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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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bowver-Trollinger Farm other names/site number 60-84

2. Location

east side of VA Route 600, 3/5 mile north of street & number VA Route 693 city, town Childress state Virginia code VA county Montgomery coda 121 zip code 24149

3. 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

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and Historic Resources of Montgomery County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Director 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.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: secondary structures

Agriculture: animal facility

Agriculture: agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: secondary structures

Agriculture: animal facility

Agriculture: agricultural outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: single-pen plan

Other: double-pen plan

Other: center-passage plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: limestone

walls Wood: log with weatherboard

roof Metal: tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The large two-story L-shaped log-frame house is located in an area of rolling farmland. It is the result of four building campaigns beginning in ca. 1825 and ending ca. 1910. Nearby are located a farm office, mid-nineteenth-century washhouse, springhouse, barn, and corncrib, and an early twentieth-century apple house/carbide gas lighting outbuilding. The domestic space is defined by a well-preserved early twentieth-century picket fence.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

The original section of the house was built ca. 1825 as a three-bay, two-story, apparently rectangular, single-pen log dwelling. Quarter round moldings and molded chair railings remain on the interior. A chimney (now removed) was located at the east end. The logs were apparently sided over with plain weatherboards when a second log pen was added in the mid-nineteenth century. This section has a plain Federal mantel on an inserted central chimney of ca. 1885 (the chimney blocks a door with Greek Revival details originally connecting the two second-floor rooms). The mantel may have been on the east chimney of the original section previously. The door to the north from the first addition has Greek Revival ovolo trim and a two-panel door. Stairs have been inserted beside the chimney in the late nineteenth century.

A double window on the west wall may have been inserted in the former location of a west chimney. It is not immediately clear whether the house faced north or south, but the porch and exterior trim (Greek ovolo backbands), as well as weatherboards, seem to date from the mid-nineteenth century on both log sections. The house at mid-century took the form of a double-pen dwelling. The first-floor rooms did not communicate with each other in the early twentieth century, as a pair of closets blocked the way (says owner).

Soon after 1888, Jordan Trollinger had a large balloon-framed wing built to the north, which incorporated a parlor and

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1825-ca. 1910

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bowyer-Trollinger Farm is significant under criterion C as an important group of structures demonstrating the change typical of farmhouses and their outbuildings in the region, embodying several different floor plans and decorative features associated with vernacular architecture in the area, and dating from the period ca. 1825-ca. 1910. The original house was a rectangular single-pen log structure of approximately sixteen by twenty-two feet. As few as ten houses survive from the period 1801-1830 that take this form and material, but it seems to have been one of the most popular during that period. The first addition gave the house the form of a double-pen house, a not unusual method of addition in the region. The second addition of ca. 1888 gave the house the form of a center-passage dwelling, the most popular plan during that period, and later additions expanded the floor space in regionally typical ways, until it took its present form before ca. 1910.

The domestic outbuildings are all contributing. The frame springhouse, farm office, and washhouse date from the second half of the nineteenth century. All demonstrate the spacial layout and function of the domestic-related space throughout the period of significance. The barn, corncrib, and apple house/carbide gas lighting outbuilding all date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries and indicate farm outbuilding usage on medium-sized farms in the region during the period, and help demonstrate the use of the farm through time.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The house may be on land acquired by Thomas McHenry from 1803 on, or on land owned by Thomas Bowyer before 1820. In 1820 Bowyer bought all of McHenry's land. "The Bowyers were horse lovers. They kept quite a few horses, not only for work, but for pleasure. They had a racetrack along the bottom land of Mill

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Lucas, Roderick. A Valley and Its People in Montgomery County, Virginia. Blacksburg: Southern Printing Company, 1975.

Mitchell, Lewis. Interview, August 1987.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property approximately 4 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the east side of VA Route 600 3/5 of a mile north of VA Route 693, proceeding east 400 feet to point B, thence 120 feet south to point C, thence 15 feet along the north wall of the apple house/carbide gas house to point D, thence south along the east wall of said outbuilding 30 feet to point E, thence 15 feet west along the south wall of said outbuilding to point F, thence south and west 400 feet to point G, thence north 200 feet to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were selected to include the farmhouse, outbuildings, and landscape features associated with the domestic-related space and plantings surrounding the house and fronting on VA Route 600.

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passage on the first floor. The passage contains a stair with turned balusters and a square newel. Trim is square and stepped in profile, with cornerblocks in the passage. The first floor has early wall-to-wall carpet, while a second-floor bedroom above has well-preserved grass matting and a stove. A porch across the rear (east) extended apparently along the entire east wall of the second addition, but was shortened at the south end by the addition (early twentieth century) of a frame dining room, and at the north end by a storeroom. Similarly, a small frame room was added at the same time at the west end of the south porch, to accommodate a storeroom. It has been converted into a bath, and the original first-floor room, long a kitchen, has been modernized with care to preserve existing elements. Otherwise the house is in nearly the same form in which the present owner's family has kept it since the turn of the century.

