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Historic name Fanny Harrison House	Common name
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number vic. 14300 Lee Highway, Gainesville, Va.	
USGS Quad Gainesville	Date or period Early 1900's
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen John Sweeney (?) .
Original use Residence	
Present owner Gardner Family	Source of name Previous Owner.
Present owner address 14318 Lee Highway	Source of date Architectural Evidence.
Gainesville, Va.	Stories 2
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame wall construction.
Acreage 18-20 acres.	Roof type Metan-covered gable roof.

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

State potential threats to structure **Area is going industrial/commercial.**
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 is similar to, though smaller than and not quite as elaborate as, Hillcrest, on the same property and to the east.

Painted yellow with green trim and shutters.

There is a channel-sided shed at the rear.

Interior inspected? **No.**

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

This was the longtime residence of Mrs. Fanny Harrison, who died in 1950 at the age of 87 and willed the house to her neices Anne Lyell and Patty Lyell, of Richmond. Mrs. Harrison had acquired the property (20 acres) in 1925 from Francis Gwynn Thorp and his wife. Thorp had acquired it from his mother Betty G. Thorpe, who had received it from her husband Arthur St. Edmund Thorpe in 1894. The land adjoined the property of B.L. Galleher on one side and Shirley on the other side.

In 1950, the Lyell sisters sold the property to Florance Realty Co. (R.H. Florance was and still is a large property-owner in Gainesville). The present owners (Gardners) bought the property in the mid-1960's.

Though neither old nor historically significant, this house is one of about three of its kind remaining and in good condition in Gainesville. Houses of this kind were probably once numerous in the area. The other two houses similar to this one are also owned and well-maintained by the Gardner Family.

