



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 30-799
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name		Common name	
County/Town/City		Vernon Mills	
Street address or route number		Rt. 647	
USGS Quad		Date or period	
Orlean		ca. 1840	
Original owner		Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Willis Golder Smith (?)		unknown	
Original use		DeYoung	
residence		owner	
Present owner		Source of name	
R.Scott Armstrong & Karen		owner	
Present owner address		Source of date	
Orlean, Va.22128		architectural estimate	
Present use		Stories	
residence		2 plus basement	
Acreage		Foundation and wall const'n	
		stone foundation; frame walls	
State condition of structure and environs		Roof type	
good		gable	
State potential threats to structure			
Note any archaeological interest			
mill ruins, house ruins			
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ____ no x			
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.)			
Vernon Mills House is a typical mid-19th century Greek Revival farmhouse with a 20th century addition on the rear. The front facade is toward the river and the old mill sites rather than toward the road. The floor plan is a simple, center-hall, 2-story with English basement layout. The proportions are relatively tall and the woodwork is original. The dentils in the exterior frieze and the whole front porch may be ca. 1950 additions. The outbuildings that exist are storage sheds and a garage. The building that is stuccoed and closest to the main house may be an original outbuilding (an outside kitchen?). There are 2 ruins of stone buildings near the river. One definitely was a mill, the other probably was a house but could also have been a mill.			
Interior inspected? yes			
Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)			
According to Eugene Scheel, this building was a post office 1873-1920. It is also said to have been a general store. Scheel also says that the mill was built for W.G.Smith before 1822 and that it was run from the early 1870's to 1910 by George Davis who lived just north of here (VHLC #824). The mill was last operated in 1938.			

Sources and bibliography

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

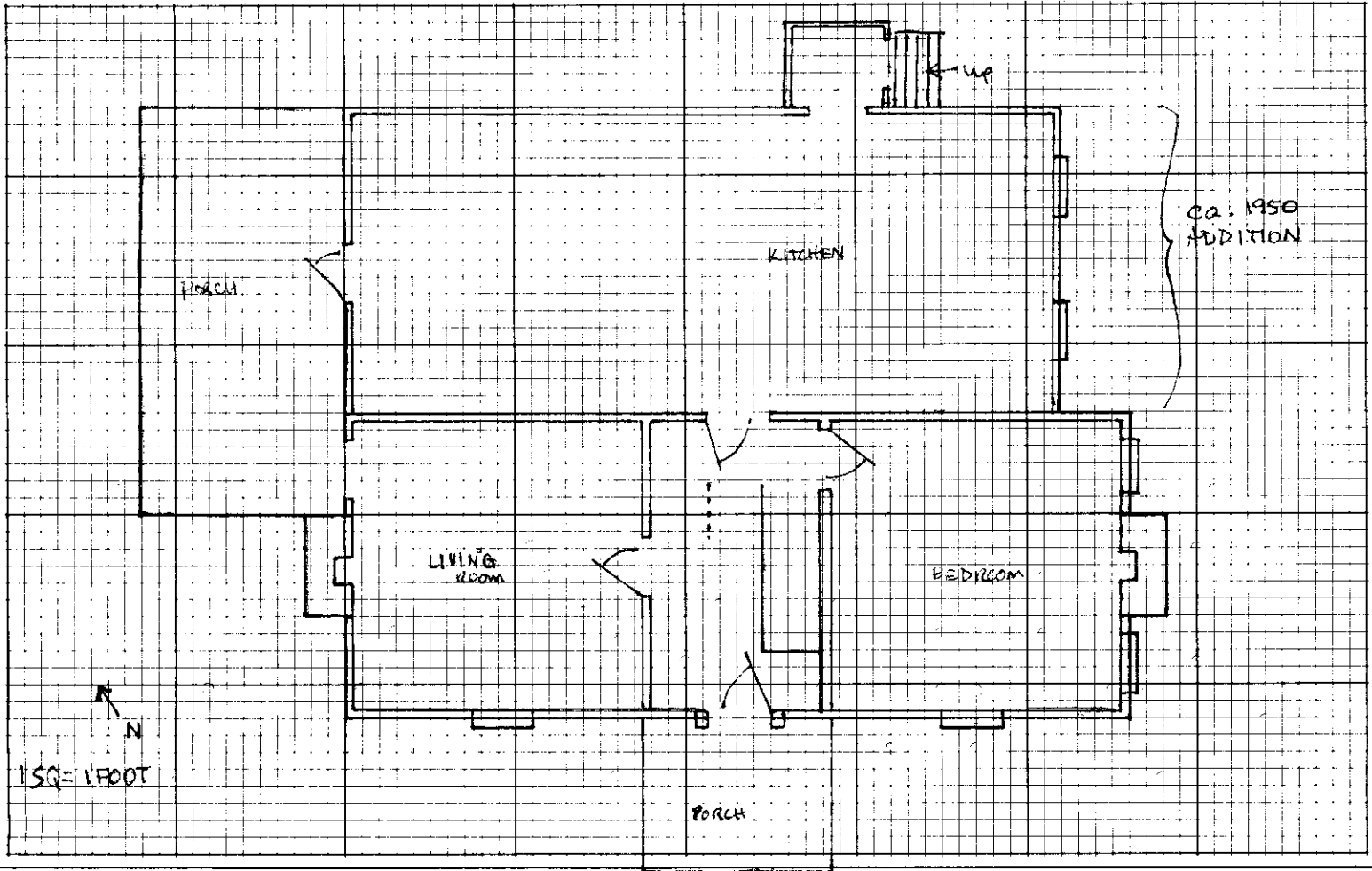
E.M. Scheel, A Guide to Fauquier, a walking tour, 1976

