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**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 Fancy Hill

other names/site number VDHR #81-15

2. Location

street & number E. Side U.S. Route 11 at jct. with S.R. 680 for publication

city or town Glasgow vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Rockbridge code 163 Zip 24555

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

McCart 7/17/97
Signature of certifying official 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: other (explain): _____

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register _____
Signature of Keeper

See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register Date of Action _____

removed from the National Register

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</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>4</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>single dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>hotel</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>school</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>single dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>secondary structures</u>

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE; BRICK

roof CONCRETE

walls BRICK

WOOD: weatherboard

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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 (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- 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 (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE/TRADE
AGRICULTURE
EDUCATION

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Period of Significance ca. 1821- 1940 _____

Significant Dates ca. 1821; ca. 1831
ca. 1840; ca. 1936
1827; 1874

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
_N/A_____

Cultural Affiliation _N/A_____

Architect/Builder _N/A_____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 Govenor Street, Richmond, VA 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property _21-acres_

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

Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing
1 17 633540	4172520	2 17 633640	4172360
3 17 633320	4172020	4 17 633200	4172120

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Margaret M. Russell

Organization: N/A date April 15, 1997

street & number: Rt. 1, Box 163T telephone (540) 463-1811

city or town Glasgow state VA zip code 24555

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

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Gerald L. Vaughn and Genie S. Vaughn

street & number Rt. 1, Box 132 telephone (540) 464-1564

city or town Glasgow state VA zip code 24555

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7. Summary Description:

Fancy Hill mansion is located in southern Rockbridge County, Virginia at the junction of S. Lee Highway and Falling Spring Road. Falling Spring Road leads to historic Falling Spring Church located approximately 2.3 miles away. The 21-acre property is fairly level, providing a setting of extensive lawns and mature trees for the mansion and its outbuildings -- all of which are currently maintained in excellent condition. Fancy Hill was constructed during two major building campaigns and a period of minor alteration/addition. The first building campaign completed ca. 1821 resulted in a two-story, five-bay, single pile, center passage, brick residence. Approximately ten years later, ca. 1831, the second building campaign created the imposing eight-bay Federal style mansion. A subsequent period of alteration ca. 1840 resulted in the addition of front and back two-story porches and two small rooms at the back of the house leaving the structure as it appears today. The west-facing two-story dwelling is constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond and has a portico across much of the front. There is a 1 1/2-story north wing which replaces the old kitchen and dates from the 1936 renovation of the house. The two-story porch at the back of the house was enclosed with weatherboard siding during this renovation. Three contributing outbuildings located north of the mansion were constructed over a period of several years starting around 1940. The first is a large gabled two-story barn, called the granary, with two octagonal roof vents and with shed extensions to the north and east sides. The second is a three-bay equipment garage with a shed roof and small attached shed extension. The third is a small shed sited southeast of the barn. All three outbuildings are of frame construction with weatherboard siding (painted white) and standing-seam metal roofs (painted green).

Fancy Hill is one of the seven fine brick mansions known as The Seven Hills of Rockbridge. The original five-bay brick house completed ca. 1821 was built for Thomas Welch II and his wife, the former Sarah Grigsby.¹ The residence was sited on a large tract of rolling farmland bisected by "The Great Path," the Native American name for what was later called "The Valley Road." Welch settled on the land at Fancy Hill in Rockbridge County in 1779.² It is therefore likely that a dwelling existed on this land before the 1820s. The two-story brick house has been used for several different functions, serving as a dwelling, a stagecoach stop and tavern and, after the Civil War, as a boarding school for boys. During the early 1900s, Fancy Hill fell into disrepair. In 1934, when Elmer R. Knick purchased the property which then included 329 acres, he planned to demolish the old mansion and replace it with a new Cape Cod house. However, Dr. Edmund P. Tompkins and The Rockbridge Historical Society prevailed upon Mr. Knick not to demolish this old landmark as it was one of the most noted of the Seven Hills and the most beautiful place in Rockbridge County. Mr. Knick agreed and decided to renovate Fancy Hill instead. Carl Smith, a carpenter who worked on the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, was employed for the renovation which began in 1936 and continued for several years.³ After Mr. Knick's death in 1985, Fancy Hill was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vaughn who undertook additional renovation. Today, Fancy Hill remains at its original site on a 21-acre parcel amid meticulously maintained lawns and mature trees. The surrounding area, which once was the original plantation, is still semi-rural rolling farmland, allowing one driving past to get a true sense of how Virginia was long ago.

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Architectural Analysis

The construction of the original five-bay brick house was completed ca. 1821 at a cost of \$1,350.¹ The second building campaign, ca. 1831, enlarged the house to eight bays and changed the original single-pile plan to a double-pile plan. Fancy Hill is the largest of the group of elite houses known as The Seven Hills of Rockbridge and the second of the group to be built.

An eight-bay Federal style house with gable roof, molded brick cornices and an elaborate Greek Revival double-galleried Ionic portico, the building is one of the most impressive in the county. The walls and foundation are brick, laid in Flemish bond. The end walls of the main section of the house have windows on the attic level between the chimneys. The wood double-hung windows at the front of the original five-bay brick house are twelve-over-twelve with a jack arch and eight-over-twelve above with a flat arch. They appear to be original. All other windows are double-hung six-over-six. The interior walls are plaster. The floors are original with the exception of the room on the first floor in the southwest corner. The interior of the mansion retains most of the features from the early 19th century, including Federal style chair rails and wainscoting, raised panel doors and beautifully detailed mantels in both Greek Revival and Federal styles.

