



**VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 76-201
Negative notes. 4366

SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Gainesville United Methodist	Common name	
County/Town/City	Gainesville	Church	
Street address or route number	John Marshall Highway, Gainesville, Va.		

USGS Quad	Gainesville	Date or period	1883-1886; addition c1950.
Original owner	Methodist Church	Architect/builder/craftsmen	Fred Snook (of Bristow).
Original use	Church		
Present owner	No. Va. United Methodist Bd. of	Source of name	
Present owner address	Missions, c/o Arlington. Source of date Church history, architectural evidence.		
District,	5001 Echols Ave., Alexandria, Va. Stories 1		
Present use	Church	22311 Foundation and wall const'n	Stone foundation, frame walls.
Acreage	c6 acres. (Concrete blocks under addition).		
		Roof type	Metal-covered gable.

State condition of structure and environs Church and surrounding grounds in good condition.

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.)

Porch, which rests on cinder blocks, and steeple are covered with channeled siding, while main church has plain, 5"-lap clapboards. Front door is a replacement. Storm windows added.

There is a 1-story frame addition on the west side of the church built c1950, and covered with 5"-lap plain clapboards. There is a 1-story shed roof addition (cinder block construction) on rear of 1950's addition.

Interior said by minister to have been remodeled recently.

Church is surrounded on 3 sides by a cemetery.

Interior inspected?

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

Gainesville Methodist was organized in the 1870s as part of the "Sudley Circuit," which included churches in Buckland, Sudley, Thoroughfare, and Red Hill (Haymarket?). In 1883 Miss Summerville Gaines, of the family that founded Gainesville, donated 1 acre adjoining the Gaines cemetery (5 acres) for the construction of a church there. Fred Snook of Bristow laid the first stone in 1883, but the church was not completed and dedicated until 1886.

For the purpose of building a parsonage, Lorenzo J. Prescott, in 1883, sold 2 acres in Gainesville to the trustees of Gainesville Methodist Church. It is believed that the building which now houses the sales office of Hillwood Mobile Home and Camper Sales was the original Methodist Parsonage, and it served as such until about 18 years ago. The building is described on a separate inventory form.

Sources and bibliography

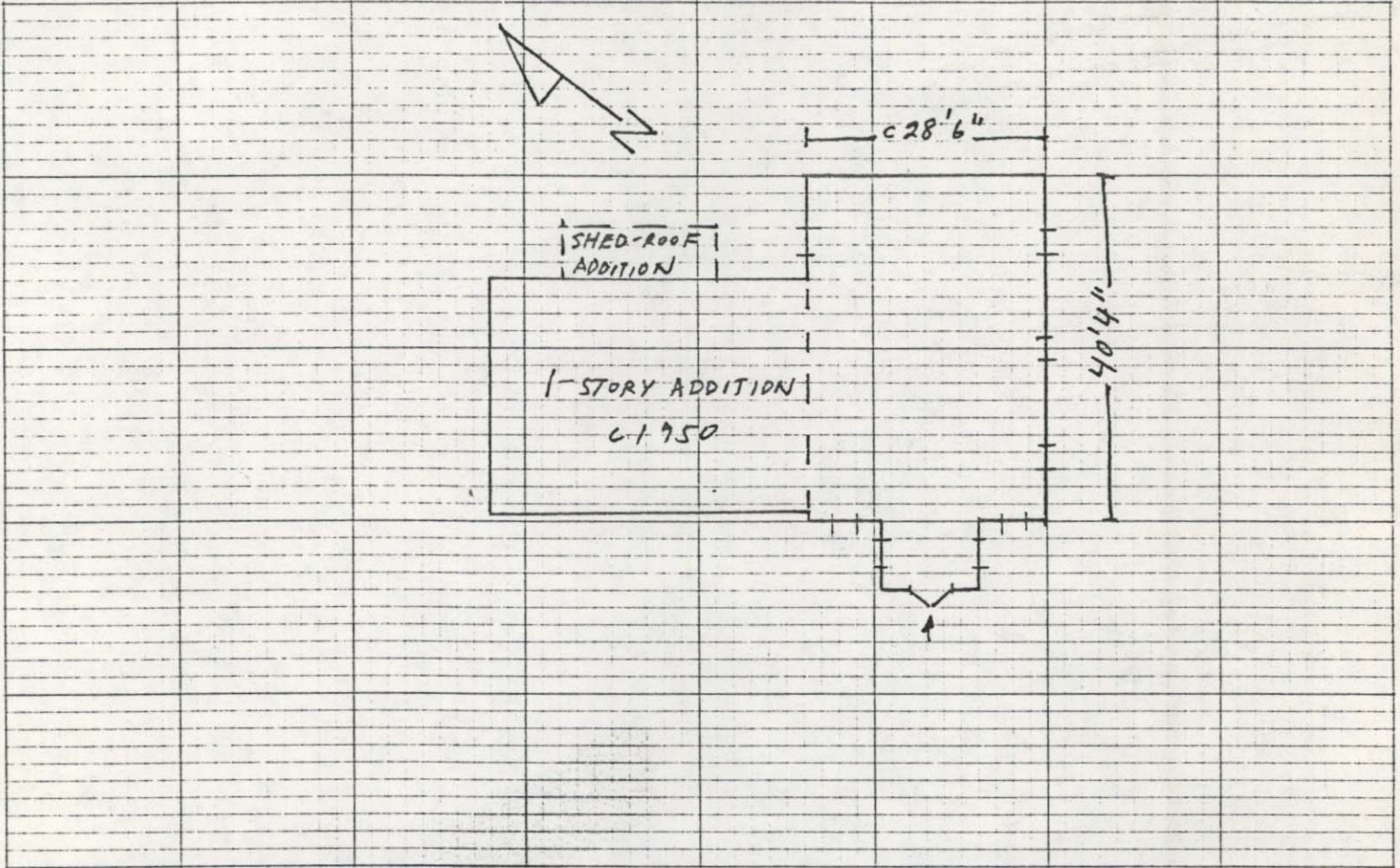
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

