

Mr. Thomas P. Nelson, Jr.
2700 Davis Ford Road
Woodbridge, Virginia 22191

October 1, 1976

Dr. Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
Executive Director
Virginia Historical Landmark Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219



Dear Dr. Fishburne,

Referencing my letter to you dated September 21, 1976 concerning the registration of my home as an historic site. The following information about my home will be of help toward the identification of it as an historic landmark:

The house which is located underneath three huge old oak trees, which are much older than the house (see photos 1 thru 4) and about three miles from downtown Woodbridge and also three miles from Occoquan. The enclosed deed (copy of) give the exact location of the property which the house was built on.

Photo 5 is a close-up view of the left front side of the house which is alluminum siding that covers the earlier wooden siding. The windows have hand-blown glass and the window frames are put together with hand skewn nails. The original house, as I call it, was "L" shaped and can be seen on photo number 7. The upper roof level is the oldest part of the house. The lower part was added about ten years ago. The original house once had three heater-stove type fire chimneys, one of which remains and can be seen on photo 5 (outside) and 7 (inside). The newer fireplace in the livingroom replaced the older one and the kitchen one was removed completely but the markings show it's location. Photo 6 shows the older section of the house from the left rear corner. The kitchen has the bay window.

The molding (exterior) seen in photo 8 is typical of the old part of the house. The newer section does not have this type.

Photo 10 is a possible smoke house built with hand skewn nails. I would imagine, that as I go through court-house records, the identity of this structure will come to light.

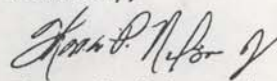
Inside the house, the pine-wood floors are variable width but not too wide (photo 12). The molding above the doors has a particular design that you see on photo 13. You can find these above all old entrances. I found these pieces in a closet. Photo 14 shows the hinges many of the door have. The smaller doors usually have these. In the basement I have found iron air vents which were removed from the wall when the new section was added. Many of the vents still remain in their original position. The cellar, as best seen on photo 16 and 17, is hand laid stone and ten years ago was expanded. Photo 16 shows an original wall and looking carefully you can see how the wall starts to from the wall which was removed. The original cellar was approximately 14 feet by 14 feet. Photo 18 shows some nails found in the cellar (hand skewn).

I heard that the house was once a rural post office and I contacted the National Archives. They informed me that it was and it was called Agnewville Post Office, Prince William County, Virginia. It was established on July 13th, 1891 and discontinued on April 15, 1927 with mail being sent to Woodbridge. Photo copies of the registers are being sent to me.

This concludes the information that I have. It is very difficult for me to get to go to the court house in Manassas since I work during the week. I will try as best I can in the near future. Please let me know what information I should send you. I appreciate you time with this matter.

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Sincerely,


Thomas P. Nelson, Jr.

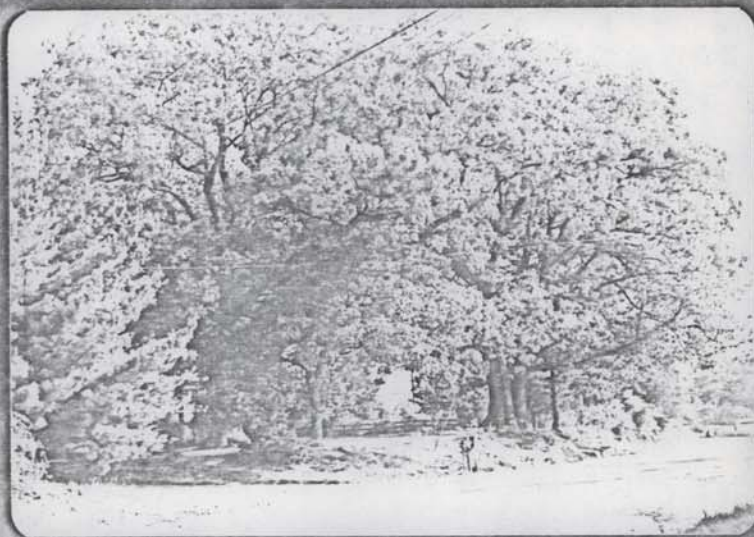
Enclosures:

