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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 Cromer House
other names/site number 60-121; Hogan Farm

2. Location

street & number 1/2 mi, north of VA Route 787, 1/4 mi. east of VA not for publication
city, town Childress Route 693 vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24141

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> 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 _____
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.
 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single dwelling

DOMESTIC: Secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: rectangular single-pen plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestone

walls WOOD: log

roof METAL: tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Cromer House, which faces south, is located a considerable distance from the main road in a setting of fields. The two-story, three-bay, rectangular single-pen structure is built of V-notched logs. A massive brick chimney constructed of oversized bricks with pencilled mortar joints rises at the east end. A one-story, frame leanto was built on the rear in the late nineteenth century and later raised to two stories in the beginning of the twentieth century. A frame wing was added to the west end in the 1930s by the present owner. Like the log section, it has a symmetrical three-bay principal facade facing south. A large fieldstone chimney rises on the north side. A one-story porch supported by chamfered posts wraps around the east and south sides of the log section. While the first-floor south windows of the log section have been enlarged, the second floor retains its original six-over-six double-hung sash.

On the first-floor interior, the whitewashed logs are exposed and feature a beaded baseboard. The exposed whitewashed joists have a three-quarter round bead. Ceiling boards are beaded on both floors. A molded and beaded chair rail surrounds the room and the second-floor window and door trim retains its molded architrave. The first-floor fireplace features a pilastered Greek Revival-style mantel. An enclosed winder stair rises along the north wall in the northwest corner. The house measures approximately 16 x 22 1/2 feet.

The north addition retains narrow tongue-and-groove wall and ceiling sheathing, a frame central partition, a brick stove flue, and a nineteenth-century built-in corner cupboard. A five-foot addition to the east end of the leanto was made when it was raised to two stories. The twentieth-century west wing features a knotty-pine-paneled interior with exposed joists and a fieldstone and brick mantel. A basement was excavated beneath this section and it features a stone terrace at the south front. Although the house has been used only for storage for some years, the owner has maintained it in a reasonably good condition and has plans to use the building for housing in the future.

A late nineteenth-century frame springhouse at the southwest corner of the property is contributing. It features a barred vent in the northwest end and a sheltered doorway at the other end adjacent to the exterior spring enclosure.

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. 1860 - ca. 1935

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.

The Cromer Farm is eligible under criterion C as an unusually well-preserved example of a popular traditional house form found in the area. As many as seventy-nine rectangular single-pen log structures dating from the mid-nineteenth century are extant in the county while seven houses of square form have been identified. It was the most popular house form during the mid-nineteenth century. With the exception of its front (south) windows, the house is intact in its original form. Additions to the north and west are either inconspicuous by their placement to the rear (the north addition) or are sympathetic in form and materials (the west addition). The west addition contains interior and exterior features that show a careful attempt to carry the spirit of mid-nineteenth-century architecture into the new construction. Neither addition detracts from the integrity of the significant form and decorative elements of the original building and the west addition extends the period of significance to 1935.

The present owner lived in the house from 1929 to 1936. She and her husband added the west wing. During that period members of the Hogan family visited the house and said that they had been born there.

From deed research, it appears likely that William Cromer built the house in the mid-nineteenth century. No deed for William Cromer's land in the area has been located, however he disposed of 135 acres bordering Samuel Lucas, John Lucas, and N.B. Harvey in 1855 (D.B. P, p. 604). Later Samuel Lucas sold Cromer five acres near a corner of Cromer's land (D.B. O, p. 596). Deborah Cromer and a group of Samuel Lucas' heirs disposed of 222 acres of Lucas' land in a commissioner's sale in 1869 (D.B. S, p. 124), indicating a connection between the Cromer and Lucas families. C.D. Cromer acquired fifty-five acres in 1881 from William Cromer near the corner of "the Pine Spur and Thompsontown Roads" (D.B. W, p.176). C.D. and Sallie Cromer sold 7 5/8 acres in 1893 and another 100 1/2 acres in 1899 to John Brown Lucas. It would seem likely that William Cromer built the house, it then passed to C.D. Cromer, and thence to the Lucas family.

S.A. Scott acquired the property in a series of deed transactions from 1910 to 1915 from the heirs of John Brown Lucas, each of whom had received a share of the property. One deed (D.B. 63, p. 571) states that it is the same property which John Brown

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Lucas, Mrs. J.T. Interview, January 1986.

