



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-308
Negative no(s). 2179

SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Bradley School House	Common name
County/Town/City	Prince William County	
Street address or route number	9209 Brentsville Rd., Brentsville, Va.	
USGS Quad	Independent Hill	Date or period
Original owner	Trustees of Manassas Sch. Dist	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	Public Free School	Holland
Present owner	Patrick Bradley & Patricia/	
Present owner address	c/o Robert Givson	Source of date
	P. O. Box 1587	Deed; architectural evidence.
Present use	Resid. Athens, Ga. 30603	Stories
Acreeage	1.04 acres.	1 story
		Foundation and wall const'n
		Stone & brick foundation,
		frame wall construction.
		Roof type
		Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Building and grounds are in fair condition.

State potential threats to structure Lack of maintenance.
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 small, frame, one-story weatherboarded structure is built in the style of a typical one-room schoolhouse. There is a one-story, shed-roofed, open porch spanning the front or south facade. The main structure is three bays long. There is a 12'x16' addition to the rear.

There is a 12'x12' frame-built shed south of the old school building.

Directly across Bradley Forest Road (formerly Sinclair Mill Road) is a small, late 19th century frame church, constructed on land also given by Mr. & Mrs. Jones.

Interior inspected?

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

In 1871, Thomas and Martha Jones donated 1 acre of their land at the junction of the Brentsville Road and the proposed Sinclair Mill Road to John D. Leachman, John H. Butler, and George C. Round, School Trustees of the School District of Manassas, for the purpose of erecting there a public free school (for whites). According to the deed, the School Trustees were to build a fence between the schoolhouse lot and Jones' land. The school was to have the use of a spring in the adjacent lot.

The Public School System was established in Virginia in 1869. The County's first school superintendent was William Willis Thornton, a resident of the Brentsville area in which Bradley School is located. Bradley was probably one of the first schools to be built under the new law. It is one of the few remaining one-room schools in the County.

During the 1930s, the County School Board began to replace the old one and two-room schools with a central system. In 1936, the Bradley School property was sold to Mrs. Hannah Florence Limstrong O'Callaghan, who purchased the property at auction for \$200.00. In 1978, Mrs. O'Callaghan died, leaving the property to her grandchildren, the present owners.

Sources and bibliography

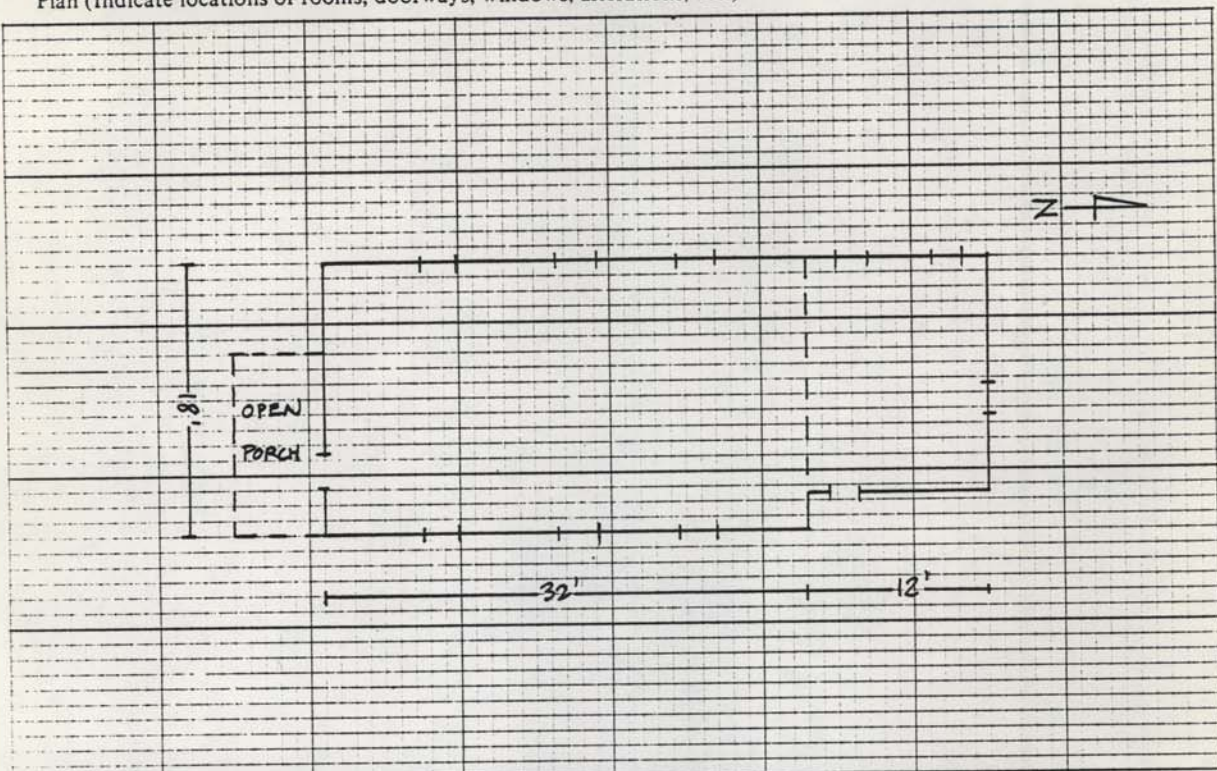
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