The outbuildings associated with the house include a frame, weatherboarded springhouse with a latticed spring enclosure, a frame board-and-batten washhouse, and a weatherboarded farm office. In addition a frame apple house/carbide gas house with six bins to contain apples raised in an orchard is located to the east. The office is one story with a brick flue at the east gable end. It features a plastered interior above a grained wainscot. The office appears to have been built at some time in the mid-nineteenth century, the washhouse and springhouse at some point in the late nineteenth century, and the apple house/carbide gas house at the turn of the century. The gas plant is still partially intact, and the pipes are still in the house. The owners have retained the fixtures in the second floor of the first (log) addition.

The agricultural outbuildings within the boundaries are the frame late nineteenth-century barn and corncrib, which are located to the southwest of the house along the drive leading to VA Route 600. The barn, which housed horses according to the owner, has an open overhang in the gable end along the drive. The crib incorporates, besides the slat-sided corn storage section, a fully enclosed granary.

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Creek," says a local historian. In 1882 Thomas Hall bought 486 acres of Bowyer's land, and in 1883 sold it to Jordan Trollinger (Lucas, p. 69, includes photo of log smokehouse).

"Land across the road to the west was property of the Harvey family. The Trollingers lived early on at the Crockett Grayson homeplace in Pulaski County (77-55) nearby. They bought this place in the late nineteenth century," says the present owner, a cousin, to whom it was left by the Trollinger heirs. He used to stay there frequently in the second quarter of the twentieth century and slept out in the office with two of the male children of the Trollingers, Ferd and Bill. None of the children ever married.

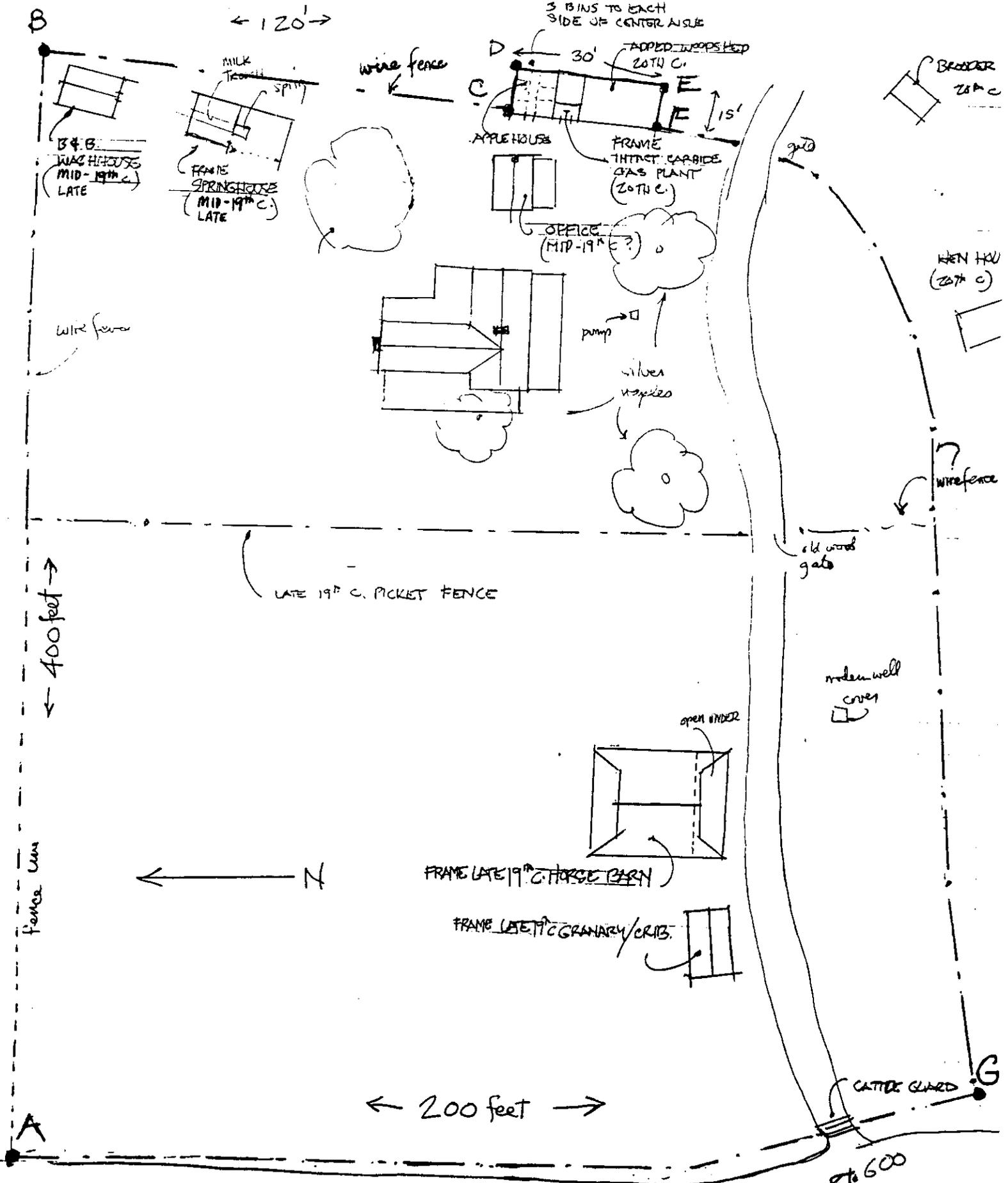
There were gas lights (carbide) in the log section and the dining room. The first-floor west log room was where Uncle Jordan Trollinger slept at night, and in the morning they made the bed and it became the family sitting room. The two daughters slept in the upper rooms of the log section, and the two sons slept out in the office. The parlor, on the first floor of the frame section, was rarely used.

