



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-179
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Common name
County/Town/City	McCarren House
Street address or route number	3200 Sanders Lane, Catharpin, VA 22019
USGS Quad	Arcola
Original owner	Thomas B. Putnam (?)
Original use	Residence
Present owner	Eugene & Hiltrud McCarren
Present owner address	3200 Sanders Lane Catharpin, Va. 22019
Present use	Residence
Acreage	4 acres
Date or period	1860's, c1910
Architect/builder/craftsmen	Thomas Putnam (?), John Patten(?)
Source of name	
Source of date	Architectural evidence, tradition.
Stories	2
Foundation and wall const'n	Stone foundation, frame walls.
Roof type	Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Good

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.)

House and 4 acres have been separated from barn and remainder of property for proposed subdivision. House is presently being restored. Owner is reproducing architrave mouldings to match those in parlor. Matchboard wainscoting in livingroom and matchboard on one wall of dining room. Ceilings, 1st floor, 9'. Main stairway moved from west (older) section of house when c1910 wing added. Some windows in older section blocked. House earlier had two-story porches across both the present front and west sides. Cellar only under part of west section. Heavy c10"x10" hewn posts support circular-sawn, 2"x10" joists in part of west (older) section of house. Kitchen end has been extended; foundation and possibly fireplace footings of earlier kitchen visible in cellar.

Outbuildings include a meat house, dairy, and gas house. Barn (c40'x50') under different ownership, and rented by neighbor Ramsey Light

Graves of Stite sisters (location unknown) said to be on property. Present owners claim there is a house ruin a short distance northwest of this house.

Interior inspected? Yes

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

This house was allegedly built by Thomas B. Putnam, a peddler from Vermont, in the 1850s. Putnam purchased the 150-acre tract, it is said, in 1867 from Margaret and Mary Gwatkins Stite, two sisters whose graves may be located on or near this property. The place where Bull Run crosses Sanders Lane was known as Putnam's Ford. The property on which this house sits was once part of the Beale (or Bell) farm, which spanned both sides of Sanders Lane.

Putnam's son John Patten supposedly built the addition to the house in about 1910. Patten may also have built the barn c1895. An innovator, Patten had his own sawmill, was one of the first to install running water in his house, and had a gas manufactory (c1910-1915). Patten also had two tenant houses. The barn, said to have been built around 1895, had two parts - for sheep and cattle. This house has also been called "Deseret," or "Little Deseret."

The connection between this farm and the neighboring large working farm "Deseret," or "Old Deseret," has not been established. Some say a previous owner, Charlie Renner, named this house Deseret after World War II. Jack Alvey, whose father owned the farm in about 1940, said that this farm was triangular-shaped, bounded on the north by Bull Run, and was carved out of the farm known as Old Deseret before the 1850s.

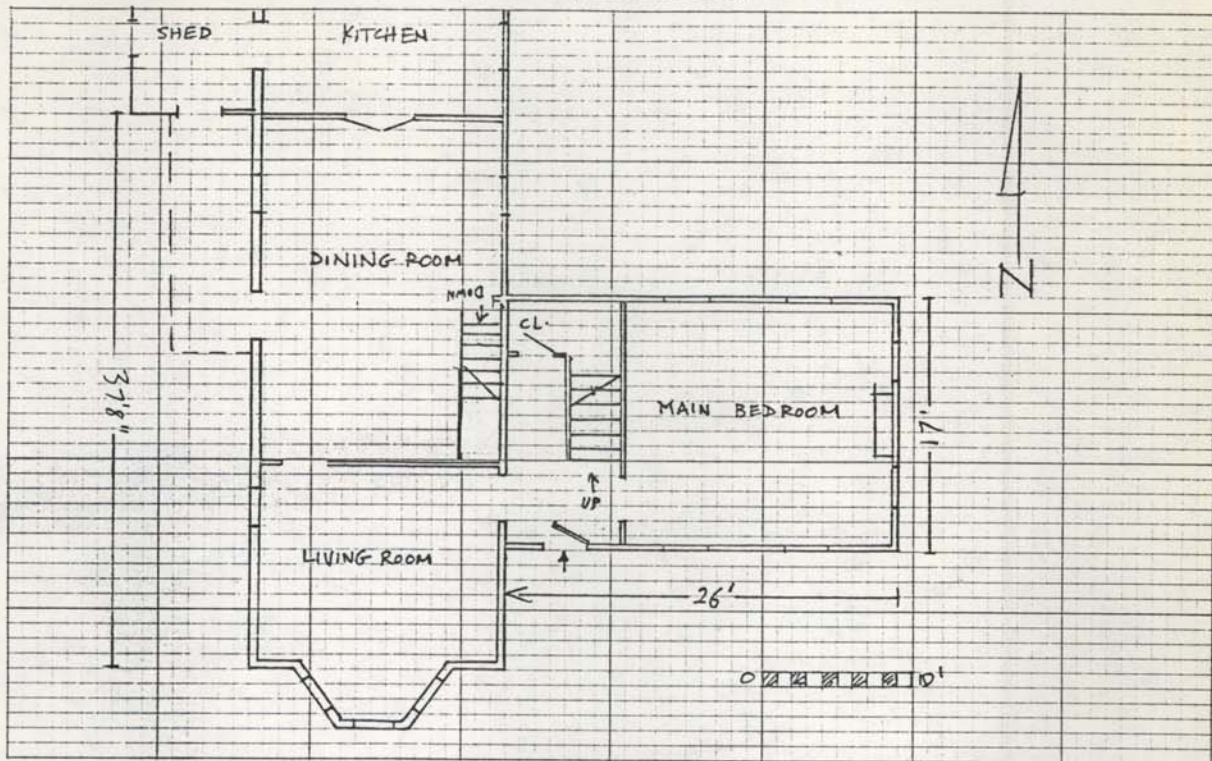
Above the shed which is near the barn there was a race track or field where horses were raced in about the 1870s.

