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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	
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2. Location	
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code VA county Bath code 017	Zip <u>24445</u>
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city or town Staunton state VA zip code 24401	
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.	ees.
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.) nameDr. Wayne Alexander	
street & number 3701 West End, No. 9 telephone 615-383-8484	
city or town Nashville state TN zip code 37205	

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7. Summary Description:

The Mustoe house is an early-to-mid-nineteenth century log dwelling sited in the middle of open farmland and forested hills in Bath County. The structure was built in three sections that are presently connected. The two-story front section has V-notching and connects to a one-and-a-half-story log hyphen. It, in turn, connects to a separate one-and-a-half-story log structure that has half-dovetail notching. Rear frame additions to the house and a wood frame garage date to the twentieth century. A small log springhouse or meathouse with half-dovetail notching is located near the rear of the structure.

Detailed Description:

The two-story log dwelling stands on the eastern edge of the site, facing the present road and appears to have been constructed in the mid-nineteenth-century. It has V-notching and a gabled, standing-seam metal roof. The main facade has two Greek Revival-style two-panel doors, with an original transom over the left one. To the left of these doors is a six-over-six double-hung window. To the right is a twentieth-century double window, also six-over-six. All of these windows are repeated on the second story. The front facade is about twenty-five feet in length and rises to about seventeen feet at the eave. The squared corners of the V-notching allowed the building to be covered, at one time, with weatherboards that were probably also whitewashed. The weatherboards were removed in the 1980s, and the log walls have since been re-chinked.

There is a large exterior-end limestone chimney on the north gable end of the main building. It consists of coursed rubble and, because of boards added on either side, shows signs of being rebuilt at a smaller size at some point in time. On the first floor there is a six-over-six double-hung window to the right of the chimney, which was probably added at the same time the chimney was rebuilt. The upper gabled ends, clad in flush weatherboards, have a six-pane casement window on each end, visible from inside the attic. While the north one is thought to be original, the south window appears be a later addition.

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Inside, the main dwelling consists of two rooms on the first floor, with a stair in between leading up to a small hall and two rooms above. The northeast room measures about thirteen feet by eighteen feet and contains two large windows on the east wall and a smaller window on the north wall, to the left of a large fireplace. On the west wall are two doors, the northernmost leading out to a porch addition and the southernmost door leading into the log hyphen addition. The front and back doors are both hung with butt hinges but in contrast to the formality of the Greek Revival front doors, the interior doors are plain batten types. The walls are plastered and feature a chair rail, base molding and mid-nineteenth-century rectangular door and window. The massive stone fireplace has a segmental stone arch over the firebox, which has a depth of about eighteen inches. The mantelpiece, also from the mid-nineteenth century, has symmetrical fluted pilasters supporting a bull-nosed shelf. The wood flooring in this room was replaced with tongue-and-groove narrow oak boards sometime in the twentieth century. A cased opening in the south wall separates this room from the next.

The southeast room measures about ten feet by eighteen feet and contains one window and door on the east wall, one on the south wall, and a door leading into the western hyphen addition. This opening contains a batten door with metal strap hinges, and narrow beaded trim. It was probably not added until the hyphen addition was built. The existing stair runs parallel to the interior wall in this room, perpendicular to the main entry. The original stair appears to have been located in the southeast corner, starting its rise parallel to the front facade and turning the corner upward along the south wall. The reconstruction of the ceiling shows visible evidence of an alteration. An extra beam runs perpendicular to the rest of the beams, marking a change in the second-floor boards. There is also a small plugged hole in the first-floor ceiling that was possibly where a newel post was once positioned. The floor replacement in the corner also suggests that the south window was added after the original stairs were removed.

The evolution of these two rooms is not exactly clear. Possibly the first floor was originally built in a typical hall-parlor plan. The remodeling may have included moving the stair to the interior wall and reducing the size of the fireplace in the north room. Whether or not the two front doors are original is also unknown. Possibly one was added

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to separate the two spaces into detached living spaces; however both could also be original.