Copy of deed of trust
8 page photographic set of house

2700 DAVIS FORD ROAD
WOODBIDGE, VIRGINIA 22191



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THIS DEED, made this 12th day of August, 19 76, by and between
BARNEY V. RICHEY, JR. and TANYA M. RICHEY
his wife, grantors, parties of the first part; and THOMAS P. NELSON, JR.
and WENDY ELIZABETH NELSON, his wife, grantees,
parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, sell, bargain and convey with GENERAL WARRANTY OF TITLE, unto the said parties of the second part, as tenants by the entirety with the full common law right of survivorship, the following described property, situate and being in the State of Virginia, to-wit:
BEGINNING at a point in the northwesterly side of State Route 640, said point lying N. 70 35'40" E. 381.94 feet, and 151.00 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 778.51 feet from a point in the side of said road marking a corner common to The 640 Corporation and Miller; thence departing from State Route 640 and running through the property of the 640 Corporation along the following courses: N. 34 54'06"W. 136.39 feet; 127.20 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 182.00 feet; 23.00 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 104.00 feet; and S.46 35'53" E. 180.77 feet to a point in the aforementioned northwesterly side of State Route 640; thence running along the side of said road S. 51 46'37"W. 72.50 feet, and 104.68 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 778.51 feet to the point of beginning, containing 24,423 square feet, together with the right to a sewer easement to the septic field for said property; subject to surrender of said easement by the Grantee any any subsequent Grantee upon the availability of public sewer to the premises conveyed herein. Any hookup or tap fee to public sewer to be at the expense of the Grantee or any subsequent Grantee.
AND BEING the same property conveyed to the grantors by deed recorded in Deed Book 657 at Page 379 in Prince William County, Virginia
SUBJECT to a Deed of Trust in the approximate amount of THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,700.00) and recorded in Deed Book 657 at Page 382 the same to be assumed by the grantees as part of the consideration hereof.

This conveyance is made subject to the restrictions, easements, rights-of-way and conditions contained in the deeds forming the chain of title to the property.

The grantors covenant that they have the right to convey the aforesaid property unto the grantees; that the grantees shall have quiet possession thereof; that the said grantors have done no act to encumber the said property except as herein stated and that they will execute such further assurances of land as may be requisite.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

Barney V. Richey, Jr. (SEAL)
BARNEY V. RICHEY, JR.
Tanya M. Richey (SEAL)
TANYA M. RICHEY

STATE OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, to-wit:

I, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, whose commission expires on the 12th day of August, 19 76, do hereby certify that BARNEY V. RICHEY, JR. and TANYA M. RICHEY, his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing Deed, bearing date on the 12th day of August, 19 76, have personally appeared before me in the County and State aforesaid and acknowledged the same.

GIVEN under my hand this 12th day of August, 19 76.

My commission expires: 11/21/79
Notary Public

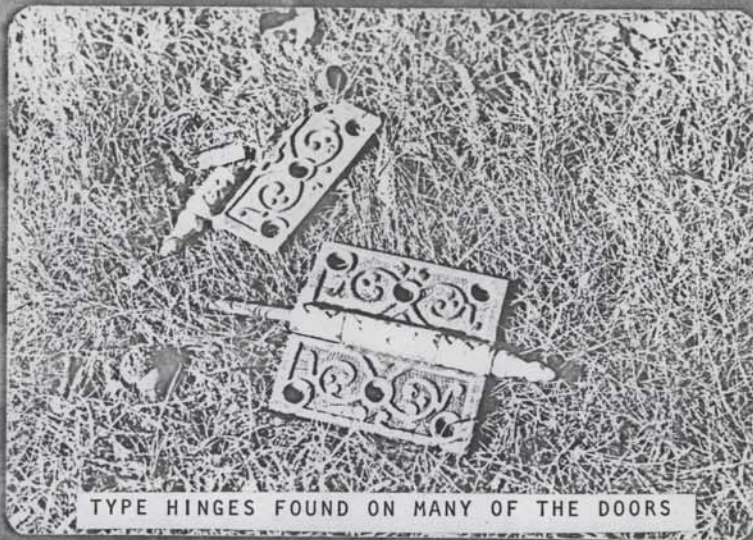
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ENCLOSURE

This is to certify that the above described property is being sold by deed in 55-56.1 and has been paid. Consideration \$57,000.00 Tax 14.50