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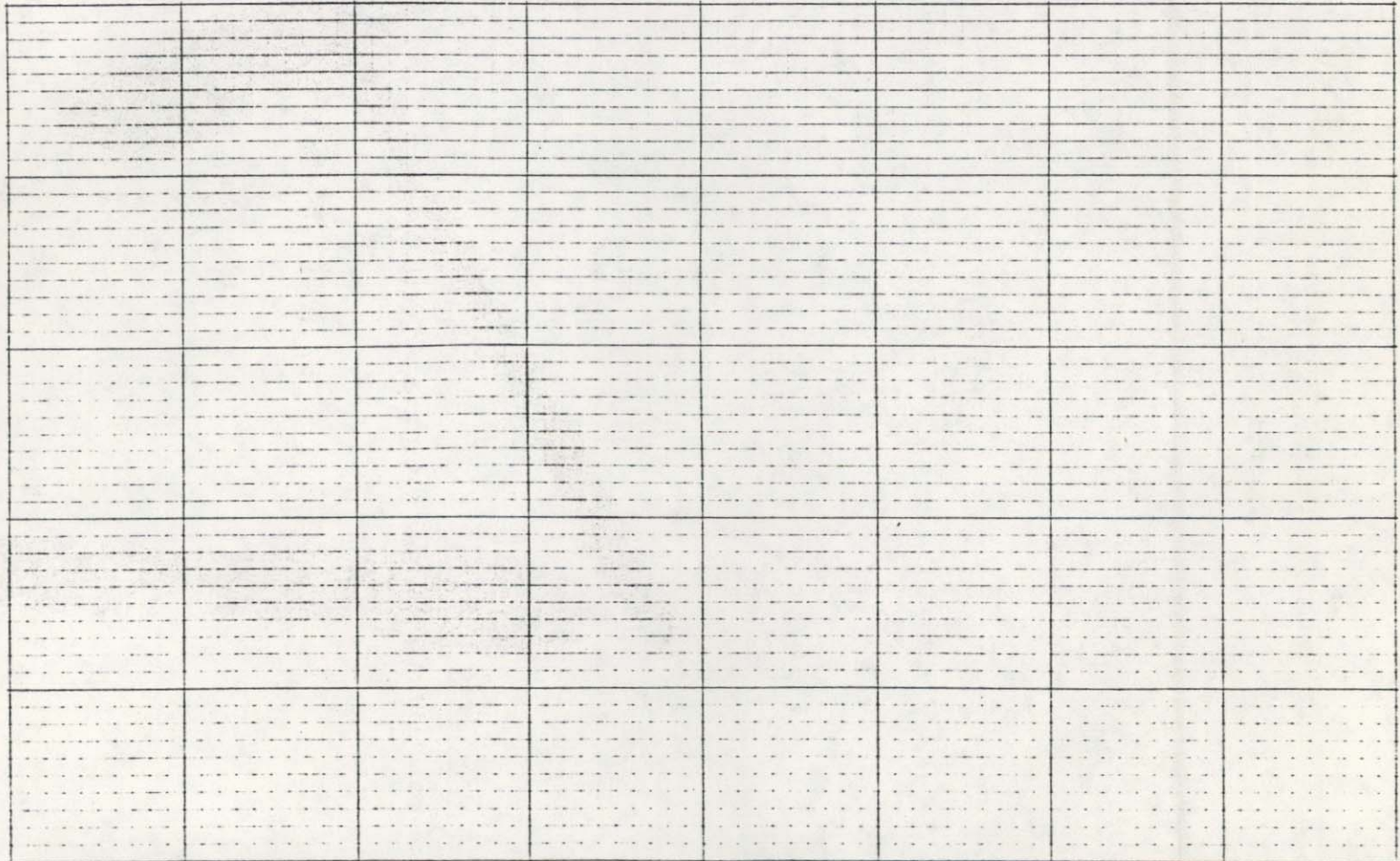
Church history and related materials in possession of pastor.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Rev. John S. Chadsey, 7634 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, Va.; Not contacted but knowledgeable: Rev. Melvin Lee Steadman, 909 Sunnyside Dr., Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

