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Summary Description

The two-story, central-passage-plan Anderson House overlooks Catawba Creek in mountainous western Botetourt County, Virginia. The house has an unusual asymmetrical four-bay principal facade. A pair of rooms of unequal size flank the central passage, which contains an open winder stair in one corner. With its elaborate geometrically ornamented mantels with paneled friezes and strip pilasters and its molded brick cornice, the house resembles many built in the region in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. It includes a two-story brick west wing and a single-story frame ell, both added by the present owners in 1969. The 47-acre farm contains a early nineteenth-century meathouse behind the main house and a small frame, early twentieth-century barn near the creek to the east of the house, both contributing. A modern shed stands north of the meathouse. The site of a former mill pond is located northeast of the barn adjacent to the creek.

Narrative

The two-story Anderson House is constructed of brick, laid in Flemish bond on all four facades. The entire historic portion of the house was built in one campaign in about 1828. The four-bay central-passage-plan house with an off-center entry is located on a steeply sloping site on the west side of Catawba Creek, a tributary of the James River. The front and rear walls are topped by identical three-course molded brick cornices in which a convex row below a concave course forms a large cyma recta molding. The house has a continuous Flemish bond brick foundation. The six-over-nine first-floor windows and the six-over-six windows on the second floor are headed by gauged brick jack arches and surrounded by quarter-round backbands. Exterior chimneys at each end serve fireplaces on each story. The west chimney was rebuilt when the west addition was made in 1969. The building is covered with a standing-seam metal roof, edged with modern rake boards.

The principal (south) facade looks down from a slope onto Lee Lane, which passes close to the house. The south fenestration is comprised of four bays above a raised basement wall. The entry door occupies the inner of the two western openings flanked on the west by one window and on the east by two windows. The original six-panel door, with its beaded frame with molded backband, is surmounted by a four-light transom. The entry bay is protected by a one-story one-bay porch built in 1969, with a brick foundation and Chinese-style first- and second-floor railings. The shallow porch roof is supported on two original idiosyncratic tapered Tuscan columns and matching engaged columns against the house. The columns have replacement bases and capitals. The brick wall protected by the porch retains its early red stain and white penciling. The

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basement is lighted by two conventional original barred vents, located under the western window and the door. An added vent is located below the eastern windows.

The full height of the south front is continued to the west by the slightly recessed west addition, constructed in 1969. The addition has a single window bay in the south and two window bays in the west end on each floor, with six-over-six sash windows on each floor similar to those in the main house. A louvered vent is located in the gable. The dramatic level change between the higher northern ground and that on the south permits a grade-level basement entry in the west wall near the south corner. A window and a door pierce the north wall below two windows, providing direct access to the added kitchen on the first floor. The added door and windows, as well as the molded brick cornice and Flemish bond walls, were carefully constructed to resemble and blend with the original house.

The north front of the main house features a nearly identical arrangement of materials and fenestration to the south front. A one-story frame studio, added in 1969, is connected to the main house at the north door by a contemporary hyphen containing a foyer and bath. The hyphen is in a similar location to an earlier ell, as evidenced by a ghost of the earlier flashing. A door and window on the west and a door on the east serve the foyer, while the studio is lit by large windows on the north. A brick terrace spans the area between the studio and the north end of the main house. The east end of the main house features the slender exterior end chimney flanked only by two small garret casements.

The interior of both floors contains rooms of similar size and form. A ten-foot wide central passage separates two rooms of unequal size. The east passage partition is of brick while that on the west is framed. This disparate treatment is not unusual among brick houses in the region. The larger room (20 by 21 feet) is at the east end and is lit by two windows on the north and south fronts. The smaller room (14 by 20 feet) to the west is lit by a single window on each front. The windows are placed so as to be centered in each room. The internal regularity results, however, in an asymmetrical exterior. The interior contains many original elements and finishes.

The trim was used by the builder to indicate the relative status of the east room, which probably served as the parlor, among the other rooms. The passage, west room and second floor rooms are treated with one-part architrave door and window surrounds, with an inner bead and an outer ovalo. The east room on the first floor received a more elaborate two-part architrave trim, with an inner bead, intermediate ogee, and outer ovalo with astragal. Each room has nearly identical beaded baseboard and beaded chair rail with molded surbase. All the rooms retain their

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mahogany-grained six-panel doors with raised panels on one side, usually the inner side. The doors retain early carpenter locks. Floors throughout the house are comprised of the original, random-width, tongue-and-groove pine boards.