The original house was a five-bay, center passage, brick dwelling with two stories, each having a central door with fan light. On the second story, a molded brick cornice is interrupted on either side of the door, indicating the probable presence of a two-story pedimented porch on the original building. A brick, two-story double-pile wing was added to the north side, probably within a decade of the original construction, expanding the facade to eight bays with another set of doors with fan lights at each level. The wing also carries a molded brick cornice. At some point soon after the addition of the wing, probably in the late 1830s or early 1840s, a two-story, two-level porch with Ionic columns and a pediment was added across the front facade to regularize the eight bays.

It is also likely during this period, ca. 1840, that an alteration was made at the back of the original five-bay brick house adding a two-story, two-level porch and two small rooms, one on the first story and one on the second story at the southeast corner of the house. The south brick wall was extended and the roof was also changed at this point to accommodate the wider span.

The mantels in both of the main rooms of the original five-bay brick house have been replaced with Greek Revival style substitutes though the chair rail and wainscoting are Federal style. It is known that these mantels were not moved during the 1936 renovation or by the current owners; therefore it is likely that they were moved when the house was enlarged. One of the original Federal style mantels is located in the back bedroom of the second-story wing. The second floor mantels in the original five-bay brick house are also Federal style. They are original and in their original locations. The attic rafters are vertically sawn, lap-jointed and pegged. The porch pediment shows evidence of once having a king post. In the basement vertically sawn joists can be seen from the crawl space in the wing.

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Because of the enlargement of the original house, the present-day floor plan is fairly complex, having two separate entry halls at the front of the house. Both have stairways to the second story. The entry hall to the right in the original five-bay brick house is more formal. It has noteworthy Federal style woodwork, especially an elliptical arch supported by coupled columns and an elegant stair curving upward to the second story and from there curving onward to the attic. The second entry hall to the left side has an unadorned stairway turning first to the right and then to the left as it rises to the bedrooms in the ca. 1831 double-pile wing. On the second floor of the wing, the northwest bedroom accesses a free-standing balcony which leads to the porch. Oral tradition suggests that this balcony was at one time enclosed with iron bars to house prisoners being transported by stagecoach.

The floor plan shows that the ca. 1831 double-pile wing is at a different level from the ca. 1821 house. For example, the front porch, doorway from the living room to the second entry hall, and doorway from the enclosed back porch to the kitchen all have two steps going down to the wing. Similarly, there are three doors accessing the ca. 1840 back porch and addition, all with one step down to the back section of the house.

During the renovation that began in 1936, the roof was replaced with Johns Manville asbestos shingles. The porticos were repaired with redwood floors. The back porticos were enclosed with weatherboard and an entrance stairway to the basement was built at the side of the back portico. The floor in the room on the first floor southwest corner of the house was beyond salvaging and was replaced with a random width pegged wood floor. The old barroom in the basement was paneled in knotty pine which remains in place today. The furnace, wiring and bathroom were installed, and the foundation was coated with cement to aid in waterproofing. The old kitchen on the north side of the mansion was beyond repair and was replaced by a double garage with garage doors at the back of the house.⁵ The garage has a through hall on the first floor with front and back entrances and a stairway leading to the four room apartment on the second floor. The mansion remains an imposing structure of remarkable refinement as it has been since the final additions were completed in the 19th century.

The three outbuildings were constructed by Mr. Knick around 1940 and present an attractive contrast to the mansion. They are well positioned on the site and are in keeping with the origins of Fancy Hill as a working farm.

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Architectural Analysis (continued)

After Mr. Knick's death in 1985, his heir, Eva Ferraba Hartbarger, sold Fancy Hill to its current owners, Gerald and Genie Vaughn. The Vaughns replaced the roof in 1986 using Spandura Ultra Slate, a concrete shingle closely resembling slate in appearance and color. They also sanded and refinished the wood floors. In 1987, a large master bath was installed in the small room on the second story at the southeast corner of the house. In 1989, triple member crown molding was added and pediments were placed over the living room doors and fireplace. Glass doors were installed on the built-in dining room cabinets. Triple member crown molding with dental block was added to the master bedroom. The half-arch window in the pediment was added in 1990. Also in 1990, a fireplace was discovered behind a wall in what is now the kitchen, located at the back of the house on the first floor of the double-pile wing. The old mantel, which may at one time have been in the original five-bay brick house, was removed for refinishing and a temporary mantel was installed in its place. Fancy Hill remains in excellent condition, and its architectural integrity and significance continue to be an asset to southern Rockbridge County.

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Endnotes

1. Rockbridge County Tax Records for Thomas Welch II for year 1821. Note remarks:
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2. Henry Jackson Darst, The Darsts of Virginia, (Williamsburg, Va.: H. Jackson Darst, 1972) , 353.
3. Eva Farraba Hartbarger, My Memories of Fancy Hill, 1986 (The unpublished, handwritten memories of the experiences of Ms. Hartbarger, a resident of Fancy Hill from 1934 through 1985), 8.
4. Rockbridge County Tax Records for Thomas Welch II for year 1821. Note remarks:
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5. Eva Farraba Hartbarger, My Memories of Fancy Hill, 1986 (The unpublished, handwritten memories of the experiences of Ms. Hartbarger, a resident of Fancy Hill from 1934 through 1985), 8.