BOWYER-TROLLINGER FARM 60-84

G. W. TROLLINGER 8/87

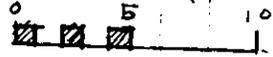
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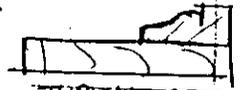


BOWYER/TROLINGER FARM - 60-84

G. WORTHAM AUGUST 1987.



SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



TYPICAL GREEK MOLDING IN 1ST ADDITION



TYPICAL MOLDING IN THE 2ND ADDITION

(NO ADDITION 1885?)

ITALIANATE MANTELS BOTH FLOORS

ADDED UNFINISHED STORE ROOM

WING ADDED SOON AFTER TROLINGERS PURCHASED (1883?)

PARLOR

INTACT "BRUSSELS" CARPET FIRST FLOOR & GRASS MATTING ON SECOND FLOOR (FIRST FLOOR NEVER USED IN WINTER!!)

SCREENED PORCH - FREESTYLE DINING ROOM

CUPBOARDS

ADDED DINING ROOM

FORMER WINDOW

3RD ADDITION LATE 19TH OR EARLY 20TH C.

FARM OFFICE (mid-19th)

PORCH W/ IONIC COLUMNS ALTERED OR ADDED IN EARLY 20TH C.

GREEK MOLDINGS & 2-PANEL DOOR SUGGEST MID-CENTURY DATE THIS ROOM

FEDERAL MANTEL W/ PLAIN FRIEZE, TABLET & PILASTERS (RELOCATED?)
BEDROOM/SITTING RM.

TRIMMELY DOOR IN CLOSET; NO OBSTRUCTION BETWEEN ROOMS

STAIR INCORPORATED LATE 19TH C.

ROUND LOGS VISIBLE IN CLOSET ABOVE MANTEL HEIGHT

OLD WOOD RANGE KITCHEN

SIMPLE SHIELD OVER F.P.

MOD. CABINETS

A OPENING IN LOGS SEEN BY THE OWNER INDICATED THERE ONCE WAS A CHIMNEY HERE

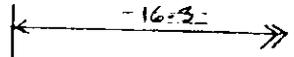
BRICK CHIMNEY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ADDED; BLOCKS A GREEK 2-PANELED DOOR ON 2ND FLOOR; c. 1885? or mid 19th c?

QUARTER ROUND MOLDINGS AT WEST WALL OPENINGS SUGGEST AN EARLY DATE (1820?)

FORMERLY CLOSET WALL

MID 19TH C. 2-PANEL DOOR

1-STORY PORCH W/ GREEK REV. S&C COLS.



THIS WAS THE FARM OFFICE ALSO WITH MR. BILL & MR. FERD. (UNMARRIED SONS) SLEPT. GRAINED WAINSCOT BELOW PLASTER WALLS

CANT. FLOOR CHAMFERED 10'-11"

HIS WAS UNCLE JORDAN'S BED ROOM BY NIGHT & FAMILY SITTING ROOM BY DAY THE TWO DAUGHTERS (UNMARRIED) LIVED IN TWO ROOMS ABOVE

MODERN BATH (HAS "LITTLE ROOM" FOR TRUNK & CLOTHING STORAGE)

WINDOW MATCHES OTHERS ON THIS FACADE: RELOCATED FROM FORMER WINDOW BEHIND?

IDENTICAL GREEK CYCLO BACKBANDS ON ALL OPENINGS ON THIS FACADE

SECTION OF EARLY WAINSCOT & CHAIR RAIL, HORIZONTAL BOARD WAINSCOT & MOLDING & BEADED CHAIRRAIL. NO BASIS SURVIVES.

FIRST ADDITION (MID-19TH C.)

REV. UNK (1880s?)



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TROLLINGER FARM**
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