



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 034-0185

1. General Property Information

Property name: Grove - Gano Homestead

Property address: North Sleepy Creek Rd

City or Town: Cross Junction, VA

Zip code: 22625

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Frederick County

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 302.58 acres

Tax Property ID

05-A-6

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural X

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

The Grove-Gano Homestead is located in northern Frederick County, VA on Sleepy Creek Road (State Route 734).

The homestead is situated near the base of Bear Garden mountain and near a stream known as Sleepy Creek.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Stone portion with Detached Log Section

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: n/a

If the builder is known, please list here: n/a

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1790

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The Grove-Gano homestead has been uninhabited since the 1940's. The homestead remains in the Gano family since it was acquired by Daniel K. Gano on December 24, 1867. The house consists of a stone portion measuring 26' in length and 20' in width. The stone section includes two fire places, one basement level room, two rooms at ground level and a second story loft. The stone section has been referred to as a 'Summer Kitchen'. Situated at an angle to the stone section is a two story residence constructed with hand hewn logs. The log portion measures 32' in length by 20' in width. Two chimneys are located on each end of the log structure. The front of the log portion included ground level and second level porches. The logs are hand hewn and measure on average 9' wide by 14' in height. The log ends are of V notch design and were originally protected with wood siding. Located between the stone and log sections is a hand dug well.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

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4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The Grove-Gano Homestead (circa 1790's) is situated on property that originated from land grants from Lord Fairfax and the Governor of Virginia, Beverly Randolph. The structure is unique in design, size and quality of stone and the hand hewn logs. Daniel K. Gano and wife, Betsy Ann Grove Gano acquired the property on December 24, 1867 from the William Grove heirs.

Daniel and Betsy Ann raised nine children at the homestead. The children (5 boys and 4 girls) were born between 1839-1863. Five children remained in the local area, two moved to Missouri and two moved to Kansas. One son, John, eventually acquired the homestead from his siblings at the settlement of his parents estate. Another son, Simeon, moved to Great Bend, Kansas (probably as a homesteader), and acquired a farm in Barton County. Simeon's son, Edgar Z. Gano, moved further west to Lane County, Kansas and established the Z Ranch, a 4,000 acre grain and livestock farm. James B. Gano, son of Daniel and Betsy, moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas on a similar timeline as Simeon moving west. James was a two term sheriff in Medicine Lodge beginning in 1898. It is interesting that James's time in Barber County paralleled with Carrie Nation (member of the temperance movement) living there. Daniel and Betsy Ann's oldest son, William Grove Gano moved to Parkville, Missouri. William was a veteran of the Civil War. William owned a farm near Parkville, Missouri and introduced and developed the Gano apple at the site of Park College. William was President of the Missouri Horticulture Society for twenty years and in charge of the horticultural display at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- Some old homes in Frederick Co, VA. Book by Garland R. Quarles 1971
 - Frederick County, Virginia: History Through Architecture. Book by Maral S. Kalbian 1999
 - Gano Family U.S.A. Book by Howard M. Lemaster 1970
 - Visits to family cemeteries in Virginia, West Virginia and Kansas
- Original deeds handed down from ancestors

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Timothy A. Gano

organization: _____

street & number: North Sleepy Creek Rd

city or town: Cross Junction state: VA zip code: 22625

e-mail: tgano@winchesterequipment.com telephone: 540-533-5667

Legal Owner's Signature: _____

Date: 07-29-2024

• • *Signature required for processing all applications.* • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: N/A

Daytime Telephone: N/A

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!