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8. Statement of Significance

Southern Rockbridge County is the site of seven fine brick mansions known as the "Seven Hills of Rockbridge." Fancy Hill, the second and largest of the Seven Hills, was built during two major building campaigns and a period of minor alteration/addition. The first completed ca. 1821 resulted in a Federal style five-bay two-story brick residence for the family of Thomas Welch II. In the same year, 1821, Welch died, leaving Fancy Hill to his son, Benjamin Welch, who opened the mansion as a stagecoach stop and tavern. Its location approximately halfway between the towns of Lexington and Natural Bridge on "The Valley Road," a primary northeast-southwest transportation route, made it an ideal spot for travelers to stop. An early post office was located near the mansion and bore its name. In 1827 the first Rockbridge Agricultural Society was organized at Fancy Hill. The second building campaign occurred, ca. 1831, enlarging the house to eight bays. This was followed by the addition of two-story front and back porches and two small rooms at the back of the house, ca. 1840. After the Civil War, around 1874, Professor David Laird opened a classical school for boys at Fancy Hill. During the early 1900s, the mansion fell into disrepair. It was in such bad condition that when it was purchased in 1934 by Elmer Knick, he immediately set about improving the land as he intended to demolish the mansion. However, in 1936, Dr. Edmund P. Tompkins and the Rockbridge Historical Society prevailed upon Mr. Knick to preserve this noted landmark. He agreed and in 1936 the renovation which saved Fancy Hill began. Around 1940 Mr. Knick had three outbuildings constructed north of the residence to serve his farm operation. Throughout its history Fancy Hill mansion was of such local prominence that it gave its name to the entire area around it as evidenced by local road signs including the 180B Exit sign on I-81.

Historical Background

"The Seven Hills of Rockbridge" mansions were built for the families of Welch, Greenlee and Grigsby. Fancy Hill, ca. 1821, was constructed for Thomas Welch II and his wife, the former Sarah Grigsby, daughter of "Soldier John" Grigsby. "Soldier John" Grigsby was a captain commanding a company of the 13th Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He was the first person buried in Falling Spring Church cemetery which is just 2.3 miles from Fancy Hill. Grigsby's sons, Joseph, Elisha and Ruben respectively arranged for the building of Fruit Hill in 1822, Rose Hill in 1824, and Hickory Hill in 1825. Thomas Welch's son, Thomas Welch III, and Elisha Grigsby's daughter, Hannah, and Mary McDowell Greenlee's building of Liberty Hill in 1836. Elisha Grigsby's daughter, Hannah, and Mary McDowell Greenlee's grandson, David Greenlee, arranged for the building of Clover Hill in 1834. Mary McDowell Greenlee, who arrived in Rockbridge in 1737 was the first white woman to settle in the county. A noted early settler, Mary McDowell Greenlee was deposited at the age of 95 to establish a record of the early history of Rockbridge County. In her later years, she lived at Cherry Hill, the home of her son, David Greenlee, and upon her death at age 102, was buried there. Cherry Hill, the first of the Seven Hills, was built about 1790 for David Greenlee. (See chart on page 10 of family members who commissioned and occupied the Seven Hills.)

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Fancy Hill was the second of the Seven Hills to be built. Its owner, Thomas Welch II, moved to Rockbridge County in 1779 and purchased the land that would later be known as Fancy Hill from his brother-in-law, James Grigsby. In 1821, a Federal style five-bay brick house was completed at Fancy Hill to serve as the residence for Welch and his wife, the former Sarah Grigsby.⁷ Unfortunately in that same year, 1821, Thomas Welch II died and Fancy Hill was inherited by his son, Benjamin Welch.⁸ It was Benjamin Welch who opened the house as a stagecoach stop and tavern. Its location approximately halfway between the towns of Lexington and Natural Bridge made it an ideal resting point for local people traveling in the three mile per hour world of the horse and buggy. It soon became a popular tavern and gathering place. The old files of The Lexington Gazette contain an advertisement from a local physician, Dr. Washington Dorsey, which says, "When not professionally engaged, I may be found at my office at Mr. Welch's Tavern at Fancy Hill."⁹ Situated along "The Great Path," the Native American name for what was later called "The Valley Road," Fancy Hill also attracted long distance travelers. From the earliest times, this was a primary northeast-southwest transportation route linking Philadelphia with the lands to the west and southwest. Fancy Hill's accessibility made it ideal for use as a stagecoach stop and tavern. By 1836, Fancy Hill had a post office located near the mansion.¹⁰

The first Rockbridge Agricultural Society was organized at Fancy Hill on Saturday, August 17, 1827 with Major James Matthews in the chair and James McDowell, Jr., Secretary. The 13-article constitution was presented and agreed upon. Annual dues were set at \$1 and life memberships at \$30. Only members could be awarded prizes at the annual meeting in Lexington on the last Sunday in November. Some 40 members signed the constitution on August 18, 1827. The officers were William Taylor, President; Captain Ruben Grigsby, Vice President; James McDowell, Jr., Corresponding Secretary; John Ruff, Recording Secretary; and John Caruthers, Treasurer.¹¹ The Rockbridge Agricultural Society was important to the large farming community of Rockbridge County by providing friendly competition, by sharing ideas to improve both crops and livestock and as a reason to gather socially after harvest time before the long winter set in.

A second major building campaign occurred at Fancy Hill, ca. 1831, during which the house was enlarged to eight bays by the addition of a double-pile two-story wing at the north side. Shortly thereafter, an additional alteration was made, ca. 1840, when front and back two-story porches and two small rooms, one on each story at the back of the house, were added.

