

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Gilmer, Samuel House

Other names/site number: DHR # 083-0003

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)



2. Location

Street & number: 2410 East Main Street

City or town: Lebanon State: Virginia County: Russell

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: X

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

		<u>12/20/14</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
<u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u>		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ Signature of commenting official:	
_____ Date	
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

For Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

2.17.15
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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure

TRANSPORTATION: Road-Related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal

NO STYLE

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Foundation: STONE: Limestone

Walls: BRICK

Roof: METAL

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Samuel Gilmer House, in Russell County, Virginia, is a circa 1820 center-passage Federal-style building. Complemented by an original detached kitchen and cellar located immediately to its rear, the house has been added to and rehabilitated through the years but the original building retains its architectural integrity in both the exterior and interior. The detached cellar is in good repair and retains its original function. A three-car garage of block construction built in 1950 lies approximately 50 feet to the east, and a kennel of frame construction built in 2006 lies approximately 60 feet to the south; both are non-contributing buildings as they postdate the property's period of significance. The mid-nineteenth century ruins of a covered bridge which once spanned Big Cedar Creek, most probably as part of the Cumberland Gap Turnpike, are located approximately 250 feet southwest of the building. The coursed cut limestone abutments and pier are all which remain of the structure. While the abutment wing walls have been displaced somewhat by vegetation growth, the pier appears to remain in fair condition. Thus, the bridge remains comprise a contributing structure.

Narrative Description

Site Description

The site lies near the eastern boundary of Lebanon, Virginia, in Russell County. It is bounded to the north by East Main Street, to the south by U.S. Route 19, to the east by the intersection of these two (2) highways, and to the west by State Route 658.

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House – Contributing Building (1)

The original building was built circa 1820 by Samuel Gilmer.¹ It is a Federal-style building encompassing approximately 1,600 square feet of living space. The foundation is cut limestone laid in distinct courses, and the walls are brick laid in a Flemish bond, with some penciling still visible on the mortar joints. The façade consists of a columned portico which is not original to the house, central door with transom, two (2) first-story windows, and three (3) second-story windows. There is also a first-story window on either side of the building. The windows are nominally thirty-three inches wide by sixty-five inches high. Exterior end chimneys and a side-gabled metal roof complete the exterior.

The front door opens to a center passage with a staircase which extends to the attic. The original poplar handrail remains, as well as the paneled staircase spandrel on the first floor. On either side of the center passage are 17-by-19-foot rooms with the original poplar mantels, one with a carved center medallion, and the original poplar interior doors. The mantels are nominally 94 inches wide by 62 inches high. The ceiling height is 9½-feet. The floor joists are rough-hewn poplar logs. The original poplar floor boards were overlaid with oak at some time prior to 1937. The two rooms on the second floor are also similar in size, and retain the original interior doors, mantels, and flooring, all of which are poplar. The mantels on the second floor are nominally 82 inches wide by 58 inches high. The flooring boards are tongue-and-grooved, and are nominally seven inches wide. All rooms in the original building exhibit chair rails and 8¾-inch high baseboards.

The interior walls are also brick, laid in a six-course common bond. The only exposed interior brickwork is in the small closet beneath the stairway on the first floor, where one can see wooden nailing blocks interspersed with the bricks on approximately 48-inch centers. The purpose of these brick-sized wooden blocks was to provide attachment points for chair rails.

In 1950 a brick annex was added to the rear (southeast) of the building bringing the total square footage to approximately 5,000 square feet. The original rear door and windows of the building became the connections between the building and the annex. The annex is stringer bond brick with a hipped metal roof, and includes the kitchen, dining room, living room, two (2) bedrooms, 2½ baths, and an unfinished basement.

In 2012 a sun room was added to the rear (southeast) of the 1950 addition. The exterior brick of the 1950 annex serves as the interior wall of the sun room, while the exterior wall is comprised of double hung windows and gypsum board. The floor is of natural stone tile.

Cellar – Contributing Building (1)

Concurrent to and lying to the rear (southeast) of the house is the cellar. The excavated portion is lined with limestone, and the loft portion is constructed primarily of chestnut and cedar lumber. The building remains largely as built except the original shake roof has been replaced with a metal roof and the steps to the cellar have been overlain with stone. The cellar also retains its original use.

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Covered Bridge Ruins – Contributing Structure (1)

The ruins of a covered bridge which once spanned Big Cedar Creek are located approximately 250 feet southwest of the house. The bridge was most likely part of the Cumberland Gap Turnpike and was completed prior to 1848. The covering and decking were removed circa 1936 leaving only the abutments and pier. The abutments are coursed cut limestone with flush mortar joints, and there are indications of mortar repairs being made to the west abutment. The wing walls on both abutments exhibit damage due to vegetation growth and the abutments exhibit some undercutting by the stream. The pier is also coursed cut limestone, but with beaded mortar joints. The pier appears to be in fair condition.

