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SURVEY FORM

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| Historic name M.E. Dogan House County/Town/City Prince William County Street address or route number 6914 Featherbed Lane, Manassas, VA 22110 | Common name House at Stonewall Memory Gardens; Stonewall Memory Gardens Caretaker's House |
| USGS Quad Gainesville Original owner William H. Dogan, III ? Original use Residence | Date or period c1880 Architect/builder/craftsmen |
| Present owner Stonewall Memory Gardens Present owner address c/o Franklin Hibbs Present use Residence Acreage 68 acres (included in cemetery property) | Source of name Source of date Architectural Evidence; local history. Stories 2, 1 1/2 stories. Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame walls. VA 22110 |
| Roof type metal-covered cable roof. | |

State condition of structure and environs **House and surrounding area in poor condition.**

State potential threats to structure **Lack of maintenance, neglect, disuse.**

Note any archaeological interest **Location of fighting during Second Battle of Manassas.**

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.)

Now occupied by an employee of Stonewall Memory Gardens, this two-story, central hall, I-type farmhouse has a 1 1/2 story addition which is presently being used as a shop and storage area but was probably originally built as the kitchen addition. In the addition is a massive stone fireplace measuring over 5 feet deep, having an opening on both sides, that is, a large fireplace in the addition and a smaller one in the west room, which now serves as the kitchen. This chimney is brick from where it emerges from the roof. There is another large stone chimney on the east end of the main house. It is brick from the shoulders up.

The exterior is covered with tarpaper or composition to simulate yellow brick. Beneath this covering, the house is sheathed with German siding, or channeled siding. The trim around the doors and windows is plain with a single bead. This trim is concealed by a narrow strip of cyma moulding which was probably added when the house was covered with tarpaper. The doors, except for the front door, are 4-panel moulded doors of the older sort found in houses built in the 1870's and 1880's. They have decorated metal key plates and ceramic knobs. There were apparently shutters on the windows, which have been removed. The front door is a 5-panel moulded door with a ceramic knob and glass in the upper section. The house has cornerboards, the rotted bottoms of which can be seen in places under the tarpaper. The main house has a box cornice, plain soffit, and plain vergeboards.

There is an open, one-story, shed roofed, pole-constructed garage or workshop attached to the rear of the house. This shop extends beyond the end of the 1 1/2 story addition.

The interior is in very bad condition. The stair, a straight, perviously-open but now enclosed with wallboard, run up from the front door, had a slender moulded rail, slender, turned balusters, and a turned newel. The rail is lying in pieces and many of the balusters are broken and missing. The two mantels in the main house, first floor, are crude, carpenter-

Interior inspected? **Yes.**

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

As can be seen in the accompanying photograph, the M. E. Dogan house sits beside the U.S. Government-owned 1 1/2 story log and frame Lucilla, or Lucinda, Dogan House, at Lee Highway and Featherbed Lane. This house, known also as the William Henry Dogan House, figured importantly during the Second Battle of Manassas. In fact, both of these houses once belonged to the Dogan family. This house, known as the M. E. Dogan House, built in the 1880's, and the smaller, older, and better-maintained Lucinda, or Lucilla, Dogan House, which sits on a parcel carved in 1947 out of the original Dogan farm, are the only remaining houses of the hamlet of Groveton. Both of these houses sit on the original tract that Henry Dogan purchased in 1787 from Mann Page, III. Mann Page III was the great grandson of Robert "King" Carter, and as such inherited his father's (Mann Page, II's) share of Carter's vast Bull Run Tract, patented in 1724.

Henry Dogan named his farm Peach Grove. At his death in 1824, the house parcel passed to his widow, Mary Wheeler Dogan, and subsequently to his eldest child, William Henry Dogan. William Henry Dogan increased the size of the estate to 586 acres and at his death in 1854, 120 acres (the home tract) passed to his wife Lucinda. Their son, William Henry, who married Mary Ellen Benson, would have inherited his mother's portion of the Peach Grove estate, had he outlived her; but Lucinda lived to be 93.

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ARCHITECTURAL (Cont.)

M.E. DOGAN HOUSE
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built and have a simple shelf, plain, keyed frieze, and plain jambs. Plain box trim surrounds the doors and windows.

The mantel in the 1 1/2-story balloon-frame addition is interesting, though the projecting shelf beyond the chimney suggests that it may not be original. It is a tall mantel with a narrow, thin, moulded shelf and an architrave surround. A small enclosed steep, narrow straight stair leads to a sleeping loft on the upper floor. A board and batten door leads to the stair. This addition has plaster walls with sawn lath, wainscoting on the first floor, and pine floors. Some of the floorboards on the second floor are quite wide. The fireplace on the second floor of the addition has been sealed with rock. The roof is apparently a replacement. Some of the joists are square, rough-hewn timbers. This addition was possibly constructed in part with materials from an older structure.

There is evidence of a one-story porch across the house's front. A stone walk or stone porch supports can be seen partly concealed at the front door. There is practically no landscaping around the house, which sits very close to, but on a higher elevation than, U.S.29-211. The steep bank in front of the house was graded and seeded last year. Several old cars and service vehicles contribute to the cluttered look of the property. A backhoe is parked quite close to the neighboring National Park Service-owned Dogan House. The condition of the smaller, restored Dogan House is a sharp contrast to the deteriorating and unkempt M.E. Dogan House.

HISTORY (Cont.)

