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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 Stephen B. Quillen House
other names/site number VDHR No. 252-5016

2. Location

street & number 149 Church Street not for publication N/A

city or town Lebanon vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Russell code 167 Zip 24266

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this _X_ 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 _X_ meets ____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide _X_ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _X_ 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:
_V_ 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 10/23/03

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

_X_ private
___ public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

_X_ building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_1__	_1__	buildings
_0___	_0__	sites
_0___	_0__	structures
_0__	_0__	objects
_1___	_1___	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: __DOMESTIC_____ Sub: _single dwelling _____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: ___DOMESTIC_____ Sub: _single dwelling_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

____LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne_____

_____

_____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation __ Limestone_____

roof____Tin _____

walls ___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.

_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 _ 1912-1951_____

_____

_____

Significant Dates _1912___

_____

_____

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

_____N/A_____

Cultural Affiliation __N/A_____

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Architect/Builder __Easterly, Nathan W. _____

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property _0.863 Acre____

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

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1 17	_403700_	_4084410_	2 __	_____	_____
3 __	_____	_____	4 __	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

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

DESCRIPTION:

Summary

The Stephen B. Quillen House is a two-story wood frame house with a wraparound front porch set over an ashlar-laid rusticated limestone foundation. It is built in the Queen Anne Revival Style and is located on a corner lot (corner of Church and Lively Streets) in one of the original neighborhoods of the Town of Lebanon in Russell County, Virginia. The house has many features that are typical of the Queen Anne Revival Style: it has a steep hipped roof with lower cross gables, a wraparound first floor porch, and simple door and window treatment. It is architecturally significant to the Town of Lebanon and Russell County as a good example of residential architecture in the early twentieth century.

Inventory

1. The Stephen B. Quillen House (1912). Contributing building.
2. Garage (ca. 1955). Noncontributing building.

Landscape Features

The house sits on the northwest corner of its nearly one-acre lot with the front façade facing east. The landscape and setting for the house are typical for its period and have not been altered since the time of the house's construction. A small concrete sidewalk leads from Church Street. The house is framed by two red maples; holly and snowball bushes accent both the house and the street corners. The south section of the house lot is a grass lawn and a vegetable garden. A small, one-story, concrete block, gable roof garage is located on the northwest corner of the house lot facing Lively Street. It appears to have been built in the mid-1950s.

House Exterior

The front façade is asymmetrical in composition. The main block of the house has a steep hipped roof, and a lower gable wing steps out slightly from the main block; it is two stories in size, and the corner walls are set at a 45-degree angle that gives the wing a bay window effect. The stained oak front door is set in the center of the façade; it has an oval glass panel in the upper two thirds of the front door leaf. The front door is flanked by two large sidelights, and a large transom spans both the front door and the sidelights. A large double-hung window is set to the south of the front door, with the second-floor windows lining up above the south window and the front door.

Description (continued)

The front porch spans the entire front façade and also wraps around both the north and south facades. It is a one-story wood-framed open porch that is five bays in size and is very simple in form, being composed of 10-inch-diameter, full-length classical columns, simple fascia and beams, and no pickets or rails. The porch rests on a limestone ashlar base.

The north and south façades are similar to the front/east façade, being also asymmetrical in form. The south façade has a similar two-story wing set in front of the main block, and the lower porch ends at the wing. The north façade has a square gable wing set perpendicular to the east façade and another wing set facing the west and the rear section of the house. The rear of the house has a two-story shed roof addition. The roof is covered with standing seam metal, and two chimneys are centered in the hipped roof. The walls are covered in poplar clapboard that is exposed 5 inches. All of the windows are double-hung sash, with the sashes having only one pane of glass.

House Interior

The interior of the house has a central hall which goes from the front to the rear of the house and four rooms working off the central hall, with one room working off the rear addition. The second floor is similar to the first floor. There is a small basement under the rear section of the house. Notable features include a coal chute, a large concrete cistern, and a milk trough where milk and other food perishables were stored.

The ceilings of the house are high; the first-floor ceilings are 11 feet tall, and the second-floor ceilings are 9 feet tall. All of the rooms have oak floors and plaster walls. A main staircase going from the first floor to the second floor is located in the central hall. It is built of red oak and has square pickets, elaborate railings, and recessed panel wainscoting and carriage treatment. The trim is also of red oak; it is typically simple and plain, composed mostly of 5-inch-wide rounded boards. The baseboards are 11 inches tall and have cyma recta base caps.

