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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).

1. Name of Property

historic name Meadea other names/site number VDHR File No. 21-18

2. Location

street & number S side SR 628, 600 ft E of jct SR 658 not for publication N/A city or town White Post vicinity N/A state Virginia code VA county Clarke code 043 zip code 22663

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.)

Signature of certifying official Date 12/30/94

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 Date of Action

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>0</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

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: **DOMESTIC** Sub: **Single dwelling**

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: **DOMESTIC** Sub: **Single dwelling**
Secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

COLONIAL

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation **STONE**

roof **METAL: tin**

walls **WOOD: weatherboard**

other **STONE**

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.
X 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

Period of Significance

ca. 1784

Significant Dates ca. 1784

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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
X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other
Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1 acre

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	750750	4326920	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

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.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Whitney Miller

organization Department of Historic Preservation date May 1992

street & number Mary Washington College telephone 703-899-4037

city or town Fredericksburg state VA zip code 22401-5358

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Additional Documentation
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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)

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

name Mr. John Elsea

street & number 58 Main Street telephone 703-837-2473

city or town Warrenton state VA zip code 22186

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MEADEA
Clarke County, Virginia

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Meadea, built about 1784, is the only remaining late-eighteenth-century log building in the village of White Post in Clarke County, Virginia. The house is a one-and-one-half story, three-bay, gable-roofed log dwelling clad in weatherboards. Two stone exterior end chimneys flank the gable ends of the house. The east chimney has an exterior hearth. A one-story, five-bay porch with slender square posts, some with large brackets, was added in the early twentieth century. Meadea was included as a contributing building in the nomination of the White Post Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

Meadea is a three-bay, one-and-one-half story, log house set upon a stone foundation. The house has a gable roof covered with standing-seam metal and two stone exterior end chimneys of coursed rubble. It has a central-passage plan. The ground floor windows are all six-over-six light, double-hung sashes with exterior louvered shutters and board-and-batten doors. The east room of the house is believed to have been built about 1784 as part of a one-story house with a central chimney. The present central passage and west chamber of the house and the upper half-story were probably added in the nineteenth century. Unfortunately, it has been impossible thus far to date the exact sequence of construction based on currently visible structural members.

The dwelling faces north toward State Route 628. The porch on the principal elevation was added in the twentieth century. Its foundation is concrete with six square posts supporting the standing seam metal roof. The east gable of the house is extended with a one-story lean-to addition north of the fireplace. The lean-to has a two-over-two casement window. The chimney on this elevation has both an exterior and an interior hearth. Both the east and west gables have two-over-two casement windows on each side of the chimney in the attic. There are no dormers. The south, or rear elevation has three bays--a central door with flanking, but not symmetrical, windows. A screened lean-to entry porch surrounds the central doorway of the south elevation. On the west side of the house there are windows on each side of the chimney.

The interior spaces are not elaborate. There is no basement in the house. There is, however, a crawl space. The foundation is stone and supports the log joists for the first floor. The chair rails, window trim and stairs probably date from the period when the house was enlarged some time between 1820 and 1850. The mantel in the east room was probably a nineteenth or twentieth century addition. A stained glass window in the east elevation was added in the twentieth century. The plaster of the passage has been stripped from the walls and the chinking has been recently plastered. Nail holes in the logs may give evidence of original exterior siding, but there are no nail holes in the attic wall. The west room mantel has been removed and a wood-burning stove built into the hearth of this fireplace. The baseboards, walls, and ceiling of this room are plastered, but, the floor joists of the second floor are visible in the ceiling of this room.

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The staircase is one flight and is open string. A small bathroom has been added below the staircase. The balusters of the staircase are simple and square in section, set two to each tread. The newel posts are chamfered and square in section. The handrail is turned. The half-story floor plan is identical to the first-floor plan except for the bathroom addition above the east room. There are no fireplaces on this floor. Both the upstairs rooms have plastered ceilings and walls with baseboards. There is storage space behind a small door in the hallway of the second floor.

Meadea is bounded on the west by a two-story house and on the east by a one-story house. Three large well-spaced trees stand in front of Meadea between the house and Route 628. Behind the house, there are two non-contributing structures located along the west side of the yard. The smaller structure is used as a playhouse and the larger structure is used for storage. The yard is bounded on the south by an open field.

