



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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## SURVEY FORM

Historic name Poplar Hill Site	Common name Foley Plantation
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number .6 mi. south of S.R. 601, vic. of Waterfall	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period Late 18th - early 19th century
Original owner Enoch Foley? William Foley?	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Irving Payne, Jr. & Clarence	Source of name
Present owner address Payne	Source of date Published history; architectural evidence
c/o Clarence R. Payne, 3505 Carlyn Springs	Stories 1½ stories
Road, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame (and possible log) walls.
Present use Not in use	Roof type gable roof
Acres 268 acres	

State condition of structure and environs Only stone foundation, very deteriorated, remains.

State potential threats to structure Further deterioration.

Note any archaeological interest Glass, metal, and pottery fragments found about the perimeter of the foundation.

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

Only a low stone foundation remains of the old house at Poplar Hill. Remnants of a pole barn and possibly other outbuildings can also be seen.

A description and history of this farm was included in the Prince William WPA guide, Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places, published in 1941. At that time the house still existed, and was described as an abandoned, deteriorated, unpainted, graying, 1½-story frame house "held together by two built-in end-chimneys of stone and covered by a broad gabled roof." There were dormers in the front and rear roof surfaces, as can be seen in the HABS photographs taken of the house in 1936; and there was a shingle roof beneath the tarpaper covering. The roof had a box cornice, a plain rake and slight gable returns. There was a one-story covered porch sheltering the centrally-located front and rear entrances of this five-bays long dwelling. Some of the windows were 9/6 siding sash, some 6/6, and others, probably those in the parlor, or "best room," were 2/2 sash. The door and window trim was plain. The house rested on a slightly raised stone foundation, and resembled Prospect Hill and Bushy Park, two existing 1½-story houses in Western Prince William County and included in this survey. Prospect Hill, five bays long, however, has exterior stone chimneys. Bushy Park, three bays long, also has exterior end chimneys.

Graying, dilapidated out buildings reportedly accompanied Poplar Hill as described in 1936. The house stood above a slope among the remnants of an old apple orchard. According to the HABS photo, there was an iron fence at the front of the house. A large tulip poplar, described as having a circumference of 28 feet and estimated to be about 200 years old, stood at the side of a field. Near the tree, about which legends had been told, was the family burying ground containing graves of Whitings and Harrisons, two (continued below)

Interior inspected? N/A

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

This estate, which originally contained 900 acres, was included in Robert "King" Carter's Bull Run Tract, and passed to Carter's grandson, Carter Burwell. Subsequent owners were Enoch Foley (1771-1863) and William Foley. The Whitings and the Harrisons also owned Poplar Hill. The farm now totals 268 acres.

The WPA guide to Prince William County notes that in 1940 there existed in Antioch a log cabin which had originally been a schoolhouse at Poplar Hill, the Foley plantation, and which was moved to Antioch where it was used for church services. There is a small log building in Antioch, but it is believed by local residents that the log house referred to as the Antioch Church was moved to Sully Plantation in Fairfax County.

### Architectural Description (continued)

well known families in Western Prince William in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

There is a mid-to-late 19th century log (tenant) house on the property, about ¼ mile southwest of the house site. See separate survey form Log House at Poplar Hill 76-124 for description.