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

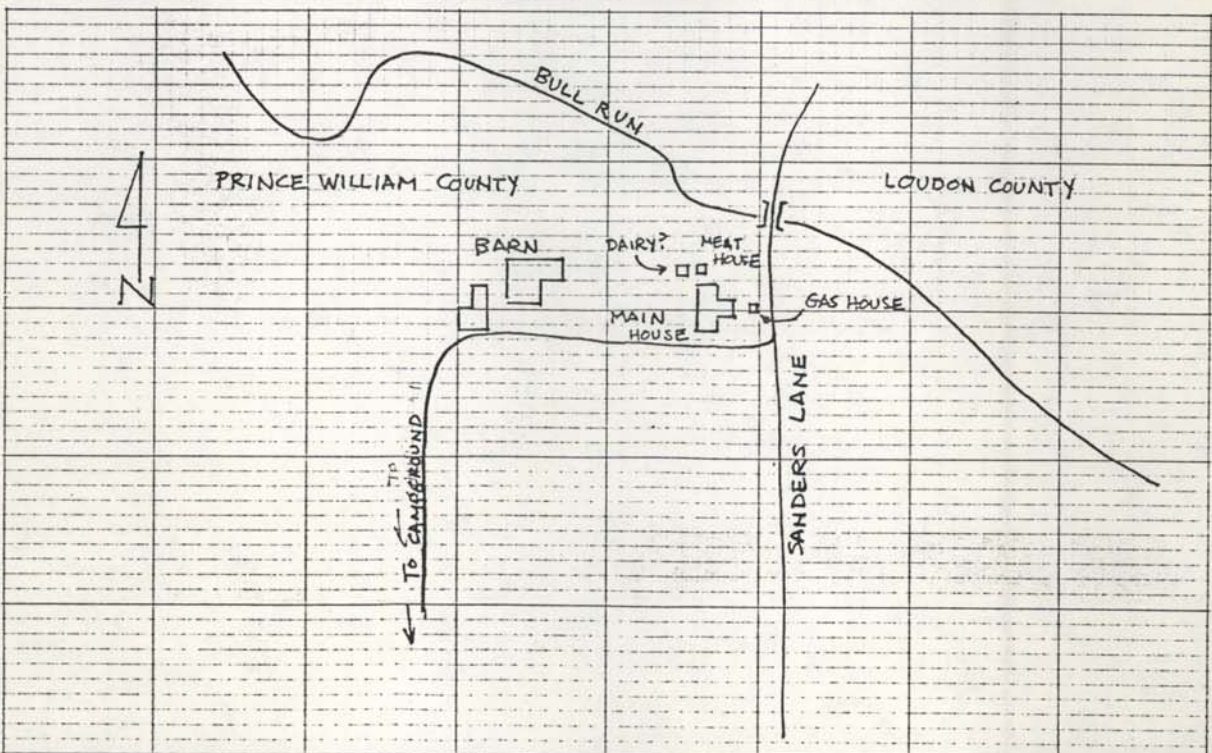
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials: give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. & Mrs. McCarren (owners) (see also Raymond Burns in
Jack Alvey, Catharpin, Va. Loudoun County)
Ren Conner III, Manassas Museum, Manassas, Va.