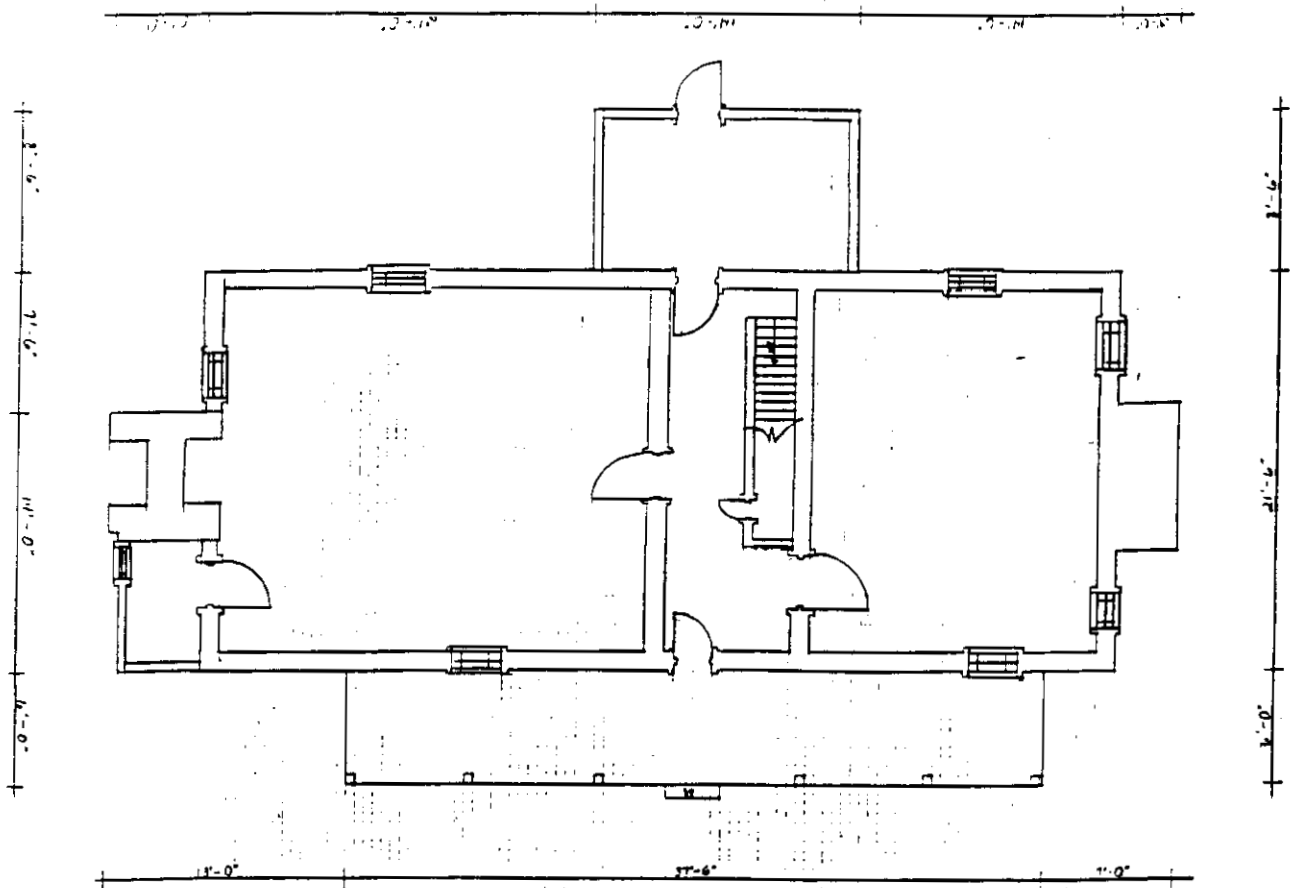
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MEADEA
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First Floor Plan
(reduced)



MEADEA
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
ROUTE 628, WHITE POST, VA

MEASURED AND
DRAWN BY
WHITNEY MILLER
APRIL 13, 1941

NO SCALE 
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MEADEA
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Meadea is important as the only remaining eighteenth-century log building in the village of White Post, Clarke County, Virginia.¹ One of the original log pens and its attached stone chimney still survives. Although Meadea has sustained several periods of construction, most notably the addition of the central passage and the half-story in the first half of the nineteenth century, these additions have not adversely affected the architectural integrity of the original section of the structure. Meadea was included in the designation of the village of White Post as a National Historic District in 1983. The vernacular architecture of the district dates from the late eighteenth century through the first quarter of the twentieth century.²