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



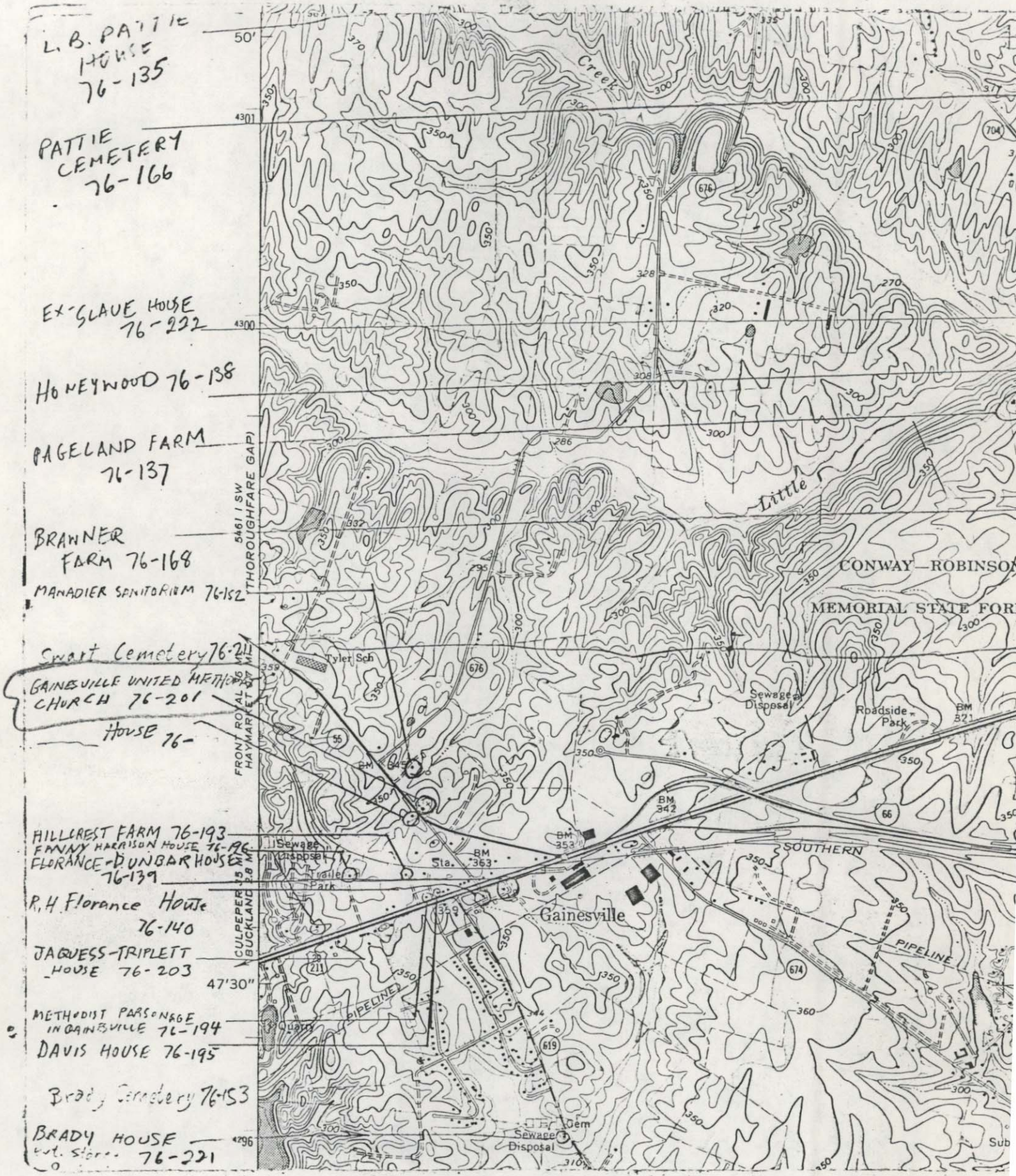
Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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

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# GAINESVILLE Q.



L.B. PATTIE HOUSE  
76-135

PATTIE CEMETERY  
76-166

EX-SLAVE HOUSE  
76-222

HONEYWOOD 76-138

PAGELAND FARM  
76-137

BRAWNER FARM 76-168

MANADIER SANATORIUM 76-152

Swart Cemetery 76-211

GAINESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 76-201

HOUSE 76-

HILLREST FARM 76-193

FANNY HARRISON HOUSE 76-196

FLORANCE-DUNBAR HOUSE 76-139

R.H. Florance House 76-140

JAGUERS-TRIPLETT HOUSE 76-203

METHODIST PARSONAGE IN GAINESVILLE 76-194

DAVIS HOUSE 76-195

Brady Cemetery 76-153

BRADY HOUSE 76-221

5461 (SW THOROUGHFARE GAP)  
FRONT ROYAL HWY  
HAYMARKET

CULPEPER ST  
BUCKLAND

47'30"

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