



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Oakwood	Common name	Annfield; Dun Roman
County/Town/City	Prince William County		
Street address or route number	4540 Sudley Rd.,	Gainesville, Va.	22065
USGS Quad	Gainesville	Date or period	c1830, c1900
Original owner	Richard Newman?	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use	Residence		
Present owner	Mrs. Mary F. Miller	Source of name	
Present owner address	4540 Sudley Rd.	Source of date	Architectural evidence; local histories.
	Gainesville, Va. 22065	Stories	2 stories
Present use	Residence	Foundation and wall const'n	Stone foundation; frame wall construction.
Acreage	79.2 acres	Roof type	Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House and environs are in good condition.

State potential threats to structure
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.)

Oakwood, or Dun Roman, as it is called by the present owner, is a two-story, gable-roofed, frame-constructed, L-shaped, weatherboarded house on a high stone basement. It has a two-story wing on the south side of the main house which is connected by a one-story passage. A two-story porch (formerly one-story) fills in the el on the east side of the main house. On the west side is a large, two-story bay window. The windows, except in the small addition, are 2/2 sliding sash, capped by a moulded lintel. There is a double window with semicircular arches and arched, moulded lintel in the west gable above the projecting bay. The other attic windows have the same shape and trim as the window above the bay. In size, shape, and decorative treatment, this house is similar to the McCarren House or "Little Deseret," 76-179, an 1850s-built farmhouse which was renovated and enlarged in the early 1900s and is located a few miles north of Catharpin on Sanders Lane.

Just south of Oakwood on the same property is a frame tenant house, built in the 1920s by Charles Berry.

Interior inspected? No.

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

The oldest part of this house was built in about 1830, possibly by Richard Newman, who, with his brothers Thomas and James, owned or leased land in the Catharpin Run vicinity in the late 1700s or early 1800s. In the 1850s, Oakwood, or Annfield, as it may also have been known, was owned by Sarah Carter Ball (1803-1875), the daughter of Landon Carter of Woodland and a third generation descendant of Landon Carter of Sabine Hall. She was married to Alfred Ball (1798-1853), the son of Spencer Ball and Elizabeth Landon Carter Ball of Portici. Mrs. Ball acquired Annfield from her nephew Francis W. Lewis, who, upon Alfred Ball's death in 1853, inherited Portici. Lewis then exchanged Annfield for Portici with his aunt. Sarah Carter is buried with her husband in the Ball family cemetery at Portici. In a burying ground east of the house is the grave of William Bronaugh, a victim of a hunting accident.

In 1900, the property is identified on a county map as that of Metcalf. In 1911, Charles R. MacDonald, County Superintendent of Schools from 1916 to 1925, purchased this property. *The farm was also owned by George Riley, who was Overseer of the Public Roads. Mrs. Miller and her late husband acquired the property in 1957.

According to the WPA report written in 1936, the original house had six smallish rooms with a central hall. It was of frame and log construction and there was a large kitchen, separated from the house but connected by a covered porch. Metcalf allegedly demolished a part of the house and altered the remainder. There are supposedly two batten doors in the attic having wooden hinges and latches.

*Deed Book 61, page 157, Joseph E. Metcalf to Charles E. McDonald.

