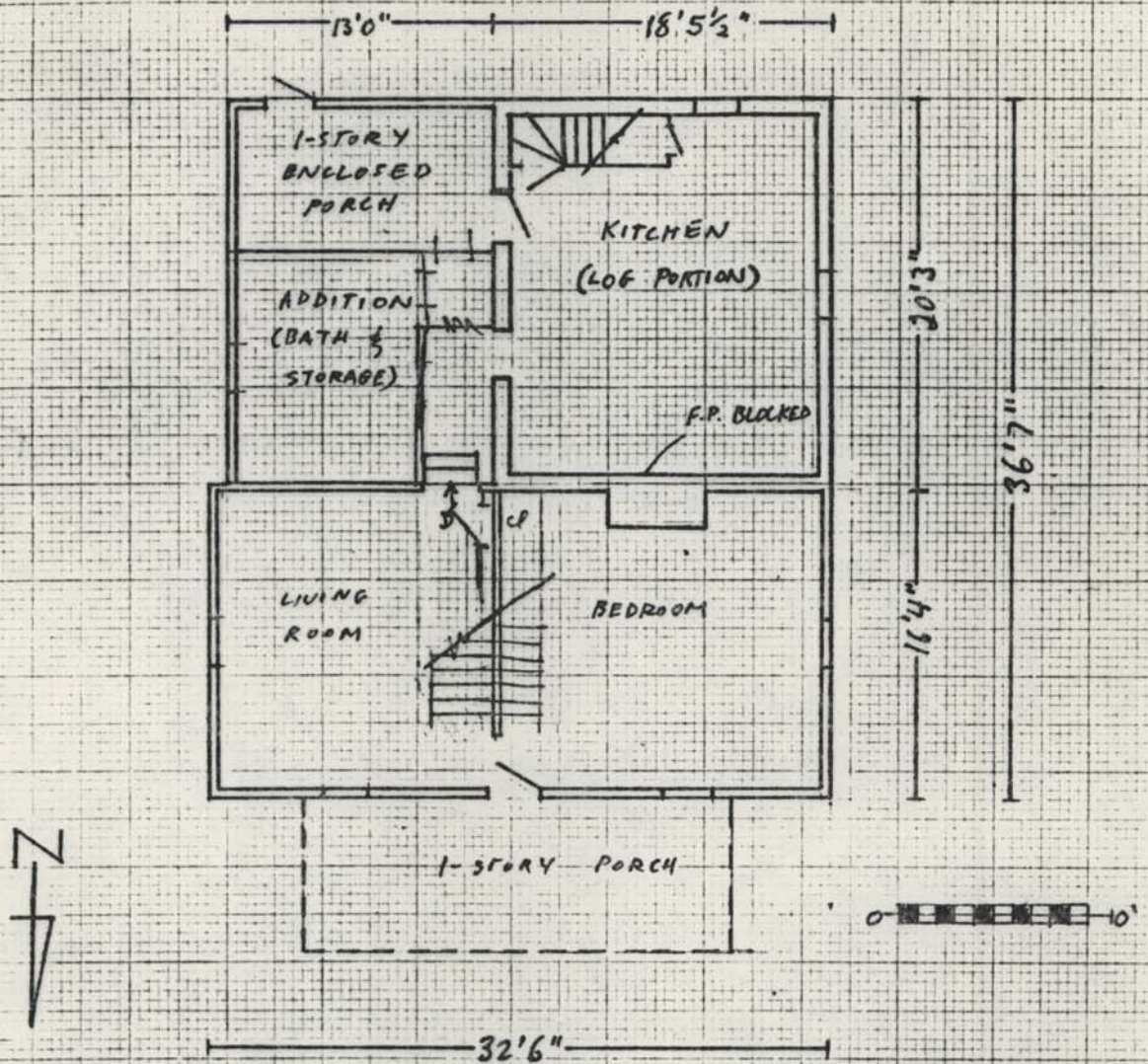
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed MR. { MRS. BELA LAM (CARETAKER) { SON DANIEL LAM.

