



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name T.F. Coleman House	Common name
County/Town/City Manassas	
Street address or route number 8898 Center Street, Manassas, VA 22110	
USGS Quad Manassas	Date or period c1905
Original owner T.F. Coleman	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Michael H. & Nancy E. Rosen-	Source of name
Present owner address 8898 Center St. blatt	Source of date Architectural evidence
Manassas, VA 22110	Stories 2 stories
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls
Acreage 11,800 sq. ft.	
Roof type Pressed tin-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 large, two-story, hip-roofed, weatherboarded house is a Center Street landmark. It is situated on the north side of Center Street at the point where the street turns sharply north and becomes Prescott Avenue. This heavily-used street is also inner-city U.S. 28, unfortunately for those who live on Center and Prescott, because although the speed limit here is 10 mph it is widely disregarded, making it hazardous to try to cross the street and even dangerous to walk alongside it.

The T.F. Coleman House is a very stylish early 20th century house, almost Chateausque, with its conical-roofed tower, steeply-pitched hip roof, modillion cornice, multiple-pane windows, dormer window, and deep, one-story, wrap-around porch. It previously had a decorative rail, or roof crest, around the roof peak, partially concealing the brick chimney atop the roof. The house's massive exterior is covered with channeled siding painted white. An early 1900's photograph published in the Manassas Journal shows the moulded, bracketed cornice and deep eaves painted a contrasting dark color, along with the cornerboards and door and window trim. The roof, constructed of moulded tin to suggest tile, is painted silver. Some of the roof decorations, finials, visible in the c1907 photograph are still present.

The front doorway is surrounded by multiple-pane side- and overhead lights. The paneled front door has a single glass pane in the upper section. The windows are 16/1 sliding sash. The door and window trim is plain. The bracketed 1-story front porch which wraps around the east side has simple round columns, a moulded rail, and square balusters.

Inside, the floor plan is an EL, with parlors, or sitting rooms on either side of the central hall and kitchen and dining room in the rear. The open-string, three-flight stair has two landings and appears to be made of cherry wood. The square newel and the rail are moulded,

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Interior inspected? Yes.

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

Until March 1980, this house was still owned by members of the Coleman family. Present owners purchased the house from Mrs. Warren E. Coleman.

The Coleman house was included in both special feature photographic issues of the Manassas Journal on houses in Manassas, in 1907 and 1911.

T.F. Coleman worked for the Southern Railway Co.

ARCHITECTURE (Cont.)

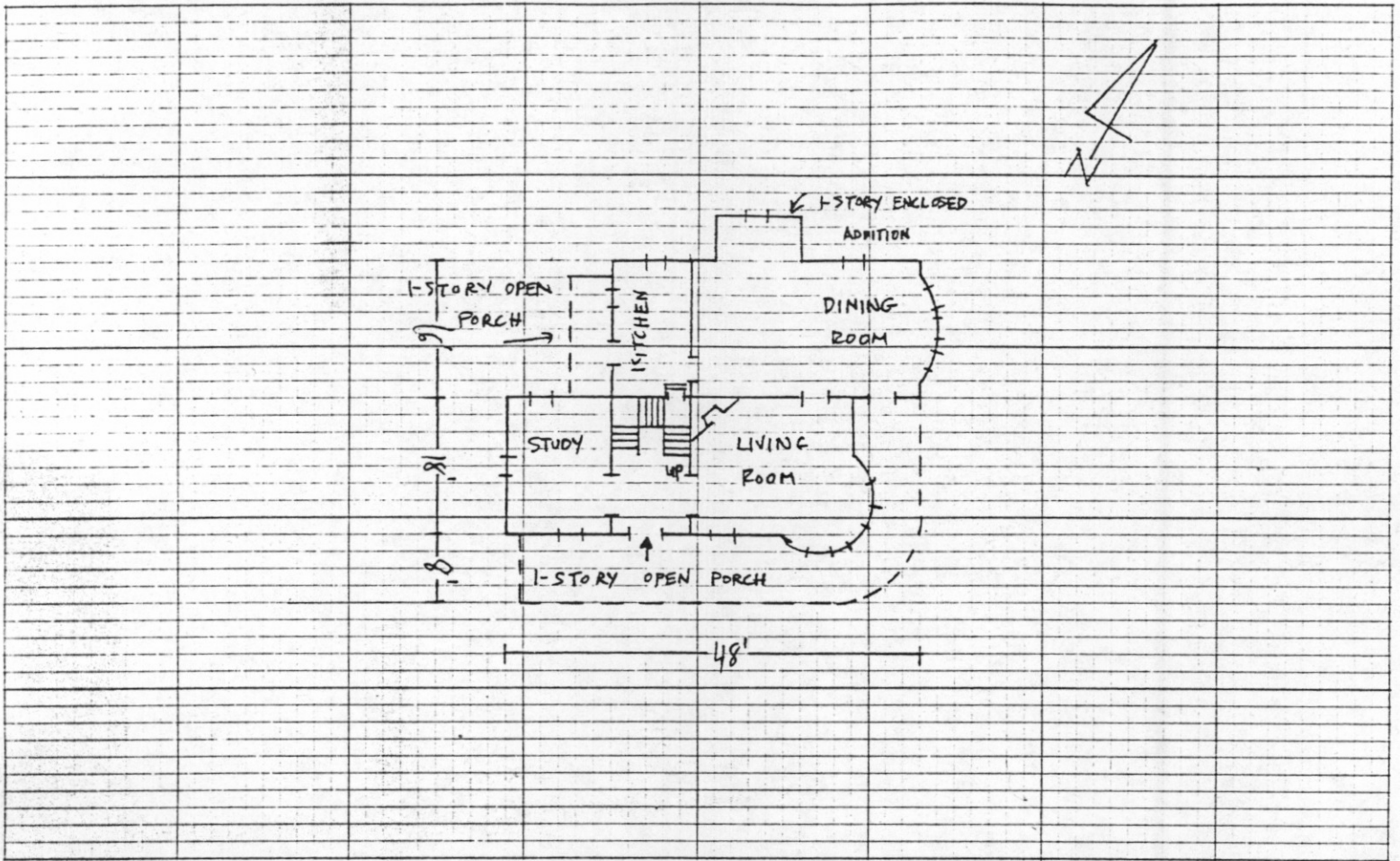
the balusters are square. The floor throughout is narrow (fir or spruce?) tongue and groove. There is a large ornate mantel in the east parlor. A working fireplace, it has a moulded shelf on pilasters, a frieze decorated with a medallion and trimmed with egg and dart moulding. There are french doors between the hall and parlor.