Sources and bibliography

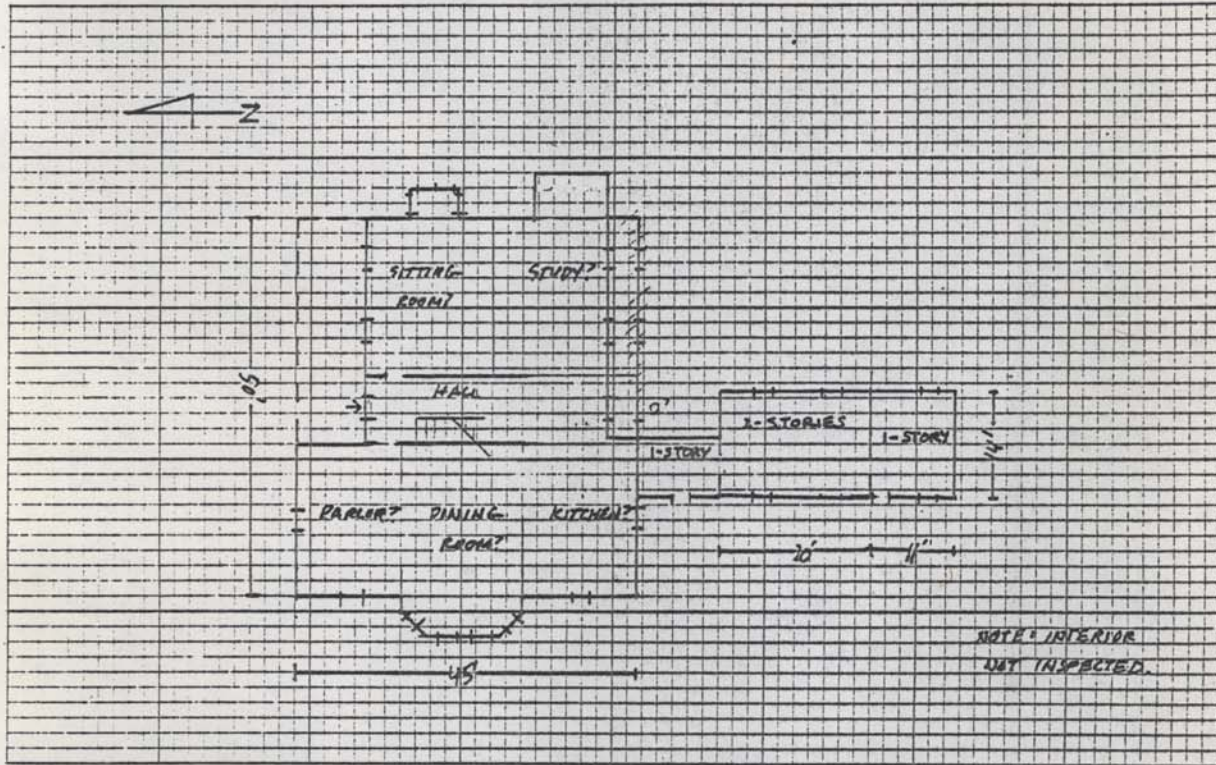
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.) WPA Writers Program, Prince William, The Story of Its People and Its Places (c1941), pp. 139-40, 182.

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

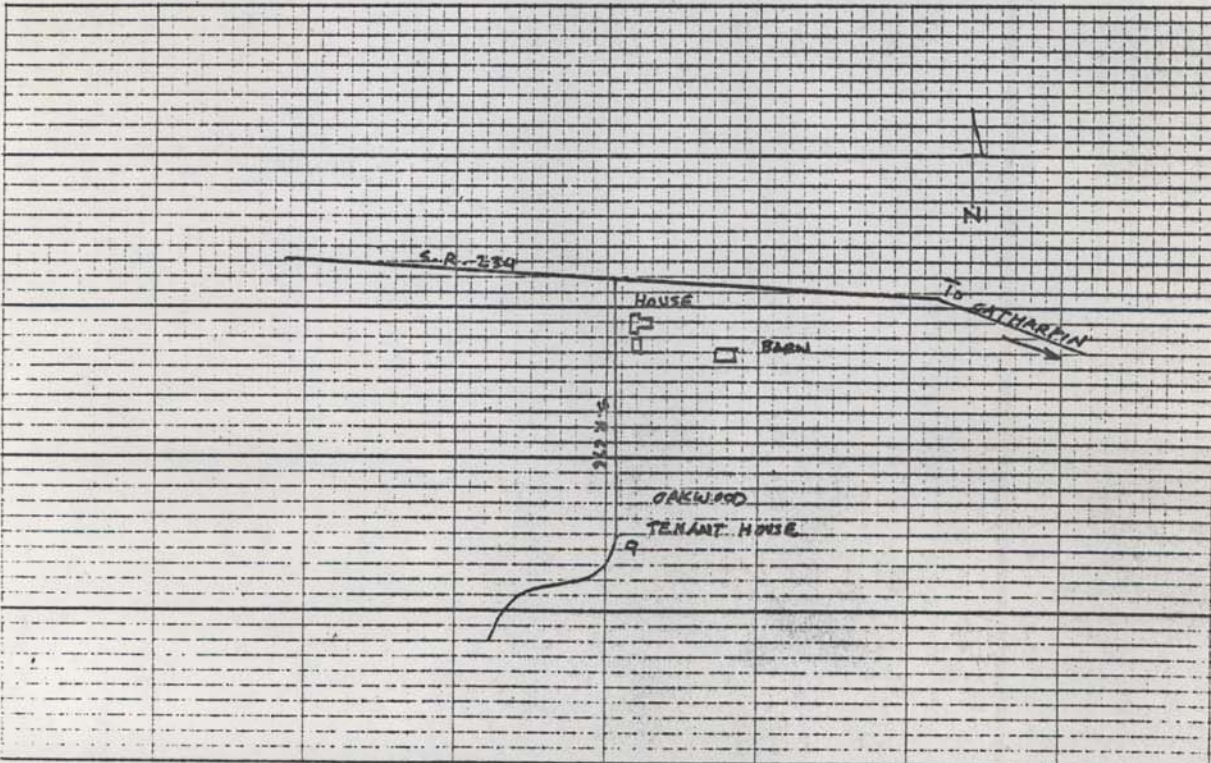
WPA Report in Possession of R. J. Ratcliffe.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Jack Alvey, Catharpin P. O.

