



**VIRGINIA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Evergreen Overseer's House Common name \_\_\_\_\_  
 County/Town/City Prince William County  
 Street address or route number 16020 Quarters Lane

USGS Quad <u>Middleburg</u>	Date or period <u>c1900-1920</u>
Original owner <u>Berkeley family</u>	Architect/builder/craftsmen _____
Original use <u>Residence</u>	Present owner <u>Charles M. &amp; Katherine S.</u>
Present owner address <u>16020 Quarters Lane</u> <u>Haymarket, VA 22069</u>	Source of name <u>Local tradition, present owner.</u>
Present use <u>Residence</u>	Source of date <u>Architectural evidence.</u>
Acreage <u>1.76 acres.</u>	Stories <u>1 story</u>
	Foundation and wall const'n <u>Cinder block foundation, frame walls, in part stuccoed.</u>
	Roof type <u>Asphalt shingle-covered.</u>

State condition of structure and environs House and grounds in good condition.

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest - Road that goes by this house is original lane leading to Evergreen mansion; supposed to have been lined with "slave cabins."

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 is a one-story, frame-constructed rambler, probably built in the early 1900's. It consists of two parts - a gable-roofed, stuccoed main section having the front entrance in the gable and containing the living room and bedrooms. To this block was added a gable-roofed one-story el with a weatherboard exterior, containing the kitchen and dining room. The house is painted dark red with white trim. The house has deep projecting eaves, a simple but decorative bargeboard, cornerboards, and plain box trim. A gable-roofed hood supported by plain 2x4 posts shelters the front entrance. The windows are 6/6 reproduction sash. The front doorway has a plain lintel and fluted jambs. The trim inside is plain box. The floors are narrow tongue and groove. The walls are sheetrock.

The initial impression of this house is misleading, combined with the fact that it is called the "Overseer's House." More likely, it was built as a farm manager's house or a tenant house. The house's primary significance lies in its historical connection with the old Evergreen Plantation. Architecturally, it may be a rare type of house for this area. The house's recent renovation is similar to the restoration of the Catharpin School, owned by John Norman, who is also involved in the development of the Evergreen estate.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

Located on Quarters Lane at the foot of the Bull Run Mountains, this house is said to have been the overseer's house for Evergreen Plantation. Evergreen House, q.v., has been incorporated into a golf and country club, and a residential subdivision has been developed in single-family, multiple-acre parcels on the former Evergreen farm, which had its beginnings in the early 1800's as a 1,000 acre plantation belonging to descendants of Robert "King" Carter. Carter patented large tracts in the Prince William-Fairfax-Loudoun County region in the 1700's. Colonel Edmund Berkeley, who owned Evergreen during the Civil War and became a local hero along with his three brothers, all of whom served in the 8th Virginia Infantry, is probably Evergreen's most colorful and well-remembered owner.

The Overseer's house, though it probably dates from the early 20th century, may be situated at the former entrance to Evergreen Plantation. One published source, written in the 1930's, notes that at the entrance to Evergreen was a log cabin, the only survivor of 50 [or 15] such "slave cabins" which once lined the approach to the main house. Though that cabin no longer exists, the local tradition is that one of these small log houses is incorporated into a newly-built house on Quarters Lane. The survey form for Evergreen includes description and photographs of a log cabin just outside the main house. This cabin could have been moved from an earlier location on the plantation, and perhaps is one of the alleged 50 "slave cabins."

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EVERGREEN OVERSEER'S HOUSE  
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The mailbox seen in the photograph at the entrance to this house is a souvenir collected by the present owner and reinforces the mistaken impression that this house may once have been a general store or post office. This is incorrect, however, because, according to the present owner, this house has always been used as a residence. Mr. Pecora purchased this house in 1976 from the Evergreen Farm, which was subdivided in 1970-71.