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

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A

17	5	4	2	12	0	4	1	0	0	5	3	0
Zone	Easting					Northing						

C

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B

Zone	Easting					Northing						

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A 22 feet north and 35 feet east of the northeast corner of the house, proceeding south 140 feet to point B, thence west 120 feet to point C, thence north 125 feet to point D, thence 120 feet east to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include the house, outbuilding, and domestic-related space.

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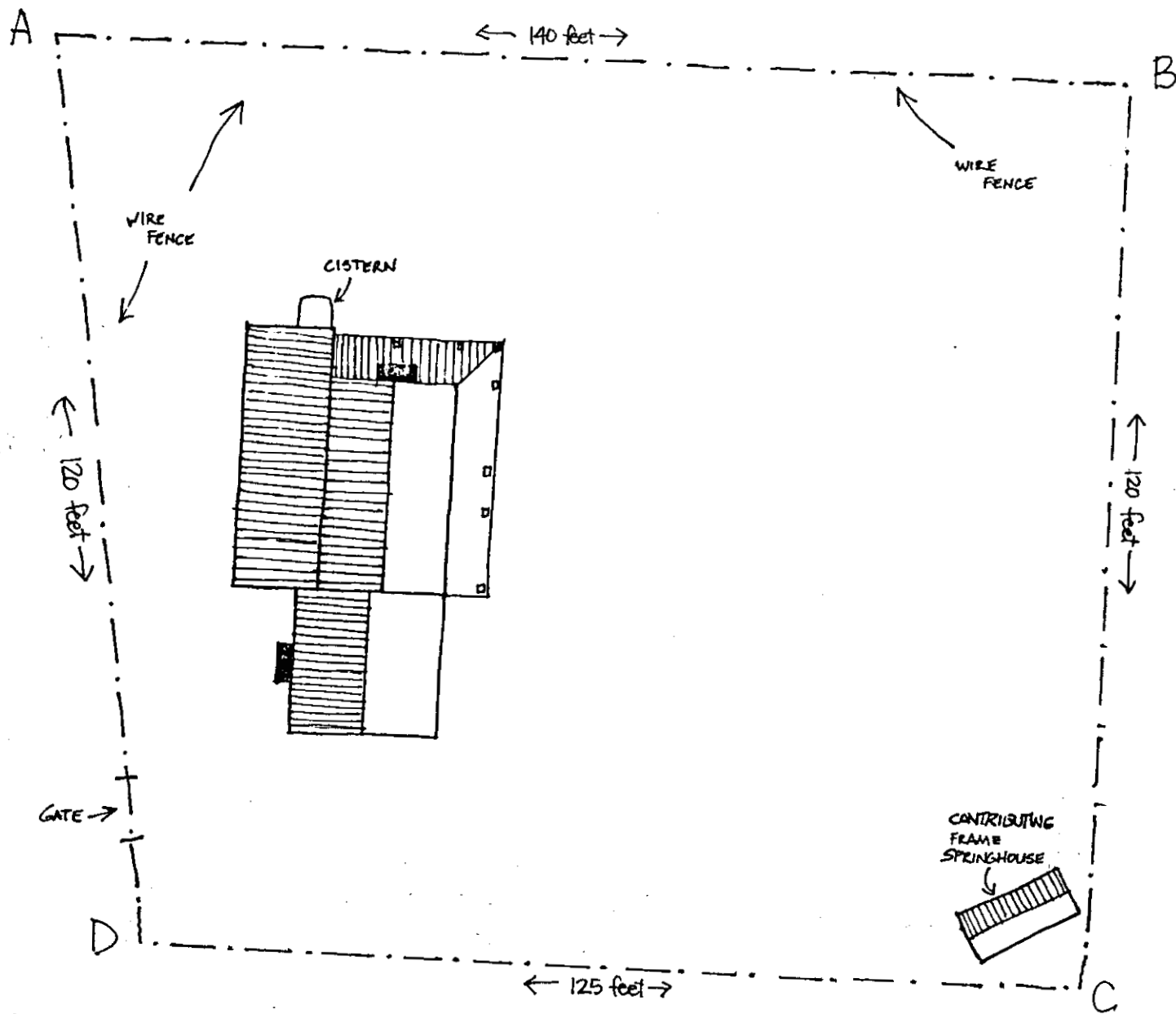
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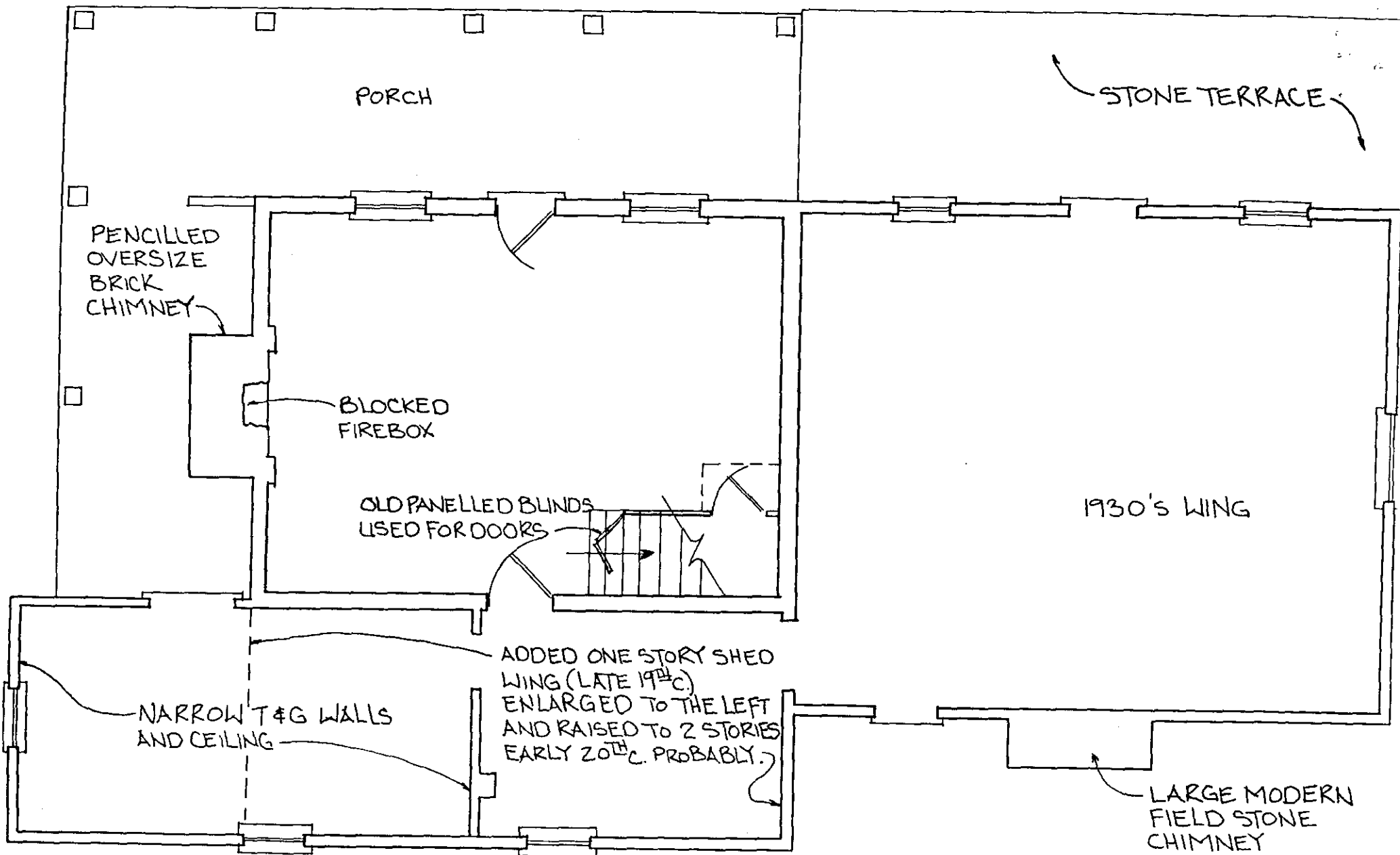
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The Cromer House, 60-121

