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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Anderson-Foster House (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON Foster Place; Sunnyside

**2 LOCATION**

.4 mile NNW of Holly Grove; E side of State Route 635; .4 mile N of western intersection of State Routes 635 and 610.

STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Holly Grove  
STATE Virginia  
VICINITY OF  Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
CODE 51 COUNTY Louisa CODE 109

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Ms. Ann Tuck and Mr. Michael Bailey

STREET & NUMBER Route 2, Box 185-1A

CITY, TOWN Bumpass STATE Virginia 23024

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Louisa County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Louisa STATE Virginia 23093

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE 1977  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN Richmond STATE Virginia 23219

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Anderson-Foster House, locally known as the Foster Place, is set on a flat, open tract in eastern Louisa County. Built ca. 1856, the one-story, three-bay frame house is set on a high basement built of brick laid in five-course American bond. Two brick exterior end chimneys stand at the south gable end. That at the west is laid in five-course American bond, while the rebuilt eastern chimney is laid in common bond. The house is covered with plain weatherboards and has 6/6 sash, a box cornice, and a standing-seam sheet metal roof. Original porches at the front and rear have been removed.

The house has a side-passage, double-pile plan with the front room deeper than the rear. In the basement, a finished living space, the passage is employed only in the rear section, while on the second floor, the two rooms are of equal depth; otherwise the plans of all three levels are alike.

The basement is plastered but undecorated. On the first floor, all the openings are trimmed with plain frames and square corner blocks. The stair, in the passage, has an open string, round banister, square newel with cap, and two rectangular balusters to a tread. The front and rear rooms have plain Greek Revival-type mantels with simple pilasters supporting unembellished friezes and shelves.

No early outbuildings survive, but there is a 20th-century frame pole barn behind the house.

The register bounds follow the property bounds and include the probable locations of the demolished domestic and agricultural outbuildings.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1856 in eastern Louisa County, the Anderson-Foster House, sometimes known as Sunnyside, was the home for over 50 years of Dr. John B. Anderson, a country physician. Its side-passage plan, its austere Greek Revival-style decoration, and its tall proportions are all characteristic features of the vernacular housing of mid-19th-century Piedmont Virginia. This little-altered house stands as an outstanding specimen of the residences of the comfortably situated but unpretentious rural middle class of central Virginia in the immediate antebellum period.

The land on which the house stands was part of a 174½-acre parcel on Folly Swamp sold to Dr. Archibald Anderson by James Johnson for \$10.00 an acre in 1840. Fifteen years later, Anderson conveyed the tract to his son, Dr. John B. Anderson, as part of a gift of 339 acres of land. (In doing so, Anderson was following his own parents' example, for they had given him 340 acres in 1819). Since all of the buildings on his father's land were on a different tract, the \$500 building valuation assessed to Dr. John B. Anderson in 1857 indicates that the present house was built on his tract between 1855 and 1857. Dr. Anderson lived in the house until his death in 1909, leaving his property to his wife and daughters. In 1923 his widow sold 346 acres of land to I. B. Brooks, and on the same day, Brooks sold 100 acres of "Dr. Anderson's farm...and known for years as the homeplace of Dr. John B. Anderson..." to Ashburn Foster for \$2,000. The Foster family sold the house and five acres of land to the present owners in 1977.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Glassie, Henry. Folk Housing in Middle Virginia. Knoxville, 1975.  
 Louisa County Deed Books X, DD, 45.  
Will Books 17, 20.  
Land Tax Books 1836-1973.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	25,18,4,0	4,18,72,6,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The acreage of the Anderson-Foster House is bounded by a line beginning at a point on the E side of State Route 635 approximately 2750' N of western intersection of State Routes 635 and 610; thence extending about 750' SSE, following W edge of tree line for the last 150'; thence extending about 450' WSW to E side of State Route 635; thence extending 900' N along E side of said route to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