Sources and bibliography

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

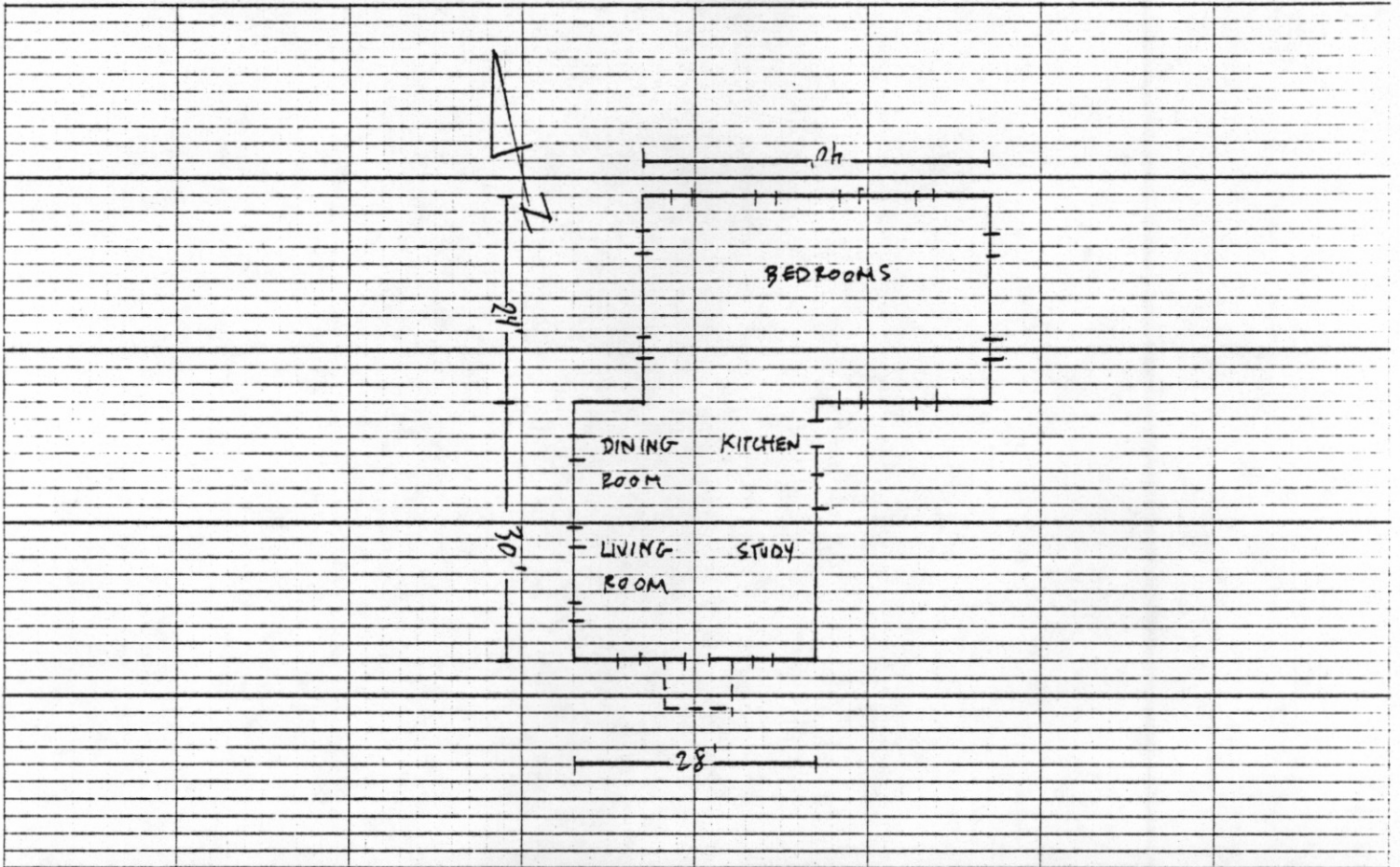
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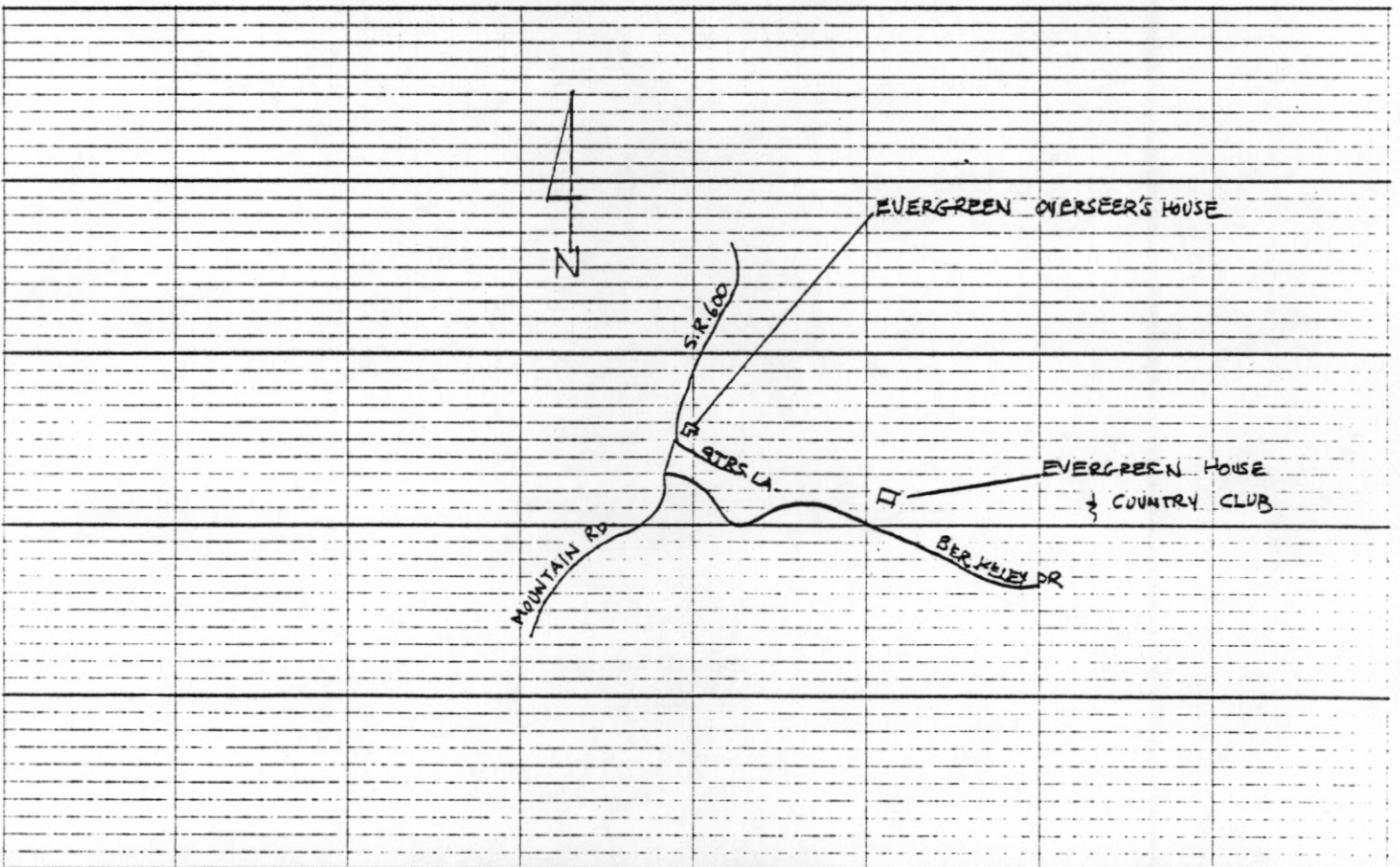
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. Pecora, owner

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



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



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