

SUBJECT:

James P. Snyder Home

LOCATION:

3 miles southeast of Stanley, Virginia, on Route #624, thence west .2 mile on private road to house.

DATE:

About 1835

OWNERS:

Abraham Spetter	1838
John Snyder	1838-1871
Joseph S. Nauman, Jacob R. Nauman, Andrew W. Long	1871-1872
James P. Snyder	1872-1908
Mrs. Eliza J. Suthard	1908-1927
Lula A Roundabush	1927 to present date.

DESCRIPTION:

This old type brick home is built with the brick laid lengthwise, each brick breaks the joint of the other brick underneath. It is built on the "L" type, 2½ stories high, consisting of 8 rooms, 6 of them are very large rooms, about 16 by 18 feet and 2 small rooms about 8 by 12 feet. As you enter the front of this old home on the west is the reception room and on the east is the parlor, and the "L" part forms the dining room and kitchen in the rear and 4 bedrooms upstairs.

This is a very plain built house.

The shutters to the windows are old-time slatted shutters. The doors are very heavy of hand-made pine lumber of the 6-panelled type, with very old iron locks, and a thumb latch on the side of the door-knob, so you cannot turn the knob to open the door which makes it burglar proof. The walls are plastered and painted and the flooring is common pine lumber, very wide.

#### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Here we find the Snyder family which originally came from Pennsylvania and settled in the valley. John Snyder, senior, was one of the pioneers. He raised a family of three boys and one girl; John Snyder, Jr., William Snyder, James P. Snyder and Mary A Snyder, the only girl married Andrew Jackson Long.

John Snyder, Jr. was born in 1788 and lived to be a very old man. He died at the age of 85 years, 5 months, and 28 days. James P. Snyder, the youngest of the family, went west during the gold rush and acquired considerable wealth, coming back to Page County in his older days to his father's home. He was never married. Mrs. Eliza J. Suthard and children came and lived with him in his last years. He willed his estate to Eliza J. Suthard for her life-time, then to her children. His nieces and nephews became very angry about his will and tried in every way possible to break it, but the will stood in all the courts, and now Mrs. Lula A Roundabush owns it, and lives in the old home.

#### ART:

Photograph

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mrs. Lula A. Roundabush

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Page County, Luray, Virginia.

Deed Book	B,	page	17
"	"	C,	" 405
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 5-A OF BULLETIN 3400.

Name of Building James P. Snyder Home

EXTERIOR

1. Building Plan "L" Cellar ( )
2. No. of stories: ( 2½ ) Attic classed as ½ story.
3. Material: Brick ( X ) Frame ( ) Stone ( ) Log ( )
4. If brick, state what bond:  
Flemish ( ) English ( ) Common ( ) Other ( X )
5. Kind of roof:  
Hip ( ) Gabled ( X ) Gambrel ( ) Lean-to ( ) Deck ( )
6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
7. Roof Material: Slate ( ) Shingle ( ) Metal ( X ) Tile ( )
8. Chimneys: Number ( ); Brick ( ) Stone ( ); Location: End,  
outside.
9. Weatherboarding: None Beaded ( ) Plain ( )
10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate Plain Material Brick
11. Windows: Number ( 31 ) Size and number of panes 12, 8x10 in. panes.
12. Shutters: Describe: Slatted shutters.
13. Dormers: Number; and shape of roof None.
14. Porch: 1 single porch on north side, about 8 by 16 feet.
15. Type of Entrance: Plain
16. Columns: Doric ( ) Ionic ( ) Corinthian ( ) Square ( )

INTERIOR

17. No. of Rooms: ( 8 ) Large ( 6 ) Small ( 2 )  
Approximate ceiling height 8 ft.

18. Stairway: Open String ( ) Closed String ( ); Describe: Three,  
box type, winding stairways. No balusters or hand rails.
19. Cellar : Describe None.
20. Doors: Style and type of wood 6 panelled, very heavy pine lumber.
21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Plastered and painted.
22. Interior Cornices Plain
23. Hardware: Locks and hinges Old time iron locks, common butt hinges.
24. Floors: Plain pine, very wide.
25. Mantels: Very common, pine lumber, hand made.
26. Misc. \_\_\_\_\_
27. Present condition; and state if spoiled architecturally by remodelling:  
In fair condition. Not spoiled architecturally by remodelling.
28. Does occupant seem to appreciate old architectural features? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name Cammie C. Morris