Sources and bibliography

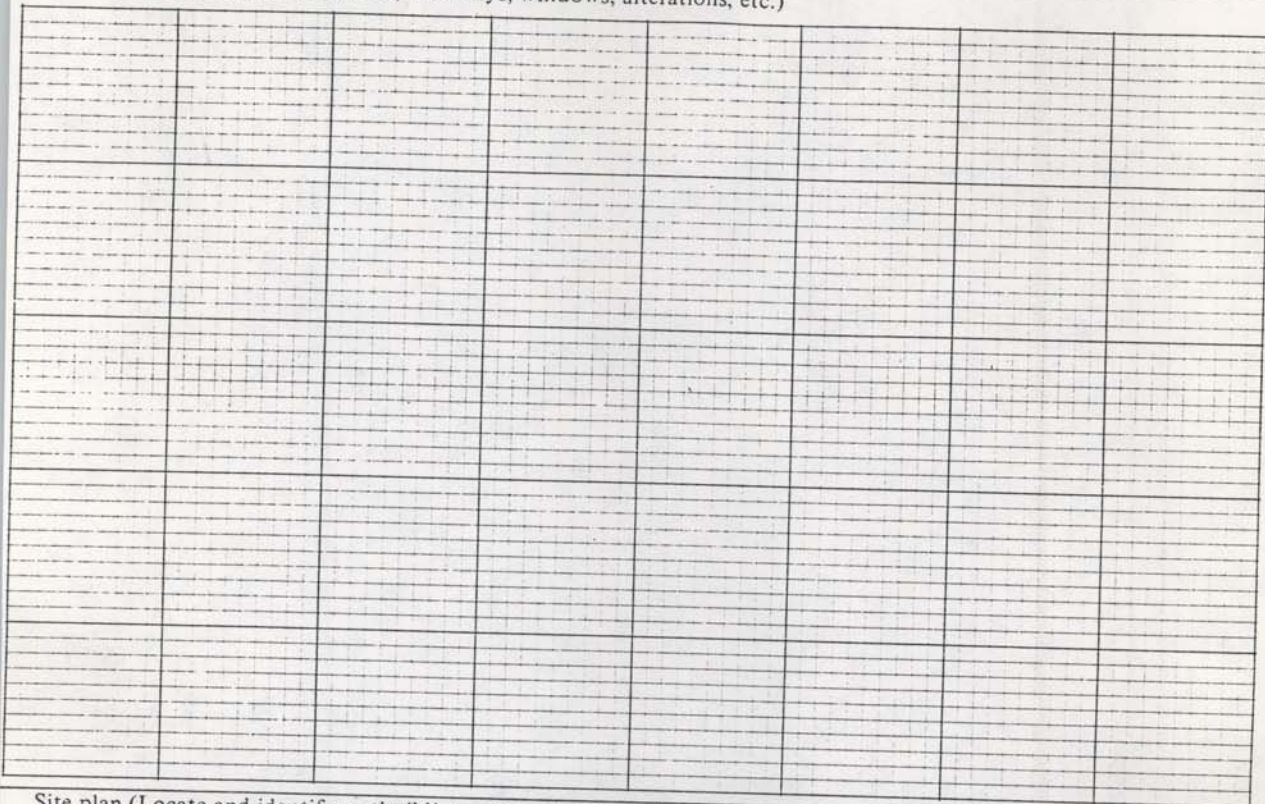
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

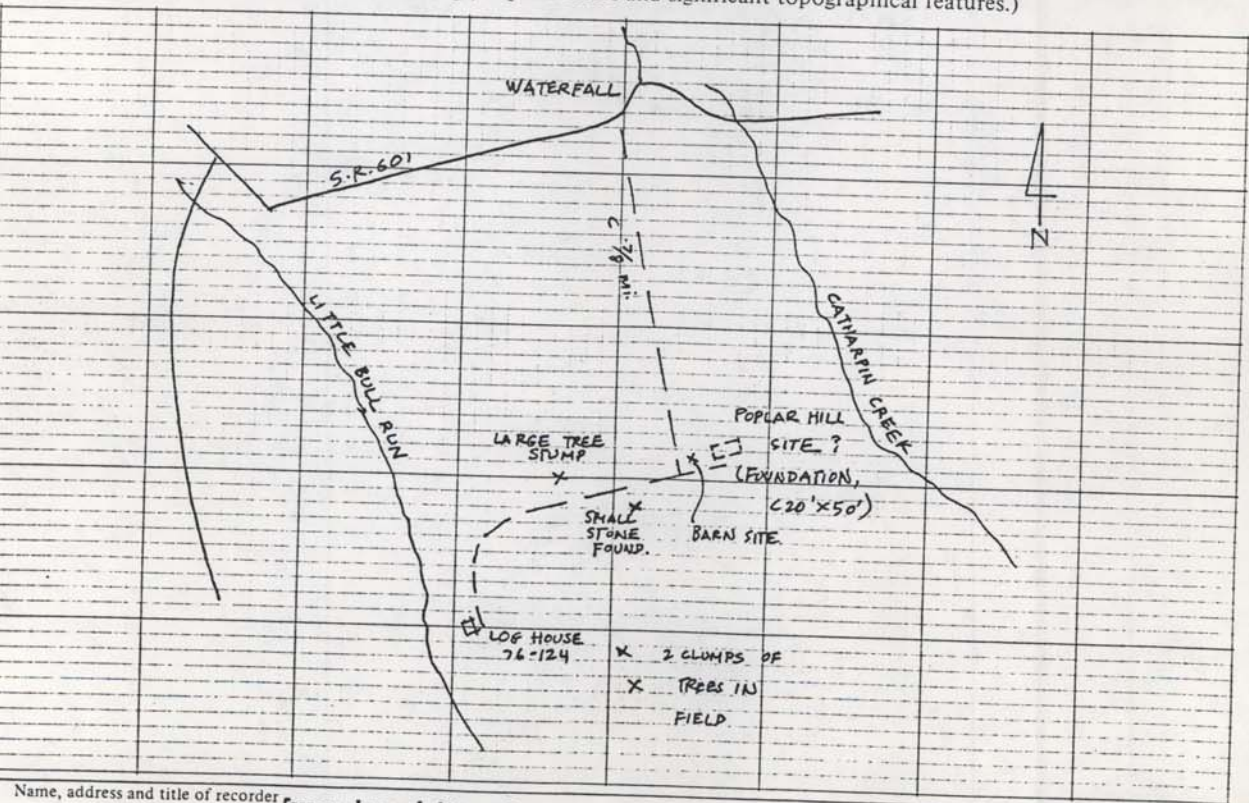
See HABS photos (2) taken in 1936 and in possession of Library of Congress.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed E. R. Corner, III, Manassas Museum.