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

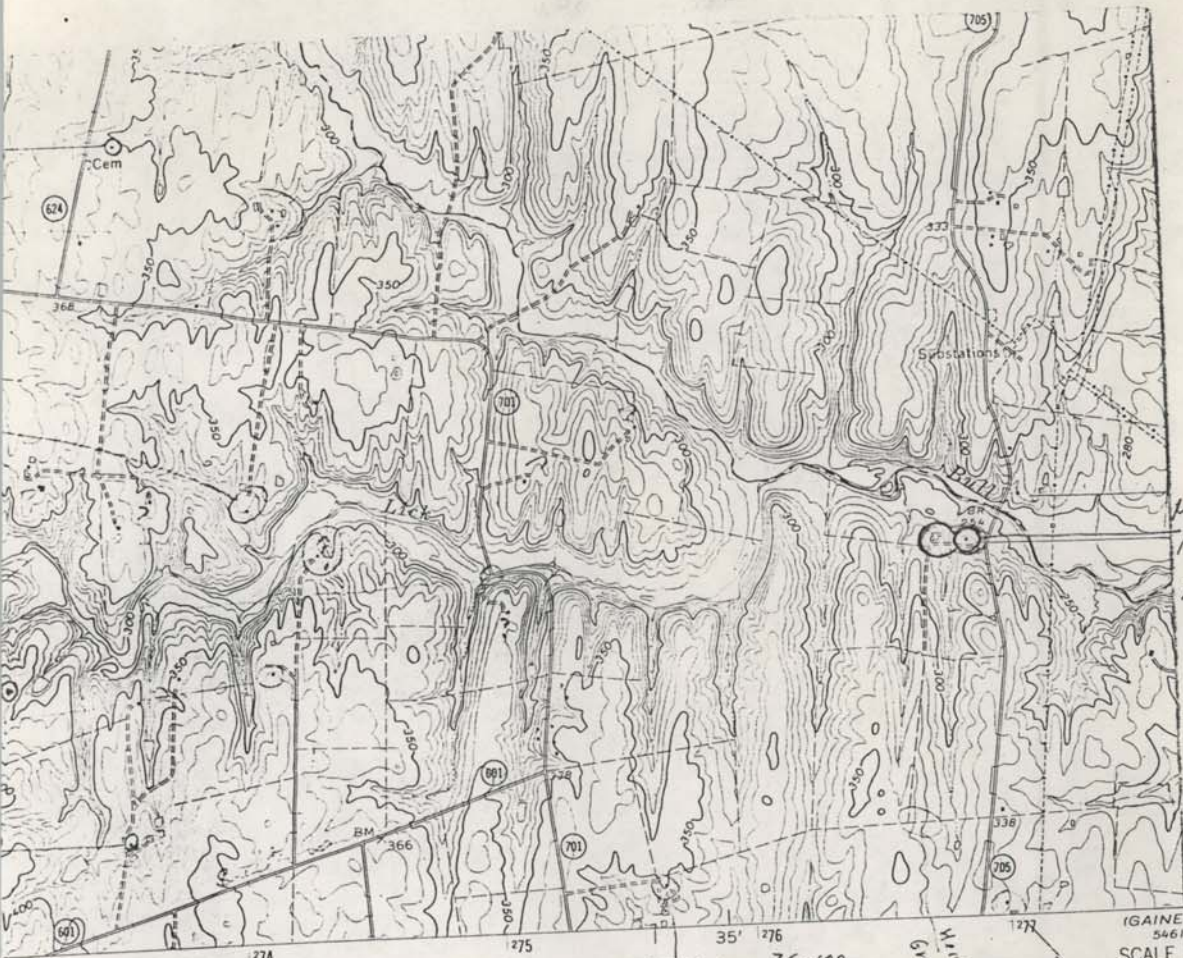


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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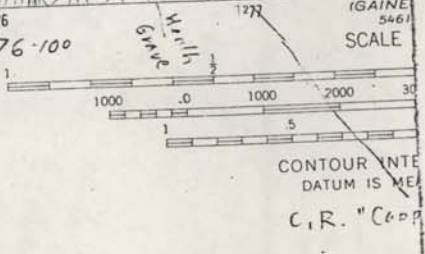


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