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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BURGANDINE HOUSE
other names/site number DHR File No. 204-5

2. Location

street & number 807 S. MAIN STREET not for publication N/A
city or town CULPEPER vicinity
state VIRGINIA code VA county CULPEPER code 047
zip code 22701

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official

12/30/96
Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____
See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

_____ entered in the National Register _____

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register

_____ removed from the National Register _____

_____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper
of Action

Date

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

_____ private

public-local

_____ public-State

_____ public-Federal

Category of Property

building(s)

_____ district

_____ site

_____ structure

_____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing. N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING
DOMESTIC MULTIPLE DWELLING
RECREATION & CULTURE MUSEUM

Current Functions

Cat: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other: PLANK LOG CABIN

Materials

foundation CONCRETE
roof ASPHALT
walls WOOD; WEATHERBOARD
other BRICK

Narrative Description (See Continuation Sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

ARCHITECTURE
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance ca. 1800

Significant Dates ca. 1800

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance. (See Continuation Sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, 221 GOVERNOR STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219.

TOWN OF CULPEPER DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING, 118 W. DAVIS
STREET CULPEPER, VIRGINIA, 22701.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .2 ACRES

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing
<u>18</u>	<u>238520</u>	<u>4261850</u>

Verbal Boundary Description (See continuation sheets.)

Boundary Justification (See continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title MARGARET M. BARDEN, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
organization TOWN OF CULPEPER date AUGUST 8, 1996
street & number 118 W. DAVIS STREET telephone (540) 825-1785
city or town CULPEPER state VA zip code 22701

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name TOWN OF CULPEPER
street & number 118 W. DAVIS STREET telephone (540) 825-1785
city or town CULPEPER state VA zip code 22701

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Summary

The Burgandine House, according to tradition Culpeper's oldest residence, is located at 807 S. Main Street near the intersection of Main Street and Mason Street. Architectural evidence suggests that as originally built, the Burgandine House was a one-and-one-half-story plank log dwelling constructed during the late eighteenth century or the early nineteenth century. Gradual improvements to the building were undertaken during both the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as subsequent owners improved the building and stylistic trends changed. The Burgandine House remained a single-family dwelling until the mid-nineteenth century. At that time a north wing was added that eventually became a separate dwelling from the original main structure. When the house was donated to the Town of Culpeper in 1966, the north wing was removed and the original nucleus of the building was left. Since then, the Burgandine House has served periodically for several years as the headquarters for the Culpeper Historical Society.

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Architectural Analysis

EXTERIOR

The first floor walls of the Burgandine House are of plank log construction. The gable ends are of heavy frame construction. The log cabin is now clad with weatherboards attached with wire nails and showing signs of both circular and vertical saw marks. The south gable end and rakeboards are comprised of beaded weatherboards and the cornerboards at the front of the dwelling are beaded board with a singular log protrusion at each end. The north gable end has no openings and the rakeboard has been replaced with non-beaded boards.¹

The beaded nature of the siding in the south gable above the first floor tends to indicate that this siding is original to the building with the log walls. However, the siding covering the log walls is not beaded and was probably added some time in the nineteenth century when the first major remodeling took place. The north gable end trim is a later addition, but the south gable end trim is probably original to the building.²

The original foundation is not visible. Concrete was poured under the original foundation some time in the twentieth century.³

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Nails in the sheathing boards indicate that the original roof covering the Burgandine House was wooden shingles; however, currently the roofing material on the building is comprised of asphalt shingle. The roof is original to the building and consists of crudely trimmed rafters mortised and tenoned at the peak. No collar ties or ridgepoles are present.⁴

In the nineteenth century, a three-bay, one-story frame porch with a shed roof was added to the front of the structure. It features rectangular posts and a simple balustrade. The porch floor is wooden.⁵

The front door of the Burgandine House is a two-panel Greek Revival type encased with a simple rectangular molding dating from the same time as the door. A screen door was added during the Late Victorian era as indicated by the spindle work and carved members. The rear door has a four-panel design with two upper glass panels. A screen door similar to the front screen door, but simpler, is also present. The door hardware consists of rim locks with porcelain knobs. The entrance doors, screen porches and door hardware date from the middle to the latter part of the nineteenth century.⁶

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The front and rear elevations contain a six-over-six, double-sash window with imperfect old glass panes. A rear entrance, three-light casement window is also present. It is located above the rear entrance to provide light for the staircase. Also present are four-light casement windows on either side of the upstairs chimney to light the loft space. A gable-roofed dormer located on the front elevation also has a six-over-six double sash window with a wood shingle roof and a metal storm window.⁷

The front and rear elevation windows have been shortened and may have originally been nine-over-six windows. All of the building's casement windows may be original to the building, and the upstairs dormer window is a late-nineteenth-century addition.