The first-floor passage retains its winder stair, plaster walls, mahogany-grained door and stair trim, and dark blue painted base board. The graining and paint is apparently original, or of an early date. The stair rises to the north along the west passage partition from the southwest corner inside the front door. It features a distorted version of traditional stairway ornament on the open stringer, consisting of applied brackets with a continuous convoluted curving edge. The stair also has a plain, square newel and three square balusters per tread. The plastered skirt contains a closet which was altered in the nineteenth century to contain a basement stair. The head of the closet door was raised to give greater headroom to the stair. The owners then raised the door with it and added a board infill at the bottom of the door. The north passage door is equipped, like the south door, with a transom and a six-panel door. The transom bars of the north and south doors are each ornamented with a small molding with returns at both ends.

The east room retains original window trim on the southeastern window and the passage door, from which the other trim was duplicated. The chair rail is original, although it has been rehung when the walls were insulated, as in the other rooms on each floor, except the passages. The mantel, located flush with the wall in the center of the east end, is the most impressive in the house. The delicate Federal-form mantel has narrow, fluted, double pilasters, a frieze with triple panels containing carved sunbursts. The west room on the first floor has a simpler Federal mantel with an elliptical sunburst in a central tablet. During the rehabilitation in 1969 a pineapple was discovered painted on the brick wall below the mantel, similar to a pineapple motif in limewash recently found in the same location in another Botetourt County house from the same period, the Miller-Switzer House (011-0029) north of Fincastle, suggesting a relationship between the builders of the houses. The fireplace retains a rare early fireback inscribed with the name of the nearby Martha Furnace, where it was cast. A new door to the added west wing is located on the north side of the mantel.

The second floor passage is similar to the room below. The stair rises from below under an enclosed winder stair to the garret. A modern bathroom has been created at the south end of the second-floor passage. Closets have been added on both sides of the east passage partition at its north end. The east room contains a simple shelf-and-architrave mantel originally in the smaller west room. The mantel in the west room, which is a reduced version of the elaborate mantel in the east room below with two frieze panels instead of three. It has been relocated from the east

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room on the second floor. A large opening on the south side of the west chimney was present when the west addition was made, although it had been bricked up. It now leads to a dressing room and bath on the second floor of the addition.

The unfinished garret is reached by an enclosed winder stair rising above the stair in the lower floor. Up-and-down sawn studs are visible in the stairway. Planed common rafters are lapped and pegged at the apex and marked with Roman numerals for use in assembly. The garret floor is supported by six-inch wide by eight-inch tall joists spaced an unusually wide thirty inches apart on center. The circular sawn sheathing boards appear to date from the mid-twentieth century.

The basement is divided into two rooms by a brick partition under the east passage wall on the first floor. The larger west room was accessed from the exterior by a door on the south side of the west chimney, now under the west addition. An early doorway in the east partition led to a partially excavated root cellar in the east end of the house. There was no fireplace in the basement. The common bond brick interior walls are whitewashed. The log joists and gauged floorboards are exposed overhead and were not whitewashed.

The site slopes steeply to the south and east. A modern garden is terraced in the hill north and above the house. Two outbuildings are contributing elements on the property. A well-preserved frame meathouse is located northwest of the house. The gable-roofed meathouse is apparently as old as the house. Features include an early brick foundation, hewn mortise and tenon timber framing, and board-and-batten siding. The rafter ends are exposed on the exterior. The door is in the east gable front. A woodshed has been added to the south side. A small, early twentieth-century, frame barn is located to the east of the house on the bottomland near Catawba Creek. It features circular-sawn members and vertical board siding. A modern, semi-open, frame shed with a metal roof and concrete floor to the north of the meathouse was added north of the meathouse by the present owners and is noncontributing. A contributing site is located northeast of the barn. It is the depression remaining from the early nineteenth-century mill pond associated with Robert Anderson's sawmill.

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Statement of Significance

The Anderson House is significant under criteria A and C as an important example of a regionally popular house form located on a tract associated with the industrial development of western Virginia. The central passage-plan dwelling has been recognized as representative of a series of similar brick houses in the region dating from the third decade of the nineteenth century. The property includes the site of a mill pond representative of the intense lumbering and metallurgical activities typical of this and other sections of rural western Virginia in the Antebellum period. Situated in the area of the prosperous Brunswick Forge, it was built for successful land speculator and sawmill owner, Robert Anderson. The farm was later occupied by his nephew, William Neely Anderson, a physician with whom the house is primarily associated today.

