

RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 076-0593

Other DHR Number:

Property Date(s) 1935

PROPERTY NAMES

Cerro Gordo, 8001 Cerro Gordo Road

EXPLANATION

Historic/Current

County/Independent City: Prince William

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel:

USGS Quad Map Name: THOROUGHFARE GAP

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
8001 -	Cerro Gordo Road	Current

Vicinity: X Town/Village/Hamlet: Buckland

Name of National Register Historic District:

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: Rural

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

The property is situated on a high knoll overlooking the Buckland Historic District. This is the highest point in the immediate Buckland area. There is a circular drive on the southeast side of the house and an in-ground swimming pool and tennis court on the west side of the house. Part of the property is fenced pastureland for horses. There is a 19th century cemetery on the property. There are large ancient oak trees which were planted in the 19th century, other mature plantings, stone walls and walkway which were built in 1939 and 1940. A pond is located in the pasture behind the stables.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
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1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Historic
2.0	1	Stable	Historic
3.0	1	Granary	Historic
4.0	1	Shed	Historic
5.0	1	Tennis Court	Non-historic
6.0	1	Pool/Swimming Pool	Non-historic
7.0	1	Cemetery	Historic
8.0	1	Wall	Historic
9.0	1	Pond	Non-historic
10.0	3	Archaeological Site	Historic

TOTAL: 12
Historic: 9
Non-Historic: 3

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimney	2	Interior end	Stone	Coursed Rubble
Door(s)	0	Single Leaf	Wood	Paneled
Dormer	2	Gable	Wood	Weatherboard
Foundation	0	Solid	Stone	Coursed Rubble
Roof	0	Gable	Metal	Standing Seam
Walls	0	Masonry	Stone	Coursed Rubble
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	6/6

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Single Dwelling
Primary Resource? Yes
Estimated Date of Construction: 1935
Source of Date: Owner/site visit
Written Data

Architectural Style: Colonial Revival

Description:

This vernacular Georgian/Federal Revival house was designed and built ca. 1935 by Phillip Harry Lee, a descendent of Lighthouse Harry Lee. Lee was not an architect, but it is said that he built the stone house on the foundations of an earlier 19th century house which had been built by Mrs. Alexander and later owned by the Hunton family before and during the Civil War. The house burned sometime in the early 20th century. Although the earlier house was frame, Lee followed the same floor plan. Sometime in 1938 or early 1939, Stanley Brewster, a Washington D.C. architect, purchased the property and made some alterations to the house. Built of redstone quarried on the property, the house is a two-and-a-half story, central hall, single-pile main block flanked by two-story wings. The main block has a gable roof and two interior end stone chimneys. The stone walls and low foundation are 22 inches thick and built of coursed rubble redstone. The main block has two small gabled dormers with nine-light sash on the front roof, while each wing has wall dormers on both sides of the roof. The remaining fenestration is 6/6 double-hung sash. The roofs have shallow unadorned molded cornices and are clad in standing seam metal. The original doorway opening is said to have been more rectangular. The Federal style doorway with semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights is said to have been one of Brewster's alterations. There is a simple stone front stoop with three risers. The facade is symmetrical, but the windows are an unusual arrangement with the top windows not lining up with the bottom windows. The chimneys are not true interior end chimneys, but they extend a short distance from the outside wall. The

three-bay full-width single-story porch off the back of the house has stone columns and stone steps. It was originally screened and is now in-filled with stone and windows. There are two hipped-roof side porches, one off each wing. The west wing porch is enclosed and the east wing porch has wrought iron posts and balustrade. When the Brewsters bought the house, the grounds were overgrown with blackberry and wild rose vines and briars, brush and weeds. In 1939 and 1940, Mr. Brewster built the stone walls and walkways, paying special attention to preserving the old landscape plan of terraced gardens and pathways. Ironically, the stones which he used were taken from the archaeological remains of the old kitchen foundation.

Condition: Good-Excellent

Threats to Resource: Transportation Expansion

Additions/Alterations Description:

The back porch was enclosed with coursed rubble walls mid-way and large multi-paned windows. The east side porch has replacement ornamental wrought iron posts and a simple wrought iron balustrade. The west side porch has been enclosed with large multi-paned windows.

Number of Stories: 2.5

Interior Plan Type: Central Passage, Single Pile

Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 2.0

WUZIT:

Primary Resource?

Estimated Date of Construction:

Source of Date:

Architectural Style:

Description:

2. Frame stable, ca. 1935, a long, narrow rectangular frame building with doors cut at different heights and an attempt at a decorative cornice with the addition of scalloped pieces of wood in between the exposed rafters; 3. Granary, ca. 1935, a small frame gable-fronted building on stone piers; 4. Shed, ca. 1935, a frame, one-story building with weatherboarding and a standing seam metal shed roof which rests on stone piers; 5 and 6. Tennis Court and above-ground swimming pool are recent additions to the property; 7. Cemetery, ca. second half of the 19th century, burial place for Tylers, Lees, and Hunton families and probably others. The owner is presently doing research to find more information on the cemetery; 8. Stone walls and walkways were built in 1939 and 1940 by Stanley Brewster following the original landscaping and terraces and walkways; 9. Archaeological sites: kitchen, slave quarters and ice house sites are behind the main house. Other known outbuildings no longer extant were a log wash house, a smokehouse, a carriage house and a summer house. There is also said to be an American Indian burial ground on the property.

Condition:

Threats to Resource:

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 0.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

The tennis court and swimming pool are located on the west side of the house. The stable is directly behind the house. A man-made pond lies north of the stable. The granary and shed are in a pasture east of the main house. The sites of the kitchen and slave quarters are directly behind the house on the northeast corner. The ice house site is directly behind the main house. The cemetery is located on the east side of the property under a large oak tree and near the lilac bush. There is also said to be an Indian burial ground in the back yard where grass never grows.

