



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-231
Negative no(s). 4371

SURVEY FORM

Historic name BRENTSVILLE JAIL	Common name
County/Town/City Brentsville, Prince William County	
Street address or route number 12249 Bristow Rd., Bristow, VA 22013	
USGS Quad Nokesville	Date or period c1820
Original owner Prince William County	Architect/builder/craftsmen James Driscoe Masson
Original use Jail	Inscribed in stone tablet under gable.
Present owner Prince William County Park Authority	Source of name
Present owner address 12249 Bristow Rd., Bristow, Va. 22013	Source of date Architectural evidence; public record.
Present use Offices.	Stories 2 stories.
Acres 1 acre, but now included in Court-house parcel of 0.3 acres.	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; walls Brick walls.
	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs **Building and environs in good condition.**

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest **Could be trash piles, foundations of other buildings, especially in area now used as parking lot. Civil War fortifications behind jail + courthouse overlooking Broad Run.**

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes no **with Courthouse.**

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.)

Interior inspected? **Yes.**

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

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Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc. with bibliographic data.)

Ratcliffe, R.J., This Was Prince William (c1978), pp. 8, 12, 73-74.

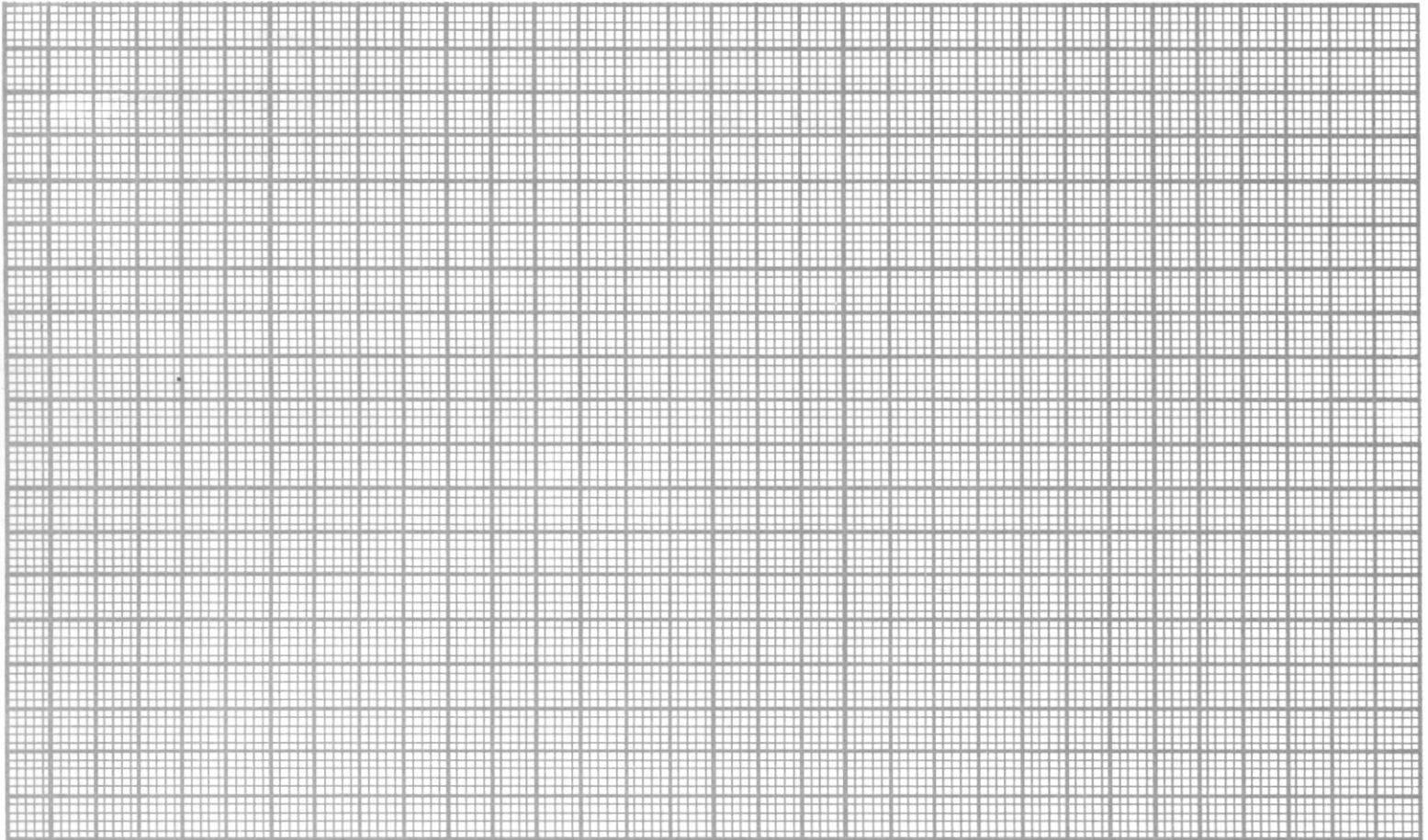
W.P.A.; Writer's Project, Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places (c1941), p. 114.