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... published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)
Manassas Journal, 20 December 1907, 19 May 1911.

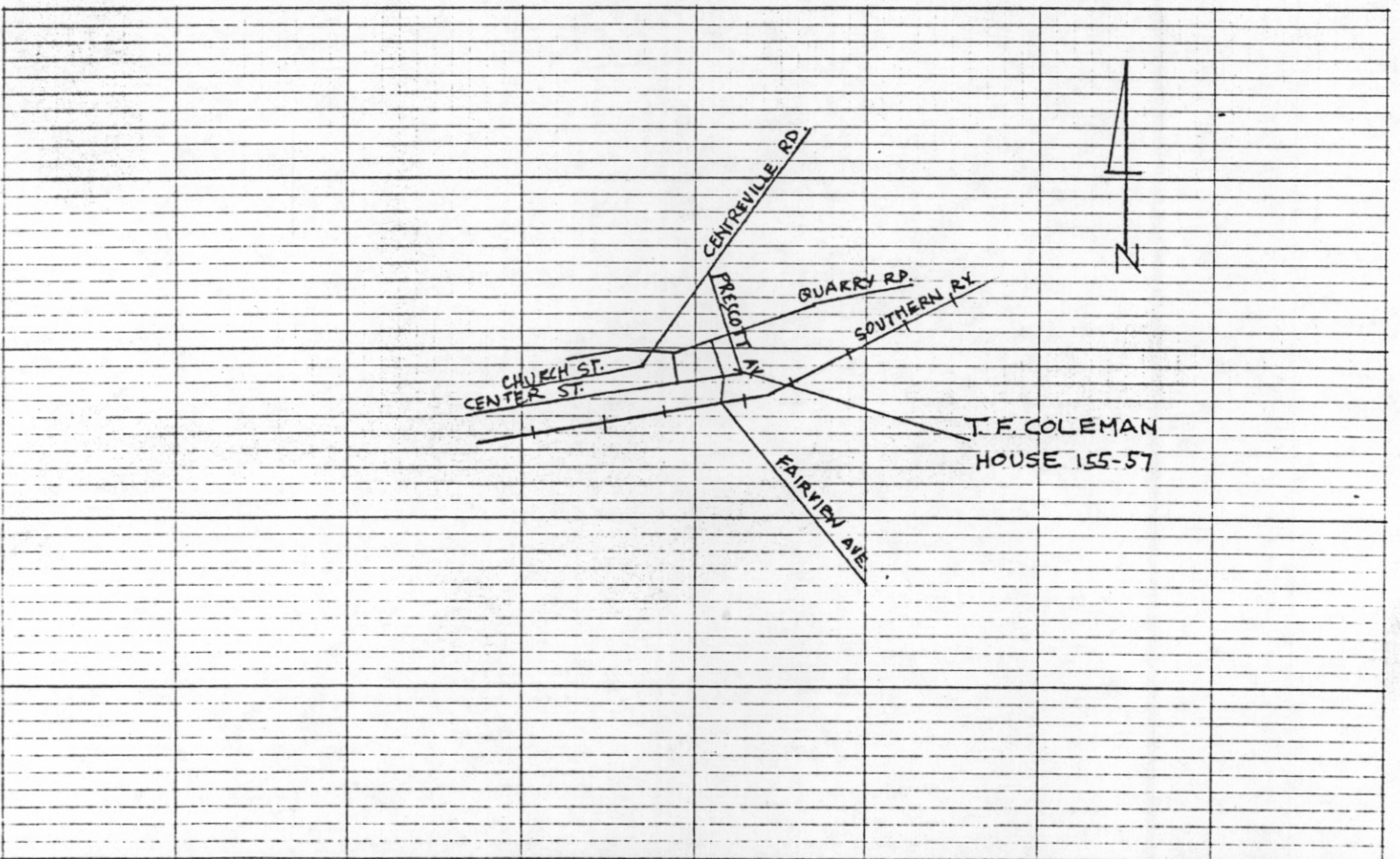
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials: give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