DHR Historic Context: Domestic
Funerary
Subsistence/Agriculture

Significance Statement:

Cerro Gordo Plantation, presently known as Cerro Gordo, was named after the battle of Cerro Gordo, the Mexican War battle in which Robert E. Lee was first tested. It was so named because the hill on which the house stood resembled the conical hill at Cerro Gordo in Mexico. The present house was built by Phillip Harry Lee, a descendent of Lighthorse Harry Lee, on the foundation of an earlier antebellum house said to have been built by a Mrs. Alexander in the early 1800s. Cerro Gordo plantation is associated with members of the Hunton, Tyler, and Lee families who were influential locally in the early history of the area. During the Civil War battles, Buckland villagers took refuge in the mills while their neighbors at Cerro Gordo took refuge in their cellar. During the cavalry skirmish known as the Buckland Races on October 19, 1863, in which Custer and his Federal troops encountered J.E.B. Stuart and his cavalry, this property which is the highest point in the area, may have been used as a staging area for the skirmish. A lithograph in the Harper's Weekly shows the Army of the Potomac with their cannons on a bluff (most likely Cerro Gordo) overlooking the village of Buckland. The trees (oak trees) in the foreground are still standing. There is an old family cemetery on the property and possibly archaeological sites of the antebellum kitchen, ice house, log wash house, smoke house, carriage house, and slave quarters. The house has retained its integrity and is a good example of a ca. 1930s vernacular Colonial Revival dwelling. For these reasons, this property appears to be potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A, B, & C, ~~and D~~.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
Color 35mm Photos		-	5/ 1/1996
B&W 35mm Photos		-	5/ 1/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Drawings
Author: A. R. Waud
Citation Abbreviation:

Notes:

Lithograph showing "The Army of the Potomac-Buckland-Scene of a Cavalry Skirmish with Stuart." Harper's Weekly. October 1863. Copy in possession of Mrs. Wright.

Sequence #: 2.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Journal
Author: Brewster, Stanley A.
Citation Abbreviation:

Notes:

Diary of Stanley A. Brewster while he was renovating the house. Dates 1939-1940. Copy in possession of present owners of Cerro Gordo, Linda Wright.

Sequence #: 3.0 Bibliographic Record Type: NRHP Form
Author:
Citation Abbreviation:

Notes:

NRHP Form for Buckland Historic District

Sequence #: 4.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Book
Author: Stern, Philip Van Dorn
Citation Abbreviation:

Notes:

Robert E. Lee: The Man and the Soldier. Bonanza Books, a division of Crown Publishers, New York, 1963.

Sequence #: 5.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Map
Author:
Citation Abbreviation:

Notes:

1965 Map of Cerro Gordo. Copy in possession of present owner, Linda Wright.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/26/1996
Cultural Resource Management Event: Phase I Survey
Organization or Person: VCU-ARC Mary Ellen Bushey
ID # Associated with Event: VA Dept. of Transportation
CRM Event Notes or Comments:
Project no. U000-155-V12, PE100 C-500

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorific: Mrs.
First : Linda
Last : Wright
Suffix :
Title :
Company:

Address: 8001 Cerro Gordo Road

City : Gainesville State: VA
Zip : 22065- Country: USA
Phone/extension: 703-754-4000

Individual Category Codes:

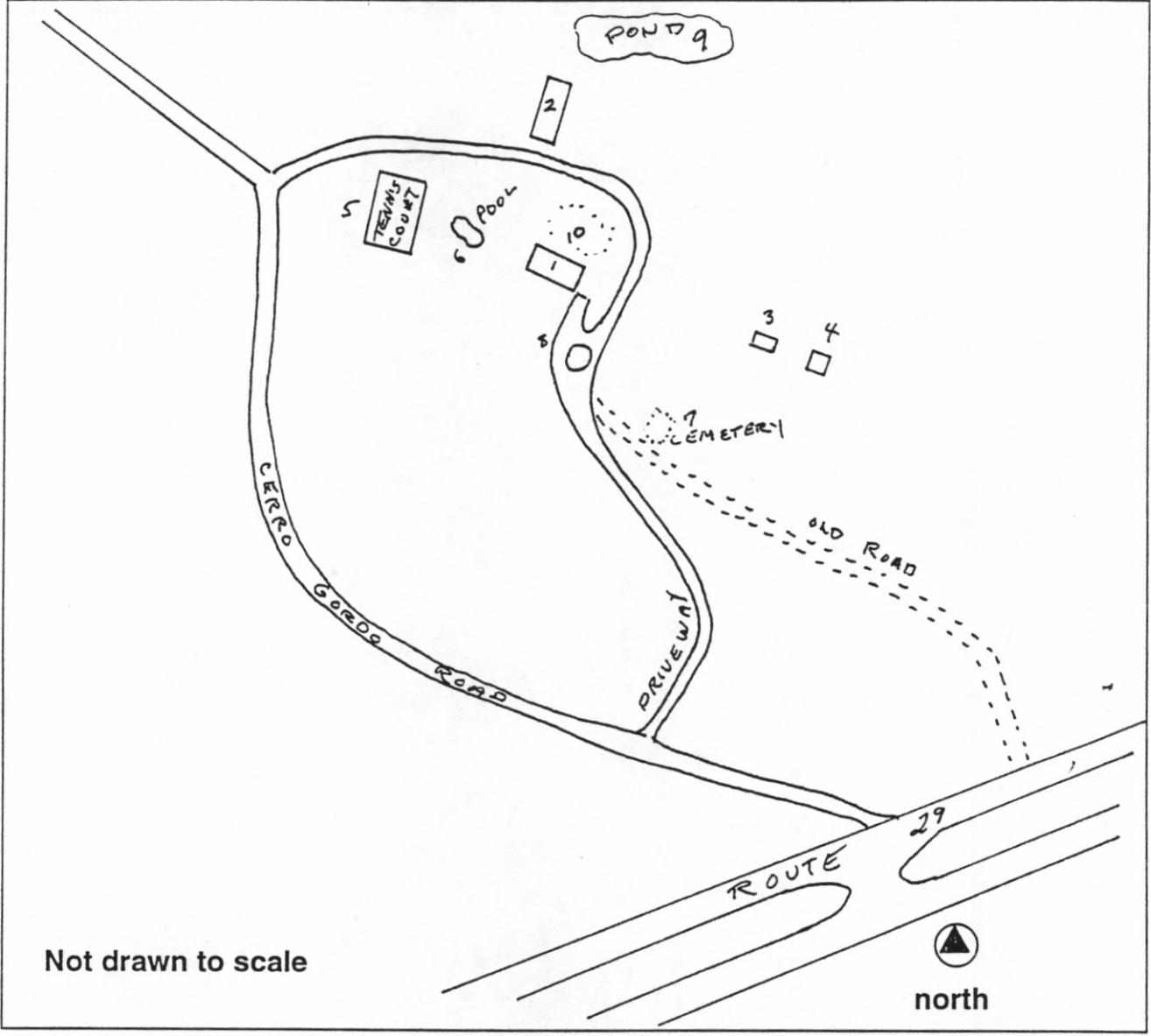
Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