Garage – Non-contributing Building (1)

A three-car garage was built approximately 50 feet to the east of the house in 1950. It is of block construction with a brick façade and metal roof.

Kennel – Non-contributing Building (1)

A kennel was built approximately 60 feet to the south of the house in 2006. It is of frame construction with a tab shingled roof, and was built in the style of the cellar building.

Endnotes

1. Buckles, Margaret. "Samuel Gilmer Home," Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory, October 26, 1937.

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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.
- 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 grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

Ca. 1820 - 1936

Significant Dates

Ca. 1820

1848

1865

1936

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Samuel Gilmer House, built circa 1820, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level of significance. The building's significance lies chiefly as one of few surviving examples of Federal-style architecture in far Southwest Virginia. While the building has been refurbished, restored and annexed throughout the past 194 years, it retains classic Federal-style characteristics both in the interior and exterior. The building, along with the associated cellar and nearby circa 1848 covered bridge ruins, embodies the integrity, workmanship and attention to detail of our forefathers. All have withstood the elements, wars, economic growth and depressions, and vastly changing times to stand as testaments to the tenacity and fortitude of the families who overcame great hardship to settle this area of Virginia. The period of significance begins with construction of the house in 1820, and ends in 1936 with the decommissioning of the covered bridge.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Samuel Edmonson Gilmer was born August 7, 1794, near Lebanon, in Russell County, Virginia. He was the eldest son of William Morgan Gilmer (Gilmore), Jr. and Martha Edmonson Gilmer. Samuel's grandfather, William Morgan Gilmer (Gilmore), Sr. (ca. 1724-?) likely immigrated to America from Northern Ireland with his parents and siblings circa 1735. In 1746, William Sr.'s father, John Gilmore, purchased 500 acres on Tee's Creek (later known as Kerr's Creek) from Samuel Norwood.¹ Kerr's Creek is located in Rockbridge County near present-day Lexington, Virginia. The following year, William Sr.'s brother James purchased 204 acres in Beverly Manor from William Beverly.² Beverly Manor was located in present-day Augusta County, Virginia.

William Sr.'s parents, John and Agnes Gilmore, were killed in a skirmish with Indians in 1759 at Kerr's Creek.³ In 1763, a brother, Thomas, was killed by Indians and William Sr.'s wife Elizabeth Anderson and daughter Nancy were taken prisoner.⁴ William Sr. later rescued or ransomed his wife and daughter from the Shawnee.

William Gilmer, Sr. received land grants in present-day Russell County as early as 1756, assigning a 355-acre parcel from a 1756 land grant to his daughter's husband, John Cowan, on August 3, 1791.⁵ On September 24, 1791, he assigned a 365-acre parcel from a 1756 land grant to his son William, Jr.⁶

The first record of Samuel Gilmer's land holdings appears in 1818 with the purchase of 80 acres for the sum of \$400 along Big Cedar Creek.⁷ Also in 1818, he received what may be considered his inheritance from his father in the form of a 197-acre parcel along Cedar Creek for the sum of one dollar.⁸

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Samuel Gilmer built his house circa 1820.⁹ He married circa 1822 and he and his first wife, Judith Cliff, had seven children. Judith died in 1837; Samuel remarried circa 1838 and went on to father twelve children with his second wife, Anne Perry.

From the 1820s through the 1850s, Samuel continued to acquire land and farm along Big Cedar Creek and southward toward Clinch Mountain, eventually amassing over 1,500 acres.¹⁰ In the 1860 U.S. Census Samuel Gilmer is listed with his wife, twelve of his children, and two grandchildren. His real estate is valued at \$48,000 and personal property is valued at \$14,000. The 1860 Russell County Slave Census notes Samuel Gilmer owned fifteen enslaved African Americans: two males and two females aged twenty-two to thirty-five, seven males aged fourteen to seventeen and four males and three females under the age of ten.¹¹ Also notated were two slave structures; however, their location is unknown and oral family history makes no mention of such. Four (4) of Samuel Gilmer's sons served in the Civil War with one dying of smallpox while a prisoner of war.¹¹

With increased settlement and commerce in the area came the need for roads. The construction date of the covered bridge spanning Big Cedar Creek is not known, but it was most probably part of the Cumberland Gap Turnpike. The Cumberland Gap Turnpike from Jeffersonville (present-day Tazewell) through Lebanon and on to the Cumberland Gap via Jonesville is denoted on an 1838 map by Claudius Crozet as "turnpike in progress."¹² On Crozet's map dated 1848, the section from Jeffersonville to Lebanon is denoted as completed.¹³ Oral family history notes the stone for the bridge, as well as that for the house foundation, was quarried from a site on the west side of Big Cedar Creek approximately 300 feet upstream from the covered bridge. The western abutments of the U.S. Route 19 bridges sit at the top of the old quarry, and the quarry itself has been filled with rip-rap stone.