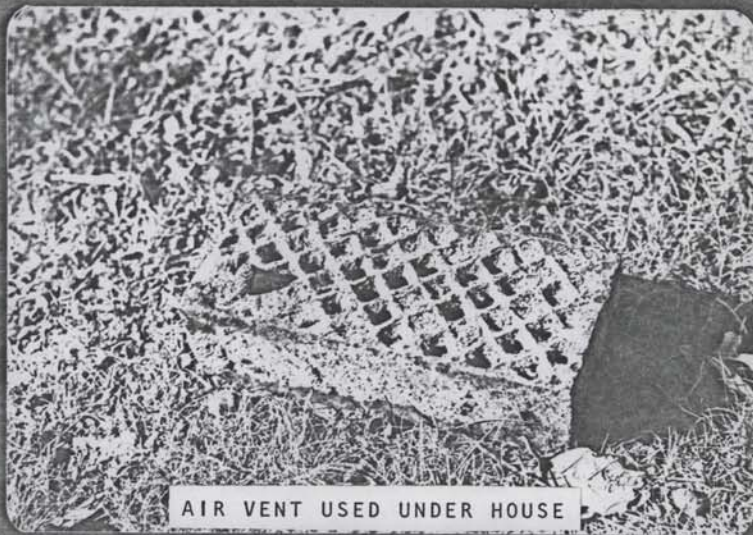
Grantees Address: 2700 Davis Ford Road Woodbridge, VA

GAYLORD LEONARD
ATTORNEY AT LAW
8415 ARLINGTON BOULEVARD
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



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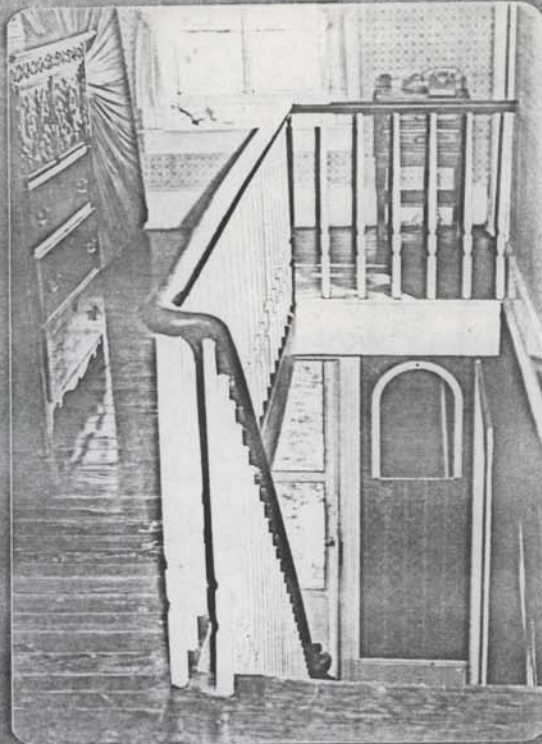
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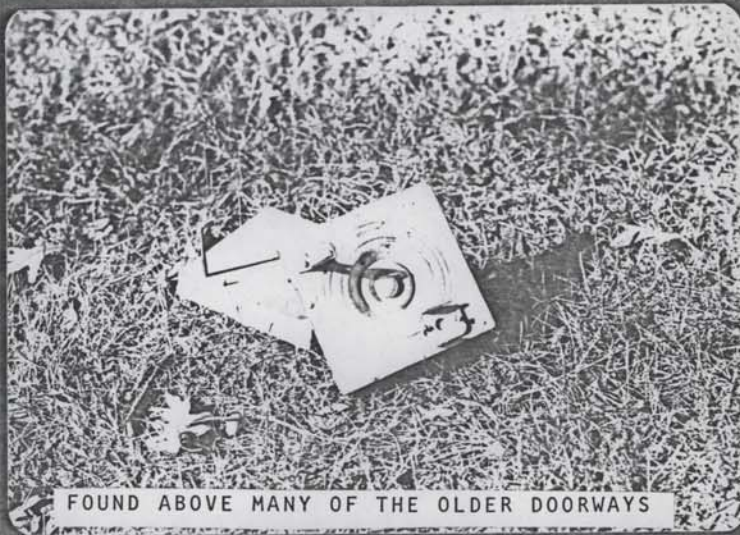
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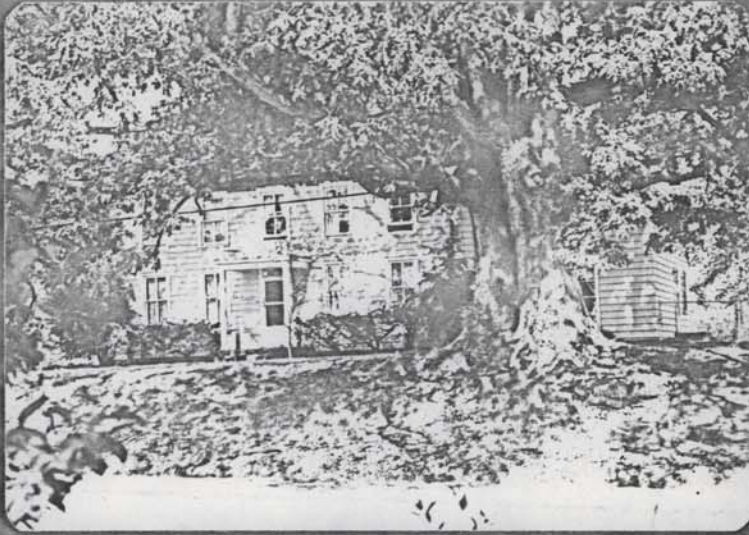
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FOUND ABOVE MANY OF THE OLDER DOORWAYS