The second floor contains a small hall that runs perpendicular to the top of the stairs. Directly across from the top of the stairs is an opening with a batten door and beaded trim. This leads down three steps into the second floor of the hyphen addition. The northeast room contains closets on the interior wall and double windows on the east wall. The southeast room contains two six-over-six double-hung windows, one on the east and one on the south. The attic runs the length of the building and is accessible from a trap door in the ceiling. The original thirteen hewn rafters are spaced two feet apart. A series of four-inch wide roof boards spaced about every four inches support the metal roofing. The rafters are pegged at the peak and the existing gable patching seems to suggest original pegged collar ties once existed.

The rear log building stands at the western end of the main house. It is a one-and-one-half story structure with half-dovetail notching and a gabled, standing-seam metal roof. A six-over-six double-hung window is located on the first floor of the south side. The second-floor window on this side is shuttered over and is not visible from the interior. The floor joists from the second story are cut and set into one of the logs, visible on the south elevation. On the second-floor west gable end there is another six-over-six double-hung window set into flush weatherboards that were laid above the eave line.

The interior of the rear building measures about fifteen feet by eleven feet on the first floor. The stone fireplace on the eastern wall has no mantel and an iron cooking crane. A modern toilet and bathtub stand against the west wall. The wide planked oak floor in this room appears to be original, as there is no evidence of floor replacement and it is notched into the stone hearth. It is rare to find such oak flooring in early nineteenth century structures in rural Virginia. An enclosed winding stair with a batten door is located in the northwest corner and leads to a bedchamber above. It has pine flooring and a smaller fireplace. The existing gabled ceiling stands about 7' high. The original use of this building is unclear. It could have been a separate kitchen, or small dwelling or slave quarters. The half-dove tail notching is similar to the meathouse and a small structure across the road from this property. This notching is different from the two-story log

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structure with V-notching, indicating that the two sections probably were not constructed at the same time.

In between the original building and the rear building, stands a one-and-a-half-story log hyphen addition. The southern wall has a six-over-six double-hung window on the second floor and a newer double six-over-six double-hung example on the first floor. The second-floor floor joists are cut into a hewn beam on this elevation, in the same method found in the rear building. At the east edge of this ell, there is a vertical post into which the logs are tenoned to provide stability. The western edge of the ell has pegs through the horizontal logs with smaller pieces of wood serving as the tenons between them. On the west side there is a side porch that leads into the existing kitchen on the eastern end and has a storage shed at the western end. Above the porch is a twentieth-century, double-casement, dormer window with a shed roof.

The main room of the hyphen addition has been remodeled to provide a modern kitchen. It contains a door on the north wall, double windows on the south wall and, two cased openings on the east wall that lead into the front rooms. The ceiling rafters are visible and

the walls are a combination of plaster and wood paneling. The west wall is covered in wood paneling. The mantel has a beaded surround and beaded supports holding a narrow shelf. To the left of this fireplace is a beaded cased opening leading through a narrow hallway into the rear building.

Upstairs, the main room contains one window on the south wall and the dormer window on the north. On the west wall, the placement of the chimney is evident from its projection into the room. On the left side of the chimney is a beaded cased opening with a batten door that leads through a small hall into the upstairs of the rear building. This wall with the cased opening is constructed of vertical wood planking. The eastern wall is made of log construction with plaster chinking visible between the logs. This wall contains three steps up to the hallway opening of the main building.