Figure 1. The covered bridge spanning Big Cedar Creek, facing south, circa 1900.

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Cummings Gilmer also lived on Big Cedar Creek, approximately one-quarter mile northwest and within sight of his brother Samuel. Of special provenance with regard to the building is a letter written by his daughter, Martha Gilmer, to her brothers serving during the Civil War, dated January 15, 1865, wherein she describes Union soldiers coming through the area taking food, horses, clothes, etc.:

*We seen the yanks coming by Uncle Sam's as Jim went out of sight. Uncle Sam's folks just run off and let the yanks have their horses. They got Gran's horse and Martha Kelley's two horses and two more and about all their meat. Levi passed himself for one of their black ones and he carried seven pieces downstairs and threw it under the bed. That was all they saved and they took some of the girl's clothes.*¹⁴

Samuel Gilmer died March 26, 1874, and was buried in the family cemetery, which is now Russell Memorial Cemetery. In the Partition of Lands of S.E. Gilmer dated 1883, *Lot No. 1 which includes the dwelling house* is assigned to one of Samuel's nephews, C.H. Gilmer, a son of Cummings Gilmer.¹⁵

In time, the building became the property of C.H. Gilmer's younger brother, Edward Theophilus Gilmer. E.T. Gilmer and his family moved into the building circa 1890, where he lived until his death in 1941. Family photographs from circa 1900 note the building did not have front or rear porches but small, uncovered wooden landings (see Figures 2 and 3). A covered wooden porch supported by wooden columns which spanned the façade was added circa 1910 (see Figure 4). Prior to 1925 the original detached kitchen was torn down and a two-story frame annex was added to the rear (southeast) of the building (see Figure 5). The circa 1910 porch was rebuilt with brick columns at some time prior to 1935, and the current portico was constructed in 1992 (see Figure 6).

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Figure 2. View of the house from the rear (southeast), circa 1900. The original kitchen is immediately to the rear of the house, with the cellar directly behind the kitchen.



Figure 3. Several of E.T. Gilmer's children and others on the front landing, circa 1908.

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Figure 4. The wooden-columned front porch, circa 1910.



Figure 5. The rear frame annex, circa prior to 1925. Seated on the porch is E.T. Gilmer's wife, Ida Vermillion Gilmer (1858-1925).

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Figure 6. The brick-columned front porch, 1935. E.T. Gilmer is seated on the left.

The covered bridge became part of SR11 from Bluefield to Lebanon with the establishment of the Virginia State Highway System in 1918. With the realignment and renaming of SR11 to Route 19 in 1936, the structure was abandoned and replaced by the Charles Hayes Gilmer Bridge, which is situated approximately 200 feet downstream.

Upon E.T. Gilmer's death the house was acquired by one of his sons, Marcellus Grundy Gilmer. In 1950 M.G. Gilmer dismantled the frame annex and constructed the current brick annex. During construction a collection of family papers was discovered consisting of 148 items from the years 1856–1865, which was largely incoming correspondence received and retained by M.G. Gilmer's grandfather, Cummings Gilmer (again, the brother of Samuel), and Cummings' daughter Martha. Also among the papers are letters and essays of Cummings' son John Edmonson Gilmer, written while he was a student at Emory & Henry College. The collection was deposited in the University of Virginia Library in October 1955.

The building was extensively rehabilitated between 1999 and 2006; however, much care was taken to retain the historic materials and appearance of a nineteenth-century home. It is now the home of the sixth generation of Gilmers, and remains a focal point in Gilmer family history.

Architectural Analysis

In Virginia, the Federal style is characterized by a subtle and delicate interpretation of the classical idiom. Although elaborate examples of the late eighteenth/early nineteenth century Federal style are numerous in Virginia's eastern cities, generally, the style appears in much more

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subtle forms in rural western Virginia. Yet the style was known in remote locations due to the availability of English pattern books that featured detailed plates of classical details. Most influential of these works were the several pattern books by the English architect William Pain, two of which were republished in the United States. Various Federal plantation houses located through the Virginia Piedmont exhibit finely carved wood interior details derived from Pain's books as well as those of Owen Biddle and Asher Benjamin, the latter two being the first Americans to publish builder's manuals.

Other character-defining aspects of the Federal style can include a symmetrical façade composed of a centered entry flanked by bays (generally three or five bays), double-hung six-over-six wood window sash, symmetrical fenestration, and side-gabled roofs. Federal style dwellings in eastern urban areas, such as Alexandria and Richmond, are generally more elaborate than those in rural parts of western Virginia such as Russell County. In rural areas, the principal characteristics that survive include the symmetrical façade, centered entry with flanking bays, six-over-six sash and either single- or double-pile interior with a center passage. Embellishments such as decorative moldings and entry porches are less overt, if they are found at all.