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



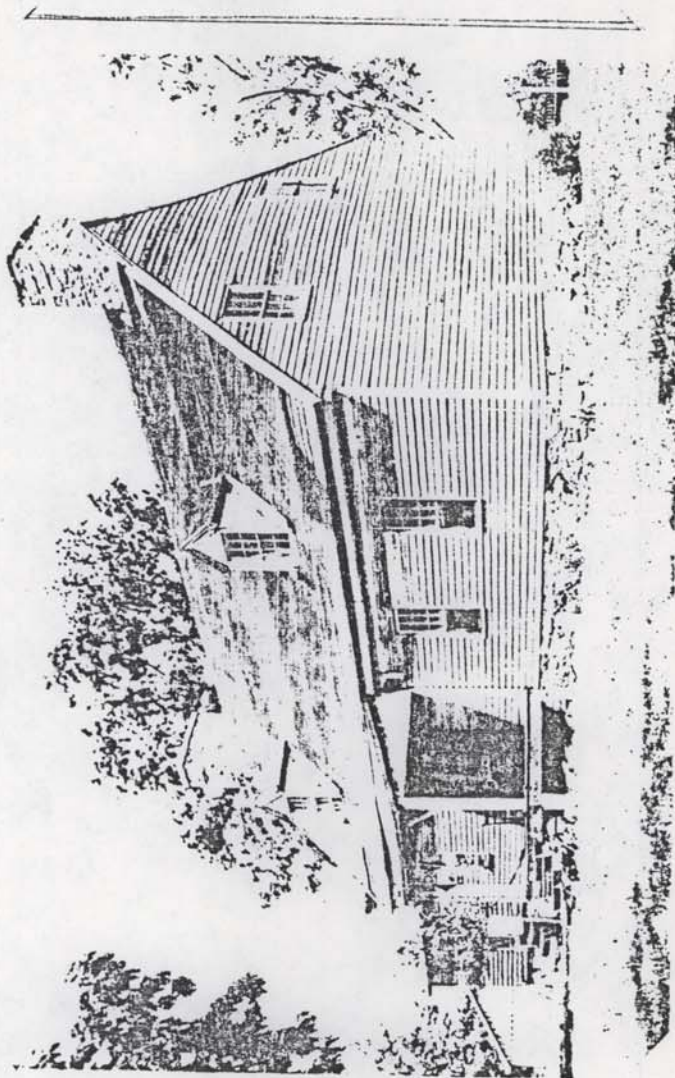
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Poplar Hill  
Waterfall, Va.

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VIEW FROM WEST.