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Meadea property was originally part of a larger tract of land consisting of 50,212 acres owned jointly by Robert Burwell, George Washington, and Fielding Lewis. On November 30, 1776, these three investors sold 800 acres of this tract in what was then Frederick County to Ignatius Perry. There were houses, buildings, orchards, and other improvements on the land at this time.³

On January 3 and 4 of 1777, Ignatius Perry leased and then released the lot to Edward Snickers.⁴ On March 3 and 4 of 1783, Snickers leased and then released the same lot to Lieutenant Colonel Richard Kidder Meade.⁵ Colonel Meade had served as aide-de-camp to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.⁶ Meade had moved from the tidewater region of Virginia to Frederick County after the Revolutionary War and is listed in the 1790 census of Frederick County.⁷

The original log structure may have been built prior to Meade's purchase of the property as his deed of purchase shows there was a house already on the lot.⁸ Visible structural evidence, however, does not currently support determination of exact dates of construction periods. Richard's son, William, explains his father's move to Frederick County: "At the close of it [War of the Revolution], gathering up what little remained of money, and a very few servants, he removed to the rich and beautiful Valley of Frederick, lying between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains. The whole country was little else than a forest at that time. For a small sum, he purchased a farm, with two unfinished log rooms, around which the wolves nightly howled."⁹ This description fits the original structure. The original house was likely a two room saddlebag plan because of the double fireplace which still exists. Colonel Meade and his land holdings appear in the Frederick County land tax records beginning in 1787.¹⁰ The Meade family lived in this log house while the larger home, Lucky Hit, was being built, circa 1790.

When Colonel Richard Kidder Meade died in 1805 he owned 979 acres.¹¹ In his will he left his entire property to his wife, Mary.¹² Mary Meade died in 1813.¹³ In her will, she divided the land among her three sons, Richard Kidder, Jr., William, and David. Richard Kidder Meade, Jr. received approximately 508 acres while his two brothers received approximately 242 and 265 acres, respectively.¹⁴ William Meade, who later became a

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bishop of the Episcopal Church, built Mountain View and brother David built nearby Ben Venue.¹⁵ Richard Kidder, Jr. remained on the Lucky Hit property which, at that time, still contained the two-room log house.

Richard Kidder Meade, Jr. died intestate on February 26, 1833. In 1838, a deed lists the division of his property among his heirs. This division was the result of a chancery suit filed by Hugh H. and Ann Hite, his wife, versus William Meade, guardian of Lucy F. Meade, Harriet G. Meade, William W. Meade, and Drayton G. Meade, infant children of the deceased Richard Kidder Meade, Junior. The parcel of land containing the log house was designated as Lot Three and was given to Lucy F. Meade. Lot Four was given to her brother William W. Meade.¹⁶

On November 6, 1849, Lots Three and Four were sold to Colonel Joseph Tuley by Philip N. Meade who was acting as Special Commissioner on behalf of the children Lucy F. and William W. Meade, wards of the Right Reverend William Meade.¹⁷ A deed dated November 8, 1866, explains that Mary Meade won a suit in October 1866 against Hugh Hite et al. who tried to reclaim the property. Miss Meade had purchased the land from her late brother Bishop William Meade. The documentation concerning this transaction was "left in the possession of the said Bishop Meade, merely for the purpose of safe keeping, and was afterwards, together with the dwelling house of the said Bishop Meade, destroyed by fire."¹⁸ In a deed dated July 11, 1879, there is a lengthy description of how the property changed hands after Miss Meade's death. Mary Meade was indebted to the Reverend R.K. Meade of Albemarle County, Virginia. David Meade was appointed Trustee. He advertised and sold the property at an auction to the Rev. R.K. Meade. This same deed notes the transaction of the property in fee simple from Rev. R.K. Meade to David Meade, Junior. It is also within this deed that the property is mentioned by its present name, Meadea.¹⁹ Prior to this, the house was part of the Lucky Hit tract. In this deed it is described as "a house and lot of between three and four acres situated at White Post in said County of Clarke."

David Meade, Jr. and his wife, Mary J., sold Meadea to Sallie Dearthmont in a deed dated June 18, 1908.²⁰ This deed states that the property contained two and a half acres more or less. A deed of partition dated April 2, 1849, divided the property among the Dearthmonts and the Balls, heirs of Sallie Dearthmont. The portion granted to Elizabeth C. Ball was the "western-most portion of the said property on which the house is situated."²¹ At this point, the property conveyed contained two and a half acres.