The Samuel Gilmer House is an excellent example of the Federal style in a rural setting. The two-story, side-gabled dwelling has a cut limestone foundation and brick walls. Its exterior is quite simple, featuring a symmetrical three-bay façade with a centered entry topped by a lighted transom and surrounded by simple wood casing. The flanking windows have parge and painted jack arches and unadorned sills, and surrounds, and a plain frieze extends along the eaves. Of note is the fine Flemish bond brickwork on the facade. On the interior, the relatively modest woodwork includes the center passage staircase with a paneled spandrel and turned newels and balusters, fluted door and window molding with corner blocks, and a variety of fireplace mantels with unusual curvilinear fluting.

Aside from the Samuel Gilmer House, in Russell County, just three examples of Federal style dwellings that predate 1830 have been documented in the Department of Historic Resources survey database. They are the Henry Dickenson House (NRHP 1973; DHR No. 083-0001), Elk Garden (083-0007), and the Frances Browning House (DHR No. 083-5078). Built circa 1799, the Dickenson House actually was originally the second courthouse of Russell County. After the county seat moved in 1818, the Dickenson family acquired the two-story, three-bay, stone building and added to one gable end wall a two-story brick farmhouse, creating a six-bay façade with two separate entries. Elk Garden, which was recommended eligible for the National Register by the Virginia State Review Board, was built circa 1806. The center passage, single pile, 2½-story brick dwelling has a three-bay façade with flanking one-bay wings. In addition to the dwelling, the property included a brick dairy, brick slave/servant quarter, and a brick garage. The Frances Browning House was built circa 1795 and a two-story, three-bay, double pile dwelling. A family cemetery and three barns were also associated with the property when it was surveyed in 2001.

Although the Federal style's popularity in Virginia started to fade by the early 1830s (to be replaced by Greek Revival), a few examples of Federal dwellings constructed after 1830 also

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have been surveyed in Russell County. They include Old Rosedale (DHR No. 083-0009), which was an 1830 two-story, single-pile dwelling with a three-bay façade and a center passage plan, with a two-bay side extension. The Robert Fugate House (DHR No. 083-5043) is a two-story dwelling with Flemish Bond brickwork. The five-bay façade features a full-width, one-story porch and each gable end has an exterior brick chimney. The dwelling's interior was noted for its grained woodwork and a stairway reportedly copied from one in the Dickenson House. By way of contrast, the circa 1832 David B. Alexander House (DHR No. 252-0002) is a two-story, single-pile dwelling with brick walls laid in six-course common bond. The centered entry is more elaborate, with a paneled, two-light door, transom light, and wood architrave molding. A one-story, one-bay portico shelters the entry and features battered columns and a matchstick balustrade.

Endnotes

1. Augusta County deed book entry: Samuel Norwood to John Gilmore, November 22, 1746. Deed Book 1, Page 222. Staunton, Virginia.
2. Augusta County deed book entry: William Beverley to James Gilmore, August 12, 1747. Deed Book 1, Page 325. Staunton, Virginia.
3. Morton, Oren F. "History of Rockbridge County, Virginia." The McClure Company, Inc. Staunton, Virginia. 1920. pp. 69.
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5. Russell County deed book entry: William & Elizabeth Gilmore to John Cowan, August 3, 1791. Deed Book 1, Page 159. Lebanon, Virginia.
6. Russell County deed book entry: William & Elizabeth Gilmore to William Gilmore, Jr., September 24, 1793. Deed Book 1, Page 299. Lebanon, Virginia.
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9. Buckles, Margaret. "Samuel Gilmer Home," Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory, October 26, 1937.
10. General Index to Deeds, Grantees, 1787-1917. Russell County Courthouse. Lebanon, Virginia.
11. Lepore, Gregory. Russell County, Virginia 1860 Census, Slave Schedule. Russelivets.org. 1997-2014.
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13. Crozet, Claudius. "A Map of the Internal Improvements of Virginia." 1848. Library of Virginia. Call Number BPW670, pid 44465.
14. Papers of the Gilmer Family. Accession Number 5194. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia.
15. Russell County deed book entry: Partition of Lands of S.E. Gilmer, August 16, 1883. Deed Book 20, Page 476. Lebanon, Virginia

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Virginia Board of Public Works. "Map of the Cumberland Gap Road." Sheet 5. 1833. Library of Virginia.

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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Virginia

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DHR No. 083-0003

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 1.57

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

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(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: 36.907360 | Longitude: -82.034570 |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: 17 | Easting: 407517m | Northing: 4085016m |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

In lieu of a verbal boundary description, the historic boundaries for the property are shown on the attached map entitled *Boundary and Site Map*.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries selected are the historical boundaries of the building and surrounding outbuildings, extended to include the covered bridge ruins and that part of the Cumberland Gap Turnpike roadbed on the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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date: October 2014

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Figure 5: The rear frame annex, circa prior to 1925. Seated on the porch is E.T. Gilmer's wife, Ida Vermillion Gilmer (1858-1925).