The house has two sets of tall pocket doors that are located in the two front parlors. The rear doors on both the first and second floor have cut beveled glass panels set above three recessed panels. There are four coal-burning fireplaces on the first floor, and each room on the second floor had a coal-burning stove that was placed in front of the chimney mass. Mantles are all veneered oak with scrolled pilasters and simple shelves. The Quillen House has remained virtually unaltered since it was first built and is a very good example of Queen Anne Revival architecture in western Virginia.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary Statement of Significance and Justification of Criteria

Local builder and businessman Nathan W. Easterly built the Stephen B. Quillen House in 1912 as a speculative business venture. The house was purchased in 1918 by longtime Russell County attorney Stephen B. Quillen. It was one of the first houses built in the Church Street neighborhood of Lebanon and is located behind Main Street and within view of the bell tower of the Russell County Courthouse. With its steep and irregular roof, wraparound porch, and cutaway bay windows, it stands as one of the few remaining Queen Anne Style houses in the Town of Lebanon. The house also retains all of its refined red oak interior woodwork. The Stephen B. Quillen House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, at the local level of significance. It represents many of the residential architectural trends of middle class-houses in the later nineteenth century and the early twentieth century in the Town of Lebanon and Russell County. The property's period of significance, 1912-1951, commences with the house's construction date.

Acknowledgments

The author wishes to thank the following individuals for their assistance in the preparation of this nomination: property owners Dr. and Mrs. S. Hughes Melton; the grandson of Stephen B. Quillen, Stephen Marshall Quillen; and the Russell County Regional Library. Dr. John R. Kern and Mr. Mike Pulice of the Roanoke Regional Preservation Office and Mr. Marc Wagner, National Register Coordinator of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, were also helpful in the preparation of this nomination.

Historic Background

The Stephen B. Quillen House was built on one of the original house plots in the Town of Lebanon. Nathan W. Easterly built the house as a speculative venture in 1912. Easterly owned a lumber mill in Lebanon and built several speculative or investment houses during the last part of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth century.[1] In 1918, Stephen B. Quillen purchased the house from Easterly for $8,000.00.[2]

Stephen Banner Quillen was a native of Russell County; he was born in Castlewood, Virginia, in 1872. He attended Wake Forest College, where he earned a law degree, and was admitted to the Russell County Bar in 1895. In 1897, he married Mary Alice Ashbrook; they had one son, Ira Marshall Quillen, who was born in 1898. In 1909 the family moved to Lebanon from Castlewood. Stephen Quillen was an

Statement of Significance (continued)

active citizen in Lebanon and Russell County. He served as Mayor of Lebanon and as Russell County Commonwealth Attorney from 1916 to1924. He was a member of the Russell County School Board and was the Russell County Appeal Agent for the draft board in both World War I and II; he also served on the Electoral Board and the Russell County Public Welfare Board. [3]

Quillen practiced law in Russell County from 1895 until his death in 1965. At that time he was regarded as "Virginia's longest practicing lawyer." Colleagues and friends still remember his personal motto: "wit is something, but tact is everything." He outlived his son Ira, who shared a law practice with him, and he later practiced law with his grandson, Stephen Marshall Quillen.[4]

Stephen Marshall Quillen along with his brother, James William Quillen, inherited the house and used it as rental property until 1988.[5] From 1988 until 2000, the Quillen House was unoccupied but minimally maintained. In 2000, the current owners, Dr. and Mrs. S. Hughes Melton, purchased the house; they intend to make it their residence.[6]

Endnotes

1. Barrett, Theodosia. The Heritage of Russell County, Virginia, 1786-1986, Volume I.Marceline, MO: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1986. Page 393.
2. Russell County Deed Book: Volume 58, Page 13.
3. Griffith, A.T. *History of the Russell County, Virginia Bar.* Unpublished Manuscript. Page 6-7. Russell County Regional Library, Lebanon, Virginia.
4. Ibid, Page 7.
5. Russell County Will Book 21, Page 70.
6. Russell County Deed Book 171, Page 237.

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

11. Form Prepared By

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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 Dr. and Mrs. S. Hughes Melton

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McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. (New York: Alfred Knopf, Inc.: 1984).