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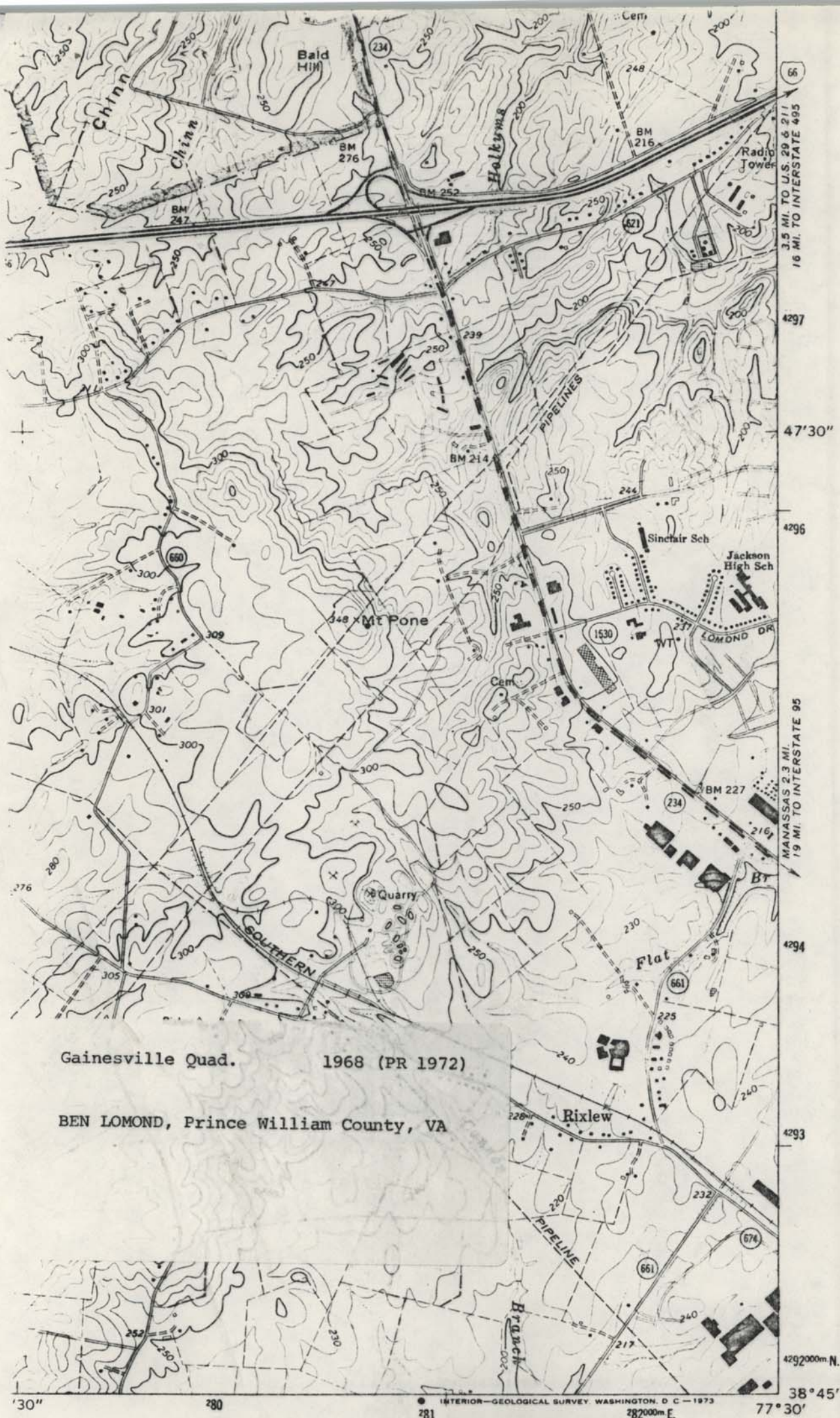


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Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"





Gainesville Quad. 1968 (PR 1972)

BEN LOMOND, Prince William County, VA

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1973

#### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
 Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs  
 taken 1972. This information not field checked.  
 Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas.

**GAINESVILLE, VA.**  
 N3845—W7730/7.5

1968  
 PHOTOREVISED 1972  
 AMS 5461 I SE—SERIES V834

(INDEPENDENT HILL)  
 550' III NW