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

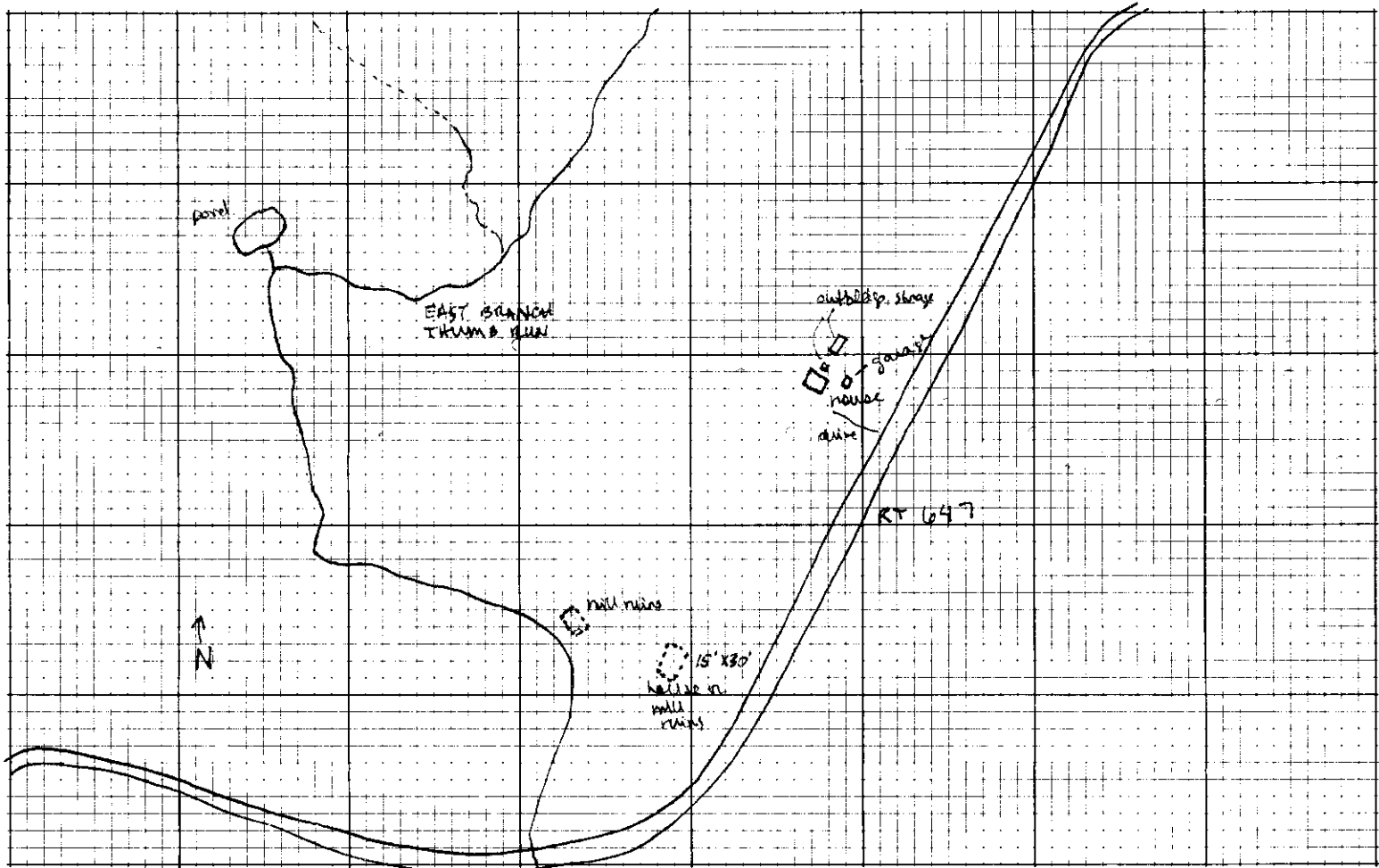
Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Karen DeYoung, co-owner

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



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



Name, address and title of recorder

Cynthia MacLeod, Architectural Historian, Warrenton, Virginia February 1980

Date