May 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804)786-3143

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

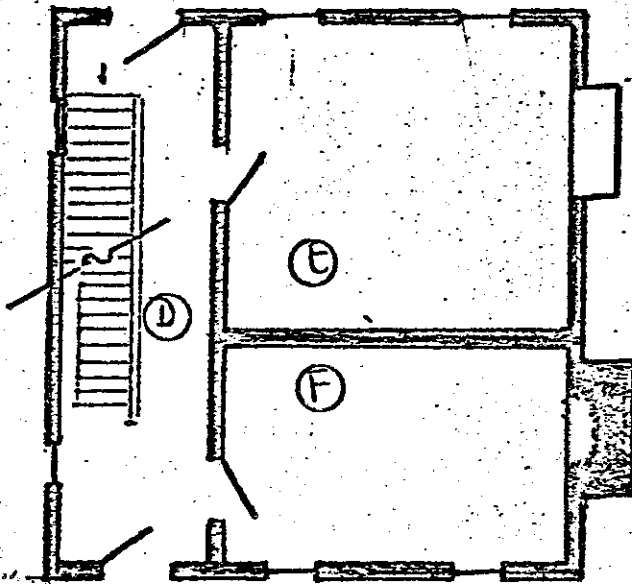
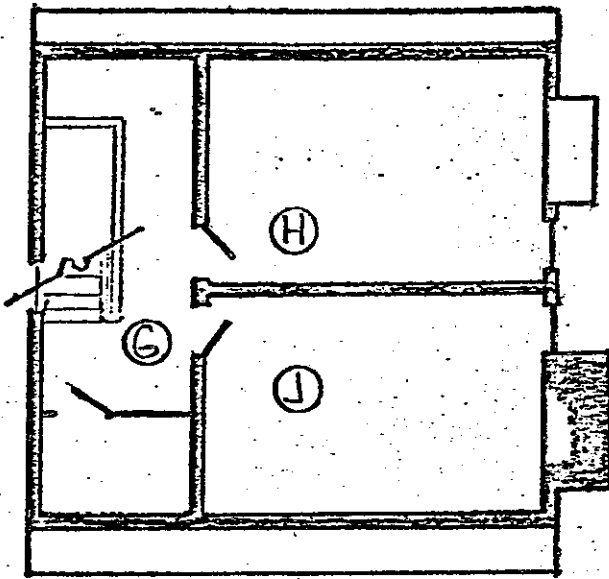
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 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

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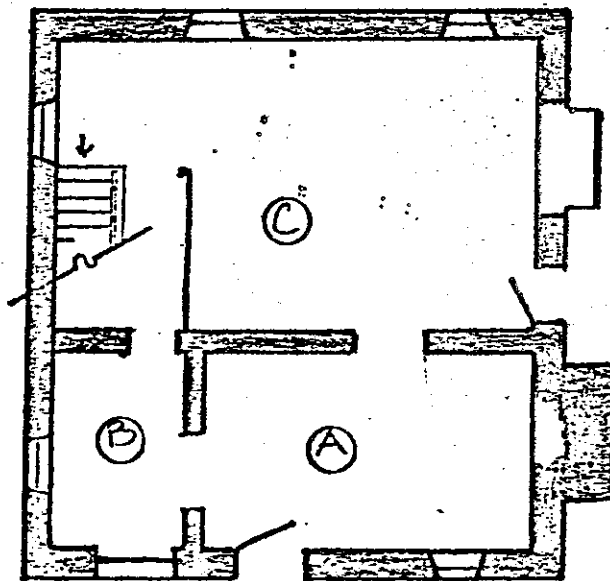
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