Bear Garden Mountain

Sleepy Creek

Sleepy Creek Road

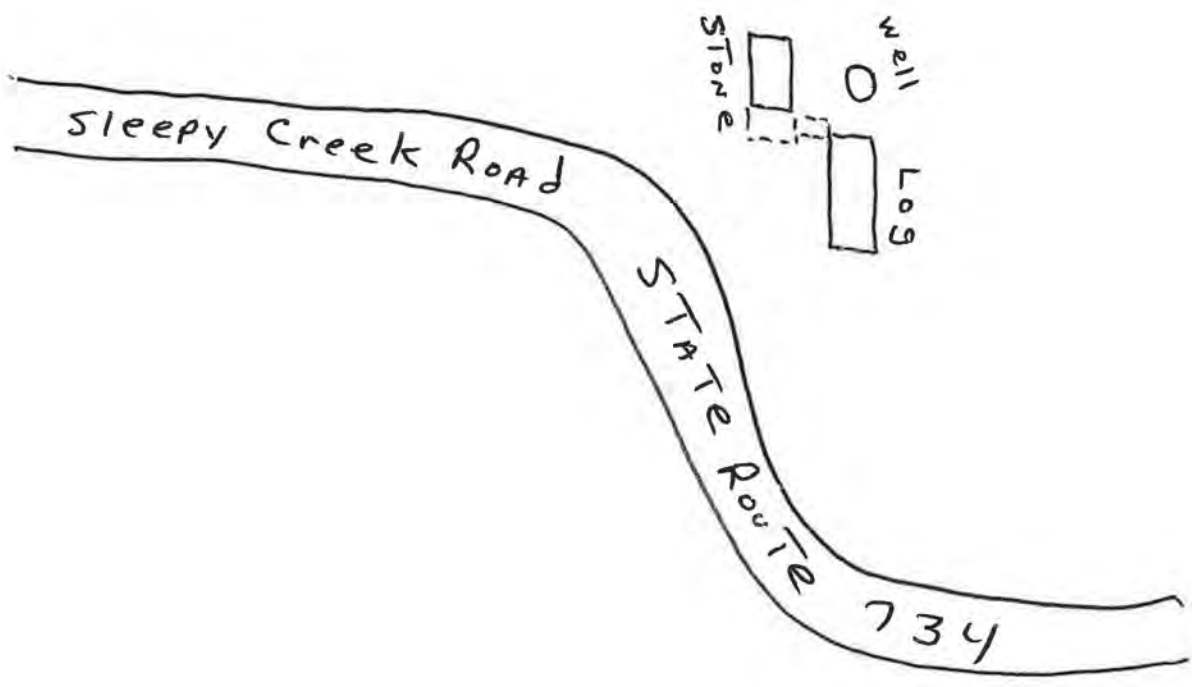
STATE ROUTE

734

Stone

Well

Log



February 1, 1895 — John N. Rees to John M. Newkirk (F.D.B. 113 - Page 437)
 January 11, 1901 — Will of John M. Neikirk to Mary J. Neikirk (F.W.B. 41 - Page 468)
 March 1, 1901 — Mary J. Neikirk to George H. Pope (F.D.B. 121 - Page 162)
 September 8, 1934 — Heirs of George H. Pope to George B. Forney (F.D.B. 168 - Page 402)
 October 30, 1934 — George B. Forney to Hilda Y. Forney (F.D.B. 174 - Page 582)
 August 11, 1951 — Hilda Y. Forney to C. M. Lockhart (F.D.B. 220 - Page 82)
 September 17, 1951 — C. M. Lockhart to L. S. Rogers (F.D.B. 220 - Page 324)
 November 23, 1955 — L. S. Rogers to William M. Chapman (F.D.B. 239 - Page 81).

THE GANO HOUSE NO. 58

LOCATION: On Route 734 about 3 miles east of Bloomery, West Virginia.

Of all the old houses we have seen in the course of this study, this is one of the most interesting in appearance. It really consists of two houses joined by a porch. One of these is a stone building, constructed of mountain stone, some of the separate stones being massive in size, simply constructed with walls as true today as when they were raised. The other is a log and frame building with a long two story front porch typical of this part of Virginia and West Virginia. The houses are at present unoccupied, but one can easily imagine that at one time in the distant past they made up a pleasant and comfortable dwelling unit. The houses are now the property of the heirs of Harry Gano, recently deceased.

This old home stands on land which came from two grants. One was a tract of 143 acres granted by Lord Fairfax to Henry Lewis on March 21, 1763. (*Props. Grants Book M* - Page 151). It was devised by Henry Lewis to his son Evan Lewis and by Evan Lewis conveyed to Isaac Brown on September 4, 1786. (F.D.B.

21 - Page 361). The other tract of 86½ acres was part of a large tract of 1280 acres which was granted by Beverley Randolph, Governor of Virginia, to Joseph Bonsall on November 12 and by Joseph Bonsall conveyed to Isaac Brown on December 6, 1791. (F.D.B. 22 - Page 529). We are not able to identify this Isaac Brown with certainty, but think it may have been the son of the first Isaac Brown who married Margaret the daughter of John Hite and the grand-daughter of Yost Hite. (*Cartmell* - Page 99). There is an old dwelling on the Bear Garden Mountain, and on the old Pack Horse Trail, no more than two miles from the house we are considering made of stone identical to it, which was a Hite home as late as 1885. In view of the fact that this property belonged to Isaac Brown for twenty years and in view of the obvious antiquity of the old stone house it is our guess that it was built by Brown and probably about 1786.

On April 1, 1806 Isaac Brown conveyed the property to Herbert Cool (F.D.B. 30 - Page 43) and on March 15, 1837 Herbert Cool and Sarah his wife sold it to William S. Grove of Berkeley County. (F.O.B. 66 - Page 136). Betsy Ann Grove, the daughter of William S. Grove, married Daniel Gano, apparently the first member of the Gano family to live in this valley between Timber Ridge and the Bear Garden Mountain.

On December 24, 1867 the other heirs of William S. Grove conveyed to Daniel Gano and Betsy Ann his wife "the part of the estate of William S. Grove assigned to Daniel Gano and Betsy Ann his wife, the said Betsy Ann being the daughter of William S. Grove, namely the 'Manion Tract' conveyed to William S. Grove by Herbert Cool." (F.D.B. 87 - Page 108). The old home has remained (and still remains) the property of members of the Gano Family for over a hundred years, passing from Daniel Gano to his son John Gano and from John Gano to his son Harry Gano, very recently deceased.