The owner wished to provide her own photos which are included with this report.

1 RECORD IN THIS REPORT

SITE MAP: 76-593
Date: 3/26/96

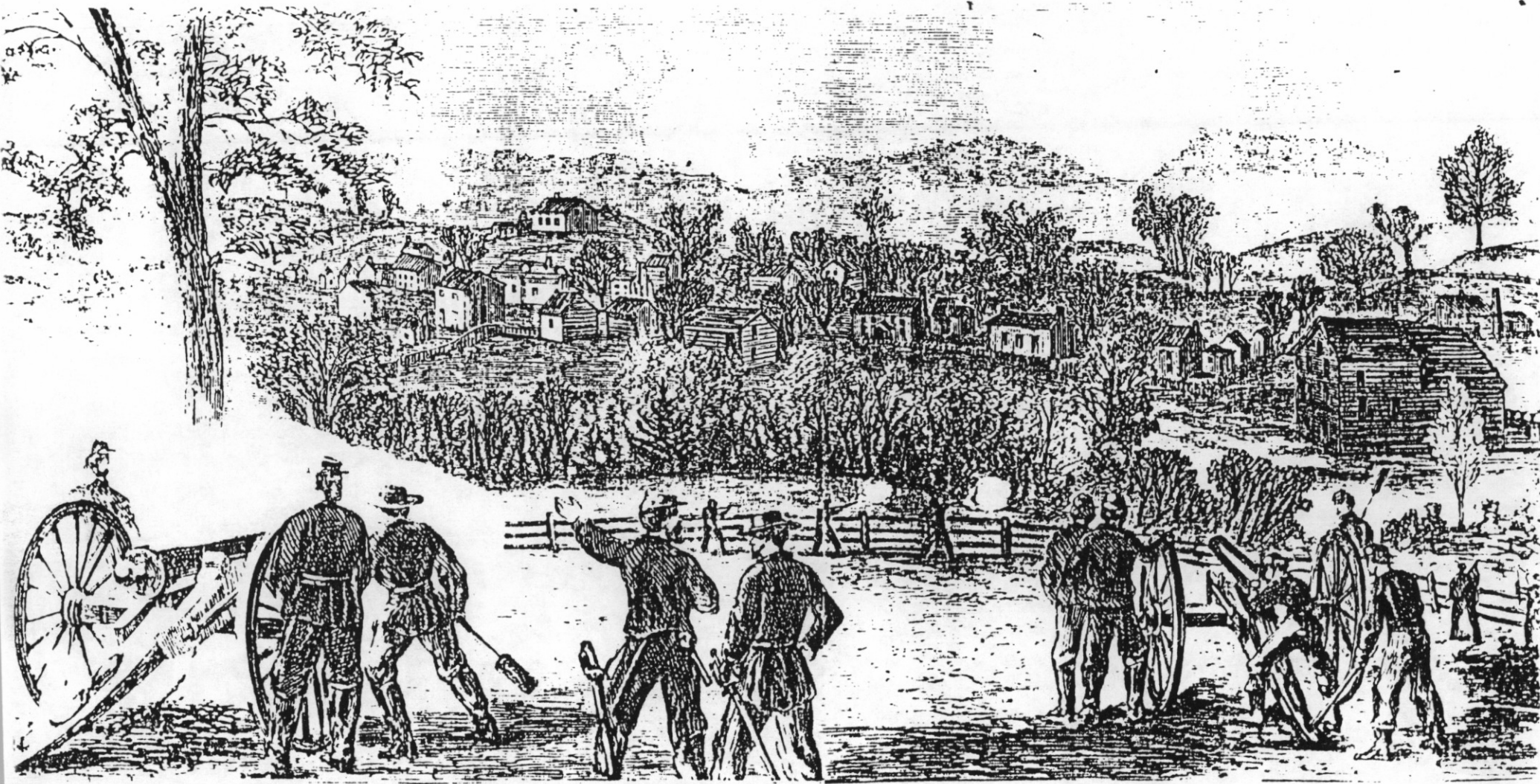


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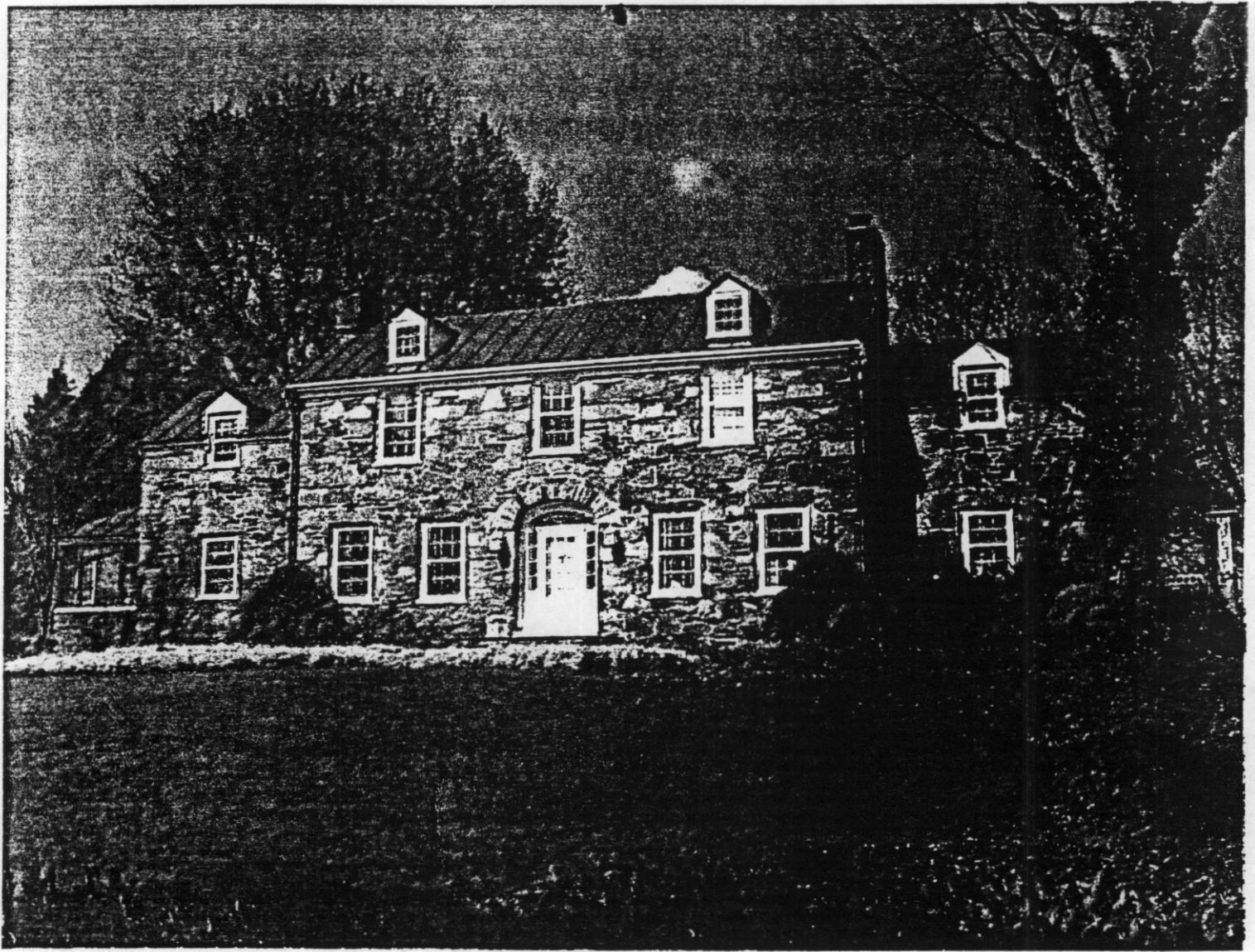
Prince William Co.
Virginia
1965

Scale: Approx. 1" = 200'





VIEW FROM THE POTOMAC—BUCKLAND, SCENE OF A CAVALRY SKIRMISH WITH STUART.—SKETCHED BY A. R. WOOD.—[SEE PAGE 72.]





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Negative no(s).

VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT / BRIEF
SURVEY FORM

