



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-114
Negative no(s). 4348, 4360

SURVEY FORM

Historic name Deerlick Cottage	Common name
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number 8111 Buckland Mill Rd., Gainesville, Va.	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period Early-to mid-1800s and later.
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence and/or Store	
Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Vernon P. Leitch	Source of name Present owners; "Deer Lick" was early name of Buckland
Present owner address 8111 Buckland Mill Rd. Gainesville, VA	Source of date Architectural evidence; published article
	Stories 1½ stories
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls.
Acreage .5 acre	
	Roof type Asphalt shingle-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs **good**

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest **Remains of distillery thought to have been located on this property may be present.**

Should be investigated for possible register potential? **yes no** In a NR historic district.

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.)

It appears that house was renovated in the early 1900s, by the installation of a new interior stairway; the alteration of the 1st floor plan, possibly the raising of the roof and change in pitch on the back; the installation of dormers on the front, 2nd floor; installation of a furnace and a new brick chimney, and the enclosing of part of the front porch for a bathroom. Later changes include the addition and enclosing in glass of the right half of the rear porch and the addition of a deck on the rear of the house, reached through either the kitchen or the "Florida room."

Upstairs contains two small bedrooms separated by a center hall, and lighted by dormer windows and a small window in each gable end.

The front door, constructed of diagonally-placed, single beaded boards and measuring 36" x 67", is heavily marked with holes from notices having been posted on it, probably during its commercial heyday.

Interior inspected? **Yes.**

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

"Deer Lick" is thought to have been the name of this settlement, consisting of about 20 houses and a mill located in Broad Run, at the time it was incorporated as Buckland in 1798, the first inland town in Prince William County.

According to a conjectural map of Buckland in the early 1800s, sketched by Nathalie Roberts and appearing in Martha Leitch's article on Buckland in Echoes of History, Deerlick Cottage was located on lot 29, a double lot, between Broad Run and Mill Street and Elizabeth Street and the bridge. Elizabeth Street no longer exists, except as a trace of a path leading to Broad Run. The bridge, which borderd Deerlick on the north and replaced the earlier existing ford just to the north, was itself replaced long ago by a new bridge crossing Broad Run on Rt. 211.

Deerlick, according to tradition, was once a combination general store, dwelling, and bar. Whiskey made on the premises was stored in barrels and ladeled into jugs which the customers brought. Lot 28 beside this lot was called the "Spring Lot." A good supply of water was essential for making whiskey. An 1812 deed refers to an "old still house" on the property. William Brooks, who purchased the property in 1812, is said to have erected another still there. A traveller's account notes that in 1830 Buckland had a large still. A promotional of Buckland written in 1835 states that the village contained a general store and a "large and extensive distillery," among other attractions.

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Sources and bibliography

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

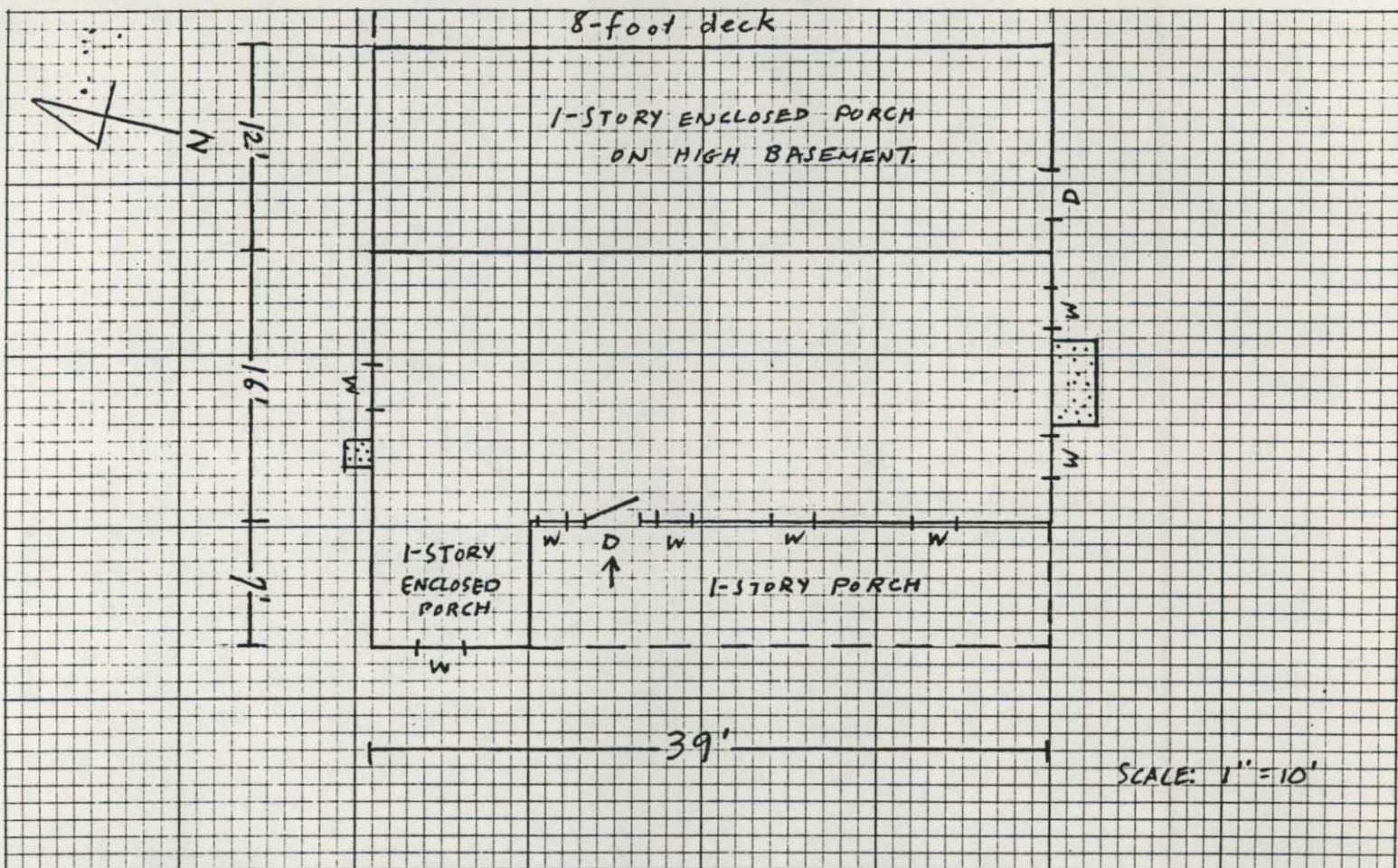
Leitch, Martha, "Buckland in Prince William County, Virginia," in Echoes of History, Nov 1973.
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Mrs. Leitch has early photos of Buckland, including her house, and several scrapbooks containing clippings on the area.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