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

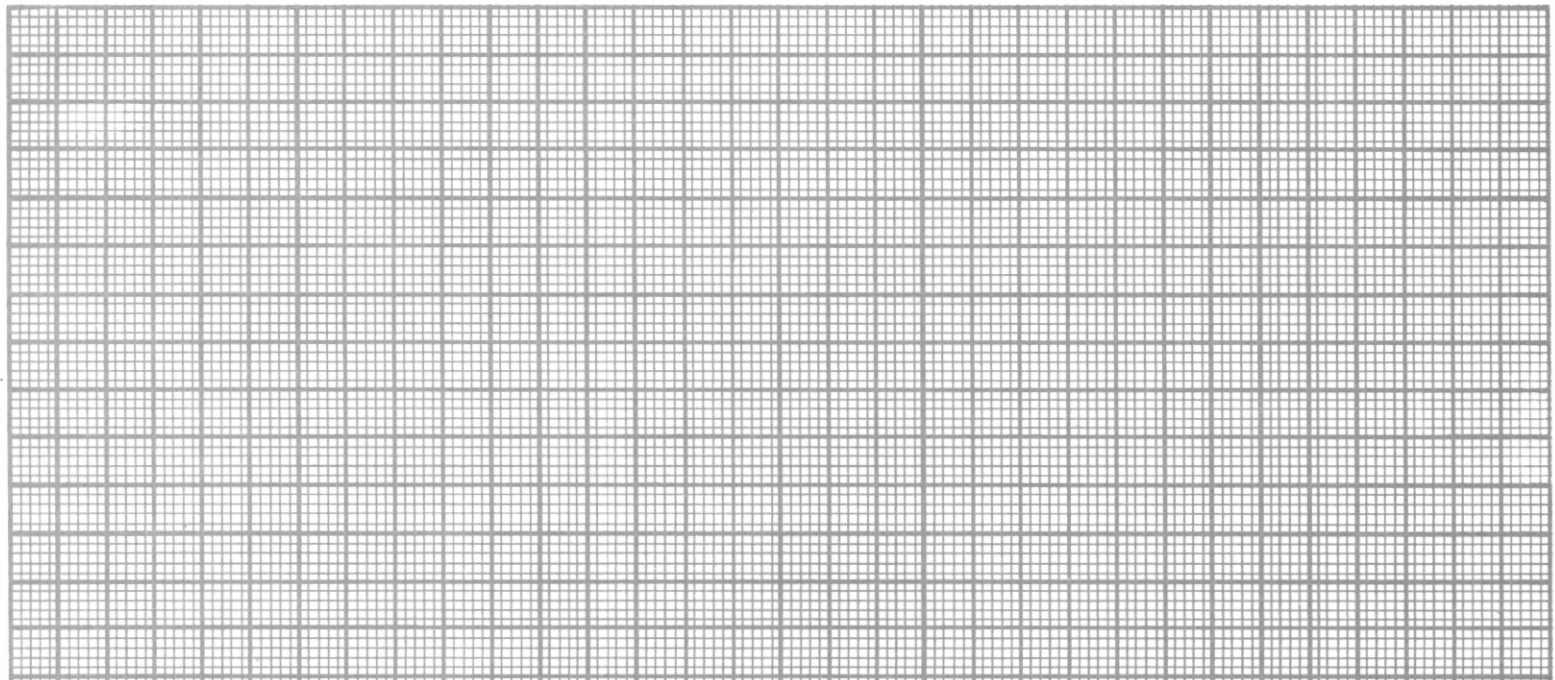
See photo of jail, as a residence, taken by Cleveland Fisher in 1959. Photo in scrapbook compiled by Fisher and in possession of ~~the~~ Manassas Museum.

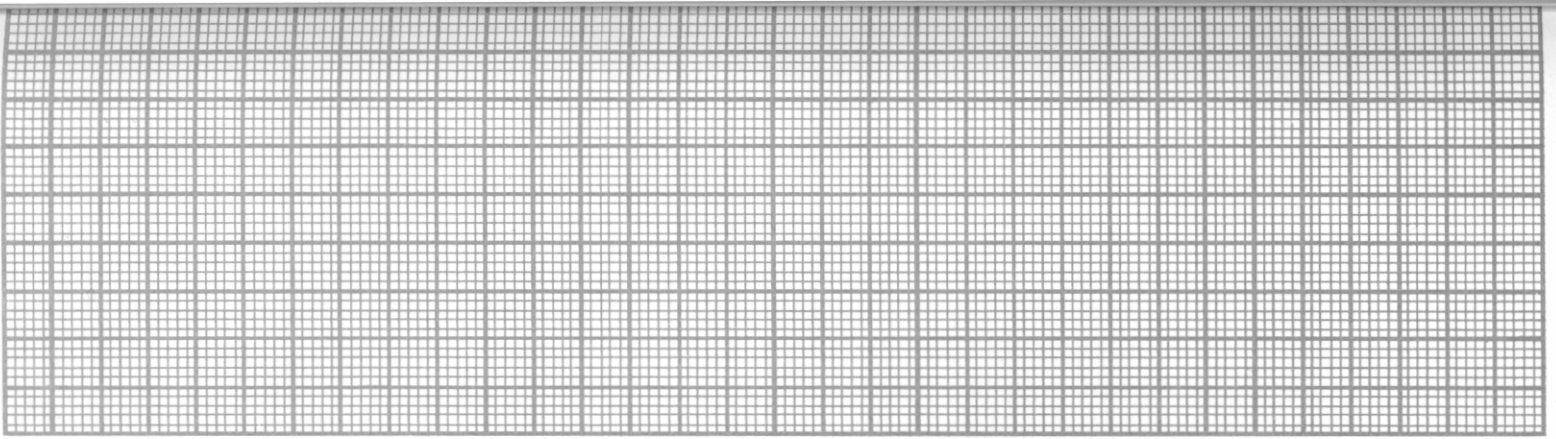
Names and addresses of persons interviewed