William Henry III, who probably built the 2-story frame house in the 1880's for his wife, Mary Ellen, and their children, died in 1899. In 1904, M. E. Dogan was living in this house, and Lucinda occupied the small house. The National Park Service acquired the log and frame Dogan House on 4,914 square feet in 1949 from the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, which had purchased the house and lot from William Henry Dogan V, in 1947. In 1951, Stonewall Memory Gardens, Inc., purchased the remainder of the Dogan's Peach Grove estate of about 87 acres from the Dogan heirs and established a cemetery on the property. The cemetery now takes up about 10 acres.

The site of the original Dogan House, which burned in 1860, is a few yards behind the office headquarters of Stonewall Memory Gardens. In the same vicinity, where the Dogan graveyard was, Stonewall Memory Gardens has erected a brick Memorial containing a metal plaque listing the names of the 20 or so persons known to have been buried there, and have set aside an 8-foot square plot for the Dogan memorial.

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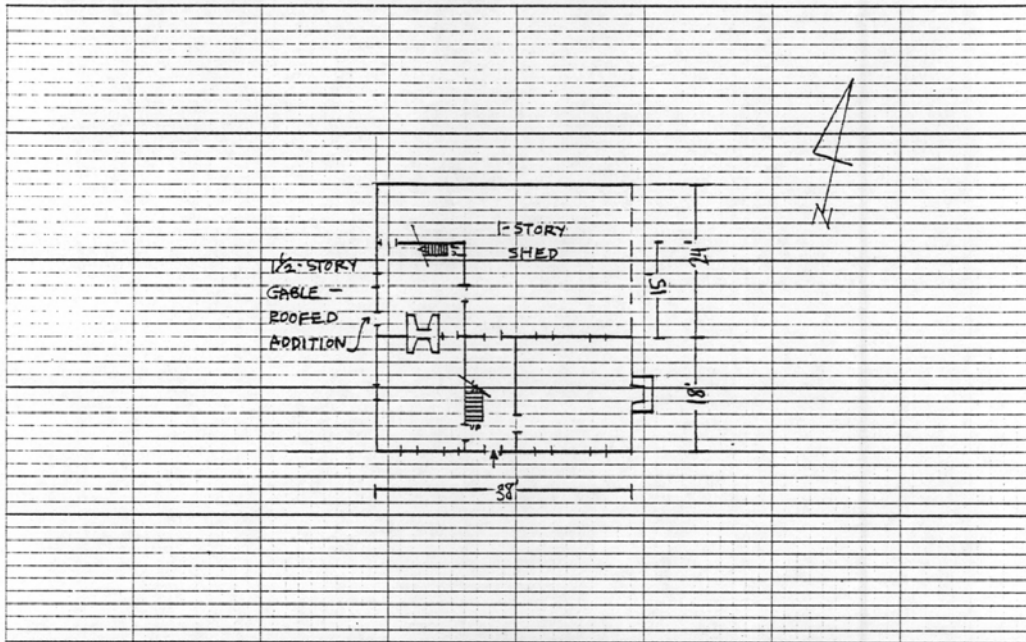
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

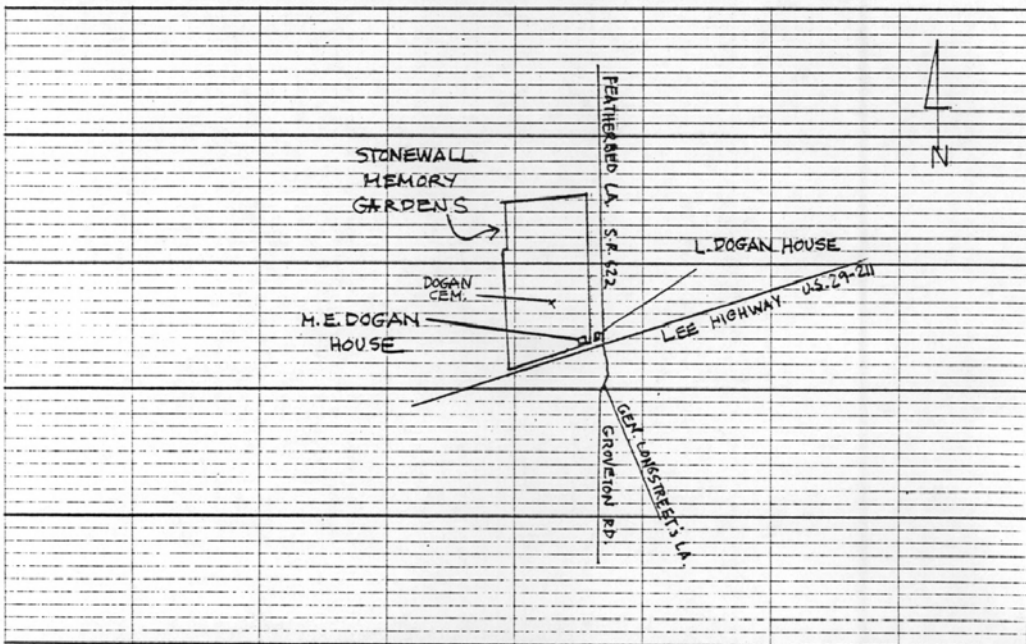
Manassas National Battlefield Park Archives has much material relating to Dogan family history.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Stuart Vogt, Historian, M.N.B.P.; Franklin Hibbs, Stonewall Memory Gardens. (Not contacted, but potentially yielding: Mrs. Rowlands, in Haymarket, and Mrs. Terrell, in Purcellville.)

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



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



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