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



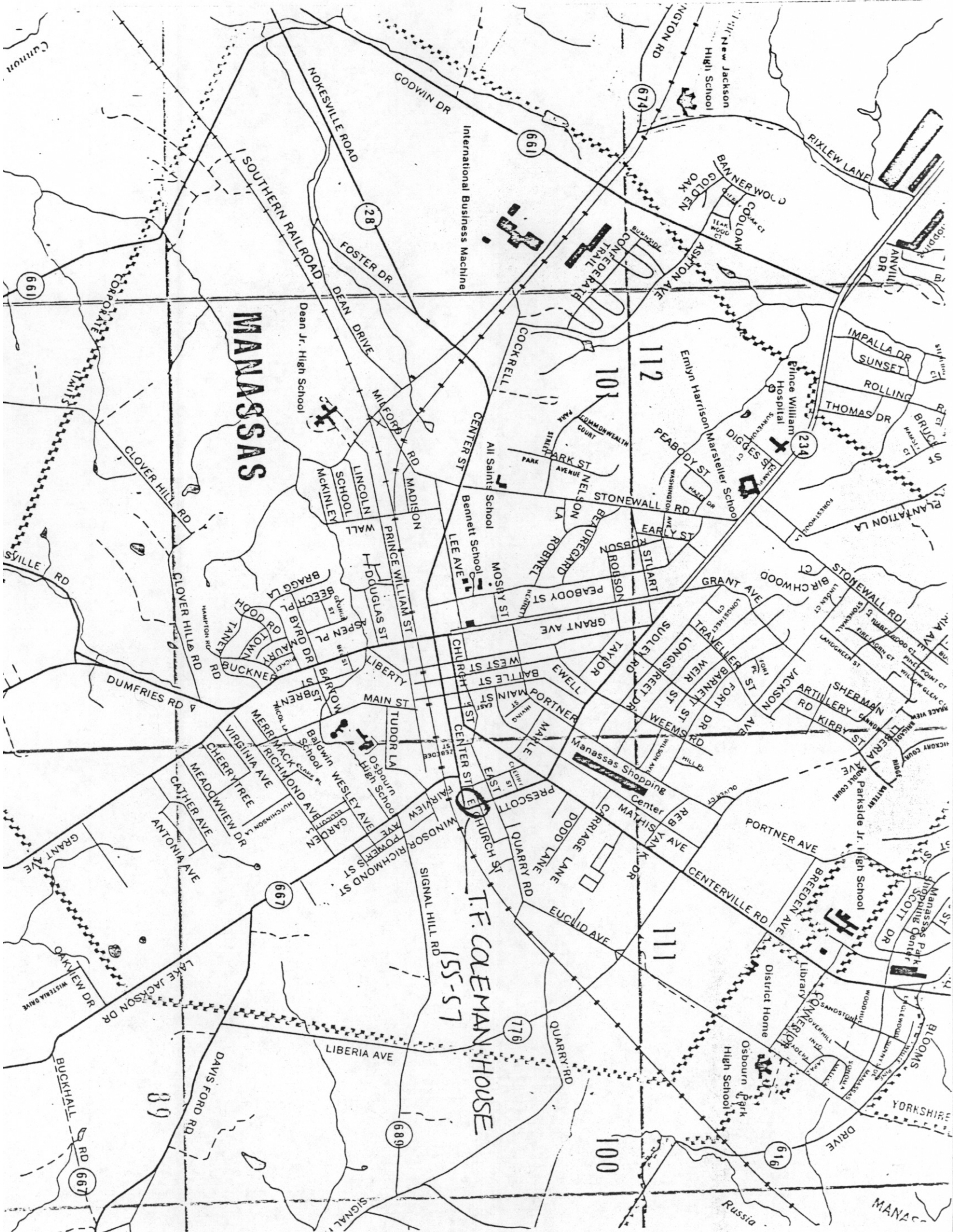
Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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