A brick chimney, laid in 5-course American bond, is located on the south gable end. It is a brick double shouldered exterior end chimney with two flues, and although repaired, is original to the house.⁸

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INTERIOR FIRST FLOOR

The first floor of the Burgandine House consists of one room with a corner enclosed staircase.

The first floor is original to the building, however the original floor plan may have been a hall-parlor plan. The interior partition was later removed.⁹

The staircase is enclosed with beaded boards and has a storage cabinet underneath with a batten door. The staircase wall is very early, perhaps original to the house.¹⁰

The floor consists of eight- to twelve-inch-wide finished pine boards. A seam present in the floor boards as well as a squared ceiling joist suggests the possibility of an earlier wall separation. The flooring is very early or original to the house. The first-floor ceiling consists of log joists and the bottom of the upstairs boards. No bark is present, and the joists are hewn to accept lath. The ceiling is original to the building.¹¹

The walls consist of squared plank logs covered with extremely wide planks, ranging eight to sixteen inches. The walls were probably covered with wallpaper in the nineteenth century that has since been

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removed. The logs are original to the building, but the planks were added at some unknown later date.¹²

The fireplace consists of a red brick surround, brick hearth, and iron lintel. The mantel is a surround of three pine boards and a shelf supported with brackets. The chimney and mantel are original to the building with some modification.¹³

Much of the interior woodwork and trim were added in the nineteenth century. The front door has a large interior frame. Also a modern architrave was added around the earlier trim. The beaded trim around the doors and windows as well as the baseboard date to the mid-nineteenth century.¹⁴

The walls of the stair hall have horizontal panels, and the ceiling is covered with gypsum board. Also present is a small corner cupboard built in the wall.

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INTERIOR SECOND FLOOR

The upstairs floor consists of narrow tongue-and-groove pine boards laid on top of original wider pine flooring. The present floor dates from the late nineteenth century. The ceiling and walls are clad with horizontal tongue-and-groove paneling dating from the late nineteenth century with some early log roof rafters exposed. The ceiling and mantel are similar to the first-floor ceiling and mantel. Tongue-and-groove beaded boards are present throughout the loft and on the closet door. A variety of trim is found on the staircase. The trim dates from the nineteenth century.¹⁵ An upstairs closet covered with tongue-and-groove-beaded paneling is also present. The closet door is of batten construction. Large log members are exposed in the closet. The stair hall contains material dating from various times in the building's history.¹⁶

Architectural Evolution

The first significant change to the dwelling took place some time around 1853 when it passed to Mrs. Janet C. Allen.¹⁷ The downstairs and the exterior of the building were both remodeled. Wide interior boarding was added and fastened with cut nails. A north wing addition was also constructed, although this addition was later torn down in 1966 when the building was donated to the Town of Culpeper by Mrs. Elizabeth Burgandine Coons, whose family owned the house from 1889 to 1966.¹⁸ Also added at this time were Greek Revival front and rear entrance doors, the

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The second significant change to the building occurred during the late nineteenth or early twentieth century when the upstairs loft was remodeled. The walls and ceiling of the loft were covered with beaded boards, a closet was added, narrow floor boards were added over the original wide boards, the fireplace was rebuilt, and a dormer window was added to the front elevation.

Today, the original main structure of the Burgandine House stands with nearly all of its improvements still intact. The house is situated at the main entranceway to the Town of Culpeper's downtown historic district and is also adjacent to Culpeper's oldest residential neighborhood, East Street.

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¹ Frazier Associates, "The Burgandine House, Culpeper, Virginia, Rehabilitation Report." Report prepared for the Town of Culpeper. Staunton, Virginia, September, 1992.