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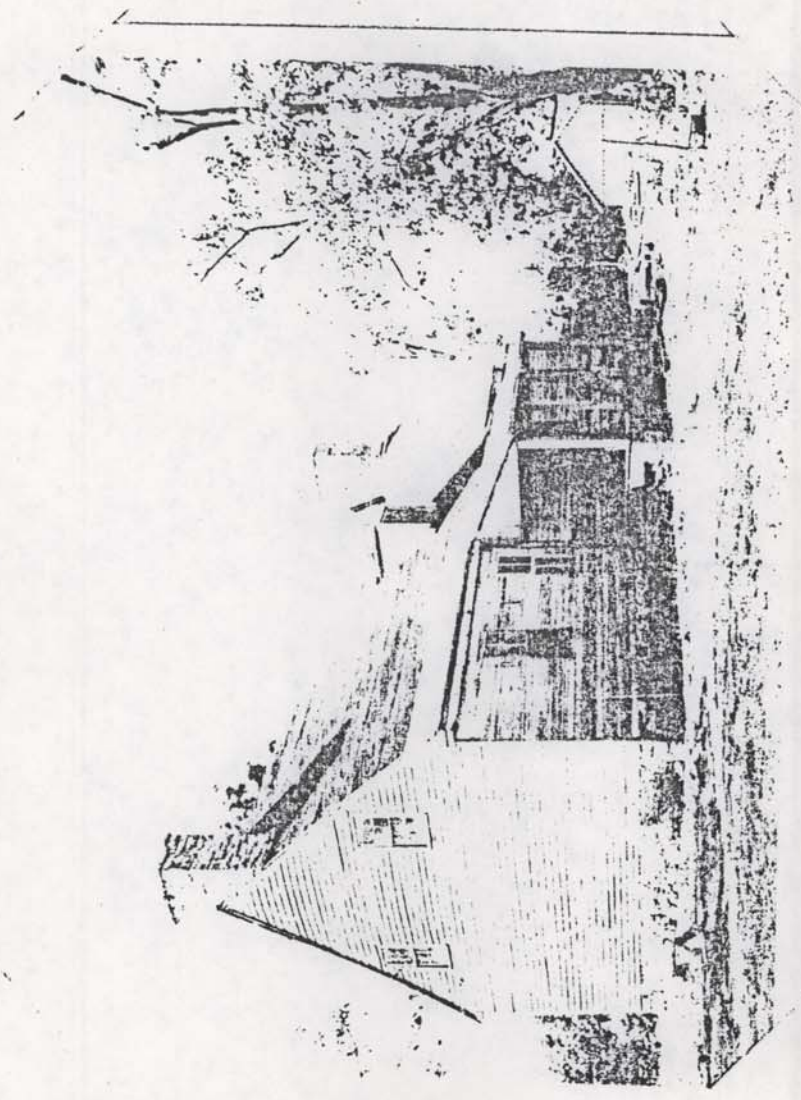
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Waterfall, Va.

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VIEW FROM SOUTH (front)

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WATERFALL STORE &  
POST OFFICE 76-38  
at W.F. 76-31  
1105c  
12 240 000 FEET 270

THOROUGHFARE GAP QUADRANGLE  
VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
Forsyth Place? 271  
LEESBURG 19 MI. 77°37'30"  
7 MI. TO U.S. 50 38°52'30"

THE TERRAIN

361 NE  
ARCOLA

440 000  
FEET

OKLAND (city)