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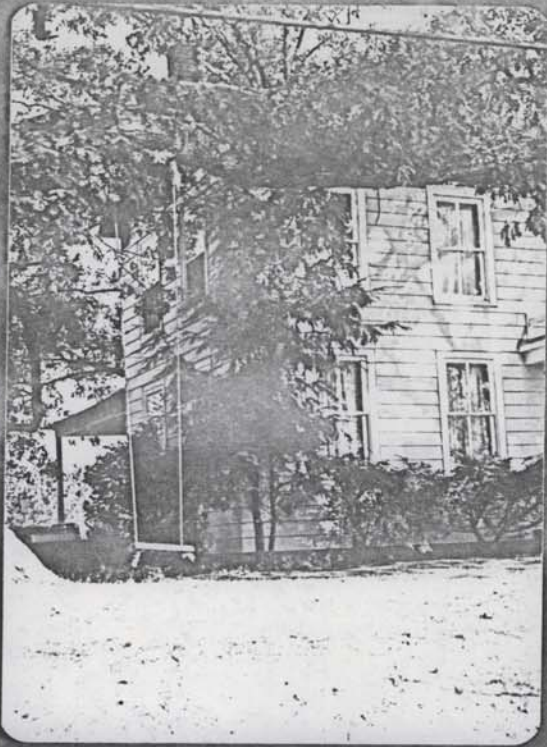
POSSIBLE SMOKE HOUSE BUILT WITH HAND
SKEWED NAILS



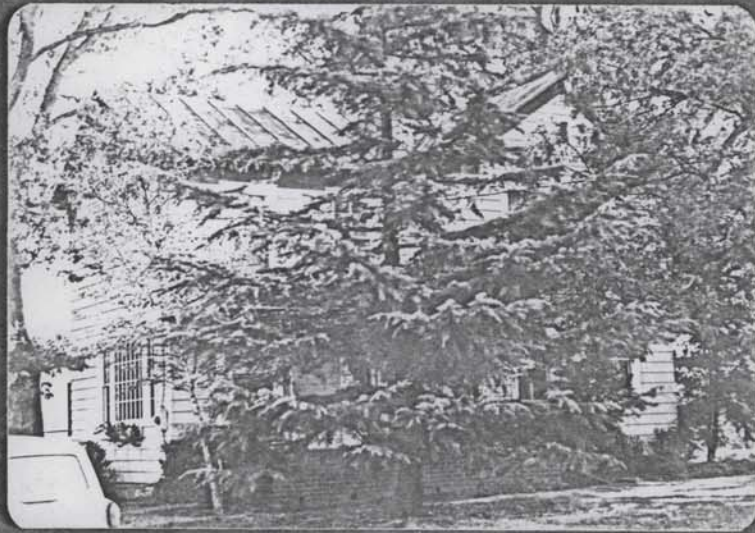
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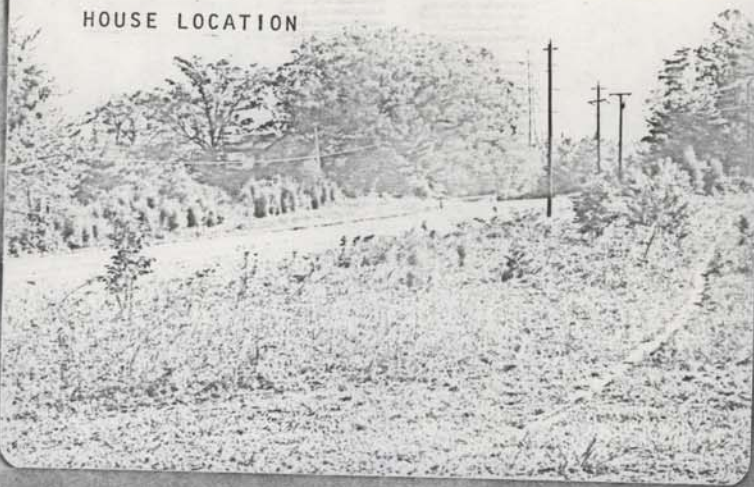