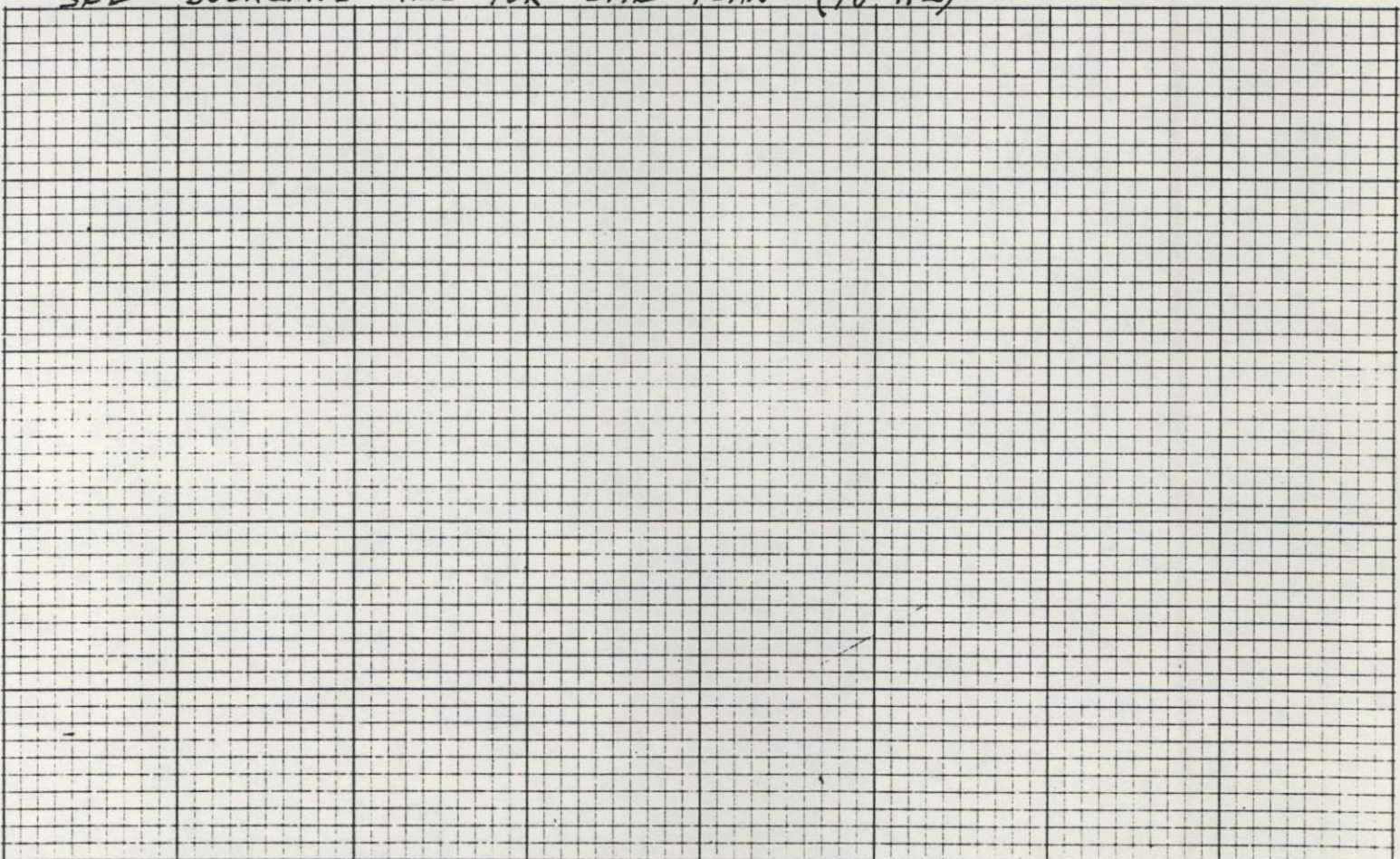
Mrs. Martha Leitch, owner.