THE GIBSON HOUSE (A. R. MARKS FAMILY) NO. 59

LOCATION: On the west side of Main Street in Stephens City.

For the details concerning the early history of the Stephens grants on which this house is located the reader is referred to Write-up No. 122 of the Ritenour-Miller house.

Figure 2.8
Hackwood, also called Hackwood Park and, earlier, Turkey Spring, was at the center of the Third Battle of Winchester. The spring, located behind the house, flows at a rate of two to three million gallons of water per day.
(Photo by Maral S. Kalbian)

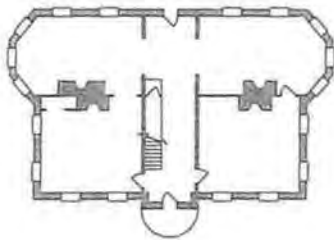


Figure 2.9
The floor plan of Hackwood shows its center-passage double-pile plan. Logan R. Fay, a New York native, purchased the property in 1905 and extensively restored it.
(Drawn by Reader & Swartz Architects)

and slave quarters. In all likelihood, another similar dependency was planned west of the house but never built. The second dependency would have created a formal, Palladian, three-part arrangement with the house at the center. Each of the projecting bays on the house has a first-floor door that allows exterior access. The existing dependency has protruding stones on its southwest corner, indicating that perhaps a covered or enclosed passageway to the main house was planned.

Two particularly noteworthy late-eighteenth- to early-nineteenth-century log dwellings also survive. One of these, the Gano House, is located in a fairly remote area of the northwest portion of the county (Figure 2.10). It is unusual because it consists of two distinct buildings situated at right angles to each other and connected by a porch. One of the buildings is a one-and-a-half-story, coursed rubble stone service building; the other is a two-story, five-bay log dwelling. Both buildings appear to have been constructed at the same time, conceivably during the late eighteenth century. The interior detailing and woodwork in both buildings date to the first quarter of the nineteenth century, possibly indicating that the property was remodeled at that time.

The stone portion of the Gano House was constructed in two sections, as is evident by a joint in the masonry work on the side elevation. The building originally had a one-room plan with a loft and an exterior gable-end stone chimney and appears to have been used as a kitchen and service wing. The rear addition also included an exterior stone chimney and increased the building to two rooms. The large size of many of the stones used in the chim-

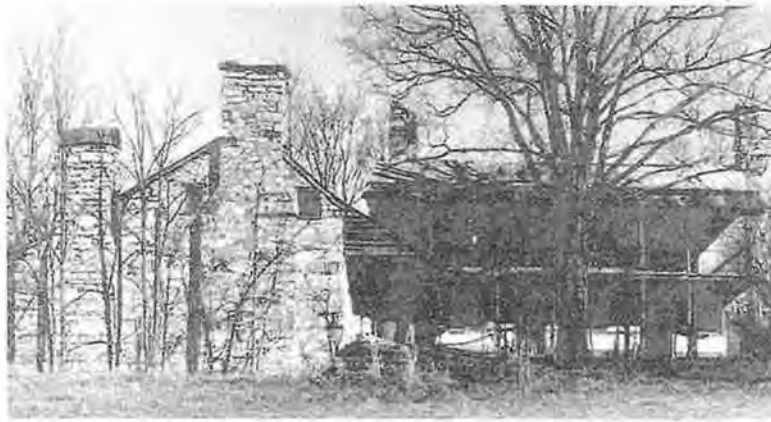


Figure 2.10
Composed of separate log and stone buildings situated at right angles, the Gano House, now abandoned, was part of a tract granted to Henry Lewis by Thomas, Lord Fairfax in 1763. (Photo by Ben Ritter)



Figure 2.11: This late-nineteenth-century photograph of the Gano House shows the property during an earlier period. (Courtesy of Rural Landmarks Survey)


ney and the fine workmanship with which they were laid are truly remarkable.


The main part of the *Gano House* is of v-notched, squared log construction covered in plain weatherboards with exterior gable-end stone chimneys. The floor plan is composed of two large rooms with a central hall between them. The boxed stair to the second floor is accessible only through the west room, and the house has two front doors, each leading into one of the rooms. The interior detailing is surprisingly refined and includes brightly painted walls with contrasting trim, beaded board ceilings, vertical tongue-and-groove beaded board partitions, and paneled doors. Although the house has been abandoned for many years and is in somewhat deteriorated condition, it is an important architectural resource in the county. A late-nineteenth-century photograph illustrates the property's appearance during its heyday and shows that it has retained many of its distinct architectural features (Figure 2.11).





Gano House
Frederick County
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 Resource Boundary

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 Feet



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