Quillen, Milligan Wood and Mary Kinser. The Quillin (MacQuillen) Family. (Gate City, VA: The Quillin Clan, 1966).

Russell County Registry of Will and Deed Books. Russell County Courthouse, Lebanon, Virginia.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The property being nominated is Parcel Number 554, Platt Map 1, Slide 11, Town of Lebanon, Virginia. It is a town lot on the corner of North Church Street and Lively Street and is defined by a 0.863-acre rectangle measuring 211 feet wide and 182 feet deep. The nominated area includes the contributing Stephen B. Quillen House and a noncontributing detached garage building. The property is shown in the attached site map, Exhibit A, and the accompanying Lebanon, Virginia, 7.5' U. S. G. S. quadrangle map.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated property are the original property lines of the lot at the time of the construction of the house. The boundaries defined include all landscape features that contribute to the architectural significance of the house.

All photographs are of:

The Stephen B. Quillen House
Town of Lebanon, Virginia
VDHR File Number: 252-5016
Paul Hardin Kapp, photographer

All negatives are stored with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources collection at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: east elevation, looking west
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DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: east elevation looking southwest
NEG NO: 19361
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DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: east elevation, looking northwest
NEG NO: 19361
PHOTO: 3 of 14

DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: south elevation, looking north
NEG NO: 19361
PHOTO: 4 of 14

DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: south elevation looking northeast
NEG NO: 19361
PHOTO: 5 of 14

DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: north elevation, looking southeast
NEG NO: 19361
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DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: central hall, looking west
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VIEW OF: living room fireplace, looking west
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DATE: September 26, 2001
VIEW OF: doorway, parlor, looking south
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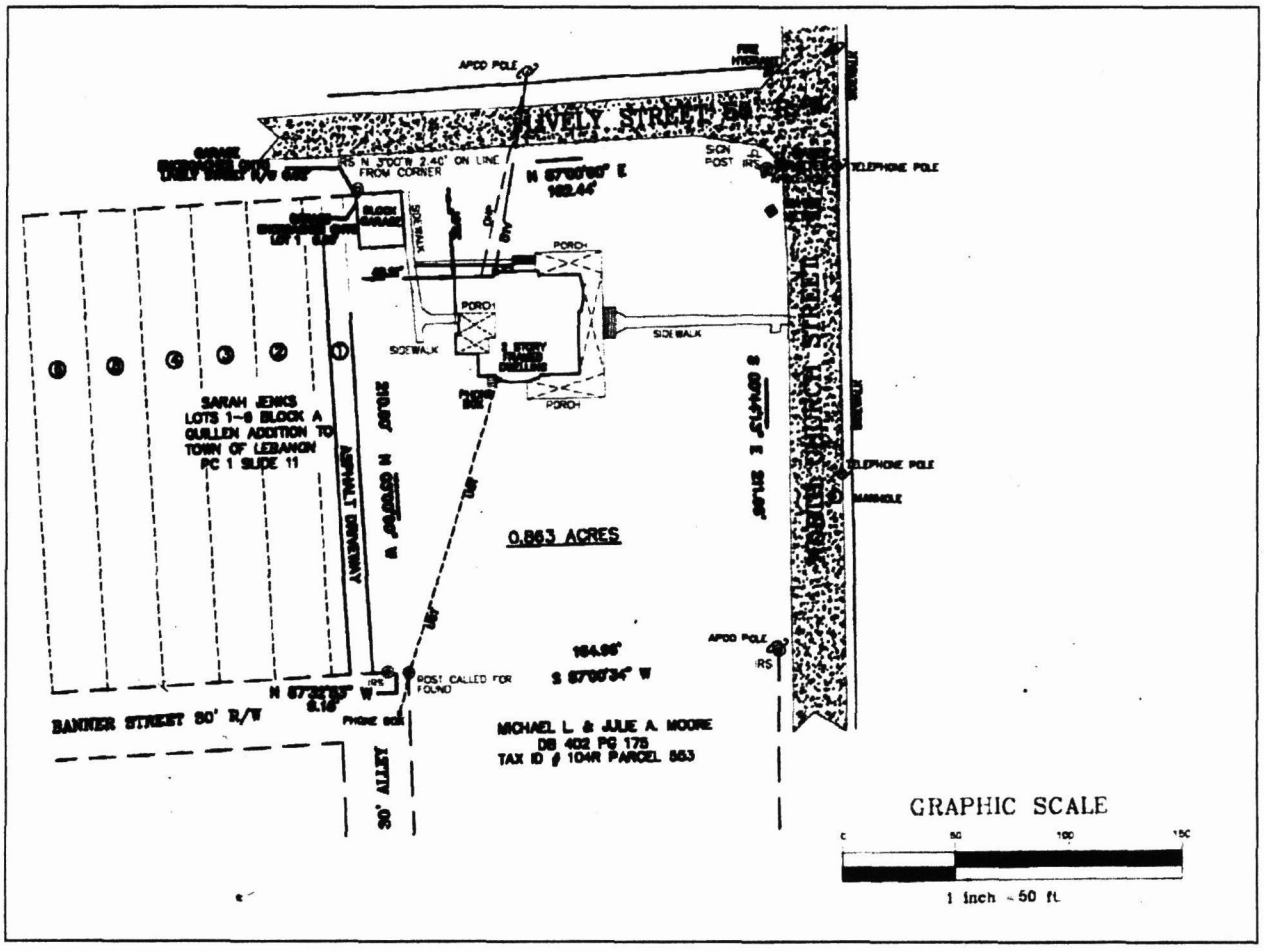
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VIEW OF: second story bedroom, southwest
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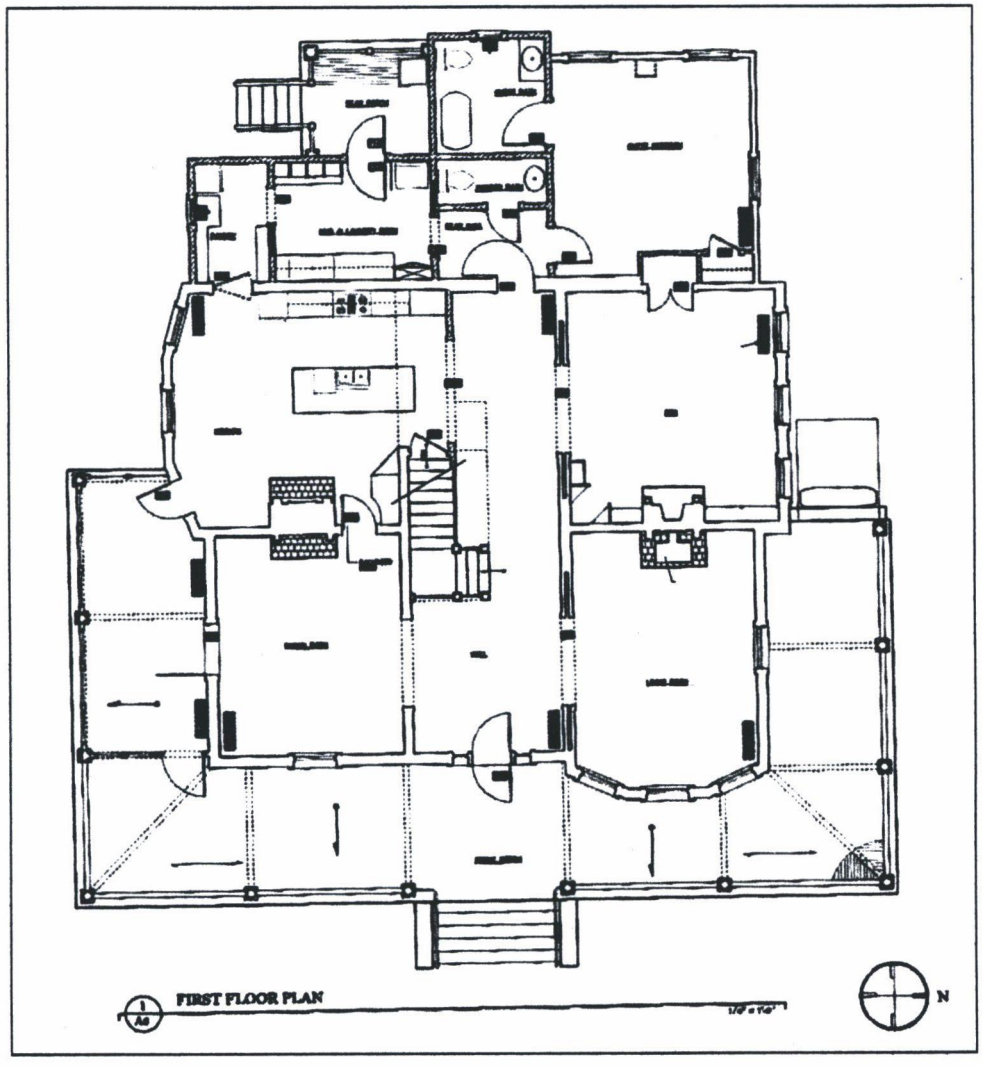
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VIEW OF: central hall looking east and down to first floor
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VIEW OF: kitchen fireplace, looking southeast
NEG NO: 19361
PHOTO: 13 of 14

