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Historic Name: T. F. Coleman House (8898 Center Street, Manassas)

Date or Period: ca.1905

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Manassas

"This large, two-story, L-plan, hip-roofed, weatherboard-clad house is a landmark because of its location on the inside of a sharp curve on State Route 28. It is a stylish, early-twentieth-century house and is almost chateausque with its conical-roofed tower, steeply pitched hip roof, modillion cornice, multiple-pane windows, dormer windows, and deep, one-story, wrap-around porch. The house's massive exterior is covered with channeled siding painted white. The roof, constructed of molded tin to suggest tile, is painted silver. Interior features include a cherry, open-string, three-flight stair with two landings; narrow tongue-and-grove wood floors; French doors; and a large ornate mantel in the east parlor. T. F. Coleman, for whom the house was built and whose family retained ownership until 1980, worked for the Southern Railway Company."