Narrative

The Anderson House is associated with the prominent Anderson family of Botetourt County. The house was built by Robert Anderson, Jr., the son of Robert and Margaret Anderson. The elder Robert Anderson (1733-1825) came from County Donegal, Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1755 and settled in Delaware, where he married Margaret Neely. In 1769, with their young son William (1764-1839), they followed the lead of Margaret Anderson's brother, William Neely, and settled in the rapidly expanding community along Catawba Creek in the upper Shenadoah Valley of Virginia. Robert Anderson patented 650 acres on the Catawba in 1772 and settled there, near the present Anderson House. In addition to their well-known elder son, William, the Andersons had several other children, including a son named Robert, Jr. They lived on the farm on Catawba Creek until 1816, when they sold the entire tract to capitalist John Tayloe of Washington, D.C. and Richmond County, Virginia, who had developed the adjoining iron works at Brunswick Forge. A fireback still in the Anderson House bears the inscription of the Martha Furnace, which was sited close by the Brunswick Forge.

William Anderson served at a young age in the Revolutionary War battles of Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Guilford Courthouse. He was appointed to the prestigious position of surveyor of Botetourt County in 1792, which he held until 1839, and served terms as magistrate and delegate to the Virginia General Assembly. In 1796 he married Anne Thomas of Maryland, with whom he had ten children. He acquired title to 1,284 acres in Botetourt County by the time of his appointment, as the office of surveyor allowed him to take up land of good quality, thereby increasing his wealth. Col. Anderson enrolled his sons Francis T., Joseph R., John T., and William N. Anderson among his deputy surveyors. However by 1800, tax records indicate that he

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had disposed of all but two small tracts in the county, each of less than one hundred acres, that he held for the rest of his life. His house, which still stands about a mile southwest of the county seat of Fincastle, was a modest log dwelling valued at \$125 in 1820, the first year for which the values of buildings are listed in the land tax books. The 1810 census records show him living with his wife, and five individuals, probably children, less than twenty-six years of age. They had one slave in the household

Like his brother William, Robert Anderson, Jr. acquired, in his own name and with partners, extensive property in the county, that first showed up in the tax records in 1800, totaling nearly 6,000 acres. In 1810 he purchased a 130-acre tract below a sawmill on Catawba Creek, followed in 1816 by a further 180 acres, both located near his father's land grant on a part of a neighboring grant to David Mitchell made in 1742.⁷ He operated the sawmill by 1821, when it is labeled "Anderson's sawmill" on a county map.⁸ The form of the sawmill pond is visible along Catawba Creek on the property today. Census records show his household consisting of two men between the ages of twenty-six and forty-five, two women between sixteen and twenty-six, and eight children less than ten years of age. By 1820 Robert Anderson Jr.'s property was reduced to a more manageable five tracts totaling 1,600 acres. On a 130-acre section on Catawba he owned buildings valued at \$600, probably his homeplace, and on a nearby 180-acre tract he possessed buildings valued at \$150, possibly the sawmill. In that year his household included himself, his wife, and nine individuals under age twenty-six.⁹

The tax valuation and number of tracts remained the same until 1829, when the improvements on the 130-acre parcel increased to the substantial sum of \$1,100 (during this period a median value for improvements is about \$200). This undoubtedly represents the construction, probably during the previous year, of the brick Anderson house, presumably on or near the site of an earlier Robert Anderson dwelling dating from earlier in the century. The \$125 value for buildings on the nearby property remained the same. Although a brick with the incised date of 1826 was found in the house during rehabilitation. The house appears to have been completed in 1828.

Unlike the other three of William Anderson's four sons, who led lives of political and industrial importance on a statewide level, one pursued a course of study as a physician and never prospered to any great extent. William Neely Anderson (1806-1868) studied at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and was graduated in 1826. He is said to have come back to the Fincastle locale and married Mary Jane Kerr of Augusta County. They had one son, William Rush Anderson, who died tragically at the age of 21. There is an unsupported tradition that Dr.

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Anderson took in or purchased and cared for a number of sick or aged slaves at his own expense and freed them. 12

In 1840, William N. Anderson purchased the house and two tracts totaling 290 acres from his uncle Robert Anderson, Jr., for which he paid \$3,600.¹³ Robert Anderson apparently had made the decision to relocate to Missouri, and made the farm available to his nephew. His will was written in Rawls County, Missouri in 1844 as he was about to depart on a journey to Virginia and was probated in 1847.¹⁴ By 1840 the accumulated improvements on a 110-acre portion of the property were valued in the tax records at \$1,500. The three-hundred dollar increase since 1829 might be attributed to agricultural outbuildings or an addition to the house, no longer extant. The farm and buildings were noted as transferred to William N. Anderson in the following year. The 1850 census shows the Anderson household consisting of the forty-three-year-old physician, his wife Mary, age thirty, their eleven-year-old son, and two twenty-four-year-old slaves, male and female, and three young slave children, probably the children of the slave couple.¹⁵