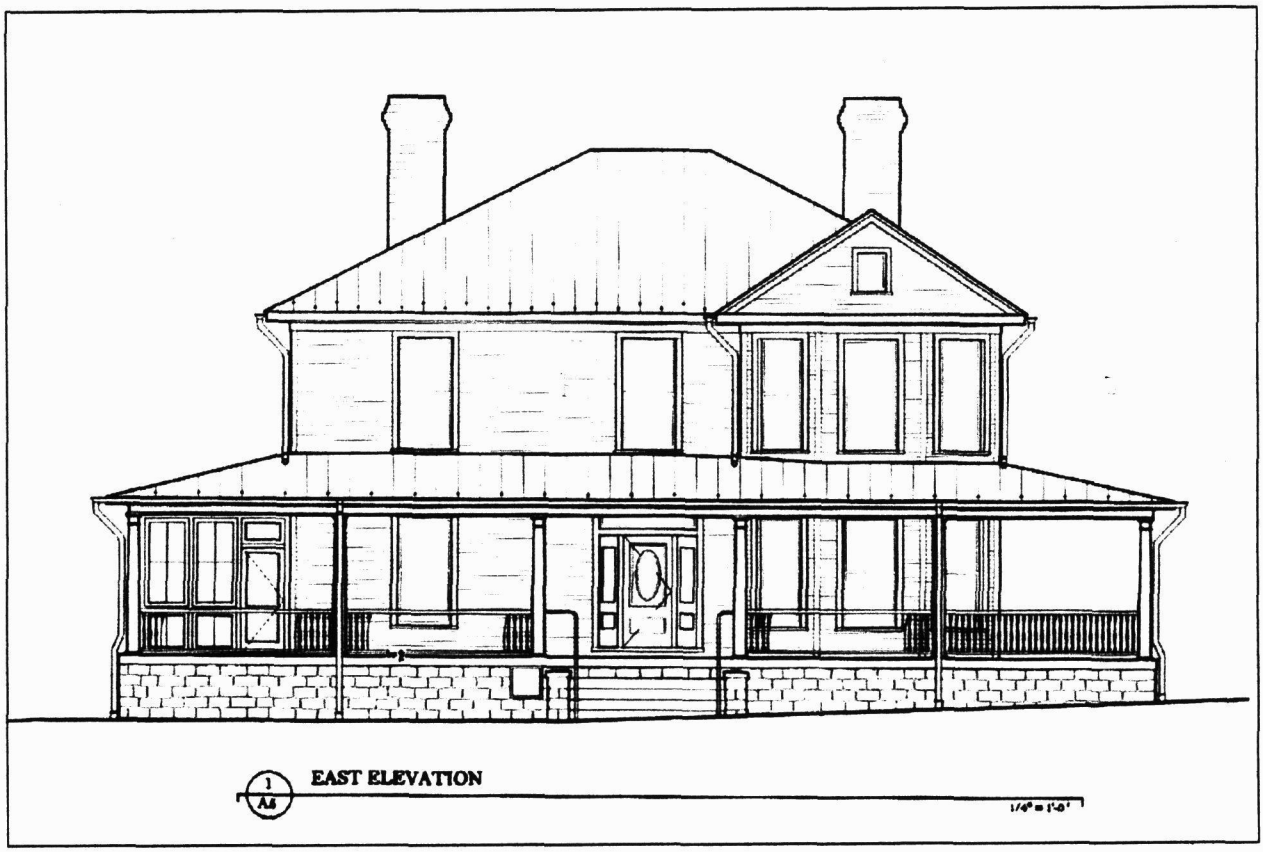
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VIEW OF: bedroom door, looking southeast
NEG NO: 19361
PHOTO: 14 of 14



