



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Cannon-Luck House	Common name AKA Luck House, Frank Cannon House
County/Town/City Manassas	
Street address or route number 8751 Wesley Avenue, Manassas, Va. 22110	

USGS Quad Independent Hill	Date or period c1910
Original owner Francis Cannon	Architect/builder/craftsmen Elmer Metz (Builder)
Original use Residence	
Present owner Larry & Bonita Byers	Source of name
Present owner address 8751 Wesley Avenue, Manassas, Va. 22110	Source of date Architectural evidence.
Present use Residence	Stories 2 stories
Acreage 1 Lot	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame wal construction.
	Roof type Metal-covered hip roof.

State condition of structure and environs House and grounds are in 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.)

This house is similar to several houses built in about 1910 on Prescott Avenue and elsewhere in Manassas. A two-story, frame-constructed, hip-roofed residence built on a side-hall plan, its most striking feature is the one-story columned porch which spans the front and northeast side. This porch has been partly enclosed, but when the house was first built, the porch, without a rail, was open all the way around. The gable in the front contains a decorative (and useful) fan window, and the shingles in the gable are applied in a pattern. The house retains its weatherboard siding. The door and window trim is plain; the 1/1 sliding sash windows have aluminum shutters. There is a one-story addition to the rear containing an informal living room.

There is a two-flight, open-string stair which rises to the left of the front entrance. It has a moulded, square, oak newel with a finial, a moulded rail and turned balusters. Stair skirt trim is present. The interior door and window trim is symmetrically-moulded with corner blocks. The floors are probably oak. Southwest of the house is a small, two-story frame storage building, constructed as a barn or carriage house and clad with vertical siding. This outbuilding fronts onto the unpaved Powers St.

There is a feeling of quaintness and tranquility in this part of Manassas. Many of the houses date to the late 19th or early 20th century. Vegetable gardens are the rule, and cornfields seem to exist right up to the streets' edge. Notable residences located nearby include the former Methodist parsonage, at Wesley and Fairview Avenues, and Tillett Hall, on the east side of Fairview Avenue across from the old parsonage.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

Known as the Cannon-Luck House because, while Cannons owned it first, the Lucks were long-time owners, this house was supposedly built by Elmer Metz for Francis A. Cannon, a Manassas contractor. Metz's house was on Signal Hill Road, and Metz supposedly also built the Rexrow House on Signal Hill Road. Francis A. Cannon was a brother of I. E. Cannon. Their father, John A., was also a carpenter/contractor. Their grandfather Francis Cannon built the Cannon House (demol.), a hotel. John A. Cannon built the Old All Saints Catholic Church, the E. E. Meredith House, Tudor Hall (demol.), the Manassas National Bank, and other buildings in Manassas.

The present owners purchased the property in 1974 from John and Eileen Heil. In 1967, the house was owned by Roy and Carolyn Owen, and the Lucks owned the house from sometime after 1911 to 1967.

A photograph of the house (probably taken shortly after the house was built) appeared in the Manassas Journal in 1911, in a picture feature article on Manassas residences. The house, then owned and occupied by Frank Cannon, was for sale for \$3,200.

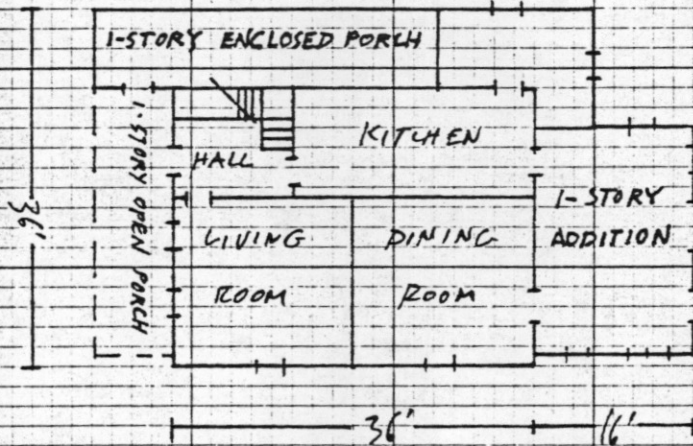
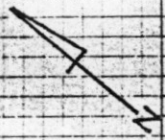
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Photograph in 19 May 1911 Manassas Journal.

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

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mrs. Byers (owner).

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



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

SEE ATTACHED MAP OF MANASSAS.