To the west of the rear building is a one-story, board-and-batten addition clad with bricktex underneath the siding. It has a six-over-six double-hung window on the south elevation and a shed standing-seam metal roof. Adjoining this addition is a 1940's

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rectilinear wing with weatherboard siding that extends north-south. A small square room is attached to the rear of this wing. It has one single-paned, double-hung window on both the north and south elevations and a double window of the same type on the west elevation. The west elevation of the long wing has one six-over-six double-hung window and one set of eight-paned triple casement windows. The east elevation has both sets of these windows and a single-pane three-panel door. The wing has a gable metal roof with a centrally located brick flue and a small attached porch. Inside, this rear apartment wing contains four rooms with French type, glass-paned doors, pine floors and plain board molding.

Another small log building, possibly used as a springhouse or a meathouse, stands to the south of the log house. It is rectangular in shape and has half-dovetail notching and a standing-seam metal roof. Its batten door has strap hinges. While not on the same property, another vacant log structure stands across the road to the east of the site. It also has half-dovetail notching and still contains the original fireplace as well as the staircase and shed wings. It is possible this was used as the Mustoe early log home while the first was being built or was part of their original property.

The newest building on the site is a two story L-shaped barn with a copper-clad gambrel roof. Completed in 2000, this noncontributing frame structure is situated at the northwest corner of the site, with the long end of the building running east-west. It has four garage doors on the south and east walls and two dormers on the south wall. One of these dormers has a pair of French doors with sidelights and a balcony. The first floor is used as a display space for the antique store currently in the main building while the second floor contains an L-shaped apartment.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Anthony Mustoe house represents a typical rural dwelling of the early to midnineteenth century in Bath County. The log construction is one of only a few surviving examples of what was once the most common type of building material in this area of western Virginia during a time period when land needed to be cleared and homesteaded. The evolution of the house clearly reflects the changing needs and growth of the Mustoe family who owned the property from 1813 to 1942. This property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction (Criteria C).

Historical Background

The area of Falling Spring Valley was settled by family patriarch, Anthony Mustoe I, in October 1792. Mustoe, the first of four generations of Anthony Mustoes to live in the area, was born in England in 1748. He immigrated to America and served in the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 12th Virginia Regiments of the Continental Army and he joined George Washington's army at Valley Forge on Feb. 28, 1777. He first appears in the local records of Augusta County in May 1784 when he is listed as a captain in a company of patrollers. He also was deputy sheriff of the county from 1785 to 1788. Mustoe had numerous tracts of land in Bath County totalling over 10,000 acres and by the time of his death in 1807, the name of Mustoe had been indelibly etched in the annals of Bath County history.

He and his wife had six children, one of whom was Anthony Mustoe, Jr. (II), born in 1784. Anthony Mustoe, Jr. (II) married Anna Nancy Givens on January 3, 1803 and established a residence in Falling Spring Valley on the tract of land on which the Mustoe house stands today. A January 31, 1804 document in Bath County is a record of Anthony Mustoe I giving a variety of personal property to Anthony Mustoe II "who recently married Anna Givens." Among the items given by the father to his eldest son and namesake were "a still, a feather bed," other furniture and livestock. Where the newlyweds set up housekeeping is a question open to debate, but there is strong evidence that Anthony Mustoe II soon began to build the log structure on land that is the subject of this report. It should be noted that Mustoe did not own the property in question in

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1803 or 1804 when he took up housekeeping. The actual purchase of the property by Mustoe II from John and Rachel Lewis did not take place until a decade later, in November 1813, but the wording of that deed makes it perfectly clear that the Mustoes were already in residence at the time of purchase. The 300-acre tract was described in the deed as land "on which the said Anthony Mustoe now lives."