Dr. Anderson was attempting to sell the property by 1852, apparently in financial distress. An initial buyer, Charles C. Blount, did not receive a deed, although he shows up in the 1853 tax records as the owner of 110 acres with improvements valued at \$1,000 and an additional 64 acres nearby. In the same year William N. Anderson transferred title to the property to H. W. Spessard for the \$2,785. In Anderson moved to Lewisburg, West Virginia. He suffered further financial difficulties during and after the Civil War. He died in 1868 in Lewisburg. In his will he left "what little property I possess" to his wife. In the house later passed through a series of owners who made few changes to the property. A one-story frame ell (removed in 1969) was added to the rear of the house, probably in the late nineteenth century. The house suffered from severe deterioration by the time it and forty-seven acres were acquired by the present owners, Bishop and Mrs. William deJarnette Rutherfoord, in 1969. The house was carefully rehabilitated and expanded and has been well maintained since that time.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the nominated property are identical to those of Botetourt County Tax Map Tract Number 71-94.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the property have been selected to include the remaining section of the farm associated with the Anderson family and the site of the sawmill.

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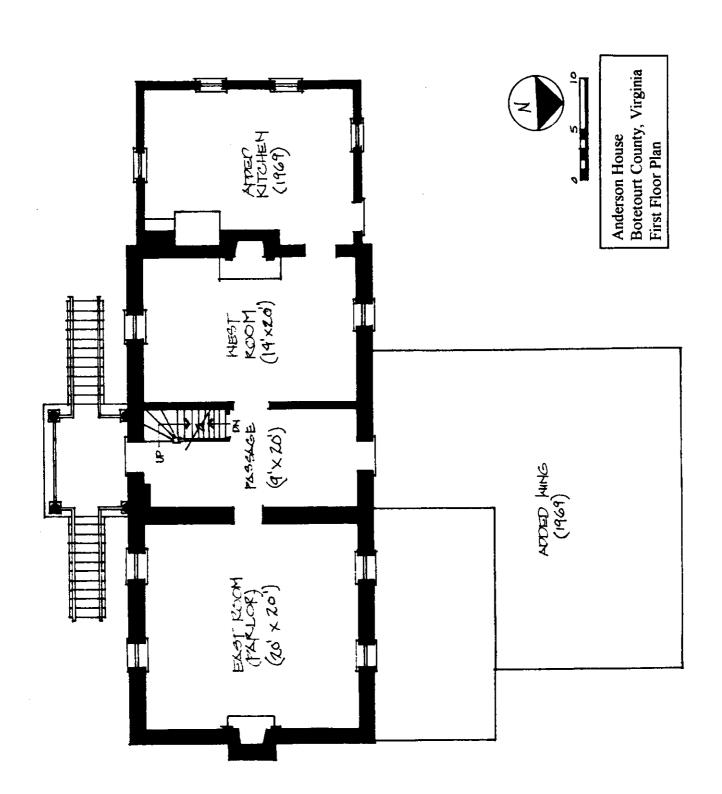
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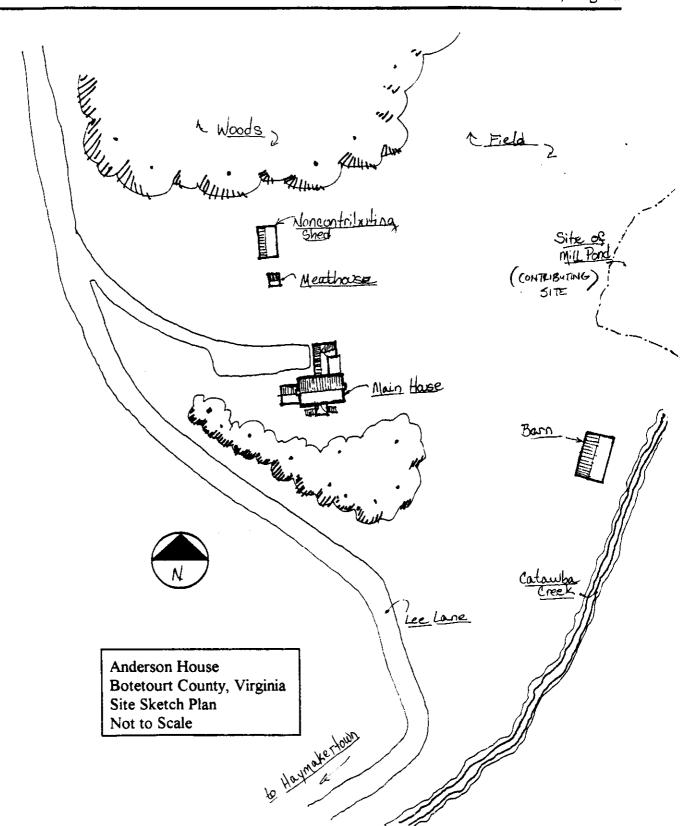
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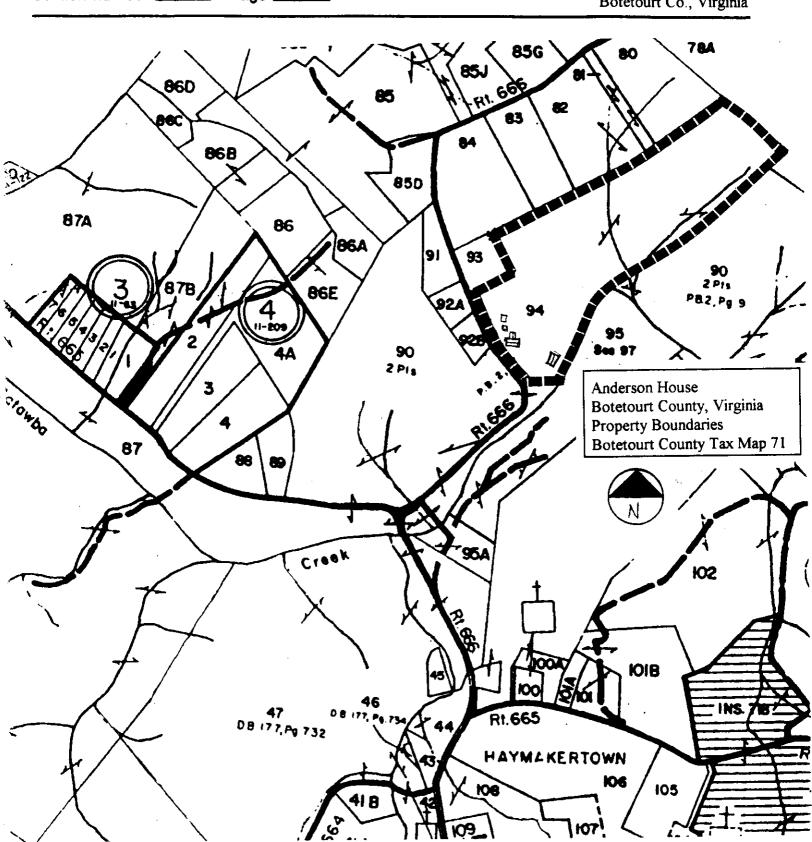
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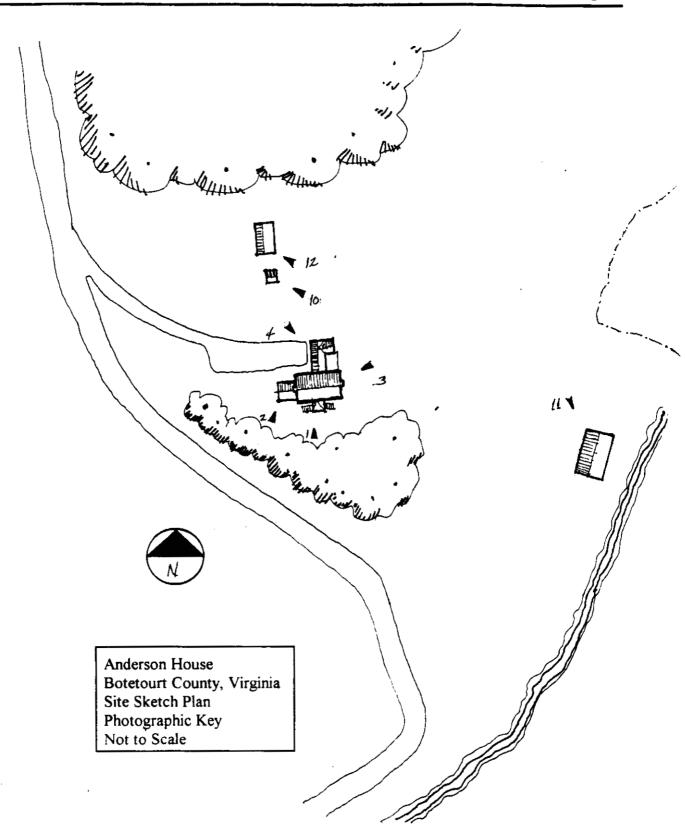
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