² Frazier Associates, "The Burgandine House, Culpeper, Virginia, Rehabilitation Report." Report prepared for the Town of Culpeper. Staunton, Virginia, September, 1992.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Miller, Ann L., "Preliminary Information Form for the Burgandine House." An application prepared for the Town of Culpeper to determine eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Somerset, Virginia, March 16, 1995. Amended June 7, 1995.

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¹⁰ Ibid.

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¹² Ibid.

¹³ Ibid.

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¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Miller, Ann L., "Preliminary Information Form for the Burgandine House." An application prepared for the Town of Culpeper to determine eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Somerset, Virginia, March 16, 1995. Amended June 7, 1995.

¹⁸ Jones, Mary Stevens. "Thought to be Culpeper's Oldest: Burgandine House Being Restored." Culpeper Star-Exponent [Culpeper, Virginia], 1968.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burgandine House, a modest story-and-a-half vernacular dwelling in the town of Culpeper, Virginia, is a rare example of plank log construction dating from the late eighteenth century or the first decades of the nineteenth century. The relatively crude construction of the house stands in contrast to the two other known examples of plank log construction in the central Piedmont, The Slaughter-Hill House and Locust Grove. Both of the other plank log structures are also located in Culpeper County, and both have been placed on the National Register.¹ Local tradition traces the construction of the Burgandine House to as early as 1749 when Culpeper County was created from Orange County. Thus standing, as a strong reminder of the community's eighteenth-century roots, the Burgandine House remains as Culpeper's oldest and only surviving log structure from the community's early settlement period.²

Historical Background

The earliest documented references to the Burgandine House appears on a ca. 1835 map of the town of Culpeper, the oldest known map of the town. The map shows the town divided into several distinct economic and class sections. The northern end of town contained middle-class residences and skilled craftsmen catering to the wealthier

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element of the community (painter, cake baker, hatter, tailor, coachmaker). The north-central area of town contained the county government buildings, major mercantile establishments, hotels, professional offices, some of the more substantial dwellings, and the larger businesses. The south-central section of Culpeper was similar to the northernmost end, with middle-class houses and skilled craftsmen (tailor, cabinetmaker, saddler). The extreme southern end of town, where the Burgandine House is located, was a working class neighborhood of small craftsmen and extremely modest dwellings and rental properties. On the map, the Burgandine House is shown as a log cabin appearing on the extreme south edge of town. Neighboring structures include several other log cabins, some other rental properties, a blacksmith shop, stables, and a wheelwright shop operated by free blacks. This area at the south end of town contained the housing and business location of the low-income, working class whites and blacks who provided labor and support services for the wealthier sections of the county seat.³

Not only is the Burgandine House the only structure surviving from this early-nineteenth-century neighborhood of small craftsmen, but it is also the only modest working class residence of that

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period to survive in the town of Culpeper, and one of the few such town structures in the Piedmont to survive with its original form relatively intact.⁴ Architectural research indicates that the majority of the remodeling took place over several years in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. This conclusion is confirmed in the Works Progress Administration Inventory forms completed for the property in 1937, the first twentieth century recognition of the building's historical significance. No known plank log buildings survive in the county seats of adjoining Orange, Madison, or Spotsylvania counties.⁵ Locust Grove, located in Rapidan, Culpeper County, as well as the Slaughter-Hill House, located in the Town of Culpeper, represent the early housing of a wealthier segment of the population. Both dwellings appear as mansions, with multiple rooms, numerous fireplaces and significantly more architectural detailing.

The Burgandine House is thus significant on the basic grounds of historical integrity, historical significance and associative value, as well as on the grounds of illustrating a distinctive way of life in Virginia that is under-represented on the Register. In addition, the Burgandine House's location fronting on Main Street gives it considerable visual prominence at the entrance to the south end of town.⁶

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Burgandine House property consists of approximately .2 acres, with boundaries corresponding to those of the parcel owned by the Town of Culpeper, parcel #4 T 5, Tax 41A1.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The tax parcel boundary encompasses the house and its associated land enough to suggest the historic context of the property.

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Photo Descriptions

Photo 1 of 6: View of front elevation facing east.

Photo 2 of 6: View of rear elevation facing west.

Photo 3 of 6: View of first floor interior facing south.

Photo 4 of 6: View of first floor interior facing north.

Photo 5 or 6: View of second floor interior facing south.

Photo 6 of 6: View of second floor interior facing north.