Mrs. Ball's heirs were her sons, Kenneth C. and William D. Ball. Each was given one-half interest in the Meadea property. On July 11, 1978, Kenneth C. and Linda M. Ball, his wife, conveyed their share of the property to William D. and Robin A. Ball, his wife.²² Mr. and Mrs. Ball then sold the Meadea property containing "one acre more or less" to John Carter Elsea in a deed dated November 18, 1980 and the remaining acreage to another party.²³

John Carter Elsea and his wife, Elna K.B. Elsea sold Meadea to his mother, Betty Meade Stuart on November 18, 1982.²⁴ In a deed dated April 29, 1983, Ms. Stuart sold Meadea to Eddie R. Burnside and his wife, Sallie A. Burnside.²⁵ Mr. and Mrs. Burnside

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then sold this property back to Ms. Stuart in a deed dated August 13, 1985.²⁶ Meadea was conveyed to the present owner, John Carter Elsea by deed of gift dated August 5, 1987.²⁷

ENDNOTES

1. David Edwards, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey, File Number 21-104, February 1983.
2. Calder Loth, ed., *Virginia Landmarks Register* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1987), p. 106.
3. Frederick County Deed Book 17, pp. 177-180.
4. Frederick County Deed Book 17, pp. 213-214.
5. Frederick County Deed Book 19, pp. 364-366.
6. William Meade, *Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia* (Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott & Co., 1861), p. 20.
7. First United States Census, 1790.
8. Frederick County Deed Book 17, pp. 177-180.
9. Meade, p. 20.
10. Frederick County Land Tax Records, 1787-1807.
11. *Frederick County Land Tax Record*, 1805.
12. *Frederick County Will Book 8*, pp. 107-108.
13. Howard S.F. Randolph, *Funsten-Meade Genealogy* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1926), p. 56.
14. *Frederick County Will Book 10*, p. 251.
15. Randolph, pp. 61-62.
16. Clarke County Deed Book A, pp. 310-312.
17. Clarke County Deed Book D, p. 498.
18. Clarke County Deed Book H, p. 171.
19. Clarke County Deed Book 4, pp. 439-440.
20. Clarke County Deed Book 4, p. 442.
21. Clarke County Deed Book 38, p. 144.
22. Clarke County Deed Book 128, p. 614.

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23. See Clarke County Deed Book 140, p. 199. and Clarke County Deed Book 128, p. 619.

24. Clarke County Deed Book 148, p. 408.

25. Clarke County Deed Book 150, p. 143.

26. Clarke County Deed Book 163, p. 17.

27. Clarke County Deed Book 181, p. 172.

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- Frederick County Deed Books, 1776 to 1783 (Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA).
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds to Lot 15 on the accompanying map entitled "White Post Historic District" drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The Meadea lot consists of one acre, more or less, with legally recorded boundaries that represent the property conveyed to John Carter Elsea by deed dated August 5, 1987. This lot is the core of the Lieutenant Colonel Richard Kidder Meade original estate that retains its historic integrity.

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MEADEA
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PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

All photographs are of Meadea, Clarke County, Virginia ((DHR N° 21-28). All photographs were taken by Whitney Miller in 1991. Negatives are on file at the Virginia State Library and Archives.

VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking south
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VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking south
NEG. NO.: 11482-10A
PHOTO 2 of 25

VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking southwest
NEG. NO.: 11480-34A
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VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking south
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VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking southeast
NEG. NO.: 11481-7A
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VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking southwest
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VIEW OF: north elevation; view looking southeast
NEG. NO.: 11480-23A
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VIEW OF: east elevation; view looking west
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VIEW OF: southeast corner; view looking northwest
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VIEW OF: east elevation hearth; view looking west
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VIEW OF: south elevation; view looking north
NEG. NO.: 11481-15A
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VIEW OF: backyard; view looking south
NEG. NO.: 11481-13A
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VIEW OF: west elevation; view looking east
NEG. NO.: 11480-32A
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VIEW OF: west side of south elevation's lean-to porch;
view looking east
NEG. NO.: 11481-18A
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VIEW OF: interior west room; view looking northwest
NEG. NO.: 11479-21A
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VIEW OF: west room fireplace; view looking west
NEG. NO.: 11479-22A
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VIEW OF: interior passage; view looking west
NEG. NO.: 11479-8A
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VIEW OF: interior passage; view looking south
NEG. NO.: 11479-6A
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VIEW OF: interior passage; view looking east
NEG. NO.: 11479-18A
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VIEW OF: nail holes in original structure; view looking
east
NEG. NO.: 11479-17A
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VIEW OF: nail holes above door in original structure;
view looking east
NEG. NO.: 11479-16A
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VIEW OF: first floor passage; view looking northwest
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

