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FIELD WORKER'S DAILY REPORT

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District No. 111 County PRINCE WM

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Worker's Name SUSAN ROGERS MORTON

Address HAYMARKET Identification No. 4595-164

Date AUGUST 27th NO. hours worked this day 7

Number of sites visited this day one

Number of miles traveled this day 80

Remarks:
as usual I did not confine myself to one site, but made numerous calls in regards to various places in the vicinity, all of which will show up on reports sooner or later, as I complete them.

- 1. _____
- 2. Old Mungy or Tebbs House.
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Exact location of site 1. off the Highway, route 1 on the left hand side,
 2. about 1/8 mile from the corner of the highway and the Manassas road, close to the Love Tavern, now called "Albert's Hotel"
 3. _____

Name of Informant 1 Mr Callahan, Mr Brawner, Mrs Wheat, Miss Ewell,
 2. Miss Merchant
 3. _____

Address of Informant 1. Alexandria, Dumfries, Dumfries, Haymarket, Dumfries.
 2. _____
 3. _____

Connection of Informant 1. historian related to former owners (the three from
 2. Dumfries) historian, relative once lived there.
 3. _____

(Note: Please use reverse side for comments on sites visited. Refer to each by its number on the left hand side of these columns.)

I hereby certify the above statements are accurate.

(Signature)
Signature _____

making sure of the date.

4. It is impossible to find any early records of ownership, although this was the home of Willoughby Tebbs, and I think that it was built by him, it was left to his Widow, Betsy Tebbs, and she evidently sold it to Merchant, but I have not been able to find the record of it, and suppose that is among the missing Court records of Prince Wm.

George and Sarah Merchant sold it in 1849 to Phineas Mundy, deed book, 47, folio 73, and in 1853, deed book 51, folio 46 is the record of additional land on Grayson's Hill. later this all came into possession of the the Kings, and remained in that family for years but was sold to Mr C.F. Brown of Quantó Va. in 1935 by the King estate.

5. The old house was in very bad repair for some years and finally in a heavy gale fell in, but it was still standing a few years ago, and I remember it very well, but cannot recall the details well enough to fill in the architectural sheet, it was square, brick, Flemish bond I think, white stone trim, there were six rooms on the first floor, three on the second, and five in the basement, originally there had been more rooms on the second floor I believe but had evidently been altered to make some exceptionally large rooms, it had been used as a hospital and a school, that would seem likely.

There was a large center hall with removable paneling between that and the drawing room, so that for balls and such festive occasions it could be made into one large room, this paneling was very beautiful and was sold to someone in New York (so I have been told) for a thousand dollars. The brick was likewise sold and was taken to Fredericksburg. there were two double chimneys at each end and large fireplaces in each room.

The stone from the basement has been used to build a most attractive house on the same site by the present owner.

There are none of the old trees left, although until a few years ago there were some very large locusts standing that had been there for many years there was a terraced garden in front that has been rebuilt by the present

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Mundy House, con.

owner, back of the house is the lovely woods of Grayson Hill.
At the southwest corner of the house is a large well that was probably built by the original owners, this too, has been cleaned and repaired.

6. This is one of the old houses that was the scene of so many stirring scenes in the past, and so many prominent people, who have made our heritage of history, have passed through it's doors, that in spite of the fact that there are but few physical remains of the old home, it's atmosphere is felt.

This was the scene of much of Dumfries's gayety and hospitality, the balls held here were noted for their beauty and the belles from the neighboring plantations and towns came here in coaches and sedan chairs.

Miss Maud Ewell of Haymarket remembers hearing her grandmother tell of going there dressed in a rich purple brocade that had just come in from one of the ships from London, and was hastily made up for the occasion, only to her dismay to find there were no flowers available that would blend well with her royal gown, someone suggested bunches of small purple grapes that were grown in a nearby garden, and clusters of these in her powdered hair, made a striking headdress.

Washington is said to have taken tea here many times on his frequent visits to Dumfries, and many other notables, as well.

