

Town of Vienna
Office of the Town Clerk
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Vienna, VA 22180
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Application for Registration of Historic
Structure, Site or Place by the Town of Vienna

Return one (1) copy of the completed form and attachments to the Office of the Town Clerk.

Name of Owner(s) of structure, site or place:

Sandra Thomas

Address of Owner(s):

131 Wade Hampton Drive SW, Vienna, VA 22180

Telephone Number Owner(s): Daytime: 571 235 7643 Evening: 571 235 7643

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Location of structure, site or place for which you seek historic designation:

131 Wade Hampton Drive SW, Vienna, VA 22180

Please detail below all pertinent information that you can give about the structure, site or place, including significant dates in the history of the structure, site or place, the identity of events or people of substantial historic nature with which the structure, site or place has been associated and any other facts that you may feel appropriate to the application: (Use additional paper if necessary)

This property is sited on a plot of land that was first owned by George Salsbury in 1872. To our understanding, Mr. Salsbury was an African-American who purchased the land from M. Cummings, with the property bounded on the south, west, and east by Roland, Nutley, and Wade Hampton, as well as crossing Maple Ave. to the north. It remained under the ownership of the family until 1905 when it was purchased by Arthur M. and Julia Foster Lewis. James Fritter purchased a portion of this plot currently bound by Wade Hampton Drive, Roland Street, Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, selling the current portion upon which the home is sited to Albert and Rosilla Greenwood in 1908, with the current building listed in the Fairfax County tax records as of 1910. It was during this time that Mr. Greenwood, a developer in Vienna, built the current main portion of the home, noted on page 356 (figure 39-134) of the book, This Was Vienna, authored by Connie and Mayo Stuntz. It is our understanding that Mr. Greenwood also constructed the home in which Mr. Stuntz's family resided since its creation in 1916, as well as with him being a prominent member of the Town of Vienna at that time. The home was subsequently owned by Peter V. Staats, a farmer who moved to this area in 1880 after having served as a private in the Civil War. The Staats family has a long history in this area, with Mr. Staats having a principal property in the Wolftrap area. The family retained the home until approximately 1934, when Mr. Staats died intestate. The house went through a number of owners from that point, including Douglas and Julia Powell Boileau, Herman Kaden, G. Norman Cobbs, William and Elizabeth McLean, Franklin and Helen Woodruff, Oliver and Ernestine Gottschalk, ending

when F. Norbert and Elizabeth Cannon purchased the home in 1945. They retained ownership until Orlo and Jo Ann Paciulli purchased the home in 1958. The marriage of this couple was marked by Ms. Paciulli being the granddaughter of Joseph Berry, a prominent land surveyor in Fairfax County (in fact being the last land surveyor for the county), as well as having served on the Vienna Town Council. Mr. Berry's business, Berry Engineers, was a major business in the Town of Vienna, with a history that dated back to the 1700's when Henry Gunnell surveyed land for William Fairfax, as well as with Mr. Gunnell working directly with George Washington and George Mason. The company continued up to the present, with Mr. Paciulli's son, Joseph Paciulli, running the business in 2016. Mr. Paciulli was also a land surveyor, taking over Mr. Berry's business in 1958, In turn, Mr. Paciulli served as a chairman of the Fairfax County engineering standards review committee, as well as a life director for the Northern Virginia Building Association.

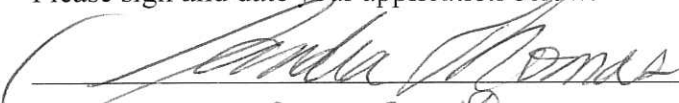
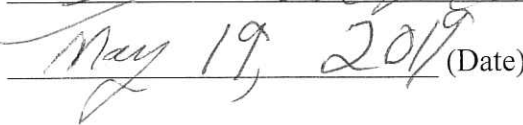
Please attach copies of any documents that you may have that relate to the historic significance of the structure, site or place. (Note: DO NOT ATTACH ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.)

Please attach a recent photograph of the structure, site, or place.

Please provide a sketch of the plat showing where the structure sits on the property.

We have attached screen shot of the plot, with the plot outline in red. The contours of this plot have remained the same since the property was originally sold from James Fritter to Albert and Rosilla Greenwood in 1908.

