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There is proof that
Burnside was named
prior to the Civil War.
There are two recorded
births in 1855 + 1859
that lists place of birth at
Burnside. PA



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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-266
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Burnside Common name _____
 County/Town/City Prince William County
 Street address or route number 4905 James Madison Highway, Haymarket, Va.
 USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap Date or period Late 18th, early 19th Century
 Original owner _____ Architect/builder/craftsmen R.J. "Waddy" Wadsworth
 Original use Residence (Restoration architect)
 Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Floyd O. Collins Source of name Gen. A. E. Burnside (?) (see note)
 Present owner address 4905 James Madison Highway, Haymarket, Va. Source of date Architectural, historical evidence.
 Present use Residence Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame walls.
 Acreage 35 acres, reduced from earlier 206 acres. Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House, grounds, surrounding area in very 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.)
 In the 1950's renovation, fireplaces and chimneys both ends of main house were removed; kitchen wing altered and former entrance to wing removed; "mud room" installed in former basement of wing; shed addition on rear of main house enlarged or removed and rebuilt as a bay containing a "Florida room." Aluminum siding applied over existing weatherboards. Front door surround replaced. Porch added on north gable end, main house, and windows; 1st floor north end, replaced and rearranged.
 Former study and part of main hall, 1st floor, converted to bedroom and bathroom. Wall-to-wall carpeting installed over existing old pine floors. Interior trim replaced.
 Outbuilding on property--former meat house?--enlarged and converted to a guest cottage.
 Large, early 1900's barn southwest of main house.
 Interior inspected? yes

Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)
 Present owners bought the house and 206 acres from Evan Creel in 1951, as a retirement home and horse-breeding farm. Present owners commissioned Washington, D.C., architect (now retired and living in New Baltimore) R.J. "Waddy" Wadsworth to design and execute the restoration in the 1950's. In 1961, 168 of the farm's 206 acres were sold, leaving the present 35 acres.
 In 1901 Burnside was owned by W.L. Heuser.
 Burnside allegedly received its name during the Civil War when it was newly-built and the Hamiltons owned it. According to Mrs. Chitan, whose maiden name was Hamilton, during the Battle of Bull Run (2d?), General Burnside sent a warning that the house should be evacuated, thus saving both the house and its residents from harm. A more likely explanation is that the house was named for its location near a creek, Catharpin Run, "burn" meaning brook or rivulet.
 Burnside is located on the Old Carolina Road, which was widened and extensively rebuilt in the 1930's as Rt. 15, where it crosses Catharpin Run, a tributary of Bull Run which has its origins in the Bull Run Mountains and runs practically the whole width of Western Prince William County. No explanation has been found for Burnside's two entrances off Rt. 15, an upper and a lower one which create a driveway that loops around the house and past the barns.

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

ADDENDUM

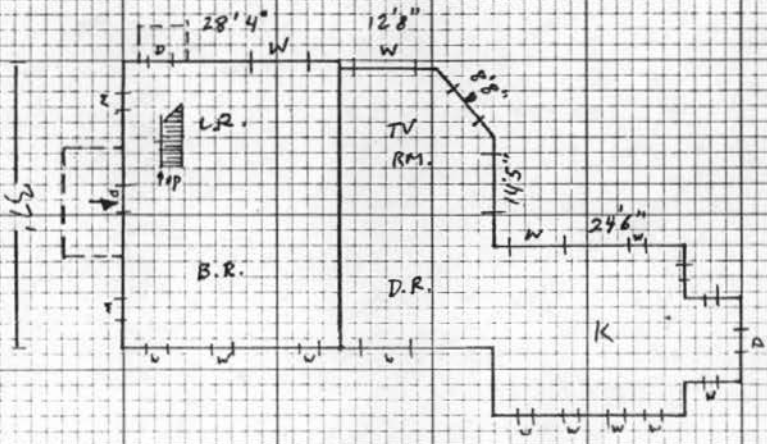
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

PLAN

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.)

Name, address and title of recorder Frances Jones, Architectural
Historian - Surveyor, NVPDC