It was here that Willoughby Tebbs was shot by Col. Henry Lee, and during the war between the states the house was used as a hospital, mostly by a Regt. Texan soldiers, and the Union Army was camped back of here all one winter. After the war, the house badly damaged, was repaired and used as a school, having talked to several who went to school there.

A few months ago, workmen excavating for plumbing to be installed in the "Mundy House", (that is built directly over the old cellar) were met with a quantity of wine, their picks having struck a hidden wine cellar, the most of the bottles were broken but a few were saved, all hand-blown glass with crooked necks, that evidently dated back to Revolutionary days.

7. none
8. Mr Charles Callahan, Comm. of Revenues, Alexander, Va. Mrs Robert Wheat, Dumfries, Mr Warfeild Brawner, Dumfries, Mr Walter Keys Dumfries, Miss Maud Ewell, Dumfries.

R.C. Wight

Prince Wm

April 15th

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Haymarket

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August 27th, 1956

Mundy Hoise.

While there must have been a name for this pretentious house before it was owned by the Mundys, I have not been able to verify any of the several that have been suggested as the one applying to that place, it is commonly called the "Mundy Hoise"

to the north of route 1, 1/8 mile from Dumfries Post Office. located on what is still known as Battery Hill, or Grayson's Hill, and just a little to the west of the old Tavern.

1. The old house is a thing of the past, it was one of the last of the fine old houses that was standing in Dumfries up to six years ago, when it suffered much in a violent storm, later it was sold, the interior woodwork in one room alone, bringing so I am told, a thousand dollars, and the brick was sold and transported to New York. It was of the square type, with white stone trim, portico. there were five rooms in the basement, six on the first floor and three on the second, the drawing room was exceptionally lovely I am told by those who have known the place all their lives, the panel between the hall (center hall) and drawing room could be removed so that when there many guests more room could be had for dancing, it was the scene of much hospitality, and knew both gay and tragic days, I will not attempt to give the line of ownership here as it has been very hard to find all the needed records at the Court House and the present owner has an abstract deed that he has kindly offered to let me see, as soon as I do, will complete this. It has been owned by Tebbs, shot by Col. Henry Lee, Williams, Kings, Mundys and at the present time is owned by Mr C.F. Brown of Quantico, who has nearly completed a house on the same foundation, built of the stone that once formed the basement.

While the workmen were digging there for the laying of some of the plumbing their picks suddenly brought up a shower of wine, a buried wine cellar that evidently dated back to pre-Revolutionary days by the type of bottle. the most of them were broken, but several were saved, all hand-blown glass with very crooked necks and most interesting.

The house was used as a school, and during the war as a hospital. The Union soldiers were camped right in back of the house all one winter, the old breastworks being plain today. it is a lovely spot back of the house, for the place contains 57 acres, and when a few of the trees that have grown up in the past few years are cut, there is a view of the river, it was on this hill Miss Ewell remembers hearing her Grandfather tell of watching the British ships down the creek at Quantico, Dr Jessée Ewell was a boy of 12 at the time, 1814. being one of a number of the boys of the Town who had formed a "Company" and kept a watch for the movements of the enemy.

On August 22d the British fleet was anchored at Quantico, and they fully expected that Dumfries would be attacked that night.