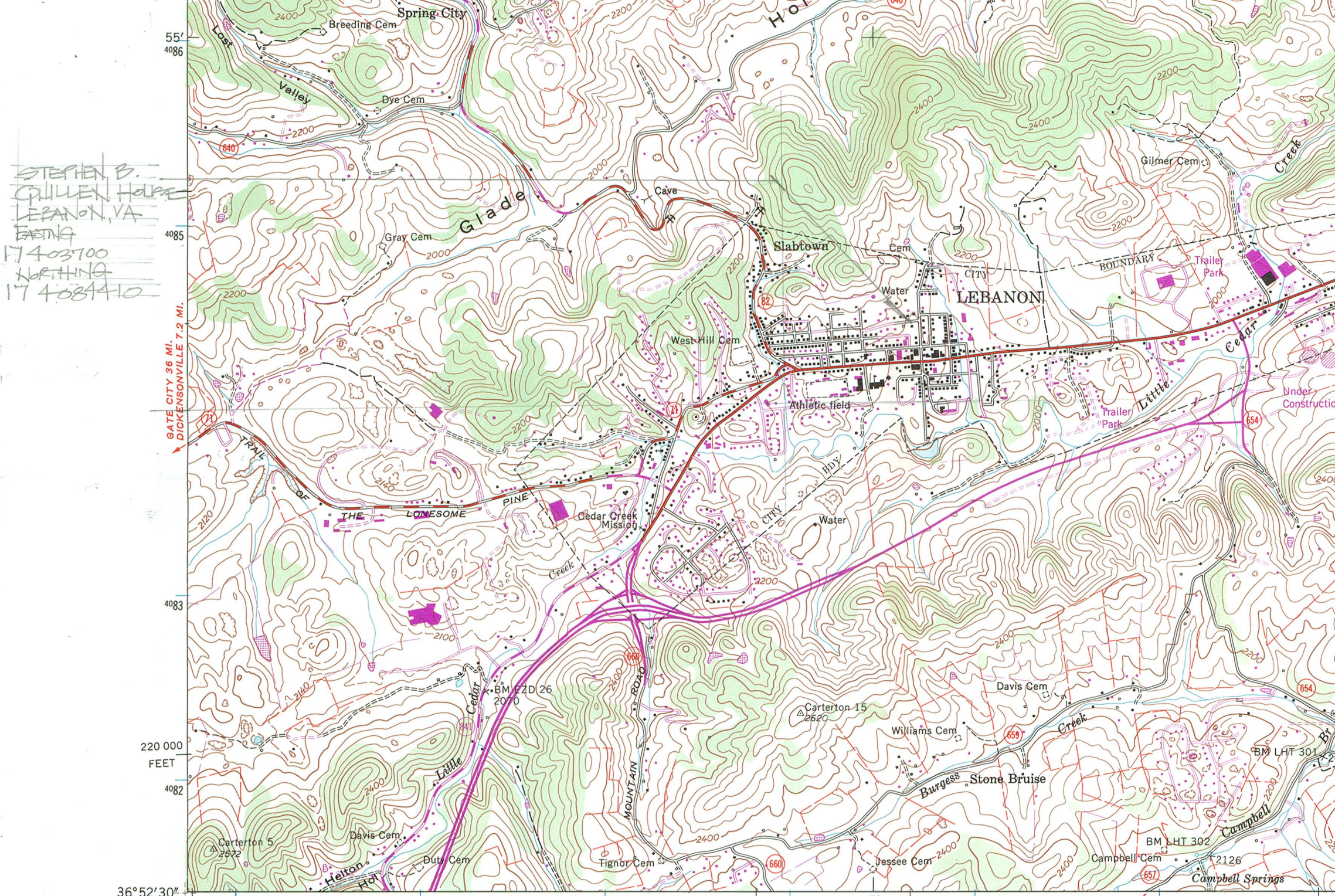
Site Map of the Stephen B. Quillen House, D.R. Price Surveying, Swords Creek, Virginia



First Floor Plan: Stephen B. Quillen House, Kapp & Robbins Architects (Not to Scale)



East Elevation, Stephen B. Quillen House, Kapp & Robbins Architects (Not to Scale)



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