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



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



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State-Wide Project, Historical Inventory

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Map No. ()

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FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

County-----

Supervisor-----Date Prince Wm

Worker's signature Mrs B. Ferguson Cary Identification No. August 2d

Worker's address-----No. hours worked this day 5:45, 1:15

If this is a re-written report give date of original-----
Haymarket 7

1. Subject. Present Name-----

1-A. Synopsis of transition Oakwood from original to present name.

always been known by the same name

2. Exact Location. (By road numbers and compass directions in counties. See illustration in 3400 for locations in cities.)

located ~~at the junction of roads~~ no 621 and 676, a little over five
~~miles northeast of Gainesville.~~ from Gainesville take route 55 1/4 mile
turning on the first road on the north (rightside) 676 and proceeding
five miles.

Note: Follow bulletin 3400 for all reports on buildings and other objects, including books. Use reverse side of this report for topics 3 to 8 inclusive, continuing on other paper whenever necessary. Attach architectural form No. 3686 to reports on all buildings. 3400 will not apply to reports solely on legends, copies of wills etc.

Supposed to have been built about 1800. as this land was a deed of gift, there are no records of the early part of the century to be found, but a nephew of the "Miss Sally" (Ball) a man of seventy now, recalls going there as a small boy, when his Aunt was an old lady (dead for over sixty years) and that the home had been given her when she was quite young. This seems to be the most definite information that I can get on the subject.

Ownership.

Originally this was Carter land, there being several Carter Plantations in the section, there seems to be no way to positively tell which is the exact piece that this 68 acres was taken from.

The first record that appears to be at the Court House is in deed book 61, folio 157 From Joseph E. Metcalf, to Charles E. McDonald, in 1911.

Mr. Metcalf was there some thirty years, and there must be a record some where, unless it was not publicly recorded. It is now occupied by Mr. McDonald.

Description.

As the old house is entirely submerged in the present one, and no one who can tell which is old and new, save from what can be judged by appearances, I did not fill out the 3686. I am told that the original house had six rather small rooms, with a central hall, it was of frame with some logs used in the construction, and there was a large outer kitchen connected by a covered porch with the house. At the time that Mr. Metcalf bought it he tore down a part and altered it completely, in two rooms there are the original windows, 12 pane, 6x8, and in the attic, the stairway to which has been removed and is only reached by a trap door, there are wooden hinges and latches on the two doors, which are battened doors and of black walnut. There are a few old doors in the house, but some of them have even out to meet the modern requirements, and while is now a spacious and pleasant house, there is nothing to indicate to the casual visitor that this was once an old home.

The outbuildings are gone, although until a few years ago, there were still some of them standing, and many of the fine trees are left. To the left of the lawn at the end of the grape arbour is the graveyard.

Historical significance.

There is probably no actual history connected with this place, other than that it was home much beloved in the community for the kindly services of it's