City/Town/village/Hamlet Buckland County Prince William
Street address or Feature no# _____ U.S.G.S Quad Thoroughfare
Historic name Cerro Gordo Plantation Common Name Cerro Gordo
Present use Storage Building Style Vernacular
Original use Barn Building Date(s) 1900's

1) Construction Materials

- Wood frame
- Brick
- Bond:
 - English
 - Flemish
 - Course American
 - Stretcher
 - Other _____

- Stone:
 - Random rubble
 - Coursed rubble
 - Ashlar
 - Dressed
 - Rock-faced

- Log:
 - Squared
 - Unsquared

Notching

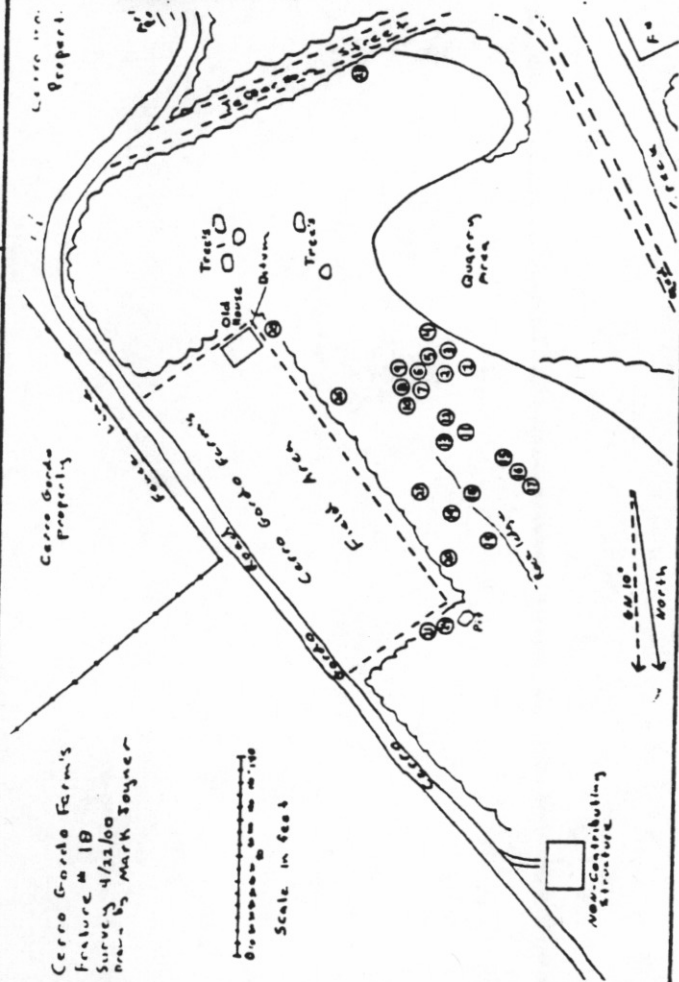
- V-notching
- Saddle
- Square
- Half dovetail
- Full dovetail
- Diamond