Please sign and date your application below:


_____ (Owner)

_____ (Date)

Appendix 1

1. Photo of the current home



2. Photo of the plot and situation of home on the plot



CHAIN OF TITLE FOR 131 WADE HAMPTON DRIVE

Reference	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Notes
Book 24345; Page 0514	27 April 2016	Sandra Thomas	Sandra Thomas, Trustee Sandra Thomas Trust	.545 acres at 131 Wade Hampton Drive
Book 17375; Page 613	3 June 2005	William Ling and Sandra Thomas	Sandra Thomas	.545 acres at 131 Wade Hampton Drive
Book 9693; Page 125	30 April 1996	Mary P. Helms	William Ling and Sandra Thomas	.545 acres at 131 Wade Hampton Drive
Book 7775; Page 659	29 March 1991	Katherine M. Heagy	Mary P. Helms	.545 acres at 131 Wade Hampton Drive
Book 2198; Page 97	28 Sept. 1962	Orlo C. and Joanne B. Paciulli	Daniel and Katherine Heagy	.545 acres at 131 Wade Hampton Drive
Book 1687; Page 235	28 August 1958	F. Norbert and Elizabeth Cannon	Orlo C and Joanne B Paciulli	First parcel - .545 acres on Lewis Street to Twombly.
Book 464; Page 335	1 October 1945	Oliver A. and Earnestine Gottschalk	F. Norbert and Elizabeth Cannon	.545 acres on Lewis Street
Book W-15; Page 5	8 June 1942	Franklin and Helen Woodruff	Oliver A. and Earnestine Gottschalk	.545 acres – Same property conveyed in book I-15, Page 173
Book I-15; Page 173	4 November 1941	William J. and Elizabeth McLean	Franklin and Helen Jurgens Woodruff	.545 acres conveyed by G. Norman Cobb in Book S-13, Page 201
Book S-13; Page 201	1939	G. Norman Cobb	William J. and Elizabeth McLean	.545 acres
Book I-13; Page 468	16 Feb. 1939	Herman and Eva Kadan, and Ray and Gladys Barney	G. Norman Cobb	24,000 square feet (roughly .545 acres)
Book U-12; Page 137	1 Nov. 1937	Homer Douglas and Julia Powel Boileau	Herman Kaden and Ray Barney	24,000 square feet in Vienna. Land previously sold in deed recorded in Book J-11, Page 565. Homer and Julia Boileau obtained land from the estate of Clara Barrington. Both were heirs of Clara Barrington in will dated 22 August 1929 and recorded in Will Book 15, page 511. (Clara Barrington acquired full ownership of land from other heirs of Peter Staats at an unknown date)

Book J-11; Page 565	July 1932	F.D. Richardson, Administrator of the Estate of Peter V. Staats	Minnie Moreland, Clara Barringer, Nellie Staats Moxley, Abraham Staats, and James Staats.	Peter Staats in his will dated 20 October 1916 and recorded in Will Book 12, page 567 directed executor to sell real estate upon death of his wife, M.J. Staats, who has died. Parties of Second part acquire a lot of land in Vienna containing 24,000 square feet. Same land sold in transaction recorded in Book Z-6, Page 385 (Staats acquired land from Greenwood at unknown date)
Book Z-6; Page 385	15 May 1908	James E. and Margaret J. Fritter	Albert H. and Rosilla M. Greenwood	For 24,000 square feet. Same property conveyed in deed recorded in Book U-6, Page 95
Book U-6; Page 95	13 May 1906	Arthur M. and Julia Foster Lewis	James G. Fritters of Glenbrook, VA	For 24,000 square feet on Lewis Street in Vienna located in the angle of the change of direction of Lewis Street. portion of parcel sold to Lewis by H.L. and Susannah Salsbury recorded in M- 6 page 518
Book M-6; Page 518	28 February 1903	H.L. and Suzanna Salsbury	Arthur M. Lewis	All of Block 24 in Willow Heights Subdivision acquired from two deeds recorded in J-5, page 292 and O-4, Page 320
Book O-4; Page 320	1 March 1872	George Salsbury	Harmon Salsbury	For 250 acres sold to George and Harmon Salsbury by Moses Commin.
Book J-4; Page 292	16 February 1869	Moses A and Andulusa M. Commins	George & Harmon Salsbury of Orleans County in New York.	For tract of land in Fairfax County near Vienna Station. Same property conveyed to Moses Commins of Livingston, NY by G.P. Clayton of Fairfax, V on 4 November 1856