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Early education in Rockbridge consisted of isolated families who created "home school" systems in which relatives and neighbors shared expenses for tutors. If the area served by the home school grew, a private academy often began. Horse and buggy travel being what it was, students boarded either in a private home or in the "home academy" itself. In 1857, Falling Spring Church appointed a committee to secure a suitable place to establish a classical school. When none had been found by November, the matter was postponed. After the Civil War, David E. Laird and Col. W. T. Poague who served as both deacons and elders of Falling Spring Church continued to have an interest in establishing a school in the area. David Laird contracted to purchase Fancy Hill in 1874. It was around this time that Fancy Hill Academy, at first co-educational, was started at the mansion by Laird and Poague. The school ultimately became a boarding school for boys taught by Professor Laird.¹² By 1870, Virginia joined the public school system but the need for higher learning to prepare young people for college enabled the private academies to continue into the late 1880s. The boys of the Laird school were to be seen almost every Sunday at Falling Spring Church. Frequently a large farm wagon would be piled with straw or filled with chairs as seats for the boys and would presently draw up at the church door.¹³ Senator Miles Poindexter, a one-time student at Fancy Hill Academy, recalled that he entered the Academy at the age of twelve or thirteen.¹⁴ Since he was born in 1868, he was attending Fancy Hill Academy in the early 1880s. He went on to Washington & Lee University and, after graduation, moved to Walla Walla, Washington. Poindexter later served as a member of the 61st Congress, 1909--1911, and U. S. Senator from Washington for two terms, 1911--1923.¹⁵

During the period David E. Laird was involved with Fancy Hill, the title of the mansion was clouded by a lien resulting from a loan made by C. H. McCormick & Brother to J. G. Hamilton, the former owner. Fancy Hill was sold by order of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge. The sale which included the mansion and 398 acres was completed July 4, 1894; the new owners were Marcus C. Finney, Samuel C. Finney, and M. V. Richardson.¹⁶

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Over the next 40 years, the mansion fell into disrepair. It was in such bad condition that when Elmer Knick purchased Fancy Hill in 1934, his primary interest was in the land which then comprised 329 acres. He planned to tear down the old structure and to salvage what he could to build a modern Cape Cod house. Fortunately, by this time, people were beginning to have a real sense of history, and there was enough concern in the community to cause Dr. Edmund P. Tompkins and The Rockbridge Historical Society to approach Mr. Knick, asking him to reconsider demolishing this beautiful old landmark. They were successful and reconstruction began in 1936.¹⁷ This was a defining moment in the history of Fancy Hill. Thanks to the wisdom and flexibility of those involved, this beautiful mansion was preserved for us to enjoy today. Mr. Knick was also responsible for the construction beginning around 1940 of the three contributing outbuildings which remain on the Fancy Hill property north of the residence.

Today, Fancy Hill stands in excellent condition on its original site. The other six Hills are also still standing and are all at their original sites. The Seven Hills are located within a few miles of one another in southern Rockbridge County

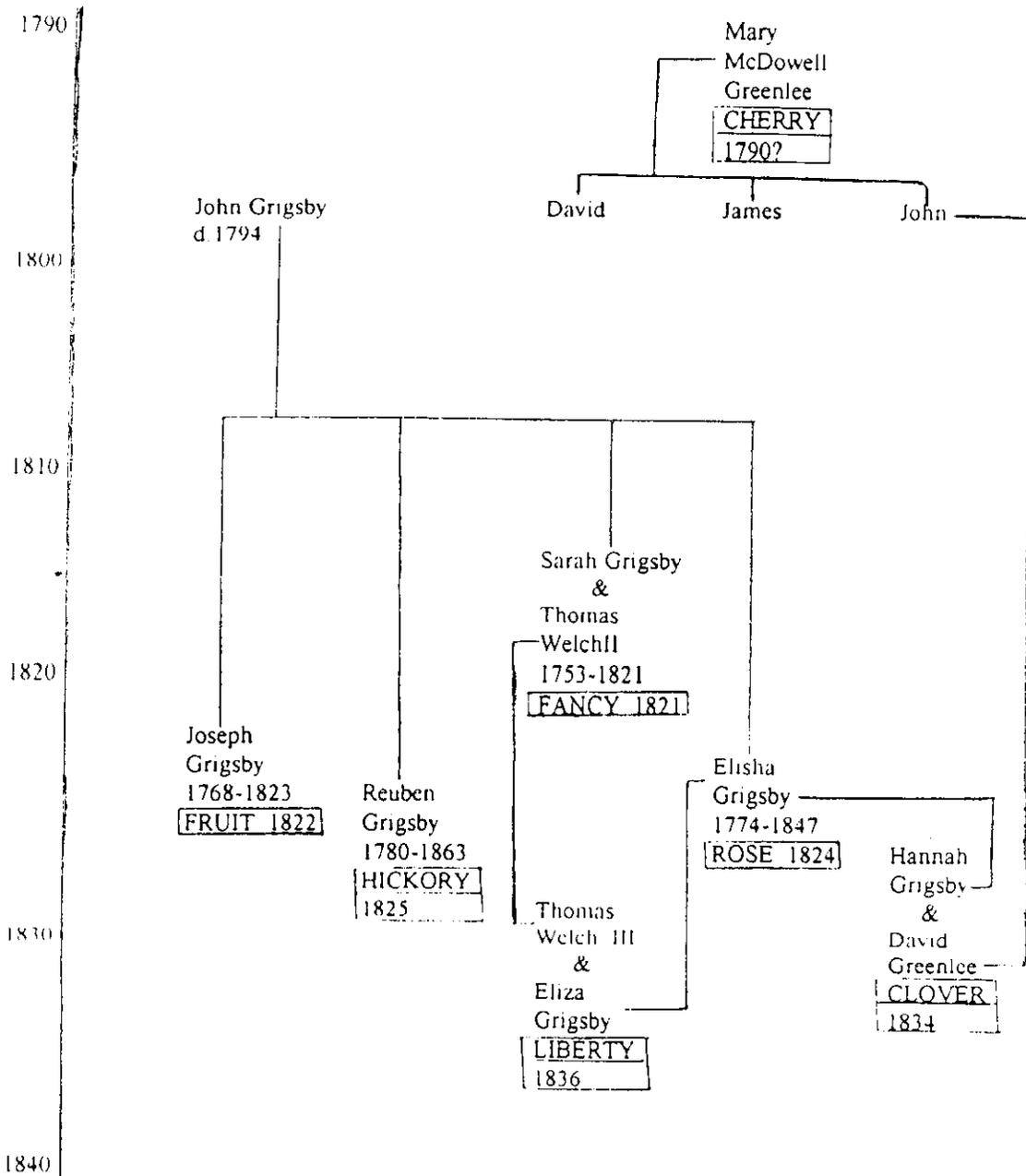
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FAMILY CHART*