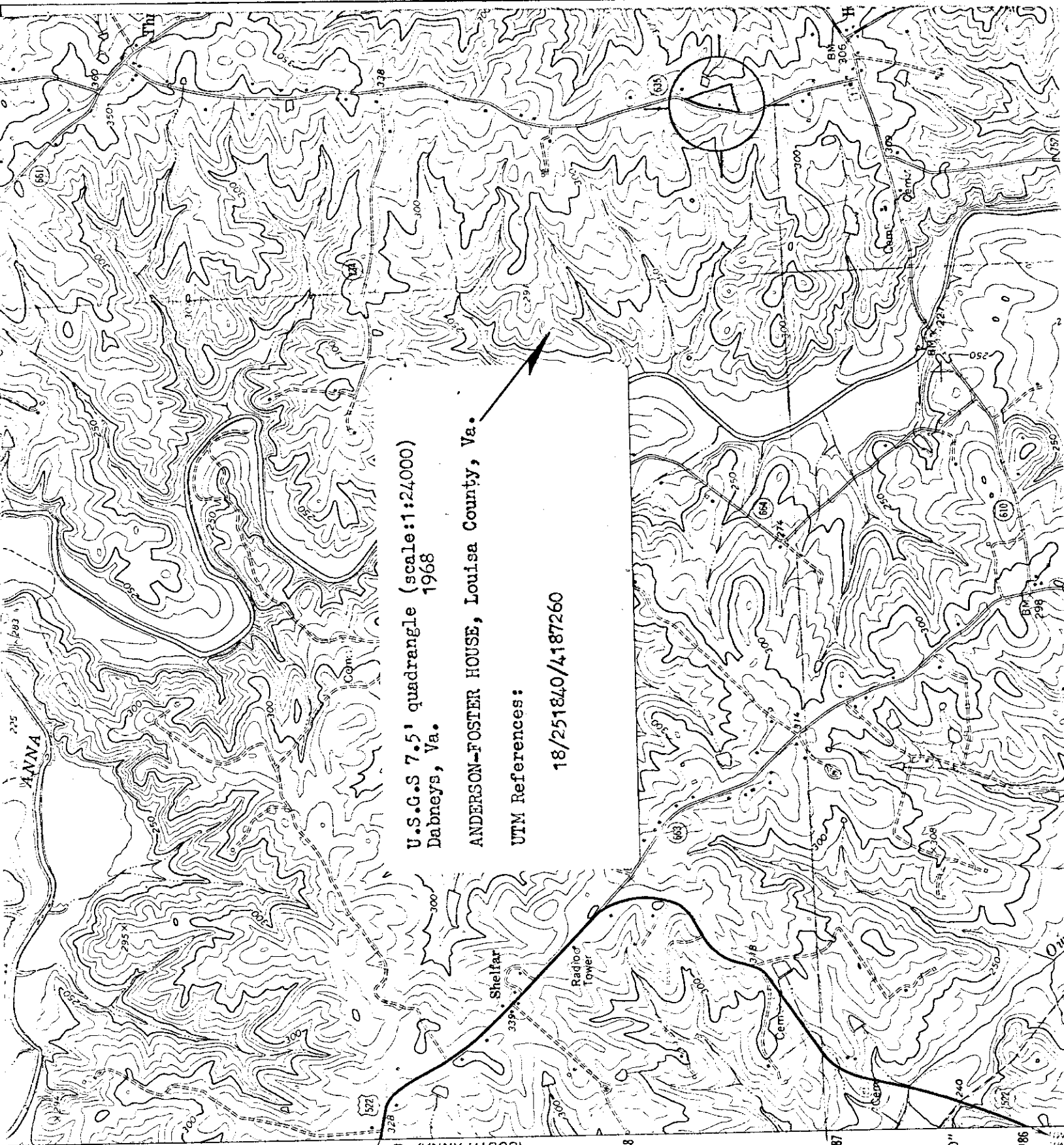
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Anderson-Foster House  
Louisa County, Va.  
Floor Plans: scale: 1"=10'  
Credit: Va. Historic  
Landmarks Commission  
1977



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U.S.G.S 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)  
Dabneys, Va.

ANDERSON-FOSTER HOUSE, Louisa County, Va.

UTM References:

18/251840/4187260

4190  
4189 328  
5459 IV SW  
(SOUTH ANNA)  
11 MI. TO U.S. 33  
SOUTH ANNA 4.9 MI.

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4730"

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