Sources and bibliography

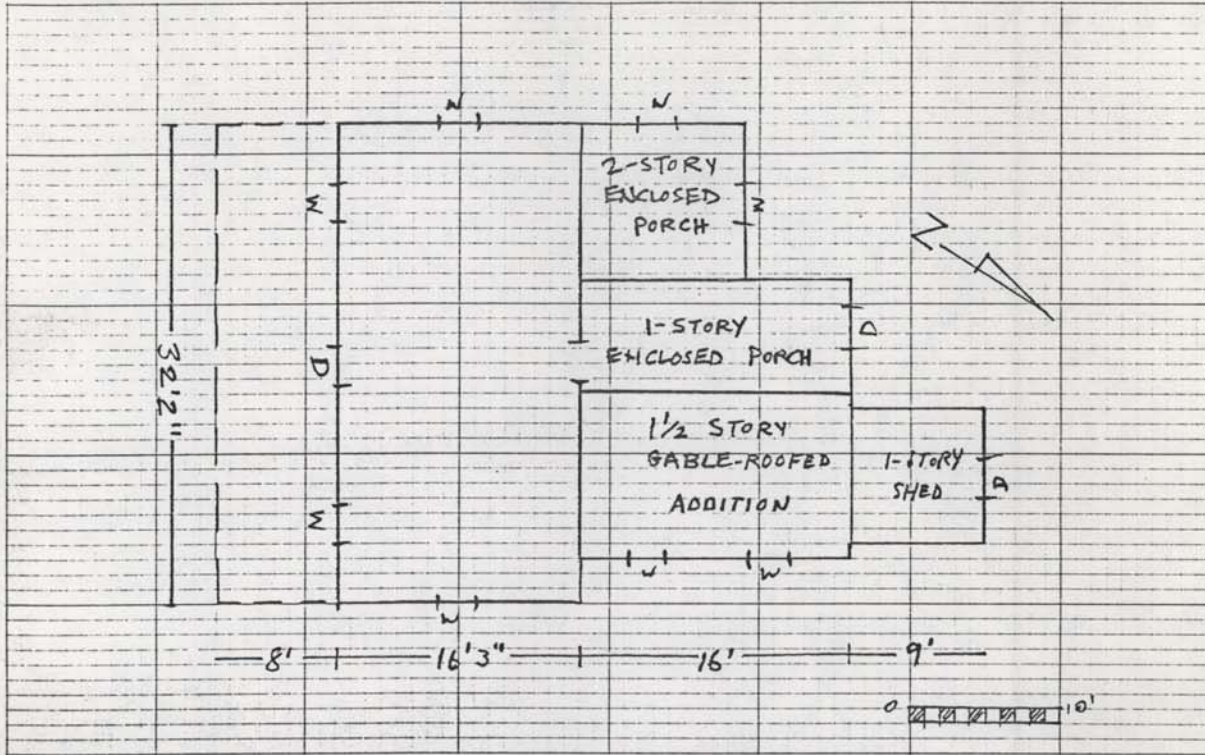
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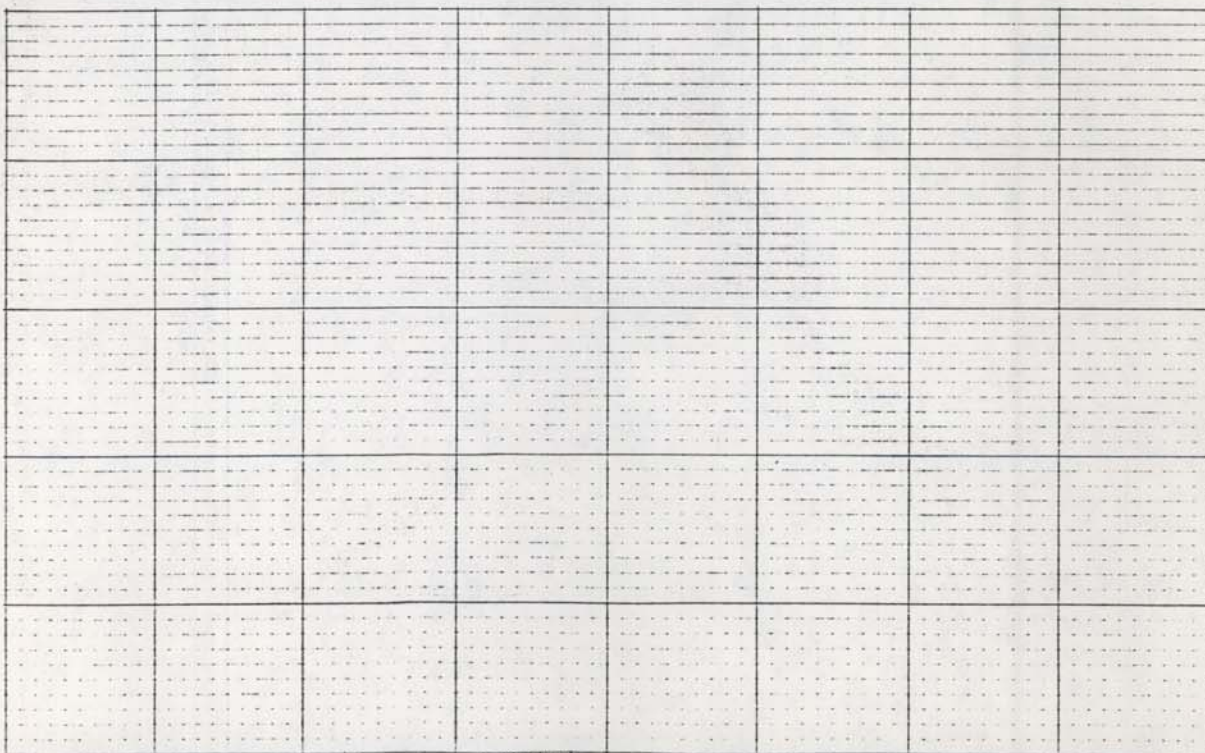
Wills, deeds, Prince William County Court House.

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.)