- Concrete block
- Terra cotta
- Steel frame
- Other _____

2) Cladding Material

- Weatherboard
- Vertical siding
- Board & Batten

18) Sketch of site plan



Surveyed by: Mark E. Joyner
Date: April 22nd 2001

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2) Continued: Shingle:

- Wood
- Asbestos
- Asphalt

- Bricktex
- Composition siding
- Stucco
- Aluminum or Vinyl siding
- Cast iron
- Sheet metal
- Enameled Metal
- Glass
- Other _____

3) Stories (number) 1

- Low basement
- Raised basement
- English basement
- Crawl space

4) Bay's (number)

- Front: 1
- Side: 1
- Symmetrical
- Asymmetrical

5) Roof Type

- Shed
- Parapet

- Hipped
- Pyramidal

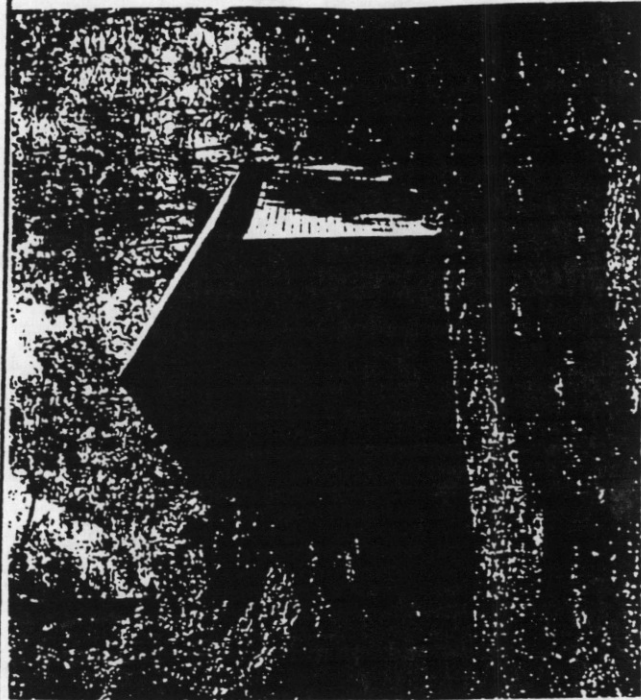
- Gable
- Pediment
- Parapet
- Clipped end
- Cross gable
- Central front gable

- Mansard
- False mansard
- Gambrel

Flat

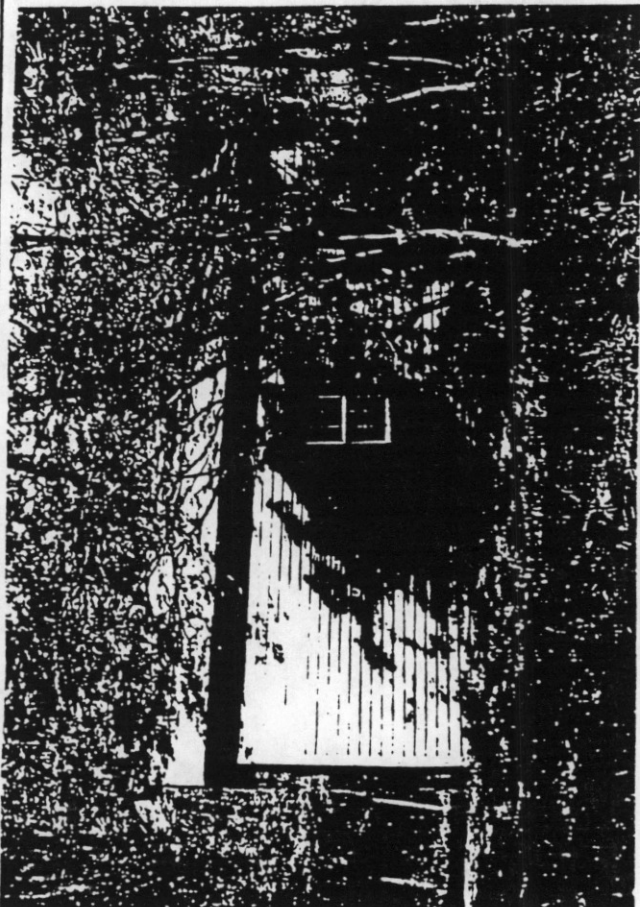
- Parapet
- Roof not visible
- Other _____

Attach Photo:



Cerro Gordo Plantation. Storage barn. Buckland Virginia

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Cerro Gordo Plantation. Storage barn. Buckland Virginia

6) Roofing Material

Shingle

- Composition (asphalt, asbestos, etc.)
- Wood

Metal

- Standing seam
- Corrugated
- Pressed tin (simulated shingles)

