



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

File no. 233-10
Negative no(s). 4364

**SURVEY FORM**

Historic name	Gossom's Store	Common name AKA.	Haymarket Grocery
County/Town/City	Haymarket		
Street address or route number	15000 Washington St., Haymarket, Va. 22069		
USGS Quad	Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period	Late 1880s to present.
Original owner	Rust & Gillis?	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use	Commercial Buildings		
Present owner	James Gossom	Source of name	
Present owner address	15000 Washington St. Haymarket, Va. 22069	Source of date	Architectural evidence, local history Stories 2, 1
Present use	Hardware store, Grocery store	Foundation and wall const'n	Foundation unknown; frame- built walls.
Acreage	-1 Acre	Roof type	Metal-covered gable roofs.

State condition of structure and environs Good.

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential?    yes \_\_\_    no X

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.)

Grocery store is located, in part, in the two-story frame structure having its gable end to the road. Windows, 1st floor, changed, and windows 2d floor, boarded up. Permastone applied to exterior c1960. Two-story, gable-roofed addition made c1960.

Hardware store located in 1-story gable roofed frame building built as an automobile repair garage sometime in the 1920s.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

This is actually a collection of three or more buildings joined together in a complex of stores, essentially a grocery and a hardware store, with gardening supplies and variety items also being sold here. The two-story c1900s building where the grocery store is now located was moved from the corner of Washington and Jefferson Sts. where it had previously been operated as a general store, owned by (Albert?) Rust and (Charles J.?) Gillis. James and George Gossom opened the grocery store in this building at its present location in about 1936. They eventually expanded into a one-story building to the east that had been erected on the site of the moved building and operated as an automobile repair garage by Charles Gillis.

The Haymarket Post Office was located in the building now occupied by Gossom's Grocery in about 1900, before this building was moved a few hundred feet west to its present location. Post Office is now located next door, where Hunt's Drug Store was.

The stone tablet in the gable of the grocery store bears the dates 1884-1960 and the inscription "Gossoms." The date 1884 refers to the first store established by Wil (W. T.) Gossom on Mountain Road, north of Waterfall. See survey sheet on this building, which existed in 1978 in deteriorated condition. Other Gossom stores include W. R. Gossom's Store at Hickory Grove. W. R. was James and George's father and it was from him that they learned the business. The date on the tablet 1960 refers to the year in which the permastone siding was applied to the buildings.

According to one source, Rector's Store once existed where the Gossom Store is now.



Sources and bibliography

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

Tommye S. Burton, "Haymarket, Virginia," in Echoes of History, May 1974.

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.) Albert Rust, who still owns property in Haymarket, is said to have a photograph of the store he owned on the corner of Washington & Jefferson Sts. Francis Watson also has photos of early Haymarket.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed James Gossom, Gossoms Store, Haymarket, Va.

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

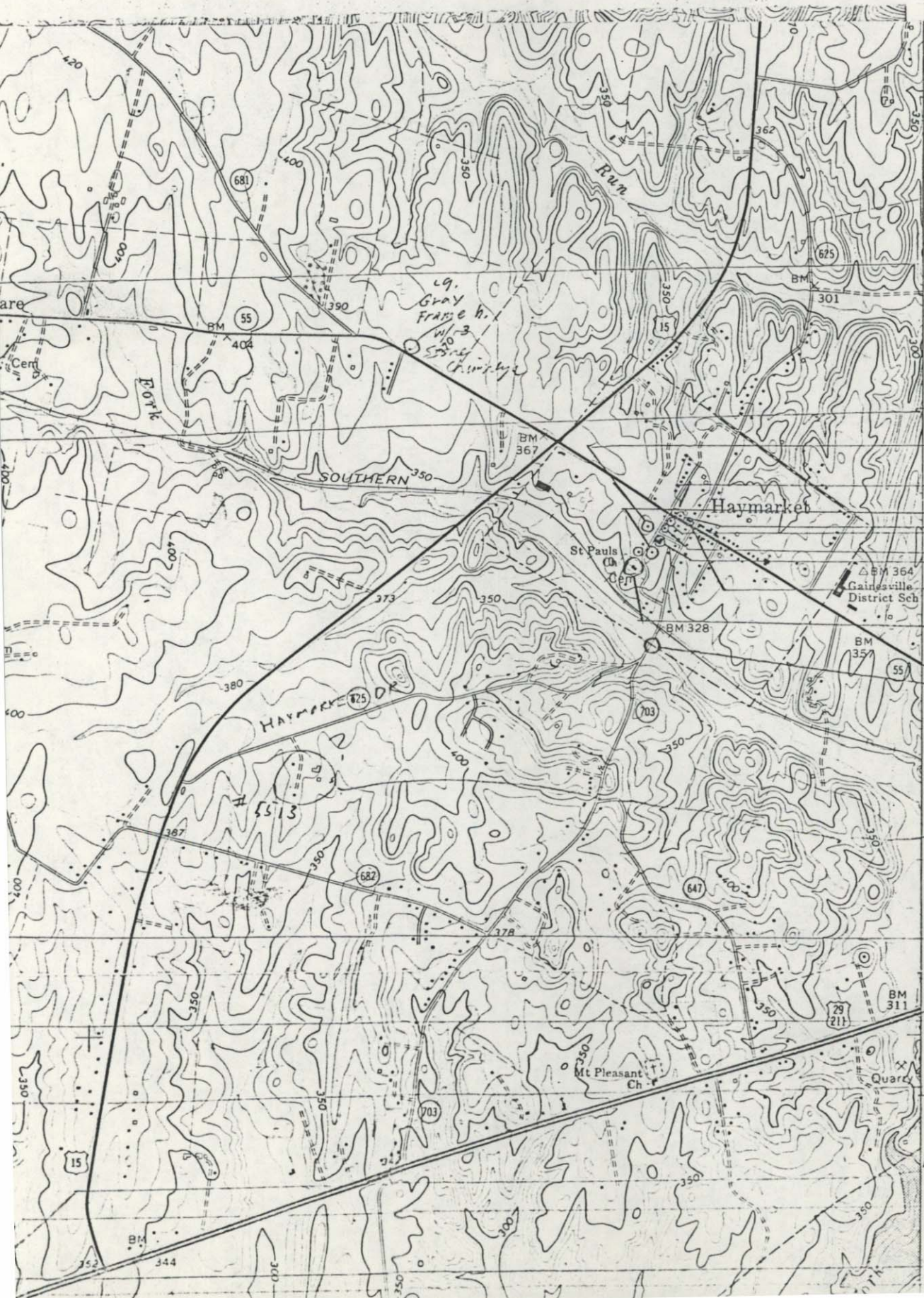
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Thoroughfare RAILWAY  
STATION 76-15

Cloverland 76-44

Mayers HOUSE

McCormick's House 233  
HAYMARKET P.O. 233-5  
HAYMARKET TOWN HALL  
233-6

St Pauls PARISH HALL?  
GOSMAN STORE 233-10  
St. Pauls Church  
233-2

North Fork  
Steel Truss BRIDGE  
76-150

Woodlawn? 76-122  
W.L. 217

Falkland 76-

Erless House??  
House built by Erless  
47'30" House 76-120

FLETCHER HOUSE  
76-119

Dr. BROWN 76-115

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