Name, address and title of recorder

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Historian - Surveyor, NVPDC

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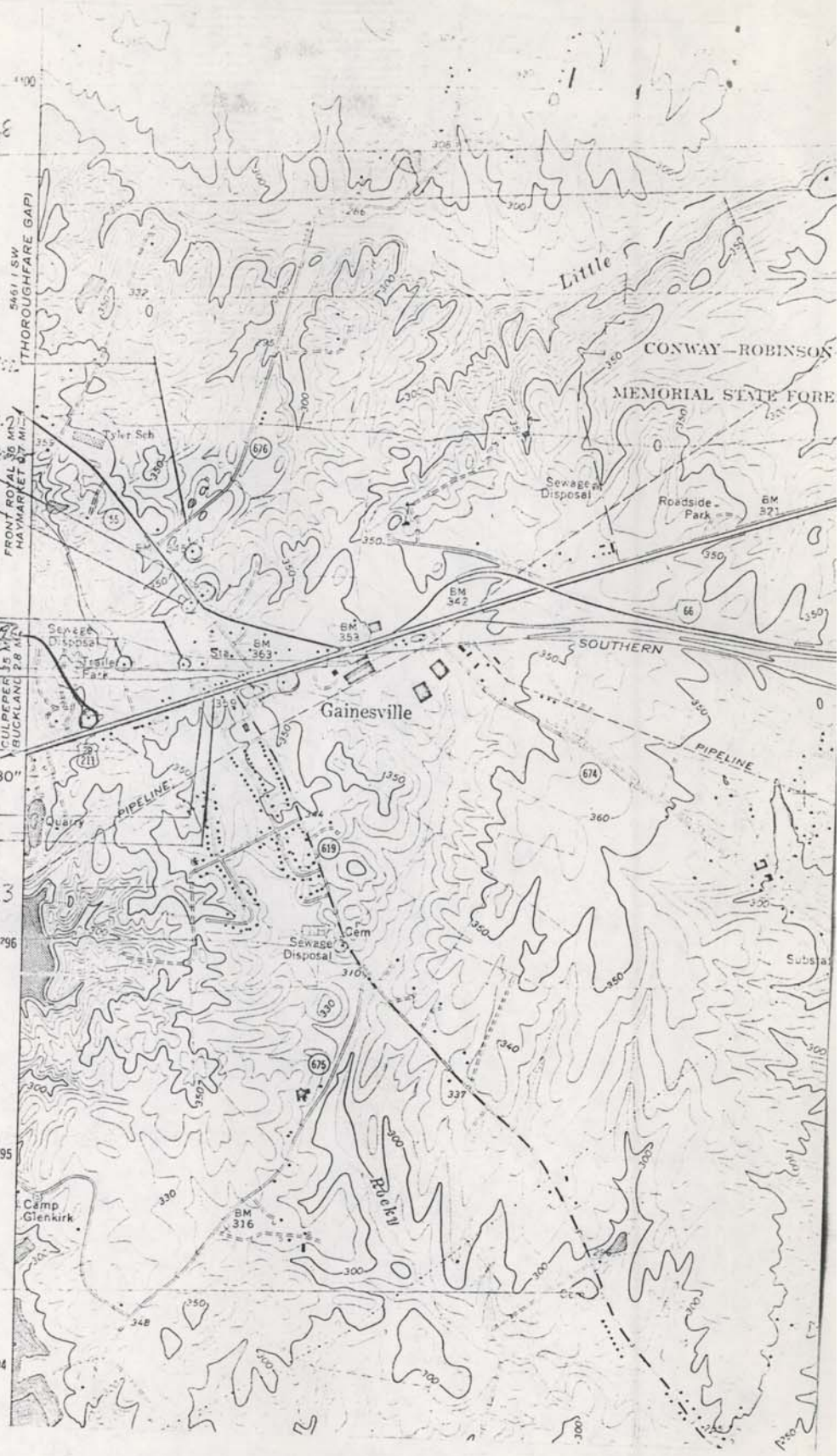
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