

file: Gossom-owned house behind Town Hall



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SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name 6707 Fayette Street
County/Town/City Haymarket	
Street address or route number	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period c1875-80, with additions in c1900.
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner James R. Gossom	Source of name
Present owner address 15507 Thoroughfare Rd.	Source of date Architectural evidence.
Haymarket, VA 22067	Stories 2 stories
Present use Apts.	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls.
Acreage cl.2 acres	
	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

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

State potential threats to structure Neglect, lack of maintenance.
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.)

This large, EL-plan, turn-of-the-century, two-story, weatherboarded frame house is urban in style, resembling quite a few houses in old Manassas. The front section is three bays wide with a central entrance. There is a one-story columned porch across the front which wraps around the northeast end. Though this porch is in bad repair, it is supported by tapering plain columns with Ionic capitals. There is a bay window on the northeast end. Both of these features may have been built in the early 1900's. The cornice is moulded; the exterior is covered with plain weatherboards; and there is a plain, wide frieze. The door and window trim is plain and has a moulded cornice. The moulded, four-panel front door has overhead and sidelights. The 2/2 sliding sash windows are shuttered.

The high-ceilinged interior is in poor condition. The straight-run, open-string, single-flight stair has been repaired. The original turned (oak probably) newel is missing. The slender balusters are turned, and the rail is moulded. The interior trim is both wide architrave trim and symmetrically-moulded trim with cornerblocks. The plan of one room on either side of the hall may have been altered by the addition of partitions. It is not known whether any mantels are remaining. There is a two-story addition attached to the house's rear EL.

Absentee-owned, the house now contains three apartments. Though it is in deteriorating condition, this is one of Haymarket's most visible turn-of-the-century residences. It is located behind the Haymarket Town Hall and on the same street with the historic McCormick House and St. Paul's Church. This building is representative of the area's best late 19th century architecture, and should be preserved.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

According to the present owner, who purchased the property in about 1960, this house was for a long time the residence of Col. Oscar Hutchins. There was a large barn on the property which has been demolished.

This property, identified as lot no. 90 on a plan of Haymarket in 1799, belonged to William Butts.

Haymarket was burned by Federal troops in 1862. According to the local history, only the McCormick House, on the parcel southwest of 6707 Fayette Street, and St. Paul's Church, further down Fayette Church, were left standing after the fire.