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Endnotes

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4. Edmund Pendleton Tompkins, Rockbridge County, Virginia An Informal History, (Richmond, Va.: Whittet & Shepperson, 1952), 25.
5. Ibid., 26.
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7. Rockbridge County Tax Records for Thomas Welch II for year 1821. Note remarks: "Valuation altered on act of buildings."
8. Rockbridge County Will Book 5, p. 154, for Thomas Welch II, October 1821.
9. Edmund P. Tompkins, Letter to Mr. Knick, May 7, 1936.
10. Rockbridge Historical Society, Proceedings Vol. X, (Lexington, Va.: Rockbridge Historical Society, 1990), 545 and J. B. Lippincott & Co., A Complete Pronouncing Gazetteer, (Philadelphia, Pa.: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1878), 661.
11. Rockbridge Historical Society, Proceedings Vol. X, (Lexington, Va.: Rockbridge Historical Society, 1990), 388.
12. Rockbridge Historical Society, Proceedings Vol. I, (Lexington, Va.: Rockbridge Historical Society, 1941); 58.
13. Edmund P. Tompkins, Rockbridge County, Virginia An Informal History, (Richmond, Va.: Whittet & Shepperson, 1952), 71.
14. Ibid., 72.

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Endnotes (continued)

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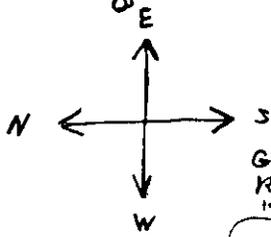
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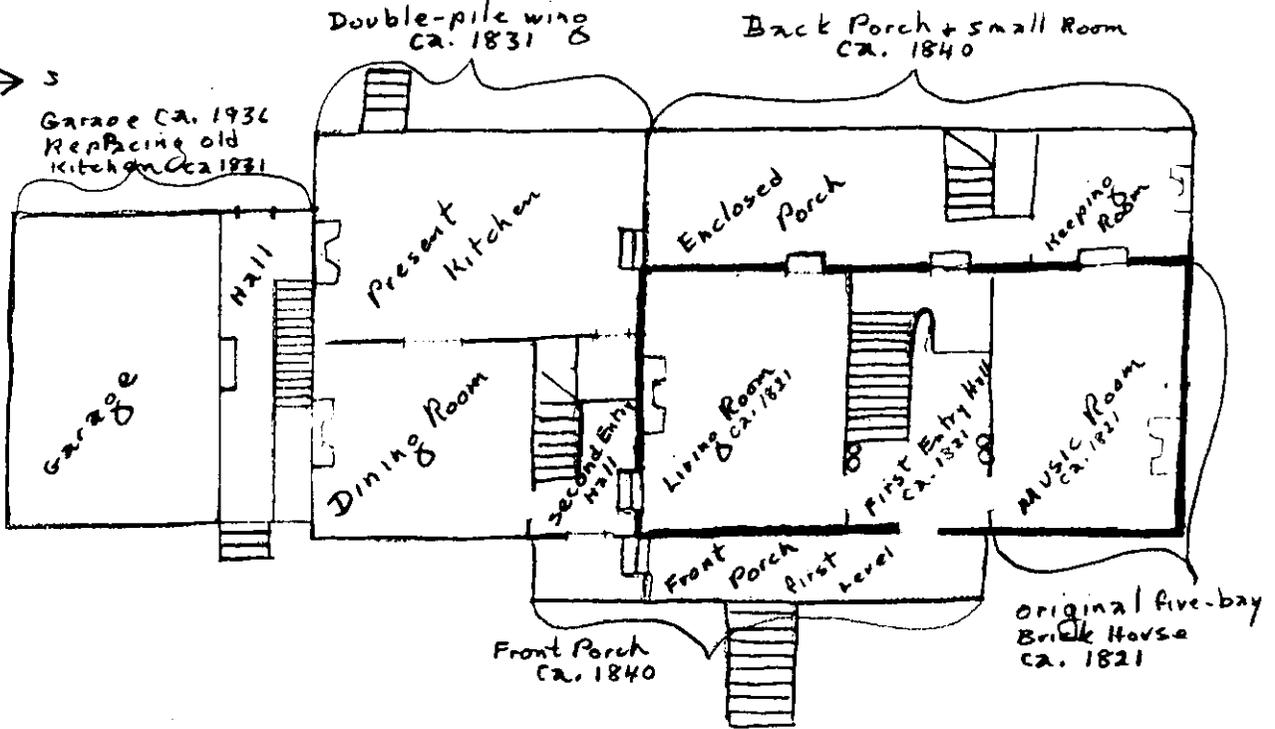
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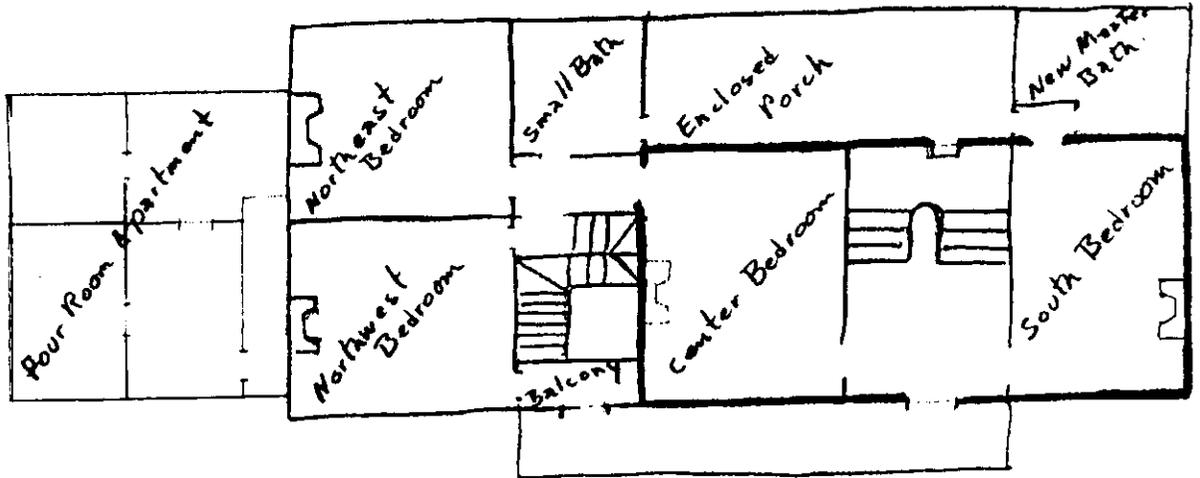
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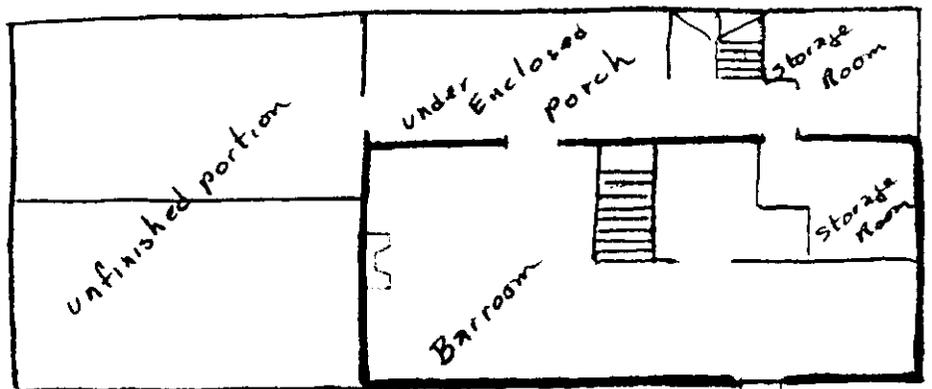
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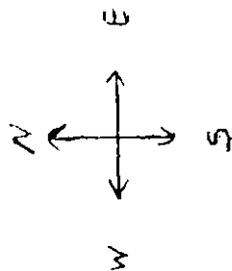
Verbal Boundary Description

The Fancy Hill property consists of approximately 21 acres with boundaries corresponding to those of the parcel owned by Gerald L. Vaughn and Genie S. Vaughn, Rockbridge Tax Map #97, parcel A-7B.

Boundary Justification

The tax parcel Map #97 - A - 7B boundary encompasses the house and enough surrounding land to suggest the historic context of the property.