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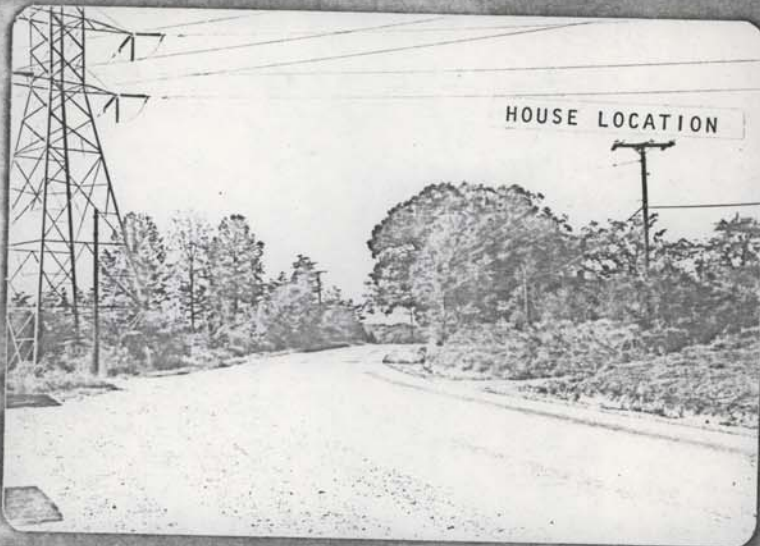
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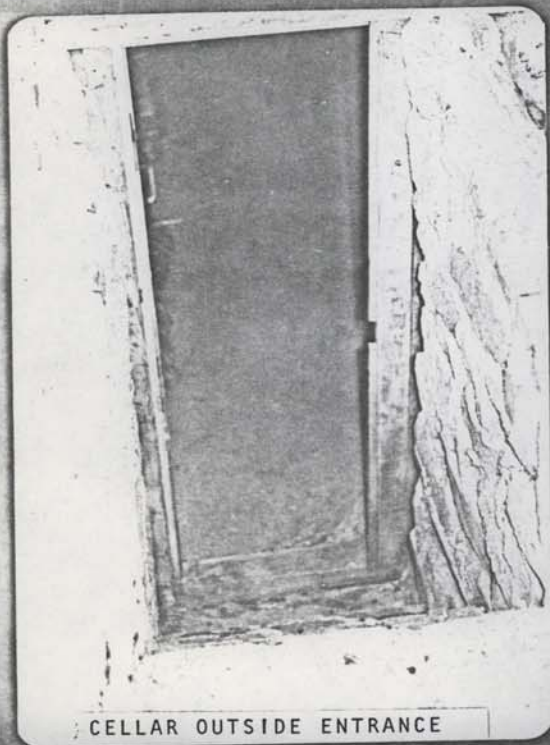


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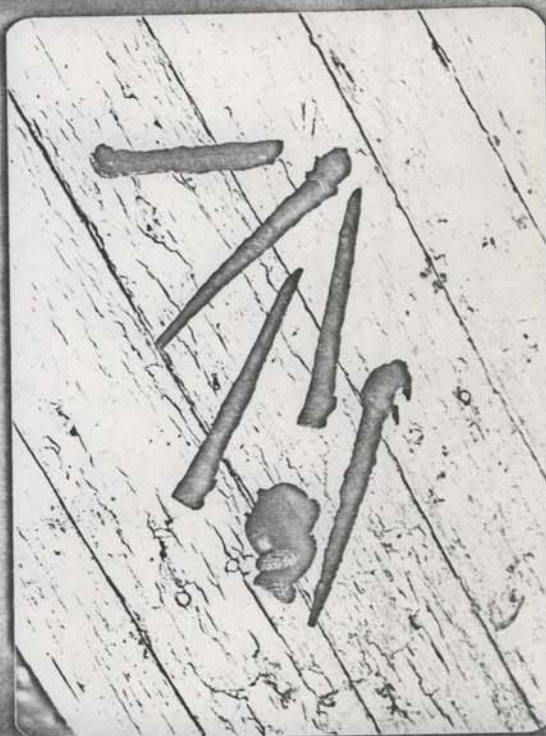
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ORIGINAL CELLAR WALL



CELLAR OUTSIDE ENTRANCE

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