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

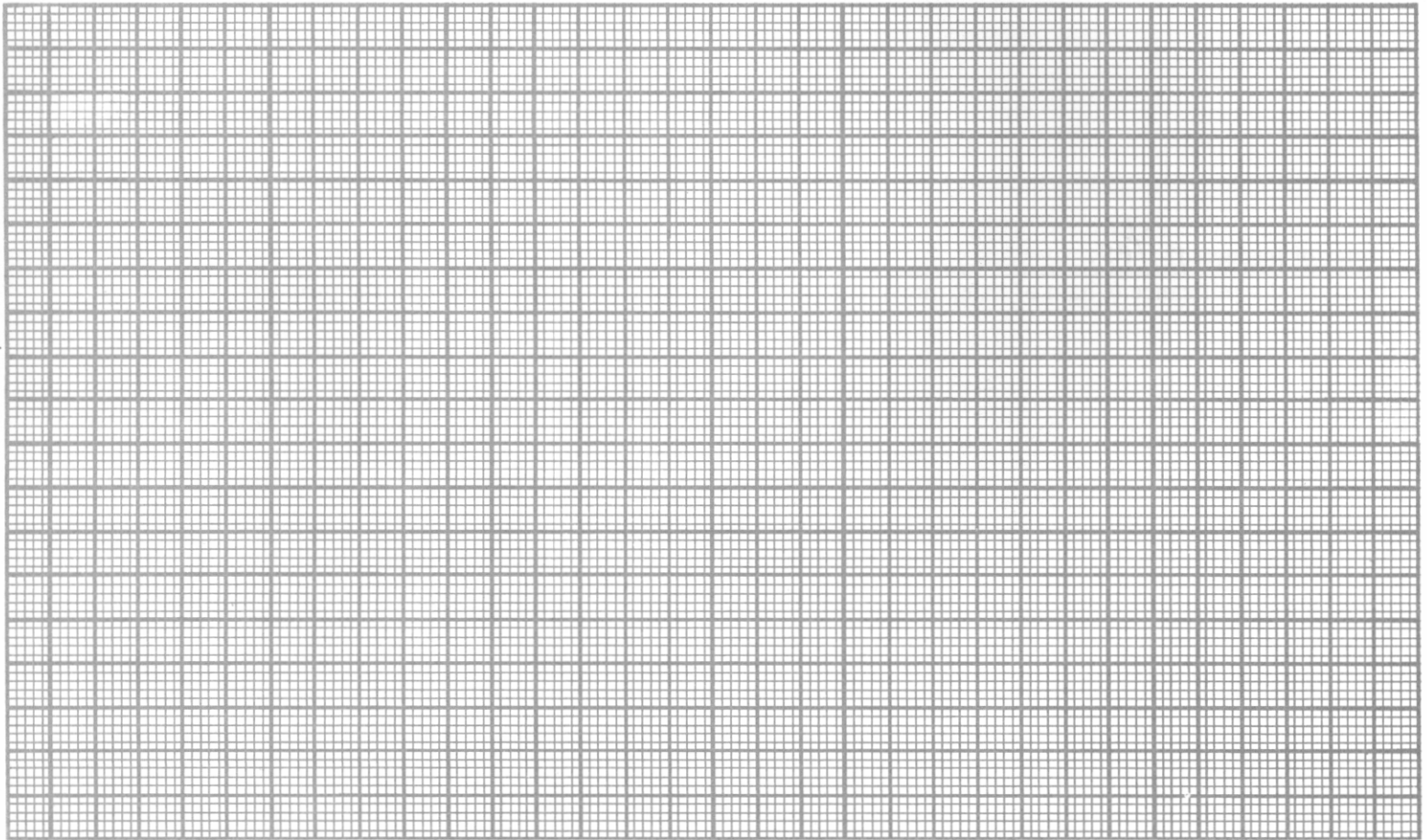


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)





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Name, address and title of recorder

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