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E 81 South →

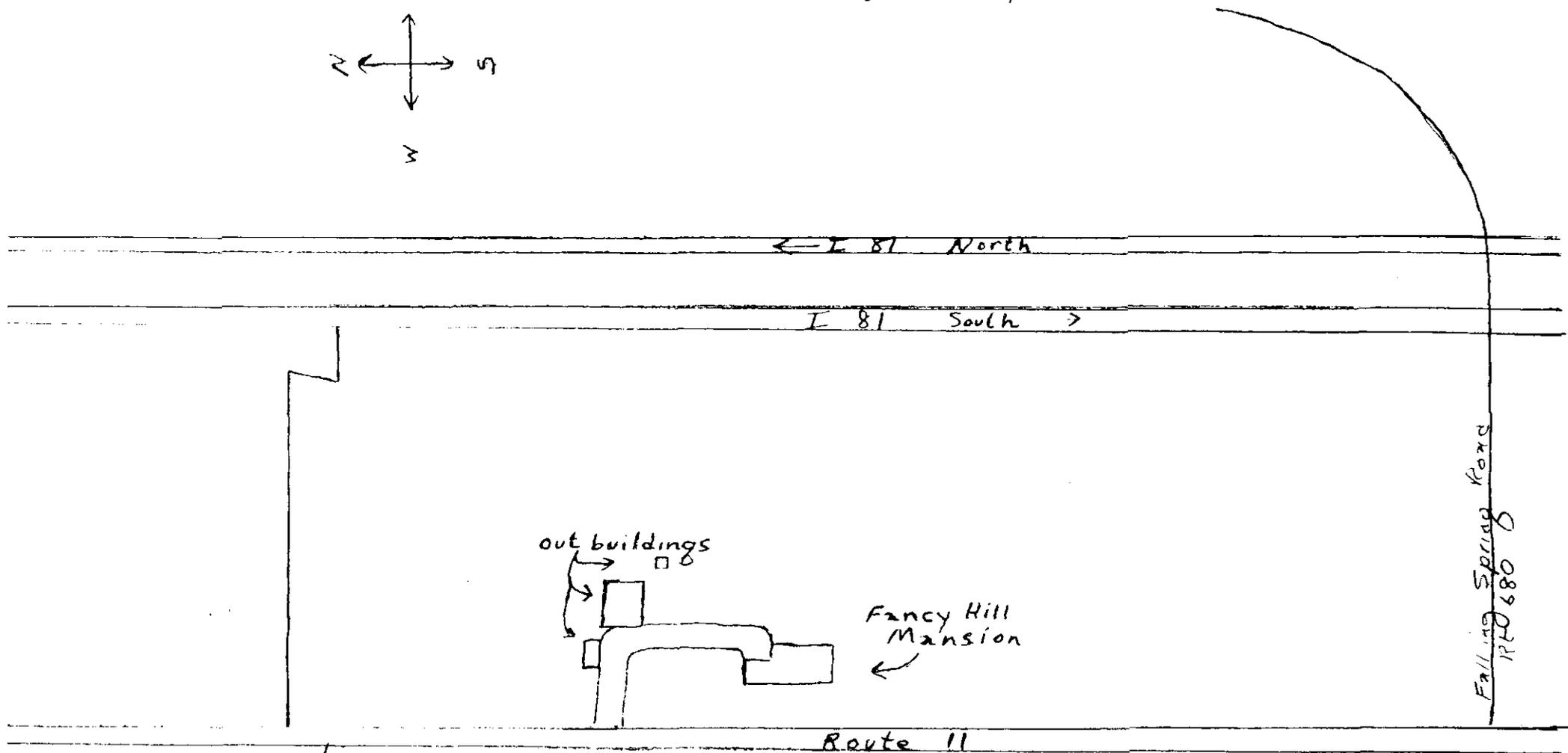
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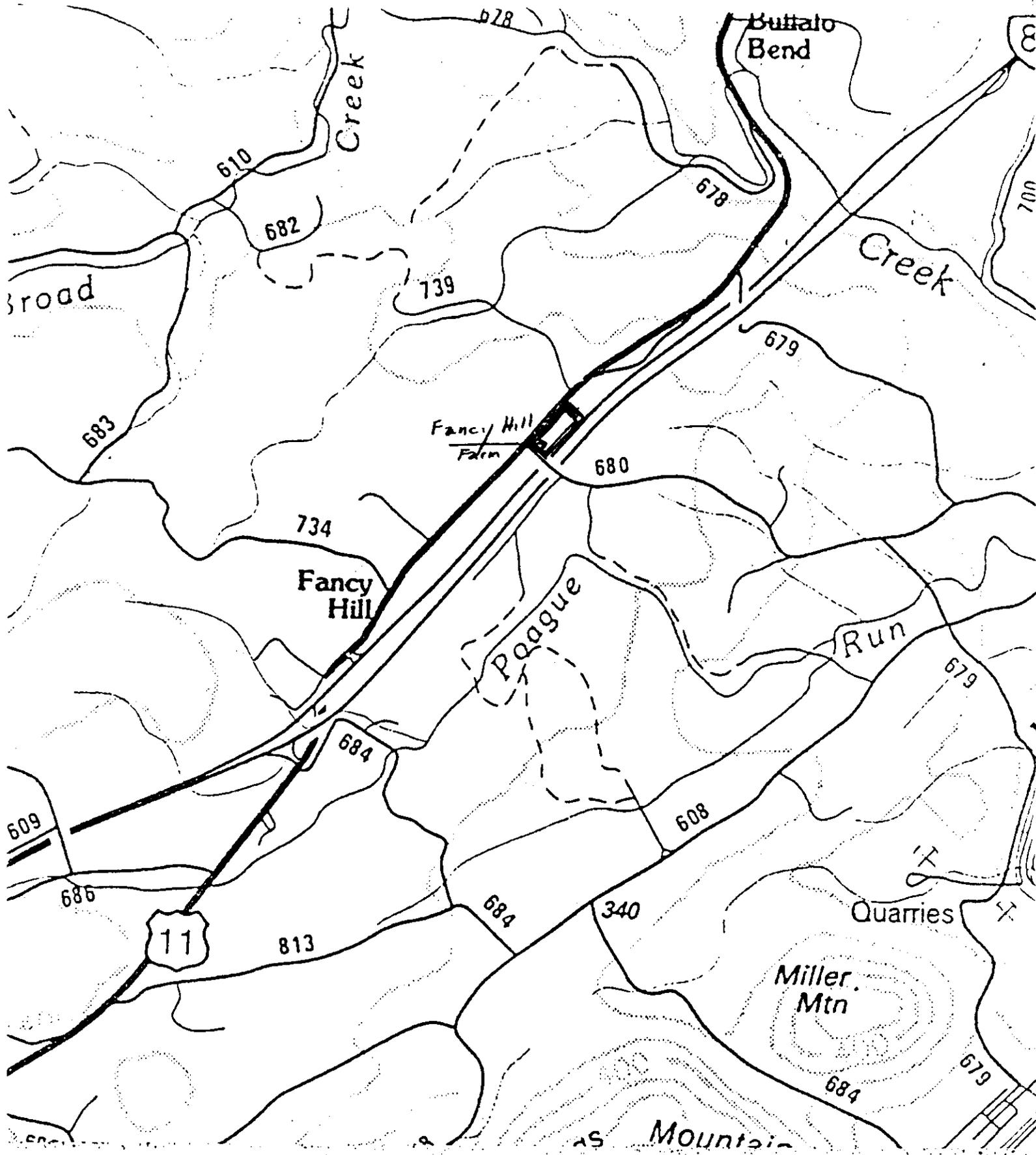
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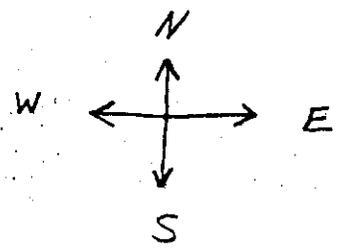