General Photo Information

The following information is common to all photographs:

Name of Property: Burgandine House

Location: Culpeper County, VA.

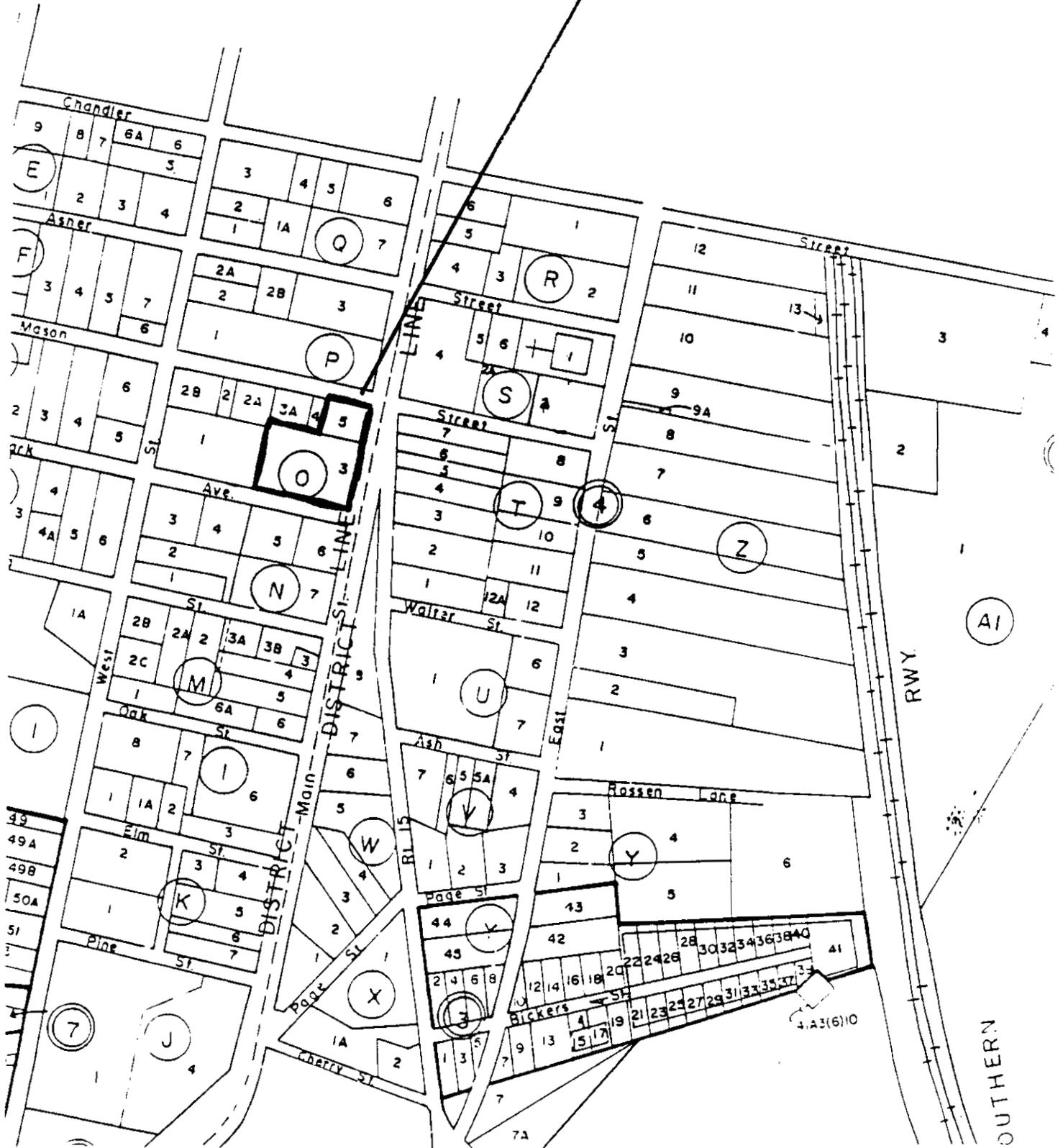
Photographer: Fritz Alderman

Date of Photography: September, 1996

Location of Negatives: In possession of the Town of Culpeper, Virginia Planning Department.