Date JAN '80

Sources and bibliography

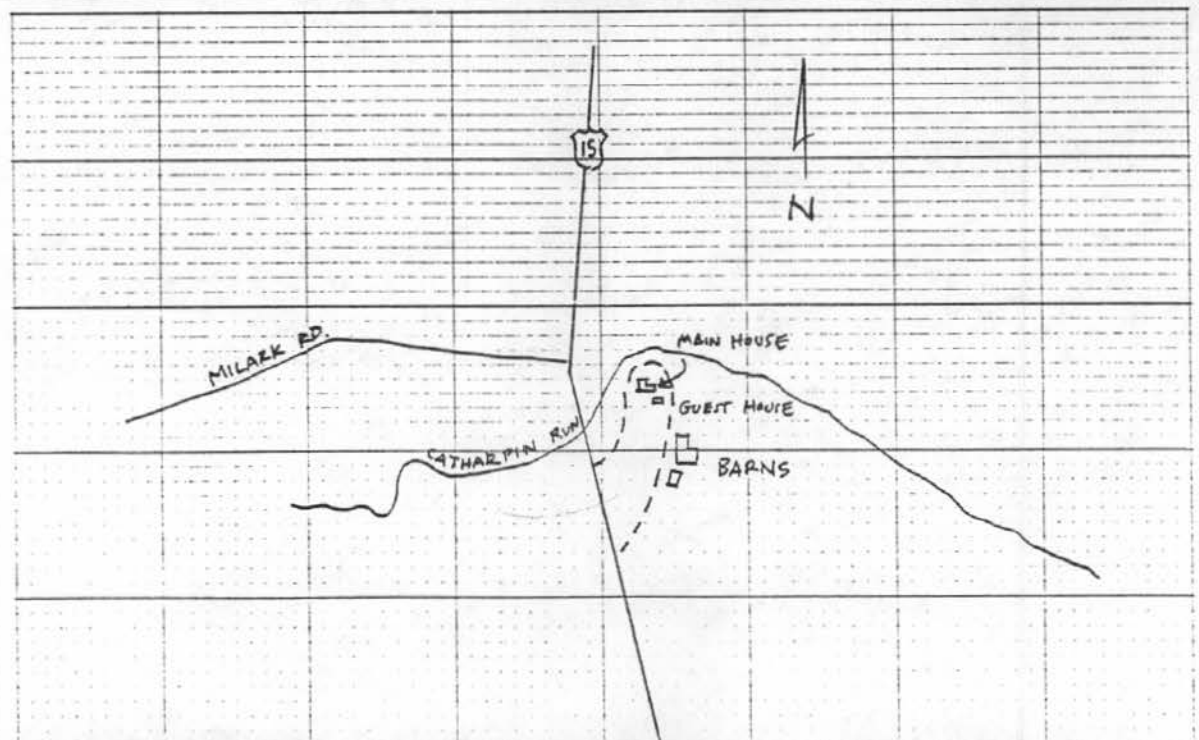
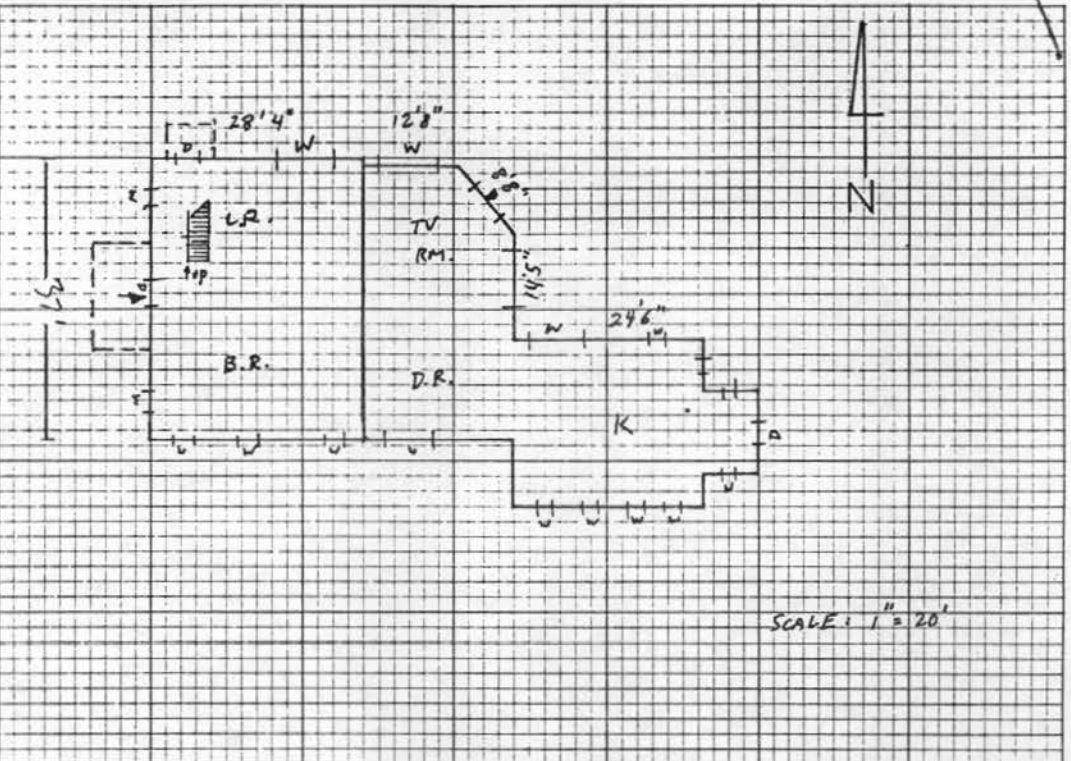
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Conner, E.R. III, Water Milling on Catharpin Run, Prince William County, Virginia 1975, p. 34.

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

Names and addresses of persons interviewed R.J. Wadsworth, Rte. 1, Box 32, Warrenton, Va. (90+ year old retired architect who designed the renovation). Mrs. Floyd Collins, owner.

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