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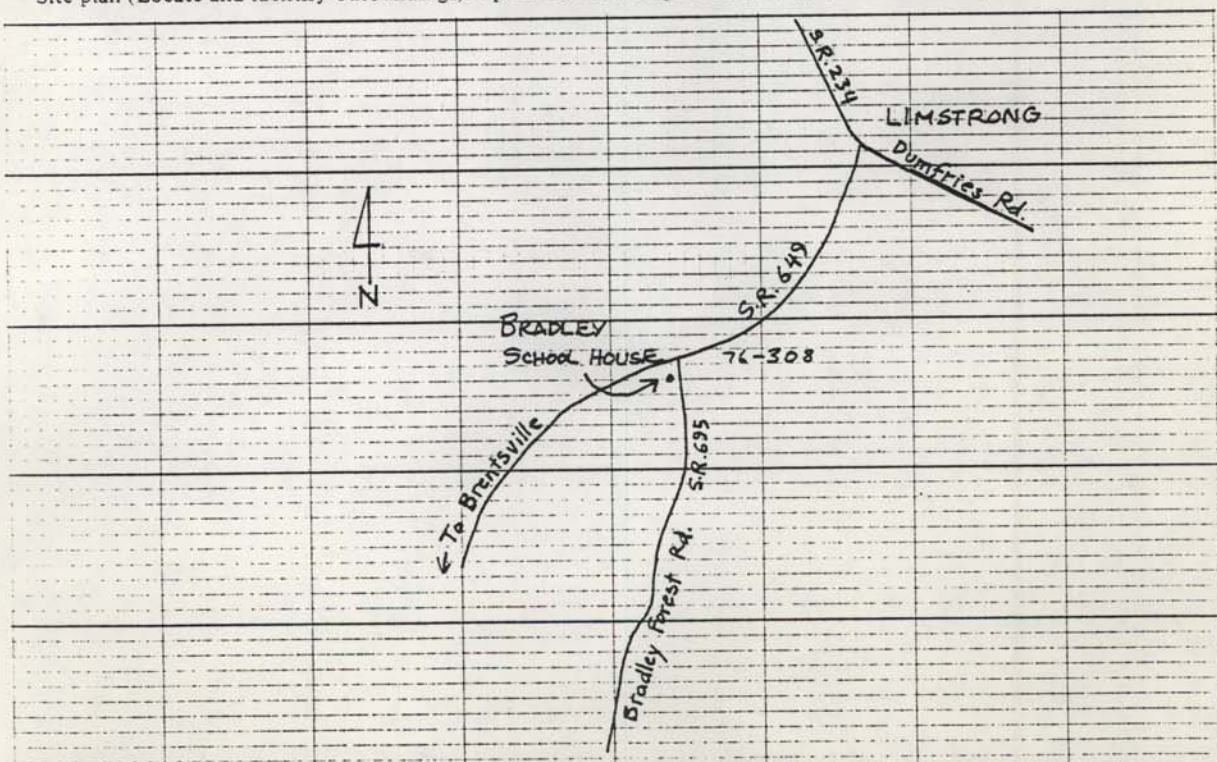
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)
Deeds, plat in Prince William County Courthouse.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed E. R. Conner, III, Manassas Museum.