Tile

- Pantile
- Flat
- Glazed
- Slate
- Not visible
- Other _____

7) Dormers (number) None

- Front _____
- Side _____
- Rear _____
- Gable
- Pediment
- Shed
- Hipped

8) Primary Porch

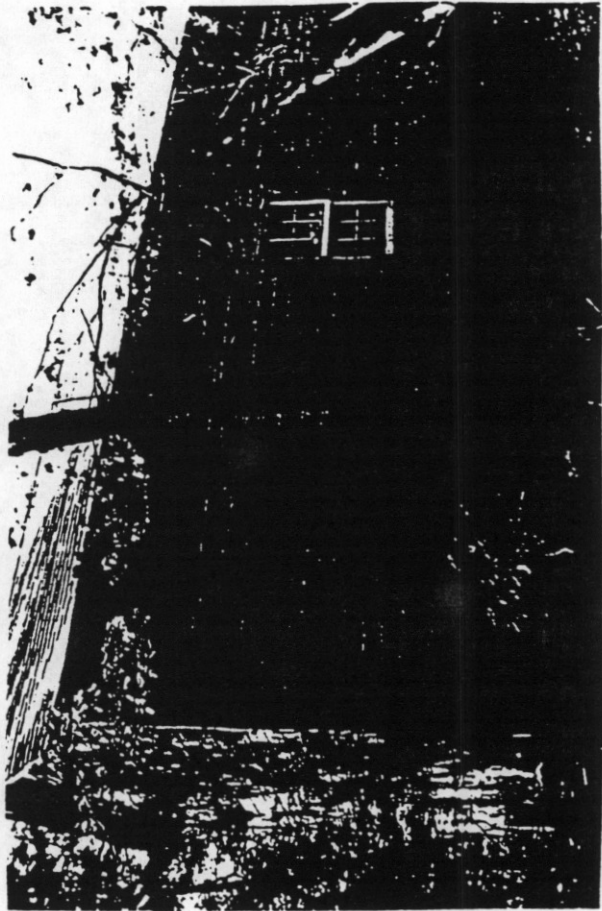
Style None
 Stories _____
 Levels _____
 Materials _____
 Description and decorative details _____

9) General supplementary description and decoration single interior location for wood burning stove, Entrance door on South side with single window, large door's on East side of structure.

10) Major additions and alterations: None

11) Out buildings: None

Additional Photo's:



Cerro Gordo Plantation. Storage barn. Buckland Virginia.

12) Landscape features: Building sits atop a high bluff overlooking Broad Run, placed in western corner of open field. Small brush with large trees in southern wooded area.

13) Primary Sources: Cerro Gordo Plantation Stewardship, LLC

14) Published Sources: Deed abstracts 1791-1818 Prince William TO many refs; to list on this form see attached.

15) Interviews

Name: Linda + Barry Wright

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Information: _____

Name: Association for the Study of Archaeological Prop.

Address: 16206 Lee Highway, Buckland.

Phone number: 703-754-2704

Information: supplied info. about Civil War Battle

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Information: _____

16) Plan and Massing (note original features, additions, and alterations): none

17) Historical Information: This property was all part of the Lee property overlooking the Buckland Dam. This was the position of Union soldiers firing across the creek at the Confederates.



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Street address or Feature no# lot # C Cerro Gordo R.O. U.S.G.S Quad Thoroughfare
Historic name Celi King home/lee Common Name Cerro Gordo Plantation
Present use Cultural Resource Building Style Unknown
Original use Residential Building Date(s) Pre 1850's

1) Construction Materials

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- Brick
- Bond:
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 - Flemish
 - Course American
 - Stretcher
 - Other _____

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 - Ashlar
 - Dressed
 - Rock-faced

- Log:
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 - Unsquarred

Notching

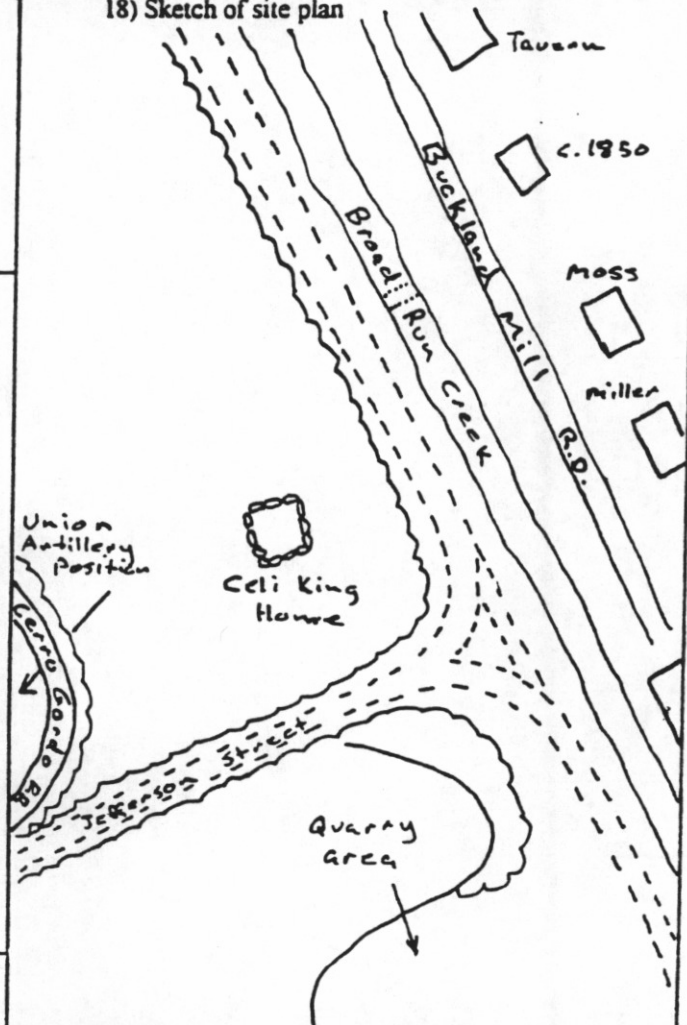
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- Parapet