Probably sometime between his 1803 marriage and his 1813 acquisition of the land, Anthony and Anna Mustoe, rented the farm and later built a house on the property. Family tradition states that the back portion of the current log house may have been the original house on the property; however, it may have been the kitchen, a slave quarters or another outbuilding to the property.⁵

Anthony Mustoe II's profession is not known although his estate inventory indicates that he farmed and owned blacksmith's tools.⁶ Certainly his son, Anthony Mustoe III, was a blacksmith (listed in the census) and owned a set of blacksmith tools that he purchased at his father's December 28, 1861 estate sale for \$10.⁷ Blacksmith tools then show up in his own 1881estate inventory where they were purchased by his son, George, for \$5.⁸ By the second half of the nineteenth century, Anthony Mustoe III "had a little blacksmith's shop on the opposite side of the road where he did all the iron work that the farm needed." ⁹

Also, by the mid-nineteenth century the Mustoes had prospered enough on the farm that they apparently built a two-story log house that still serves as the main house on the property. The third Anthony Mustoe listed in the Bath County records, Anthony Mustoe III, was born in 1821 and lived on the property in question all of his life. He died intestate in 1881. He is the man who was listed in the census as a blacksmith and certainly ran a very successful farm in the valley. His neighbors referred to him as Squire Mustoe, a title often placed upon men of the landed gentry. ¹⁰

Two changes in the land tax records indicate periods in which improvements might have been made to the house and its outbuildings. The first jump in value occurs in 1840 when the assessment on the buildings goes from \$168.75 to \$200. The second rise occurs in

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1851 when the value of the buildings moves from \$200 to \$300. It is very possible that this second jump marks the point at which the two-story log house with V notching was built. The logs were weatherboarded over and painted or whitewashed to remain consistent with the rising prosperity of the Mustoe family and the logs remained covered until the late twentieth century.

The Mustoe family's fortunes continued to rise throughout the nineteenth century. Not only did the farm prosper, but related agrarian trades such as blacksmithing, milling, spinning, and weaving took place as well. ¹² The Mustoes were referred to as "first-class farmers in our mountains," who had "health, education, refinement, courtesy, piety, and leadership." Their wealth was such that for some time they were the only family in the valley to own a buggy. ¹³

Successive generations raised in the house continued in prominence, serving in the Civil War, World War I, and World War II. Colonel Anthony Q. Mustoe served valiantly in the Air Force in World War II, becoming Commanding Officer of the Eighth Army Air Force Bomber Station. Robert L. Mustoe, the son of Anthony Mustoe III, served as the Bath County treasurer in the early twentieth century.¹⁴

The last member of the Mustoe family to reside on the farm was Bess Mustoe Tucker. In 1942 the farm passed out of the family's hands when it was sold to W.J. Lowry. The widow Annie A. Lowry sold the land to Louis and Clara Dufour in 1968 who then conveyed it to Rene Raymond Dufour in 1971. In 1992 the land was sold to Todd R. and Mary-Clair Briggs who, in turn, sold the house and approximately one acre of land to the Alexanders, the current owners. 15

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ENDNOTES:

¹ Dr. James Mustoe, Gay and Mustoe family web page, www.ezl.com/-pfrazier/mustoe.txt

² Augusta County records, courthouse, Staunton, VA

³ Bath County deed book 2:586

⁴Augusta County records, courthouse, Staunton, VA

⁵ Christy M. Szczesny report, University of Virginia Architectural History program, 1999

⁶Bath County will book 6:22-23.

⁷ Bath County will book 6:377; census material at the Bath County Historical Society in Warm Springs, VA

⁸ Bath County bill book 7:131-133.

⁹ Untitled publication, dated 11 January 1923 and referring to the 1870s.

¹⁰ Dr. James Mustoe, web page: Mustoe file at the Bath County Historical Society; Untitled publication; Bath County will books.

¹¹ Bath County land tax records.

¹² Untitled publication and Mustoe estate inventories found in Bath County will books.

¹³ Untitled publication.

¹⁴ "Mustoe biographical sketch," found in *The American Historical Society*, photocopy of the page found in the Mustoe file at the Bath County Historical Society.

¹⁵ Bath County deed books and "The Mustoe House" report by Todd and Mary Claire Briggs.