Sources and bibliography

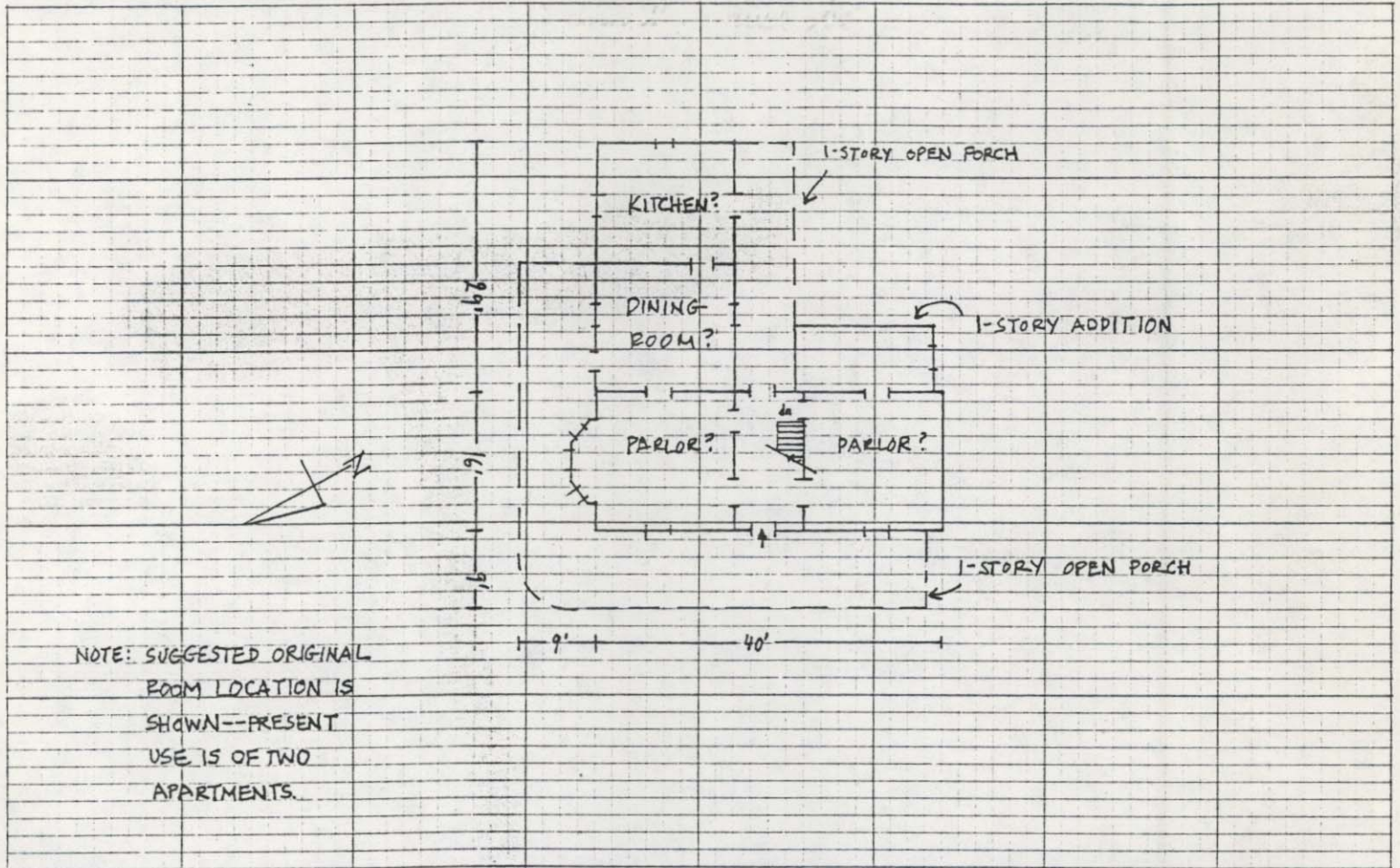
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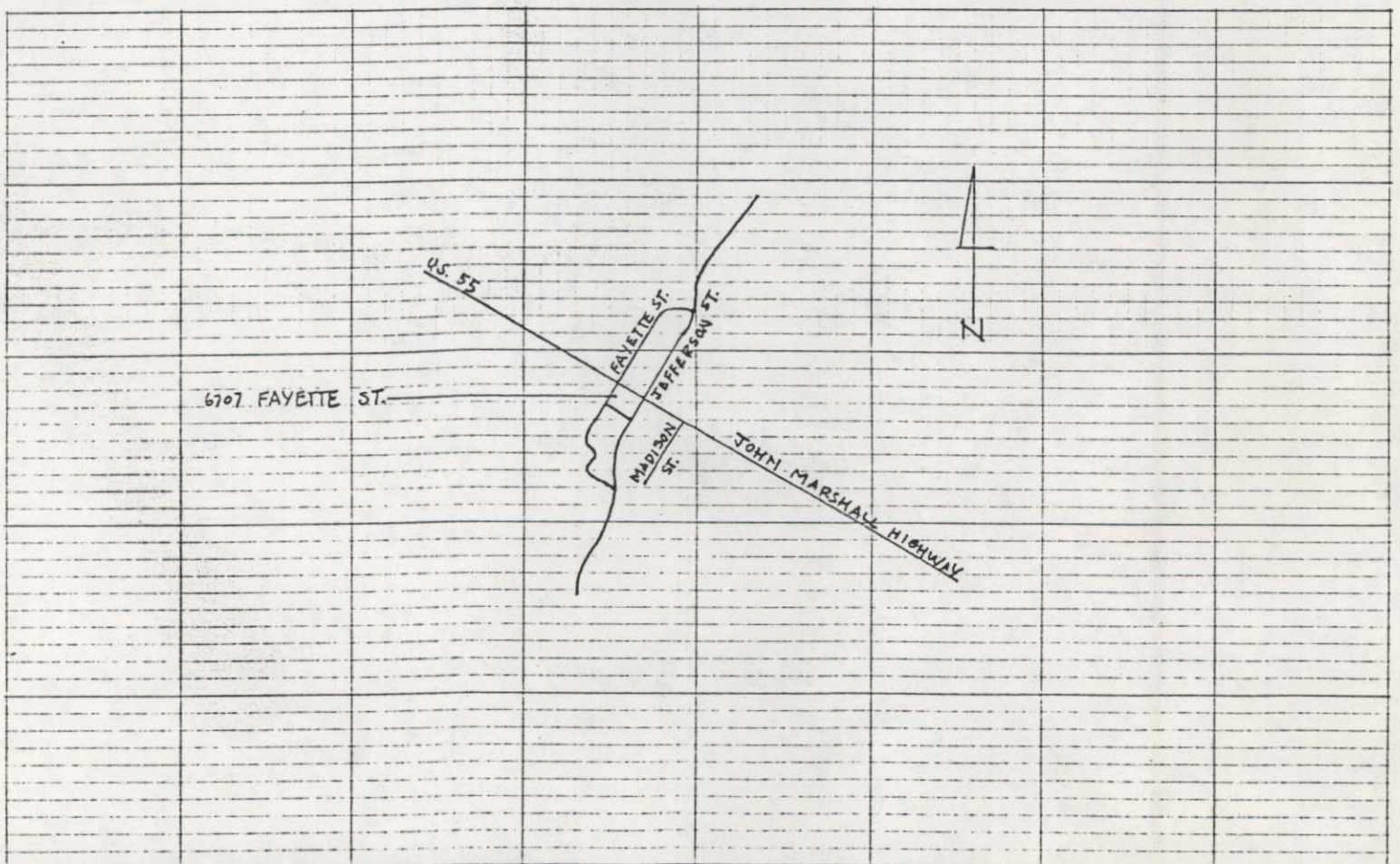
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. Gossom (owner).