- Hipped
- Pyramidal

- Gable
- Pediment
- Parapet
- Clipped end
- Cross gable
- Central front gable

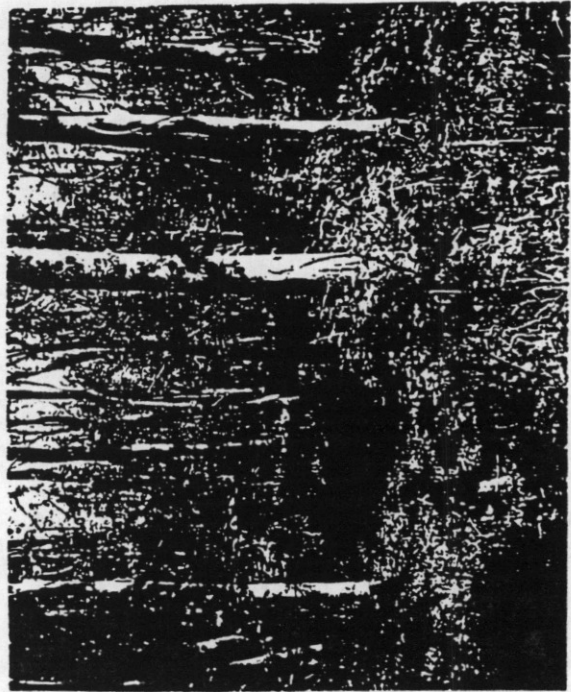
- Mansfard
- False mansfard
- Gambrel

Flat

- Parapet

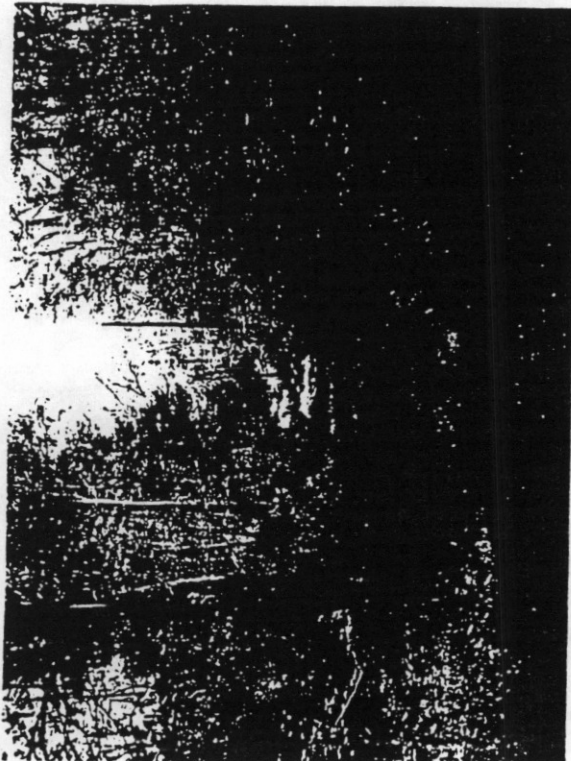
- Roof not visible
- Other _____

Attach Photo:



Celi King home foundation area, Cerro Gordo Plantation, Buckland Virginia

Attach Photo:



Jefferson Street leading to Celi King's home and Broad Run, Cerro Gordo, Buckland Virginia

6) Roofing Material

Shingle

- Composition (asphalt, asbestos, etc.)
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Metal

- Standing seam
- Corrugated
- Pressed tin (simulated shingles)

Tile

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- Flat
- Glazed
- Slate
- Not visible
- Other N/A

7) Dormers (number) N/A

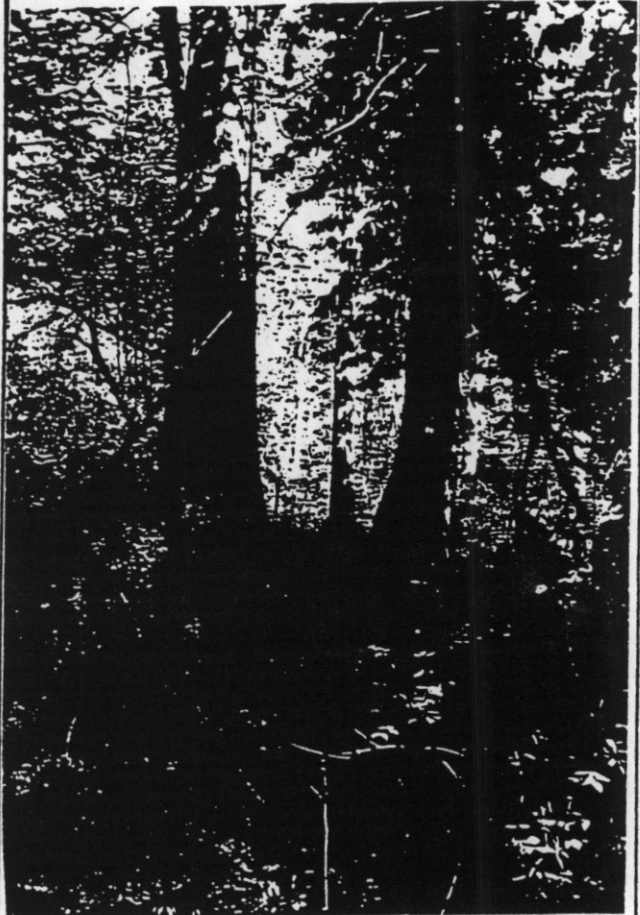
- Front _____
- Side _____
- Rear _____

- Gable
- Pediment
- Shed
- Hipped

8) Primary Porch

Style unknown
 Stories _____
 Levels _____
 Materials _____
 Description and decorative details _____

Additional Photo's:



Entrance leading to Celi King home foundation. Cerro Gordo, Buckland Virginia.