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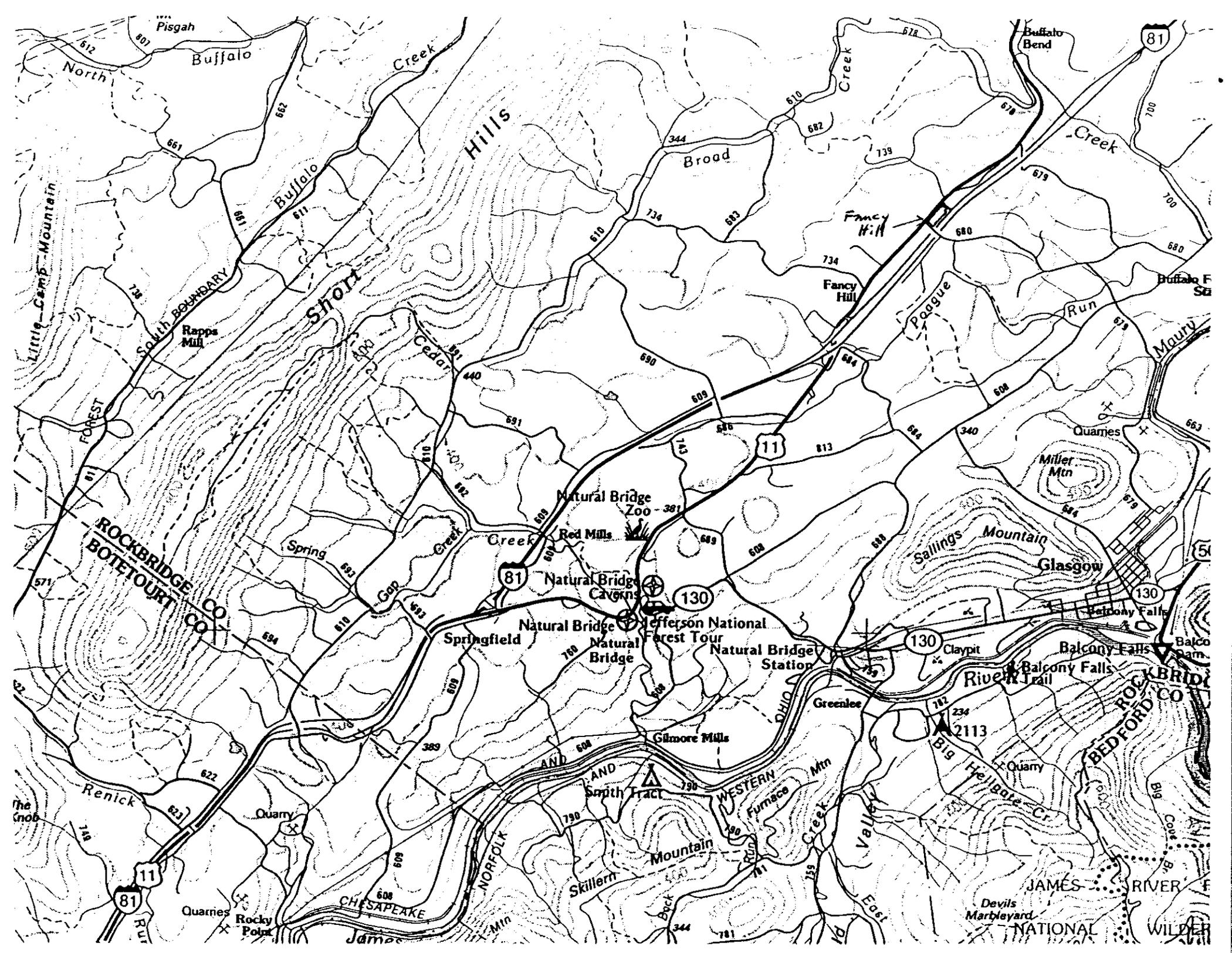
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Map - Fancy Hill





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Rochbridge County
UTM ref. (zone 17)

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N 4172360
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