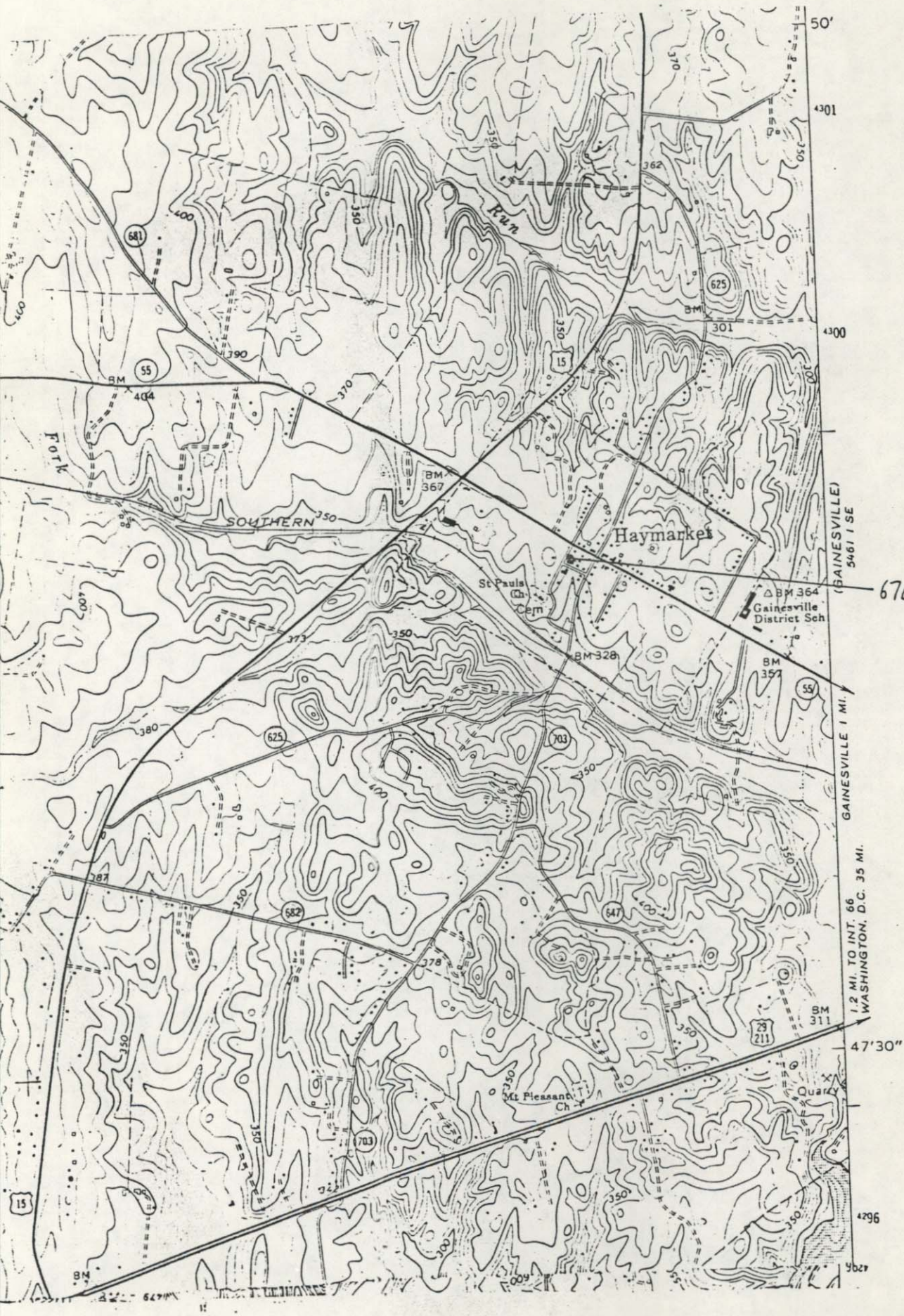
Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



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



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