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

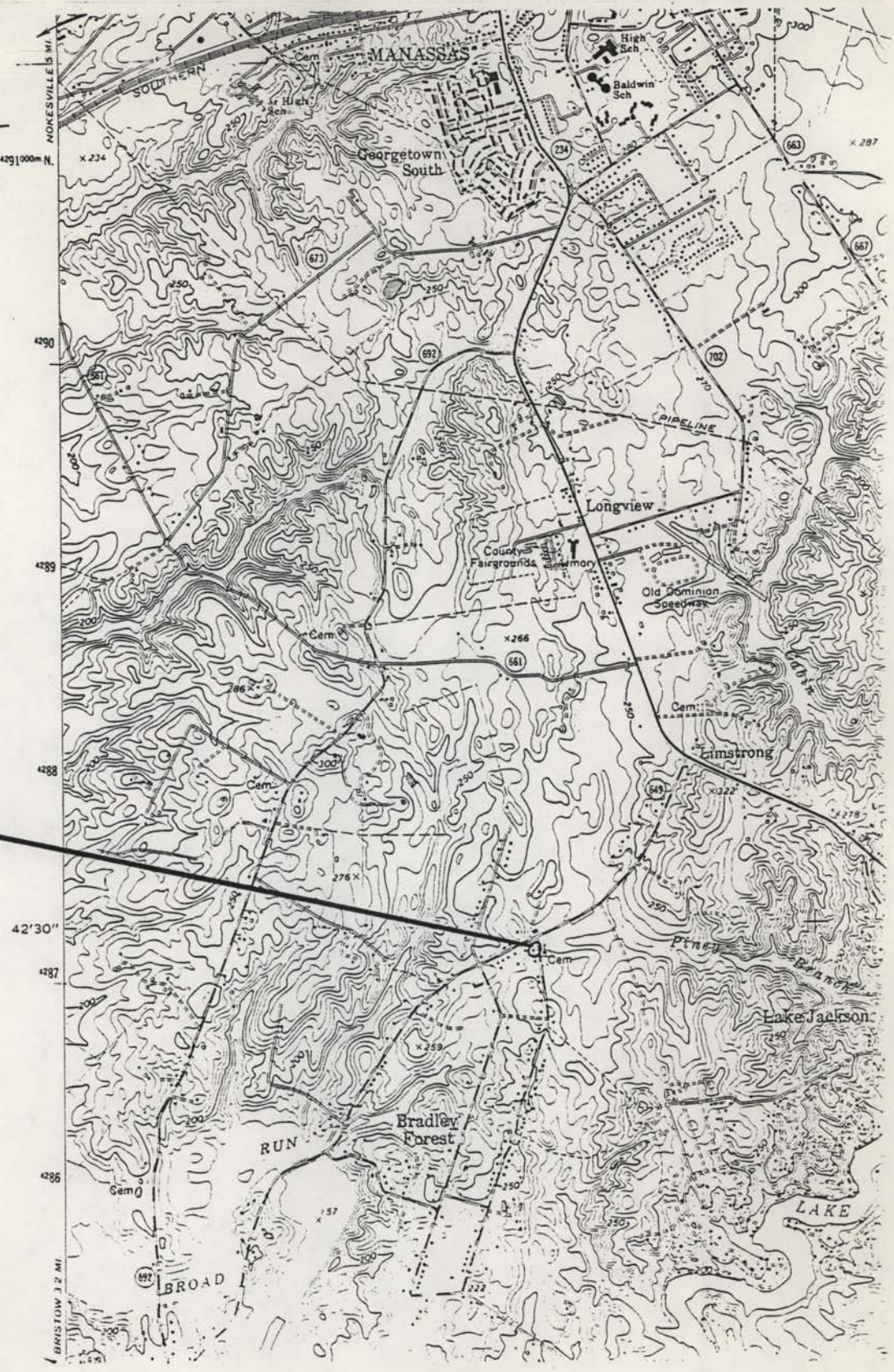


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



INDEPENDENT
HILL QUAD.

BRADLEY
SCHOOL
HOUSE
76-308



4291000m N.

4290

4289

4288

42'30"

4287

4286

BRISTOW 3.2 MI

x 234

673

692

276 x

259

57

697

MANASSAS

Georgetown South

Longview

County Fairgrounds

Old Dominion Speedway

Linstrong

Lake Jackson

Bradley Forest

RUN

LAKE

BROAD

697

234

702

x 266

661

649

649

x 222

250

250

200

300

663

x 287

661

700

652

x 278

250

250

200

AOKESVILLE W.

SOUTHERN

PIPELINE

Pine Branch