

117/121 Court House Road Southwest, Vienna, Virginia. 22180
Parcel #3

1904 – Washington, Arlington, and Falls Church Railway (electric) was extended to Vienna from Falls Church. Street cars made the trip from Washington, DC , via Falls Church and included many stops on Electric Avenue. The tracks ran parallel to the Old Dominion tracks in some areas. There was a terminal on Church Street and train cars switched directions to make the return trip to Washington or to Oakton. A portion of former land dedicated to the Electric Railway now comprises a 40-foot-wide by the property depth of 117 Courthouse Road Southwest.

Street cars left the Vienna Station heading for Fairfax, the tracks passed behind present-day Patrick Henry Library, crossed Center Street, and proceeded south paralleling Maple Avenue, behind the Vienna Shopping Center, Rees' Exxon Station, now Jiffy Lube, and Court House Road, Jade's Shopping Center, continuing behind Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and Flint Hill Cemetery. Mourners and caskets were taken to the cemetery in electric cars. Passenger service continued through Oakton and continued on to Fairfax. Until 1929, when the railway lost money; farm goods, students, and Washington-bound Vienna workers enjoyed this mode of transport. With the advent of bus transportation, the automobile, and the razing of the DC terminus, and the introduction, briefly, of the Arlington and Fairfax Auto Rail Company, increased rates, and many additional operating issues, the service ended.

Containing 3/10th of an acre and being the same land conveyed by Melissa Cooper, unmarried, to Hine and Moore, by Deed dated December 18. 1902. April 1904, Charles Hine and R. Walton Moore, conveyed by deed, land to the Washington, Arlington, and Falls Church Railway Company. March 1947, deed was made by and between the Arlington and Fairfax Auto Railroad Company to the Arlington and Fairfax Company. April 1948 deed between Arlington and Fairfax and Franklin K. Lane. Land deeded to Florence Jackson Allen, January 1951 between Franklin K. Lane and Margaret D. Lane.

Being the same property conveyed to Florence Allen Roseborough by deed dated July 29, 1969 from Florence Jackson Allen (Florence Roseborough's mother)

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What happened to the 2,032-acre patent of 1714/1715, property of Richard Watts and William Harrison? Around 1746 William H. Harrison received 1016 acres from his father. William H. Harrison's four daughters in turn received 293 acres, after a 1758 court settled boundary lines. Margaret Harrison became Edward Blackburn's bride in 1757 and their lot Number 9 was the farthest north-east lot division among the four Harrison daughters.

On May 13, 1816, Edward Blackburn leased a parcel of land to a group of neighbors to build the first community school. Present-day 131 Court House Road, SW now stands near the former school site.

Subsequent land sales:

1837 – Mary Carrington Blackburn's property Number 9 sold for \$1850 to Reuben Strother

1854 – Reuben Strother sold 288 acres to Austin Peck for \$7,220.74

1856 – Peck sold to Thomas Fowler and G.P. Slayton for \$8,089

1856 – Moses A. Cummins bought the 288 acres for \$9,000, owning the land until 1869. Cummins operated a plow making foundry on two of the acres

1869 – Cummins sold 250 of his 288 acres of former Blackburn land to George and Harmon Salsbury for \$12,500

1872 – George Salsbury sells to Harmon Salsbury, area known as Windover Heights, Salsbury's subdivision, 1894

1899 – Harmon Salsbury sells to H. L. Stely and Son

1903 – Special Commissioner P. Thorton auctions pieces of land (208, 690 and 48, 750 square feet) to L. N. Stely

1921 – L.N. Stely and Florence M. Stely sells Block 6 of the Salsbury subdivision of land, known as Windover Heights to William Craig and Ada Craig, \$5,000

1923 - Patrick Carley purchases Block 6 from William and Ada Craig

November 1923 – Patrick Carley, permit Block 6 in Trust to permit Cornelia Brown to use and occupy the land. Deed is made between C. Brown, party of the first part, and John L. Hougardy, and Thomas Edwards, Trustees

1924 – Deed made September 1924 between John Hougardy and Thomas Edwards, Trustee, parties of the first part, and Bertram G. Lennon, party of the second part, and Cornelia Brown, party of the third part

1925 – Bertram and Anna Lennon have the “right to convey the said land to the grantees; that they have done no act to encumber the said land except duly recorded: that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances, and that the said parties of the first part, will execute further assurance of the said land as be requisite.” Grant made to Charles F. Linger and Grace B. Linger.

1927 – Charles and Grace Linger deed Block 6 to A. E. Durham and his wife, Gladys Durham

1927 – A. E. Durham and Gladys Durham convey two lots of Block 6 to E. H. Harris and Currie B. Harris. Land conveyed to Lawrence E. Walker and Bertha Walker, November 18

1928 – Deed between Lawrence E. Walker and Bertha Walker, parties of the first part, and J. Oscar Miller and Wavie E. Miller, as joint tenants and. not tenants in common, with the Common Law right of survivorship of the parties of the second part.