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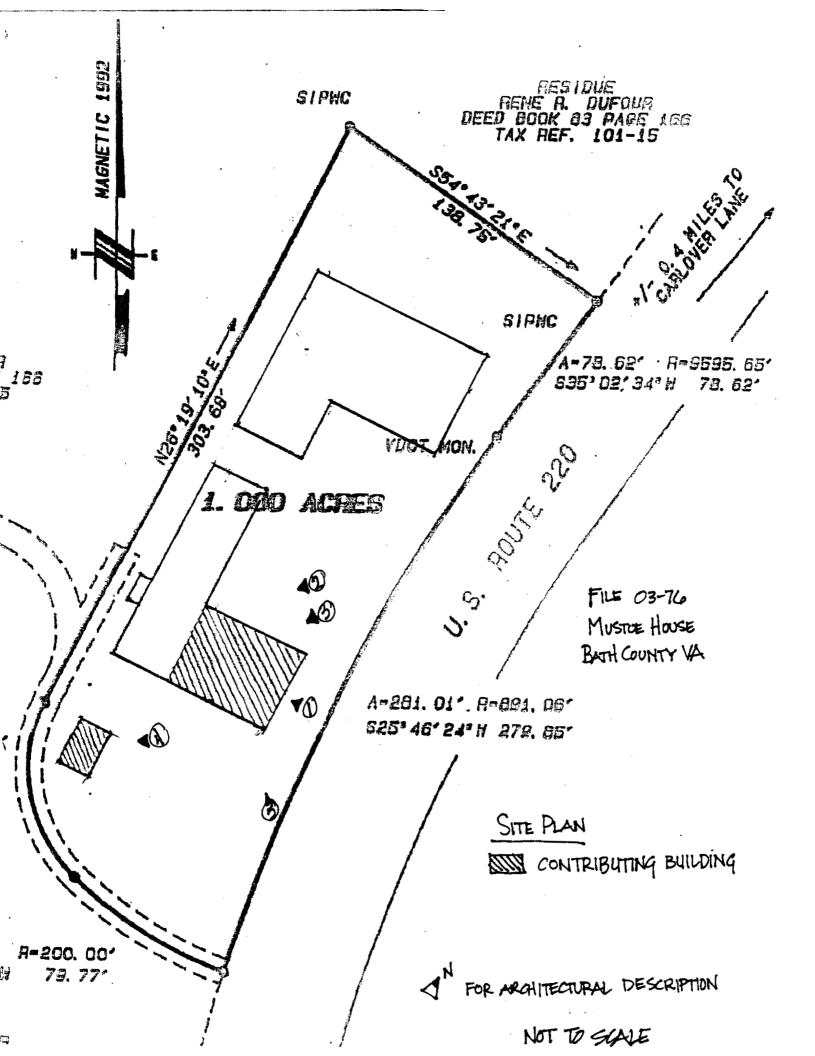
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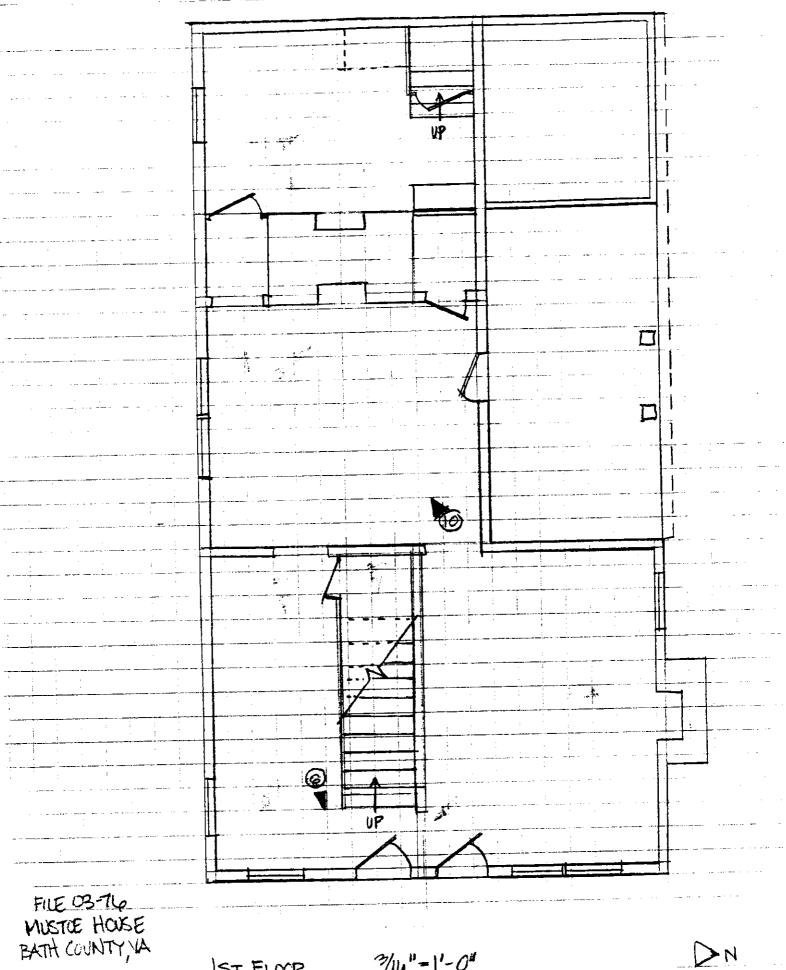
Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the nominated property coincide with the plat map seen in Tax Ref. 101-15 found in Bath County Courthouse Clerk's office.