9) General supplementary description and decoration Single Door access to Structure.

10) Major additions and alterations: unknown

11) Out buildings: Historical records indicated Hen house for chickens/livestock + Privy - outhouse

12) Landscape features: structure sits in flood plain along
Broad Run with steep bank on East side - Bark
wire fence runs through out property.

13) Primary Sources: Brewster family records, PWC Deed
Abstracts 1794-1796, 1796-1798 18/93

14) Published Sources: Potomac woman's "mother lode" Indian tribes
of North America 1968 Deed Abstracts Assoc. PWC the
Story of its people and its places

15) Interviews

Name: Linda Wright

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Information: Supplied information about Brewster family
records about Eli King + husband.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Information: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

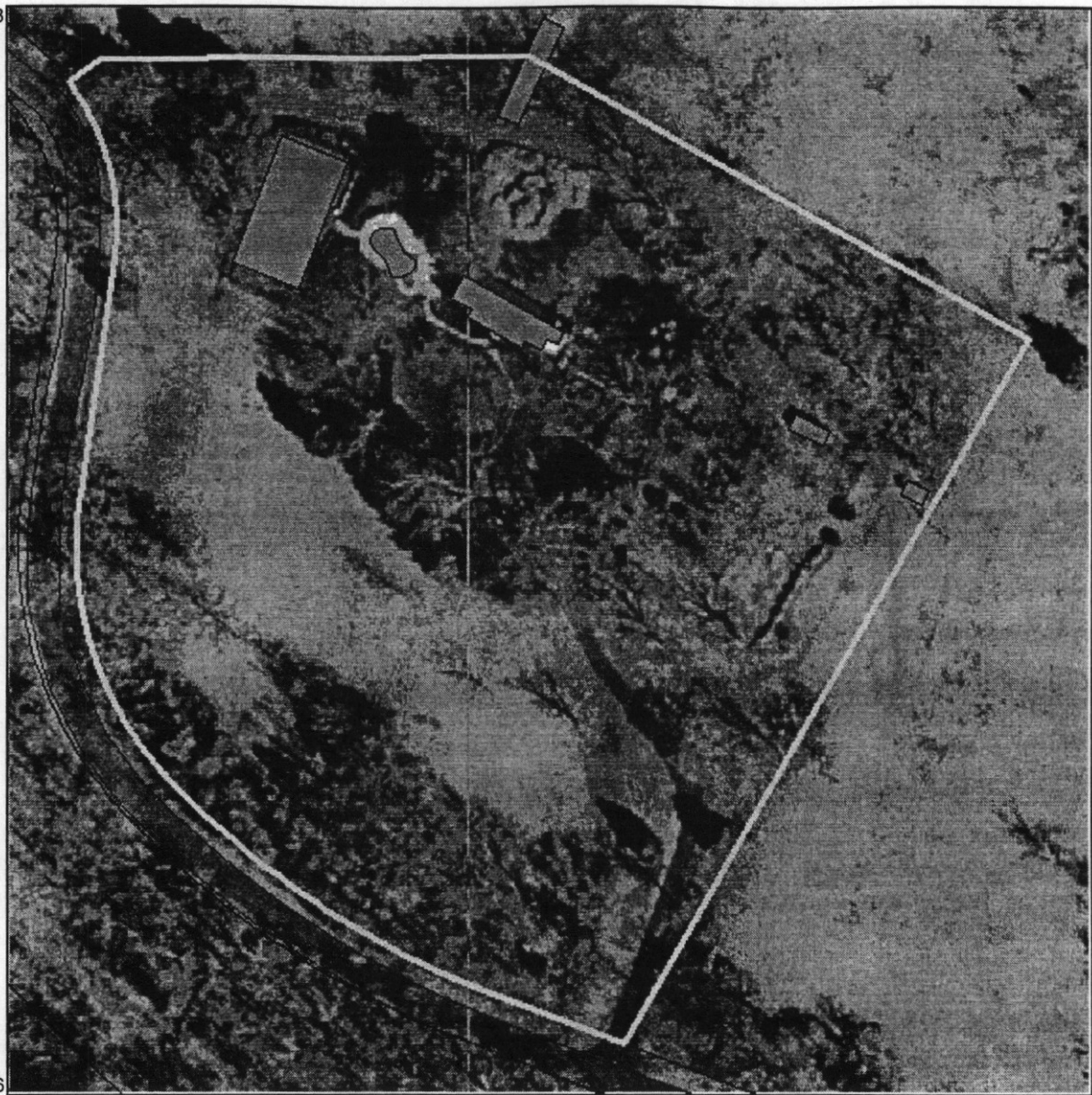
Information: _____

16) Plan and Massing (note original features, additions, and alterations): unknown at this
time.

17) Historical Information: During one flood Eli King watched as her
her house floated away with her prize Rooster growing
on top. She also made + sold peciman beer + horse pies
to anybody who would pass. This property was part of
R. Cambell's tract in 1700's sold as lot 38 of Town of
Buckland.

PWC-GIS INTRANET COUNTY MAPPER

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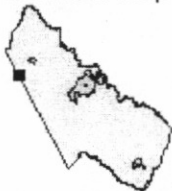
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Parcel: 7196-89-9010

Owner: WRIGHT EDWARD B JR & LINDA L SURV

8001 CERRO GORDO RD

GAINESVILLE, VA 20155-1947

Parcel Address: 8001 CERRO GORDO RD

Deed Book: 1276 **Pg:** 1924

Acres: 7.481

Census Tract: 901502