



**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 76-234
Negative no(s). 4926

SURVEY FORM

Historic name Buckhall Store	Common name Buckhall General Store	
County/Town/City Prince William County		
Street address or route number 7601 Old Davis Ford Rd., Manassas, Va. 22110		
USGS Quad Independent Hill	Date or period c1900	
Original owner Unknown	Architect/builder/craftsmen J. R. Evans? (builder?)	
Original use Store?		
Present owner Hallie Cornwell Kemper	Source of name	
Present owner address 7517 Old Davis Ford Rd. Manassas, Va. 22110	Source of date Architectural evidence; local residents.	
	Stories 2 stories + 1 story	
Present use Store	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame wall	
Acreage 1 1/3 acres (Included with school)	construction.	
	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.	

State condition of structure and environs Store is in good condition; ground are overrun by parking lot.

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.)

Buckhall Store is a two-story, frame, weatherboarded structure measuring about 22' x 30' and having several one-story shed-roofed additions. A simple I-type building, it has plain box trim around its 6/6 sliding sash windows. There is a box cornice with a wide plain frieze, gable returns, and cornerboards. These architectural features are visible only at the second floor level of the front and west sides because of the several additions. There is a 1 1/2-story addition on the rear, covered with weatherboards and probably dating to the early 20th century. The second floor contains an apartment or office.

Interior inspected?

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

The store was reportedly built by a Mr. Evans, possibly J.R. Evans. The present owner inherited the store from her father, William Davis, who had purchased the property in 1932 from a man named Smith. Mrs. Kemper and her first husband, the late Charles Cornwell, operated the store at Buckhall until several years ago. During the Davis ownership, the old school building beside the store was used as a feed store and for storage.

There was a post office in Buckhall from 1885 to 1915, and, according to the present owner, the post office was in this store.

The store is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. De Lavello, who have operated the store since 1977. Because of the great variety of goods for sale, the store has received the nickname "Buckhall Mall."

In addition to the general store, this historical community contains the former Buckhall School, located beside the store and presently being used as a civic center; several older houses, including the white house, known as the William Davis House (76-225); and the Buckhall Church and Buckhall Cemetery (76-233).

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.) Ratcliffe, R.J., This Was Prince William (c1978), p. 107. Articles on the store in Washington Post, 17 January 1980, and Manassas Journal Messenger, no date.

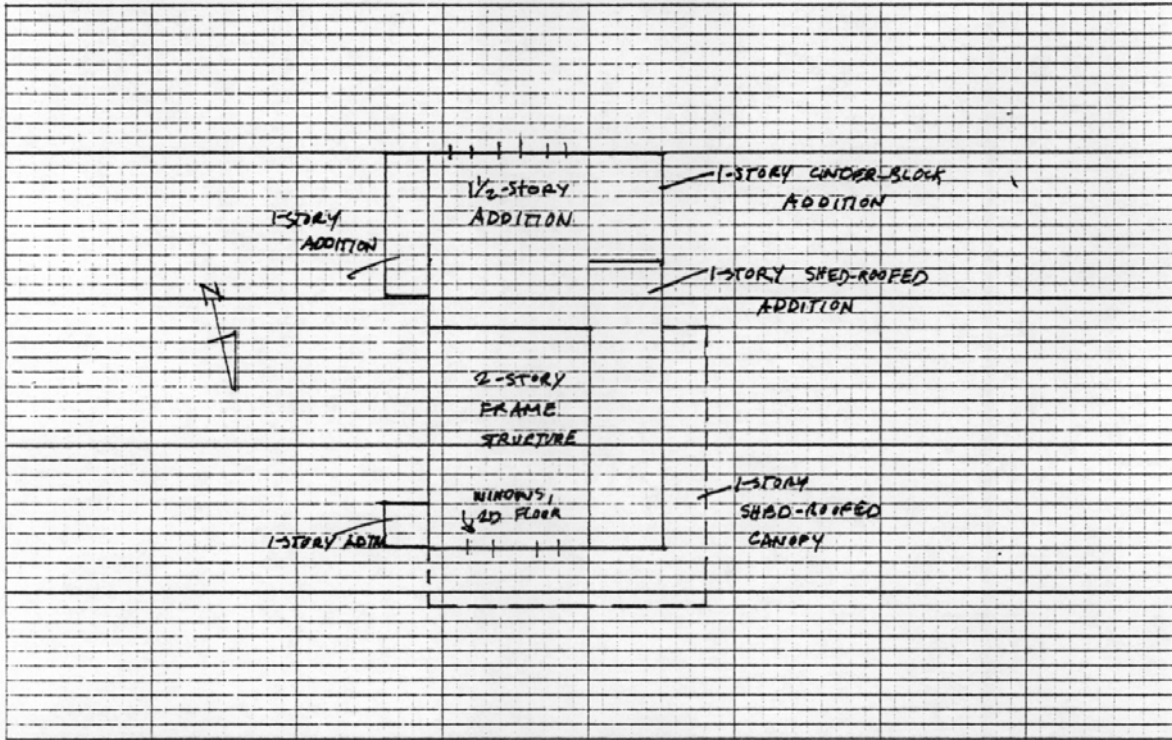
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See Buckhall Church & Buckhall Cemetery (76-233) photographs for context.