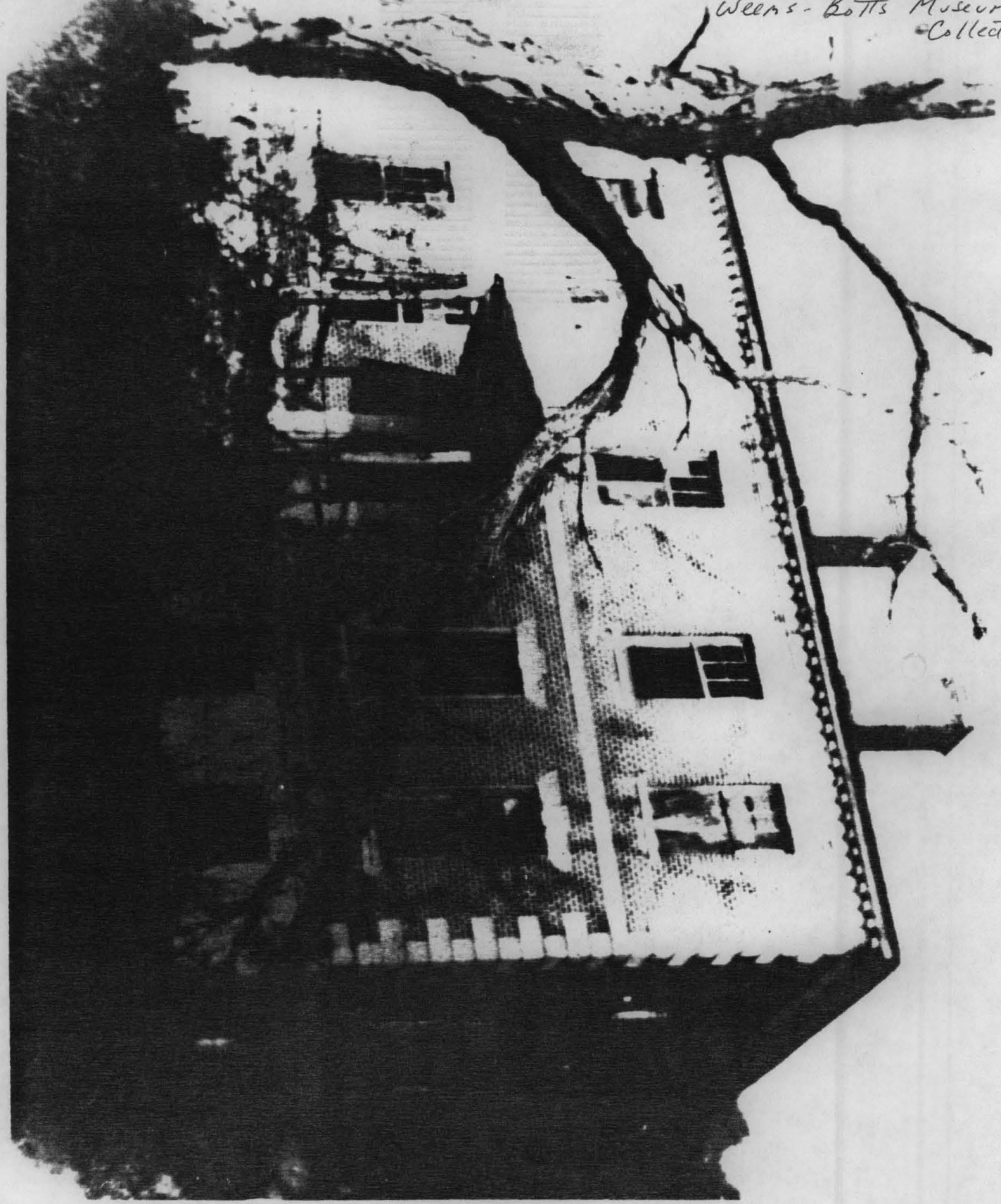
The 38th Reg. of militia was collecting, and the van of the 89th cavalry Company arrived at noon, only a short time before the town was struck by a big gale, still known among the old people as the day of the "British gale" that night the fleet passed out of the harbour.

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Hotel (VA-826), see Williams' Ordinary (Dumfries House) (VA-826), Dumfries.

Tebbs-Mundy House (VA-178), N side Main St. (U.S. Rte. 1, S), .3 mi. SW of intersection of Jefferson Davis Hwy. (U.S. Rte. 1, N). Brick with header bond E front), rectangular (five-bay front), two stories above raised basement, hipped roof, two interior chimneys, modillion cornice, stone steps leading to pilastered entrance, stone quoins, window and door trim, belt course and foundations; center-hall plan. Built mid 18th C.; demolished 1933. 2 sheets (1932, including plans, elevations); 1 ext. photo (c. 1900); 2 data pages (1941).