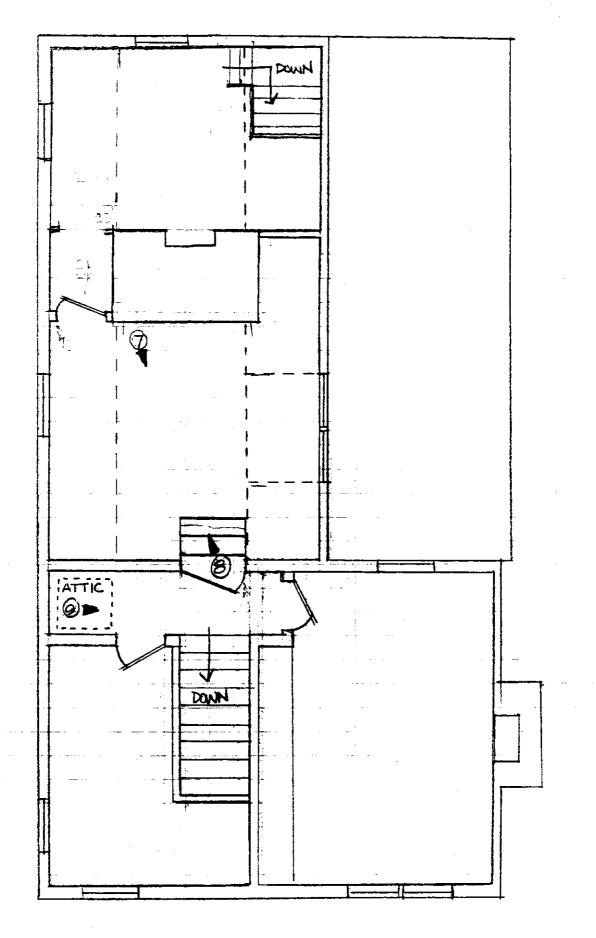
Boundary Justicfication

The boundary includes the existing one acre lot described on the attached sketch map. It includes the previously referred to contributing and non-contributing buildings. The lot was originally larger in the nineteenth century but pieces of land have since then been sold and today these parcels remain in other ownership.





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FILE 03-76 MUSTICE HOUSE BATH COLNTY, VA

<u>2ND FLOOR</u> EXISTING PLAN 3/10"=1'-0"

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