Lucas referred to as "his Cromer place" and which was then occupied by the sellers. James T. Lucas, husband (deceased) of the present owner, purchased 140 1/2 acres from S.A. Scott et al in 1929, having leased the land since 1925.

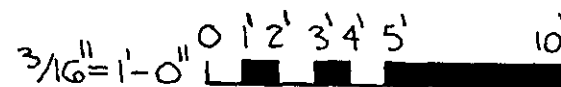


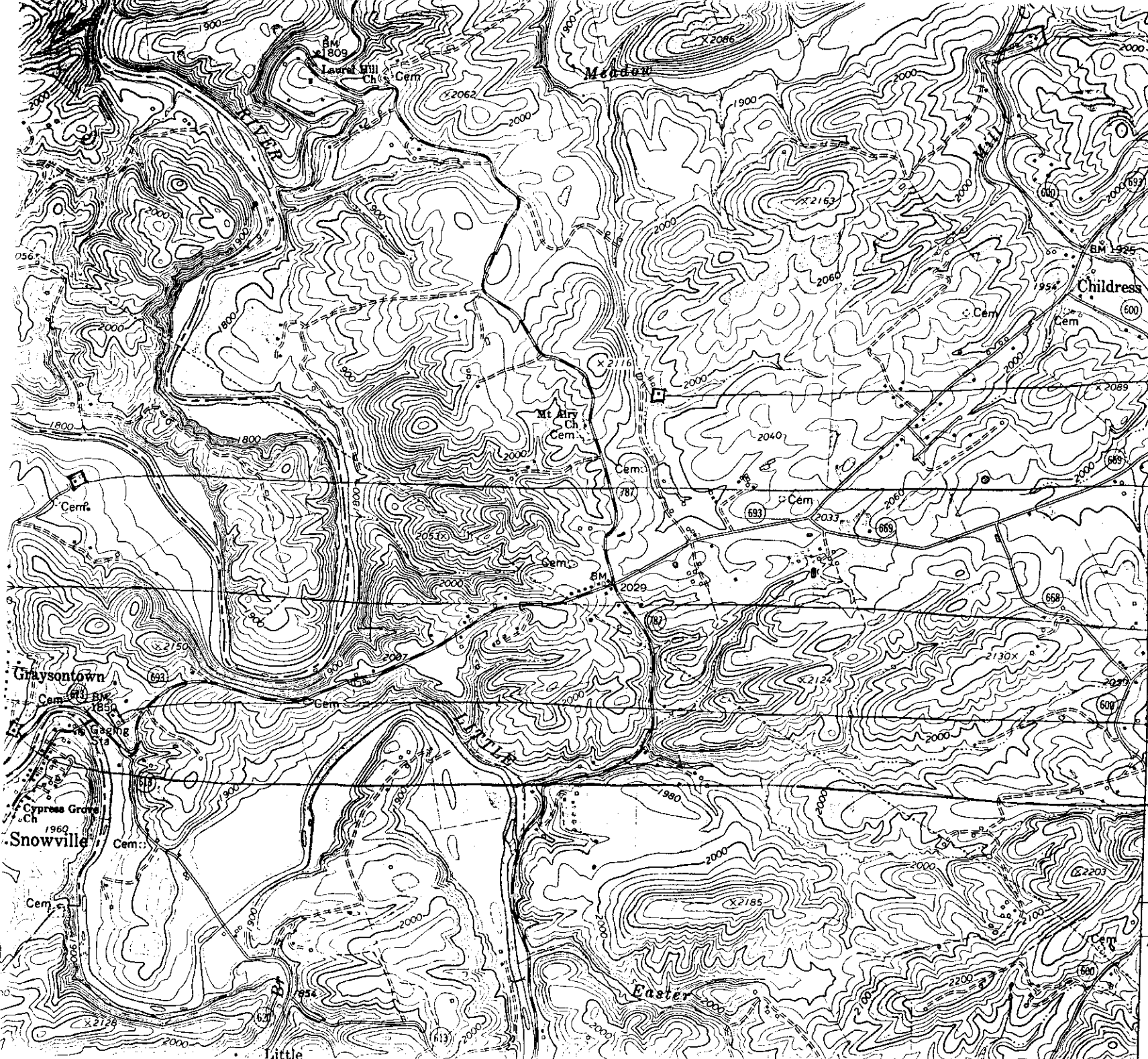
60-121 CROMER HOUSE
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CROMER HOUSE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
 FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 SURVEYED BY: G.W. JAN. 1986
 No. 60-121





BOWYER -
TROLLINGER FARM
4102 17 543860 4102680

TRINER
4958 III SW

4101

TRINER 3 4 MI.

CROMER HOUSE
17 542060 4106530

JOHN GRAYSON
HOUSE
4100 17 539320 4100070

2'30" GRAYSON - GRAVELY
HOUSE
17 528890 4099540

4099 BISHOP HOUSE
17 539520 4098965

GRAYSONTOWN
METHODIST CHURCH
17 539030 4098860

4098 RADFORD
SOUTH
QUAD