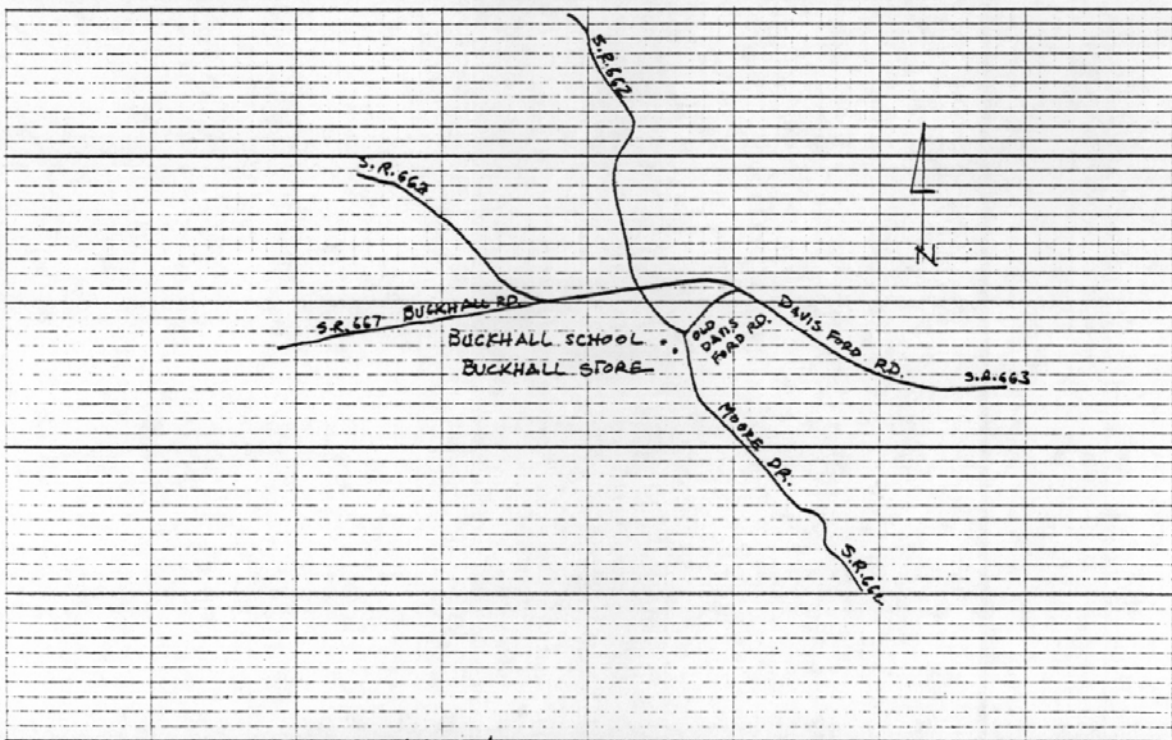
See also Prince William County Roll Book, W.P.A. Project files in State Library, Richmond (data: Names and addresses of persons interviewed sheet?).

Mrs. Hallie Cornwell Kemper, owner of building; Mrs. Robbie De Lavello, owner of store.

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



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



Twin Hills
... (unclear)
early 1900s early 1900s?

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