PROPERTY HISTORY

The promise of available land that had long been heavily cultivated for tobacco during the eighteenth century and left fallow for decades after the fall of the tobacco market attracted many northern farmers to Virginia during the antebellum period. Between 1840 and 1860, approximately thirty families from upstate New York purchased large acres of farmland to settle in the vicinity of Vienna (Stuntz and Stuntz 1987: 94-95.). These New Yorkers soon cultivated the land to grow wheat, corn, barley, potatoes, and other crops. One of these New Yorkers was Moses Commins, who purchased 250 acres near Vienna Station in 1856. The Commins farm is shown on McDowell's 1862 map of Northern Virginia produced for the Union army. On this map (Figure 1), a property owned by "Cumming" is identified west of Vienna Station (McDowell 1862).



Figure 1: 1862 Map Showing Cumming's Property (McDowell 1862)

The resettlement of northerners like Commins in Virginia occurred at a time of sectional strife between North and South. Within five years after resettling near Vienna Station, Virginia seceded from the Union. The Civil War was a challenging time for all, but most especially for Commins and others like him, who were likely held in great suspicion by their native Virginia neighbors. In fact, it appears that Commins never did relinquish his loyalty to the Union, despite the obvious dangerous situation confronting him during the war. Following the war, Commins' tale of survival was recounted in official proceeding of The Civil War Records of the Commissioners of Claims. This body investigated claims of people who claimed to be loyal Union who petitioned the government for compensation for damages to their property resulting from the War. Commins testified that he fled to Washington, D.C. around the time of the First Battle of Manassas. He then returned to upstate New York for a short time but would return to what was left of his Virginia farm around 1863, after Union control of the region was reestablished (Stuntz and Stuntz 1987: 123-124). Commins' experience during the war was likely common to other New York farmers who came to Virginia prior to the war.

In 1869, Commins would sell his 250-acre farm to two brothers, who were also from upstate New York, George and Harmon Salisbury (FCD 1869: J4, 292). Three years later in 1872, George Salisbury sold his interest in the property to his brother (FCD 1872: O4, 320). Harmon Salisbury was a Union officer during the Civil War. In 1864, Salisbury accepted an appointment of Captain in the 26th Regiment of U.S. Colored Infantry and served in this unit until being mustered out of the service in August 1865. Salisbury initially worked the land as a dairy farmer. Beginning in the early 1880s, he began to sell portions of his farm and this would continue throughout the decade (Stuntz and Stuntz 1987: 144-146). In 1894, Salisbury subdivided what was left of his farm creating the Windover Heights Subdivision (Stuntz and Stuntz 1987: 348). Arthur Lewis purchased all of block 24 of this subdivision in 1903 (FCD 1903: M6, 518). Three years later in 1906, Lewis sold 24,000 square feet of this property described as, "located in the angle of the change of direction of Lewis Street" to James Fritters of Glenbrook, Virginia (FCD 1906: U6, 95). Two years later, Fritters sold this same property to Albert and Rosilla Greenwood (FCD 1908: Z6, 385). The 24,000 square foot property translates to the same .545-acre property that contains 131 Wade Hampton Drive to this day. Therefore, it is likely that Fritters or the Greenwoods constructed the current dwelling on the lot shortly after purchasing the property.

CITED REFERENCES

Fairfax County Deeds (FCD)

1869-1908 Fairfax County Recorder of Deeds. Fairfax County Administration Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

McDowell, Irvin

1862 *Map of N. Eastern Virginia and Vicinity of Washington, D.C.* On file at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Accessed online January 5, 2018 at <https://www.loc.gov/item/91685687/>.

Stuntz, Constance Pendleton and Mayo Sturdevant Stuntz

1987 *This Was Vienna, Virginia.* Constance and Mary Struntz, Vienna, Virginia.