VIEW OF: bottom of staircase; view looking north
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VIEW OF: upper level; view looking south
NEG. NO.: 11480-8A
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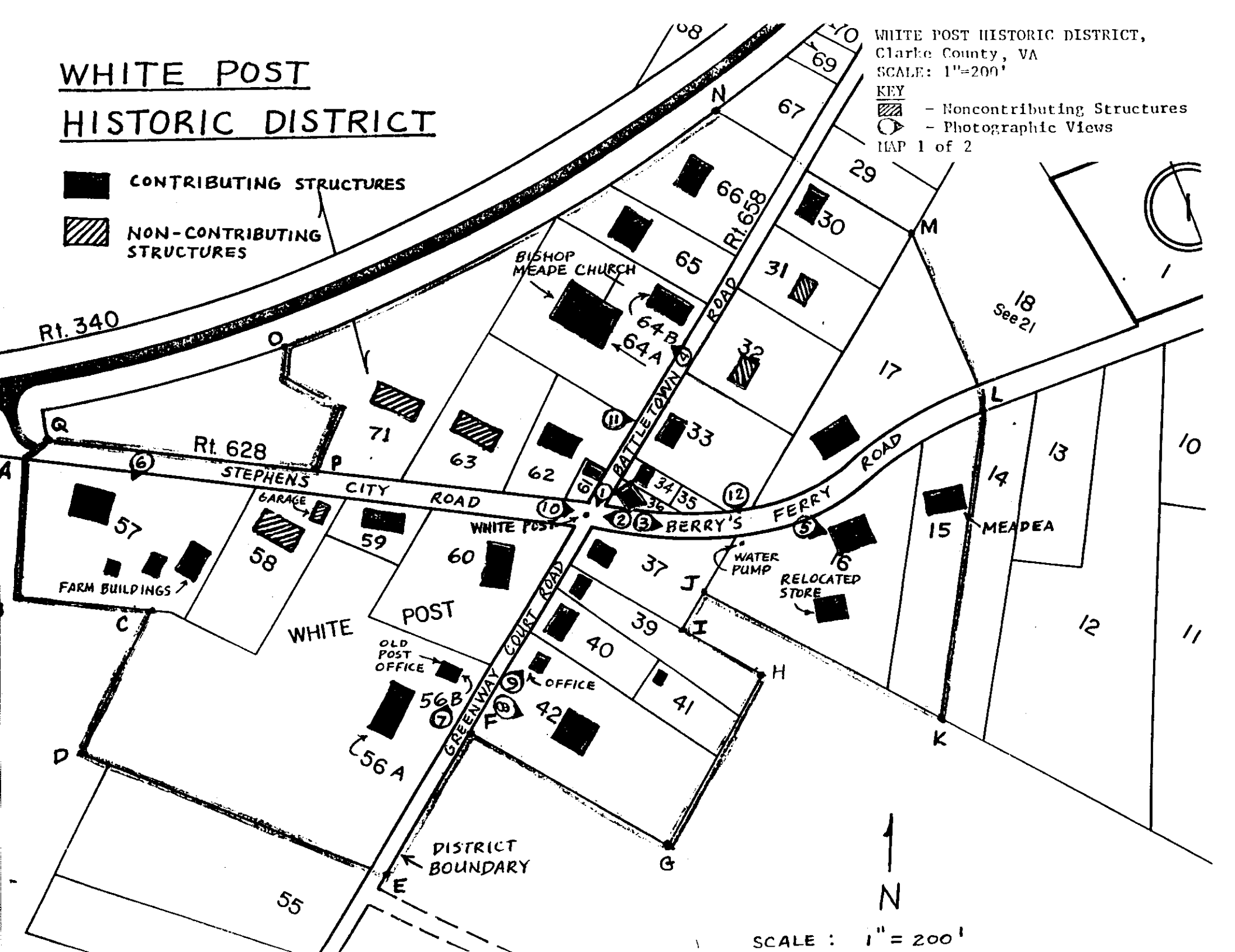
VIEW OF: upper level west room; view looking
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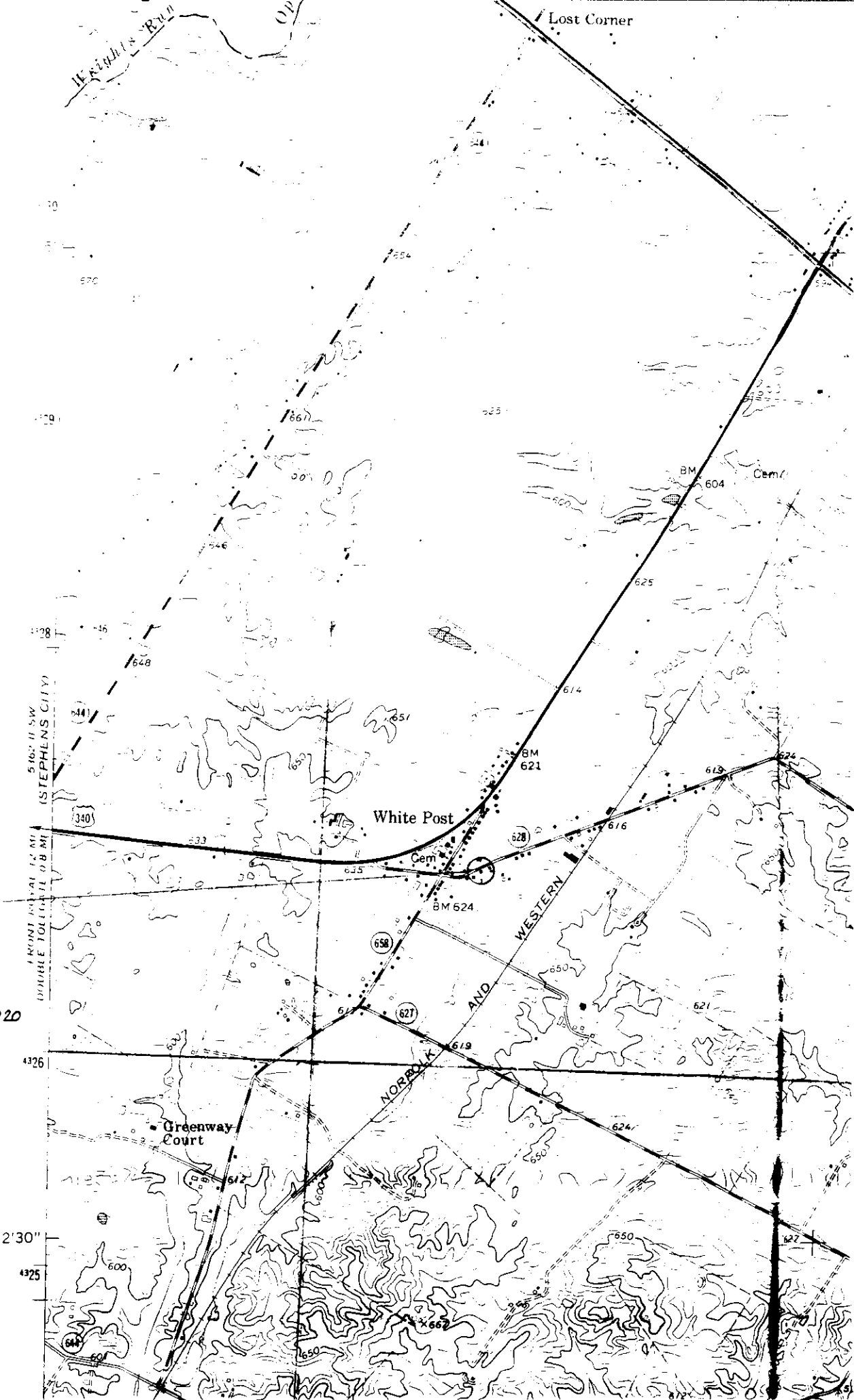
WHITE POST HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHITE POST HISTORIC DISTRICT,
Clarke County, VA
SCALE: 1"=200'

KEY
 - Noncontributing Structures
 - Photographic Views
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 CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES
 NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES





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