Figure 6: The brick-columned front porch, 1935. E.T. Gilmer is seated on the left.

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: **Gilmer, Samuel, House**

City or Vicinity: **Lebanon**

County: **Russell**

State: **Virginia**

Photographer: **J. Kelly Gilmer, Jr.**

Date Photographed: **September 29 – October 1, 2014**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Gilmer, Samuel, House
Name of Property

Russell County, VA
County and State

- Photo 1 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0001
View: Primary dwelling, northwest elevation, camera facing southeast
- Photo 2 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0002
View: Primary dwelling, southeast elevation, camera facing northwest
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View: Primary dwelling, northeast elevation, camera facing southwest
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View: Primary dwelling, southwest elevation, camera facing northeast
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View: Primary dwelling, northwest elevation, detail of penciling on the mortar joints, camera facing southeast
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View: Secondary structure, northwest elevation, camera facing southeast
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View: Primary dwelling, first floor stairway
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View: Primary dwelling, Center Passage
- Photo 9 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0009
View: Primary dwelling, detail of interior brick
- Photo 10 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0010
View: Primary dwelling, Study
- Photo 11 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0011
View: Primary dwelling, Study, mantel detail
- Photo 12 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0012
View: Primary dwelling, Sitting Room
- Photo 13 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0013
View: Primary dwelling, second floor stairway
- Photo 14 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0014
View: Primary dwelling, Bedroom 1
- Photo 15 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0015
View: Primary dwelling, Bedroom 2
- Photo 16 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0016
View: Contributing structure, north elevation, camera facing south
- Photo 17 of 17: VA_Russell County_Samuel Gilmer House_0017
View: Contributing structure, pier mortar detail

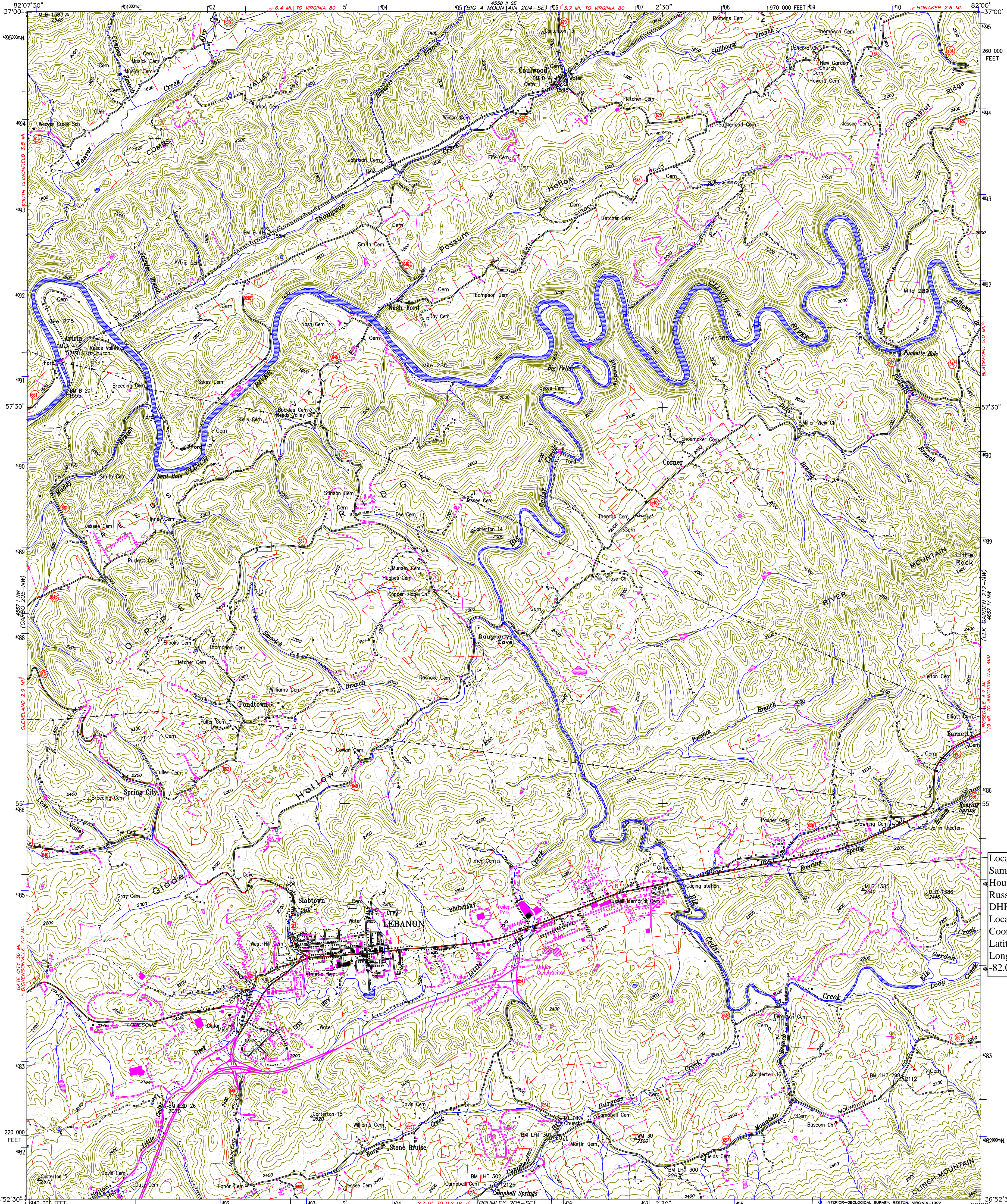
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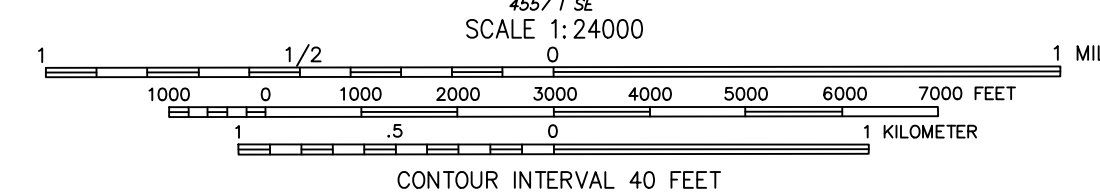
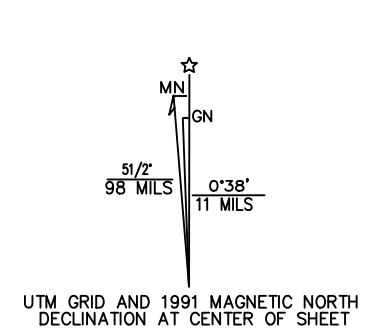
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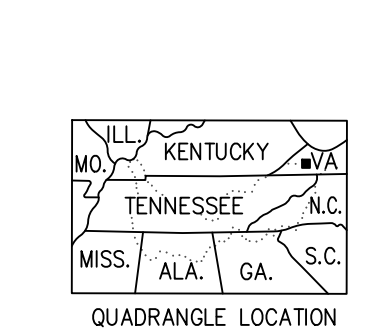