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



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

SEE BUCKLAND MILL FOR SITE PLAN (76-112)



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

Date
JAN 1980

Deerlick Cottage
Historical Significance (continued)

In 1836, when William Brooks died and the property passed to his heirs, it had a storehouse and stable. A description of the contents of the store when it was sold in 1871 confirm that this was a general store or country store.

Buckland had a post office from 1801 to 1907, and it is said that the post office was located in this building at one time.

Jimmy Hunton, who was married to Rose Love and is buried in the churchyard, is alleged to have run the general store in Buckland.

FLETCHER HOUSE

Deerlick Cottage 76-114

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Bl. 76-11

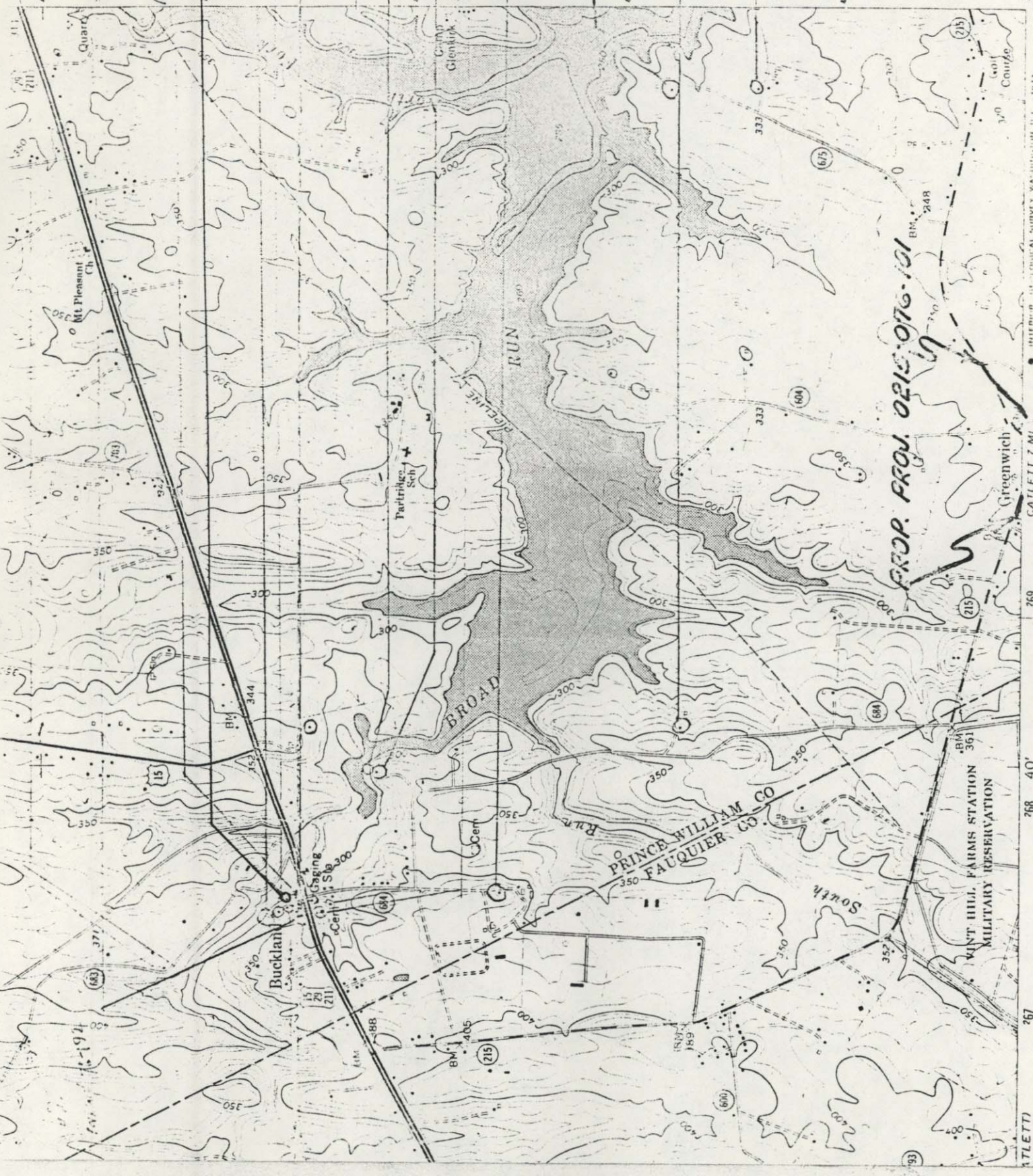
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