



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

UPDATE OF NR NOM. PREP. 6/78

File no. 76-14
Negative no(s). 4373

SURVEY FORM

Historic name Moor Green	Common name AKA Moor House
County/Town/City Prince William County, vic. of Brentsville	
Street address or route number vic. 9750 Flint Rock Rd., Bristow	
USGS Quad Independent Hill	Date or period Early 19th Century
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use	
Present owner William D. Wood	Source of name
Present owner address c/o Century 21/Capital Realty, 8803 Sudley Rd., Manassas, Va.	Source of date Architectural evidence
Present use Not in use	Stories
Acreage c12 acres	Foundation and wall const'n Stone & brick foundation, brick walls.
	Roof type Asphalt shingle-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House & surrounding grounds in deteriorating condition. House is open, appears to have been vandalized.
 State potential threats to structure Neglect, lack of maintenance, vandalism, arson.
 Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no ___ (NR--1978)

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.)

On a visit to this house August 1979, surveyor found this house open and apparently abandoned, and the grounds very overgrown. The early approach to the house was erased during the construction of the single family residences which now almost completely surround the house. Another road, recently cut, had a deep gouge across its entrance, an apparent attempt to prevent access to the house. I was accompanied on this visit by Prince William County Historical Commission member Agnes Webster, who lives in nearby Brentsville, and we walked the quarter to half mile to the house from Flint Rock Rd., a new subdivision road.

The early 20th century frame barn and equipment shed mentioned in the National Register nomination of June 1978 has been demolished and a remaining silo is the only evidence of the location of these structures. The other outbuilding on the property--a smokehouse probably built at the same time as the main house--still stands, though seriously neglected and in need of immediate repairs if it is to survive.

Some work has obviously been done on the house's interiors, namely, the floors have been sanded throughout and are protected by heavy plastic sheeting. In addition, the plaster on the ceilings of many of the rooms has been removed, exposing the joists of the floors above.

The house felt extremely damp; some of the walls were actually wet and there are signs of mildew damage throughout the first floor. There is a large hole in the floor at the front entrance.

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Interior inspected? Yes.

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

The sudden and drastic deterioration of this house, so soon after its placement on the National Register, and occurring shortly after its owner had announced grandiose plans to expensively restore the house, was reported at the September meeting of the Prince William County Historical Commission. It was noted that this Commission had selected Moor Green, and the Board of Supervisors had resolved, to award it a historical plaque denoting its importance as a Prince William County Landmark. The Commission is now reluctant to deliver the plaque, considering the house's downward turn.

The Historical Commission has written a letter to Moor Green's owner William D. Wood, stating the Commission's concern over the present threats to the house and offering its assistance in preserving the house. A copy of the letter will be sent to the VHLC, the Brentsville District Supervisor, and the Moor Green Estates Citizens Association.

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Architectural Description (con't)

Some hardware, including door knobs, a knocker and some light fixtures, have been stolen, according to a neighbor whose house abuts Moor Green's property, however, it could have been removed by the owner to prevent the theft.