1935 – March 29 Deed of Trust between J. Oscar Miller and Wavie E. Miller, parties of the first part, and Wilmer L. O'Flaherty and Wilson M. Farr, Trustees, parties of the second.

Survey states: Beginning at a point at the intersection of the Easterly line of Pleasant Street and the Northernly line of Old Court House Road; thence with the line of Pleasant Street N. 40 degrees 57' W/ 701.5 feet to a point at the intersection of said line with the Southerly line of the Arlington-Fairfax R. R.; thence with the said line N. 49 degrees 15 feet E. 301.9 feet to an iron pipe, corner to Jones; thence with the Jones line, S. 40 degrees 51 feet E. 152 feet to an iron pipe; thence N.49 degrees 43 feet E. 248 feet to a point in the Westerly side of the Old Court House; thence with Said Road, S. 17 degrees 44 " E. 204.5 feet; thence 10 degrees 38 feet' E. 56.15 feet; thence S. 1 degree 53 feet; thence S. 9 degrees 50 ' W. 55.9 feet to a point; thence with the Northerly line of the Old Court House Road S. 16 degrees, 24 ' W. 431.75 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.471 acres.

1935 – Deed made 19th of 1936, between Wilson M. Farr, sole acting Trustee, party of the first part, and Home Owners' Loan Corporations, a corporation chartered and existing under an act of Congress, known as the “Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933”, party of the second part. J. Oscar Miller and Wavie E. Miller did by deed of Trust, convey to Wilmer L. O'Flaherty and Wilson M. Farr, Trustee, certain real estate and improvements thereon in said deed of trust fully described, in to trust to secure to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation the payment of a certain debt therein more fully described, evidenced by one certain negotiable note bearing date with said deed of trust, made by said J. Oscar Miller and Wavie E. Miller, payable to the order of Home Owners' Loan Corporation as specified in said deed of trust.

1938 – Deed made August 15 between Home Owners’ Loan Corporation and Ira S. Crawford and Viola A. Crawford.

1945 – Deed made August between Ira S. Crawford and Viola A. Crawford and Willard E. Jones and Nina R. Jones. (5.471 acres)

1951 – August – 3,920 square feet is conveyed to William and Florence Roseborough from John W. Hill, Harvey E. Turner, S. H. Pearson, Trustees of Parsonage Property of the Wesley Methodist Church, formerly owned by the Stelys, 131 Court House Road Southwest. All history explained above is property history of 131 Court House Road, Southwest.

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1866 – Andalusia and Moses Commins sell a portion of their land to Daniel Hines and subsequently to William Dixon

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1883 – Commins to Lysander and Andalusia Savin

1888 – Dixon (6 family members) to Salsbury

1887 - Savin to Salsbury

1891 – H. L. and Susanna Salsbury to Isaac and Hannah Bogart

1895 - Isaac and Hannah Bogart (Bogert) to O. E. and Alma Hine, note that a house is standing on lot

1900 – Alma De Lano Hine to Melissa Cooper (by deed received from Alma Delano Hine) more research

1909 – Melissa Cooper to William Trigg, less one acre conveyed to Mary E. May and Annie R. Dabney from Isaac Bogert and wife, May 2, 1894

1918 – William A. and Leodora Trigg to George W. Darne, at the time, deeded land contained 1.195 acres, residue of a lot of land containing 3.16 areas, conveyed to Isaac A. Bogart to H. L. Salsbury by deed dated May 11. 1891.

One acre had been sold to Mary. E. May and others by Isaac A. Bogart and wife by a deed dated May 2, 1894; 3/10 of an acre was deeded to Charles Hine and E. W. Moore by Melissa Cooper by a deed dated December 18th, 1902, and an acre sold to S. C. Stubbs by W. A. Trigg and wife, dated October 16, 1914, being the land conveyed to W. A. Trigg to Melissa Cooper, 1909

1924 – Deed recorded between George W. and Gertrude M. Darne and Isaac P. Jones with all buildings and improvements thereon.

1948 – Deed made and entered October 18, by and between John W Rust , special commissioner in the suit of Robert J. Jones, and others, vs. Willard E. Jones, and others, and William D. Roseborough, Jr., and Florence S. Roseborough, Joint tenants, party of the second.

John W. Rust, Commissioner of Sale, offered the land (1.195 acre) for sale at public auction, in front of the Court House at Fairfax, Virginia at 11:00 AM, August 30, 1948. The Roseboroughs paid \$9700 cash.