



**VIRGINIA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

SURVEY FORM

File no. 76-194  
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Historic name Methodist Parsonage in Gainesville Common name Hillwood Trailer Sales Office  
 County/Town/City Prince William Co. ville  
 Street address or route number 14222 Lee Highway, Gainesville, VA

USGS Quad Gainesville	Date or period c1900
Original owner Unknown	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Gardner Family	Source of name Previous use.
Present owner address 14222 Lee Highway	Source of date Architectural evidence, owner.
Gainesville, Va.	Stories 2
Present use Trailer sales & office	Foundation and wall const'n Stone (rubble) foundation, frame walls.
Acreage 2 acres.	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Good condition, though house site in stark contrast to its mobile-home and camper trailer surroundings.  
 State potential threats to structure None.  
 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.)

House has undergone few changes in conversion to a sales office: Front porch floor has been removed. New addition built on west side, including installation of a door where there was a window, and installation of a picture window on west side. Interior woodwork is largely intact.

NOTE: Tree in highway median at front of this house (see photo) was the site of a hanging.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

Land for the Methodist Parsonage in Gainesville was obtained in 1883 when Lorenzo J. Prescott sold 2 acres to the church trustees for the parsonage. It is not known whether this is the house built for the parsonage on the land Prescott sold the church, because this house appears to date from a later period than the 1880s. According to the present owners, this house was used as the parsonage for the Gainesville Methodist Church until about 1957. The Stuarts then owned it from 1957 to 1967, at which time the Gardners bought the house, installed central heating and insulation, and converted the house into the mobile home and camper sales office.

The present owners should be congratulated for their preservation of this house through adaptive use, because the style, though probably once prevalent throughout Gainesville, is one of the last of its kind in this town.

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

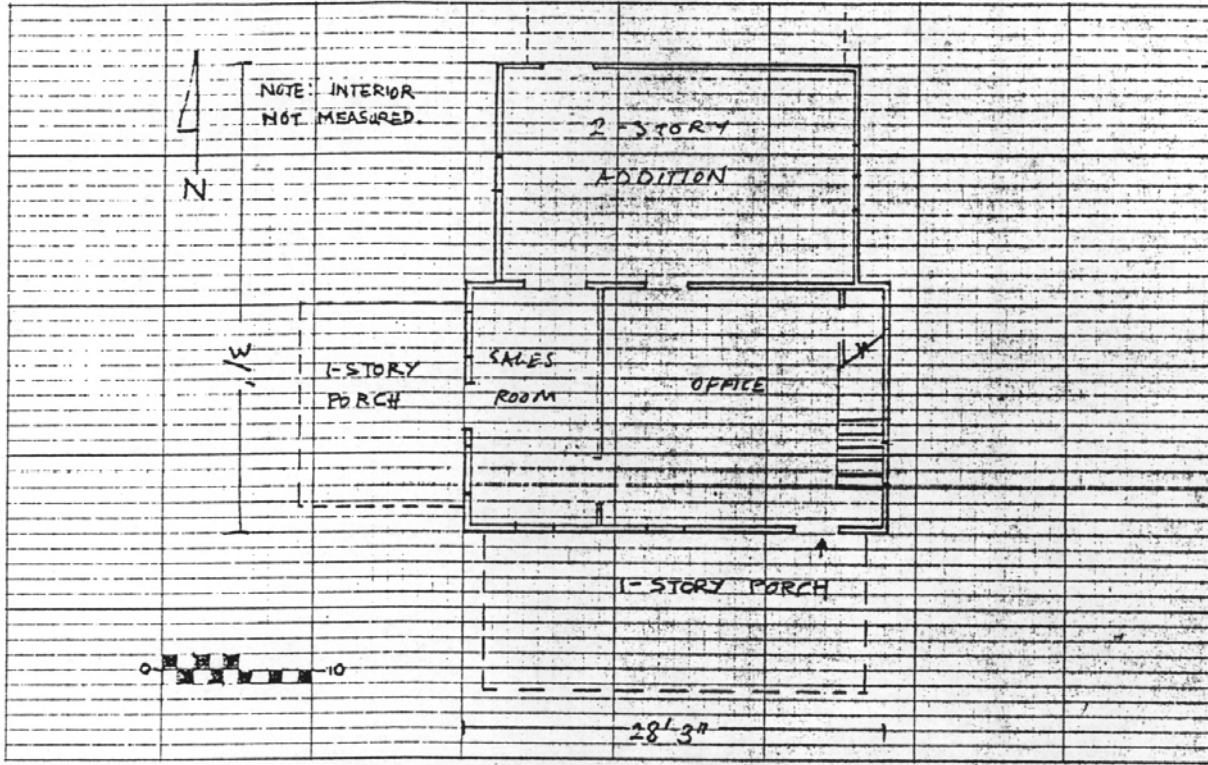
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

History of Gainesville United Methodist Church available from Rev. John S. Chadsey,  
7634 Linton Hall Rd., Gainesville, Va.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Mickey Gardner, Hillwood Mobile Home Sales, Gainesville, Va.; Rev. John S. Chadsey (above add)

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



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


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

Date  
JUL 27 1951

GAINESVILLE QUAD.

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