Location Map
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Russell County, VA
DHR No. 083-0003
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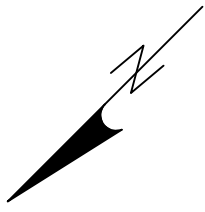
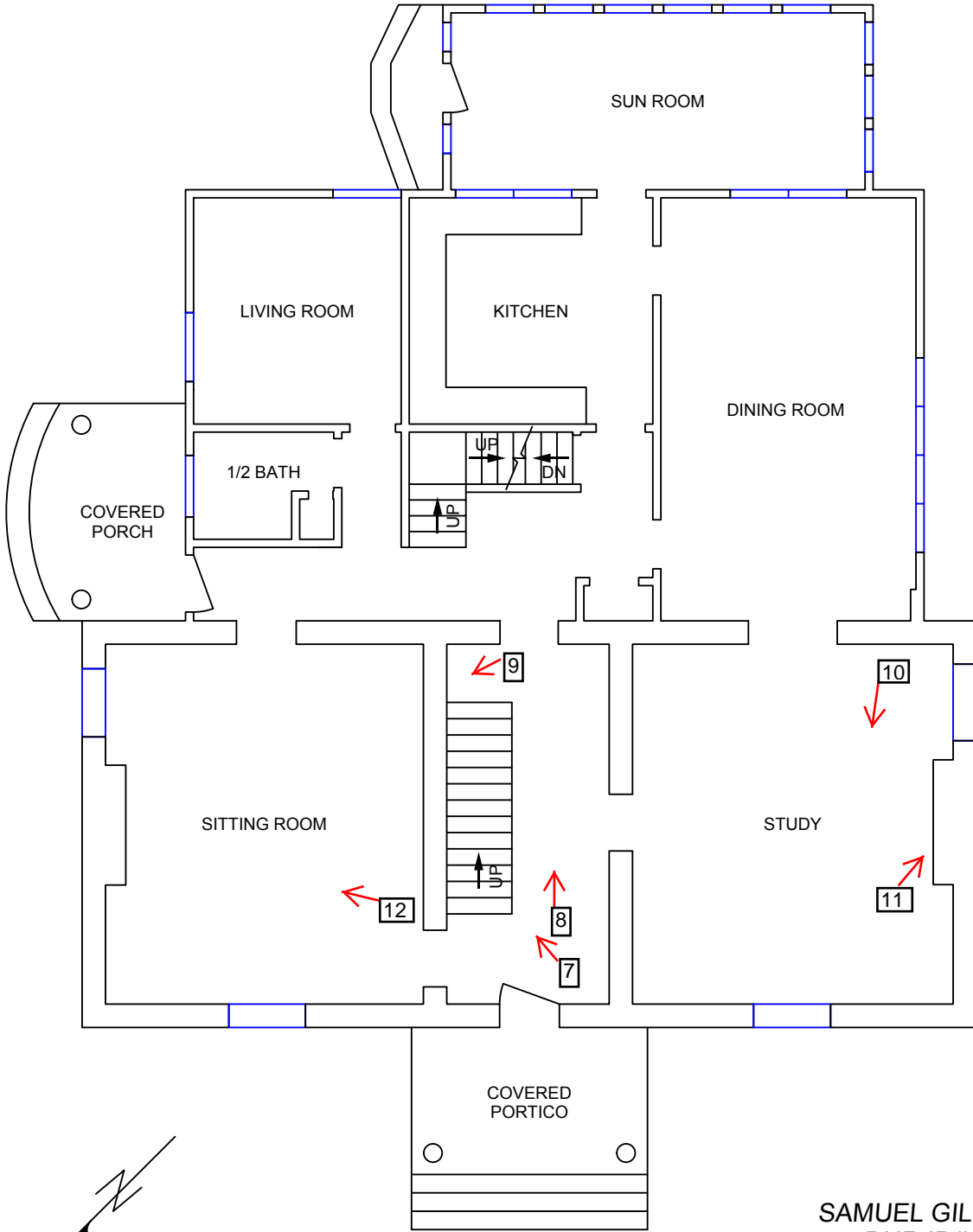
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- Contributing Resources:
- House (Building)
 - Cellar (Building)
 - Bridge Ruins (Structure)
- Non-Contributing Resources
- Garage (Building)
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SAMUEL GILMER HOUSE
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 FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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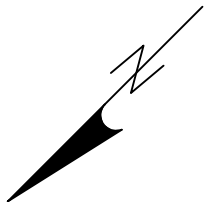
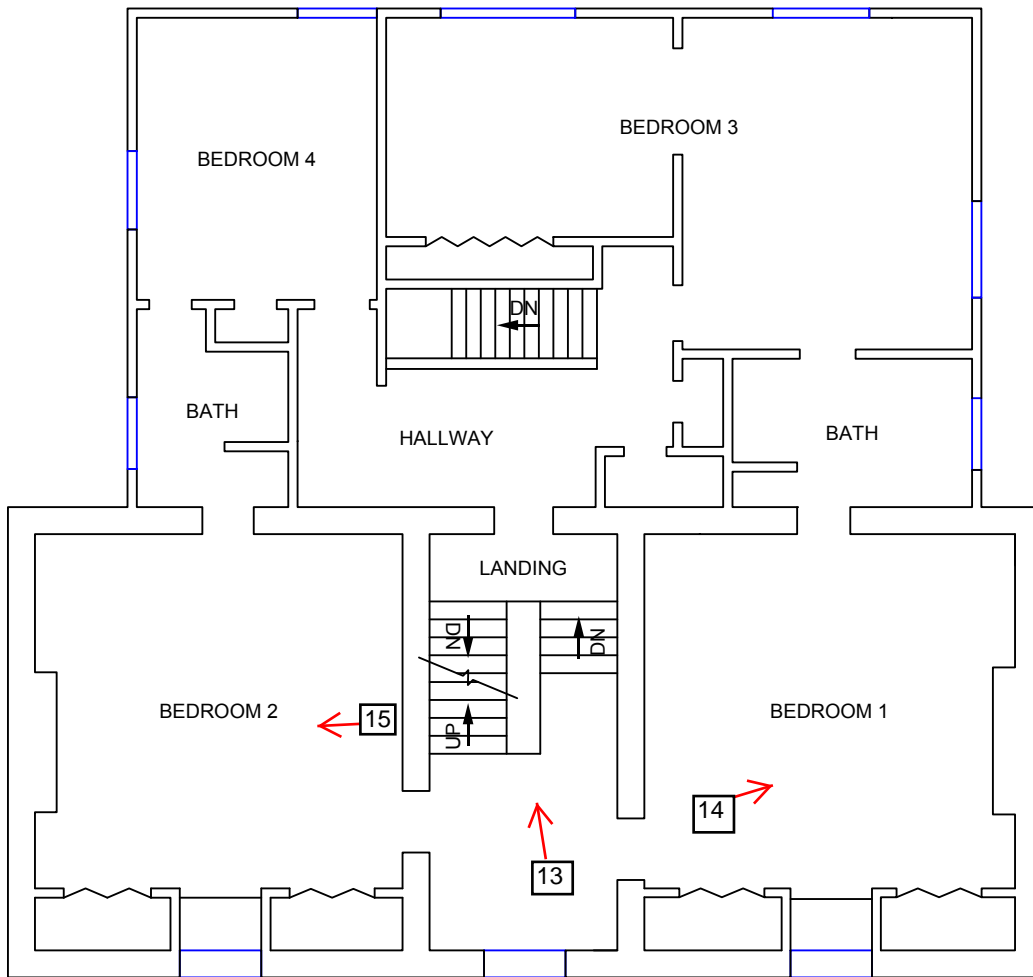