Old Butte

Haley 76-10

Mt. Atlas 76-15

Log House 76-11

SNOW HILL 76-75

Log Cabin 76-126

Church and others  
Antioch 76-189

Poplar Hill Site 76-20

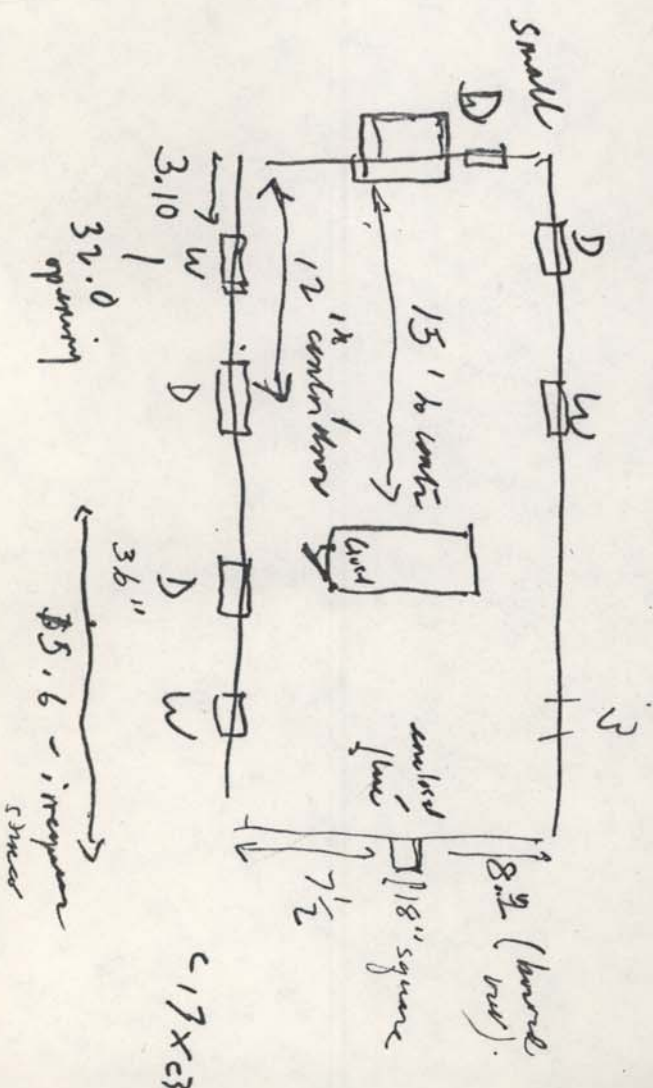
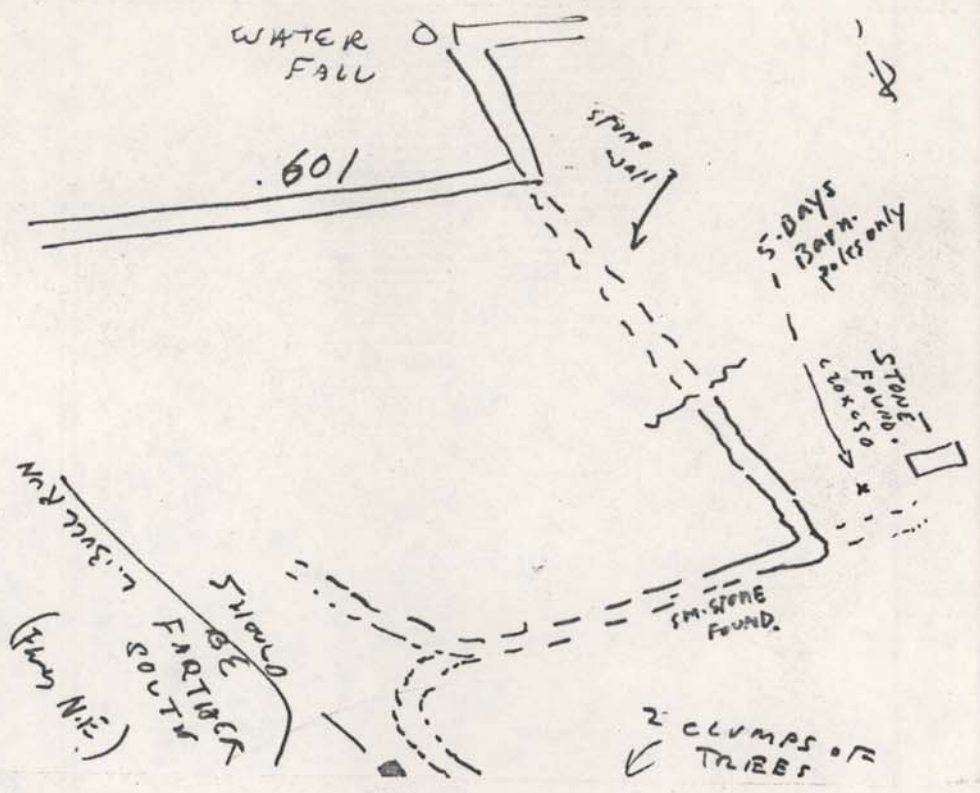
BURNSIDE (76-266)

Log House  
76-124

Loverly Mills  
76-122

La Grange  
76-12





chimney  
2 fireplaces + exterior