LOCATION 41A2

BURGANDINE House
Culpeper, VA



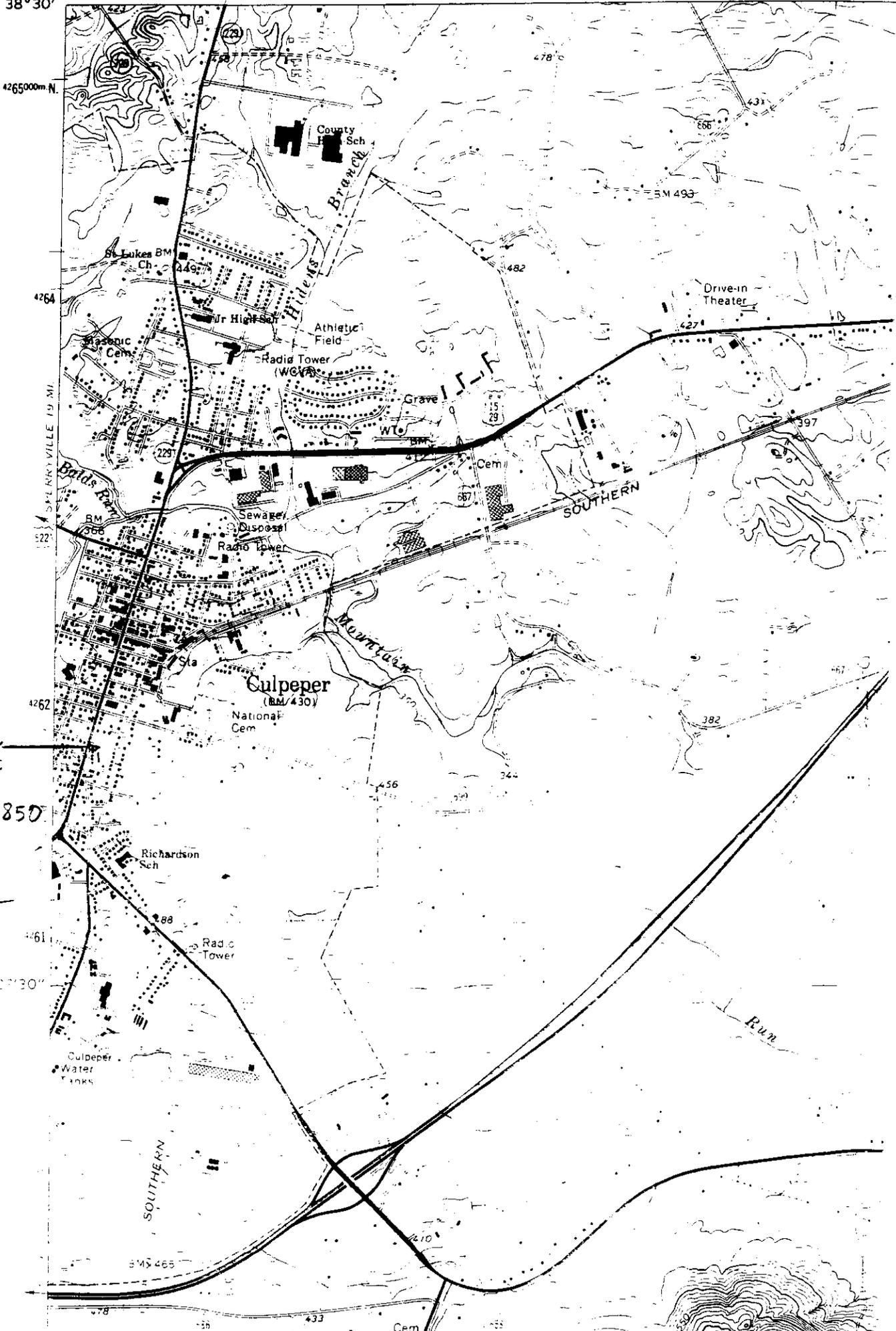
LOCATION 41A2

- (2) L.P. NELSON SUBDIVISION
- (3) E.P. DUNCAN SUBDIVISION
- (4) SMALL ACREAGE
- (5) TAYLOR LOVING SUBDIVISION
- (6) OAKLAWN SUBDIVISION
- (7) RE-SUB. OF LOTS 55-56,1



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

78°00' 38°30' 239000m E. CATALPA 0.8 MI. 240 41 57'30"



Burgandine House
UTM References:
/233520/4261850

Culpeper East