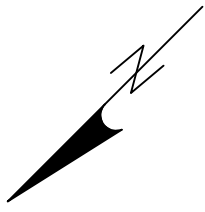
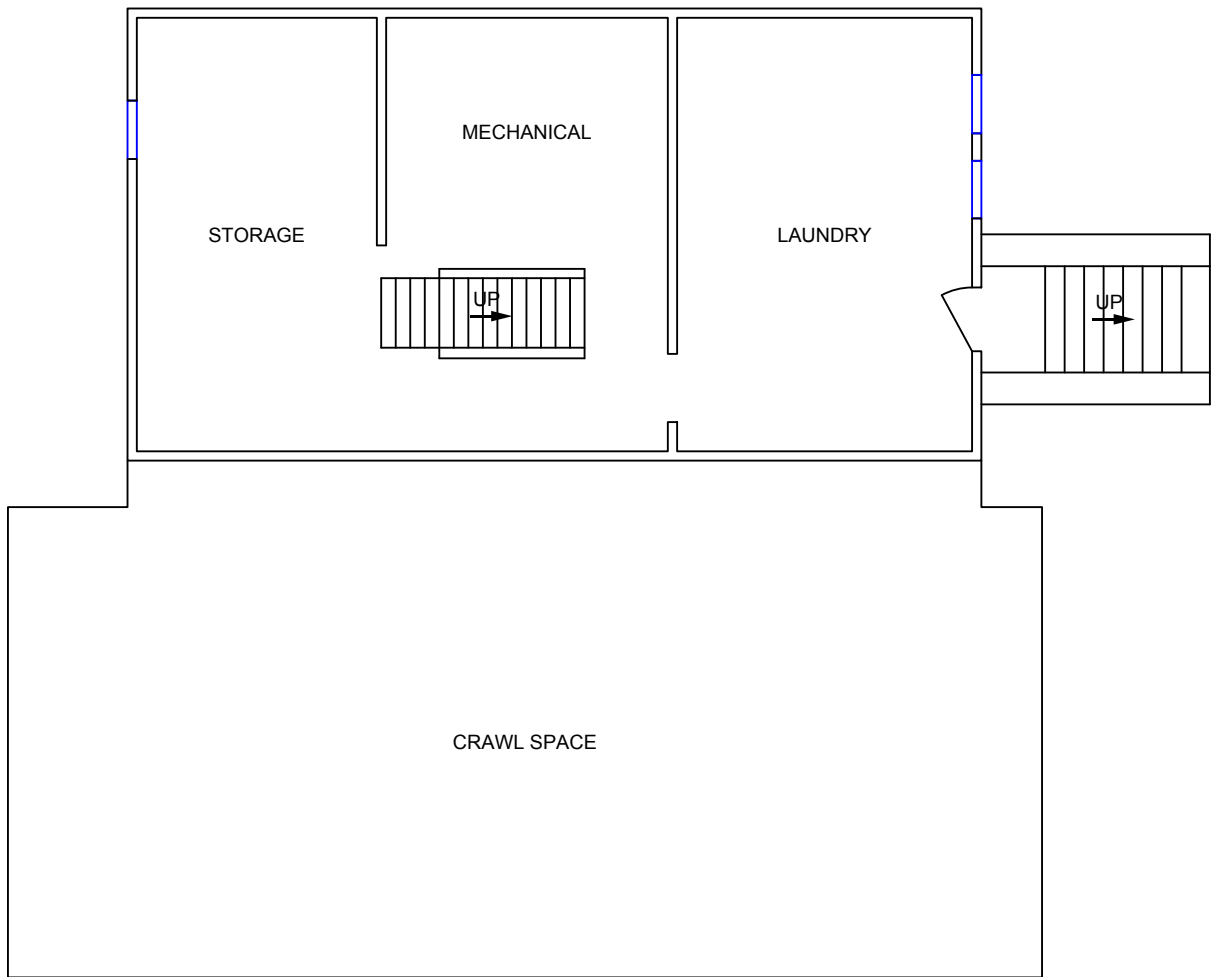


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SAMUEL GILMER HOUSE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gilmer, Samuel, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Russell

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/21/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/05/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/17/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000019

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2.17.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
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Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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December 19, 2014

Mr. Paul Loether
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Washington D.C. 20005

RE: Samuel Gilmer House, Russell County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the **Samuel Gilmer House** to the National Register of Historic Places. Submitted for your review, the nomination has been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board and the Virginia SHPO has recommended it for listing. Any letters of comment or objection have been copied at the end of the nomination material, along with any FPO notification letters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-482-6439.

Sincerely,

Lena Sweeten McDonald
National/State Register Historian

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