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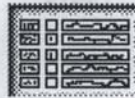


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NOTE	Building date: Late 1700's
NOTE	Building material: Stone and frame
NOTE	Location: 4.5 miles north of Manassas on Rt. 621.
NOTE	Primary owners: George Carter, Mathew Lee, John Lipscomb, William Hayden
NOTE	Union troops camped here during the Civil War. The original house was stone and there is a frame addition.
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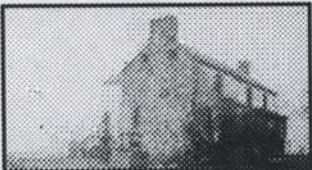
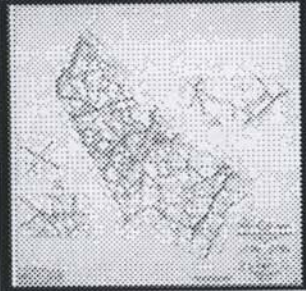
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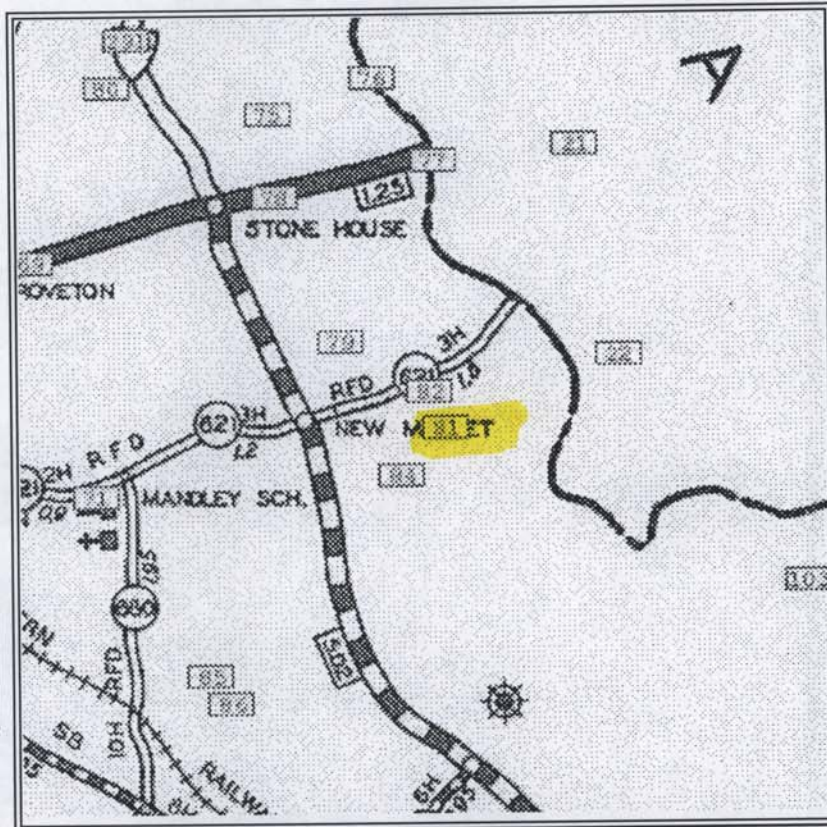
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1. SUBJECT:

"New Commons" Home Site.

2. LOCATION:

Four and one-half miles northwest of Manassas, Virginia, on Route #621, on the south side of the road.

3. DATE:

Latter part of the eighteenth century.

4. OWNERS:

Prior to 1807 conveyed to George Carter by his father, Councelor Carter.

1807. Mathew Lee.

1886, John Lipscomb.

1894. William Hayden. Still owned and occupied by the Hayden family.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The original house of stone contained four rooms. Some years later there was a frame addition of another four rooms, and still later five more rooms were added. There is a very large stone chimney on the east side and the old part contained three fireplaces. All the doors are heavy battened doors with the original latches and hinges. The walls are eighteen inches thick. The windows in the old part are mostly twelve paned, each pane six by eight inches, but those on the second floor are very small, having only six panes.

The setting of the house, surrounded by flower and kitchen garden and some fine trees, all has the appearance of age.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This was Carter land about here at the time the original house was built. "Portici" was one of the adjoining farms and the "Liberia" land came very near. The first post office in that section was located a short distance away.

During the War Between the states the Union Army camped on this property and there is a fence in use now, which was made from the split logs taken from the cabins the soldiers made for shelters.

At the time Mr. Hayden bought the place, it had grown up in pine and practically all the cultivated fields were entirely covered with undergrowth. The place was quite fittingly named "The Wilderness". The new owners who had come from the Cathedral town of Exeter, in England, gave it the present name.

7. ART:

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8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. William Hayden, Manassas, Virginia, R. F. D.
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