

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Deep Spring

County/Town/City Prince William County

Street address or route number 9706 Greenwich Rd., Nokesville, Va. 22123 USGS Quad Catlett Quad.

Original owner Cooke family Original use Residence

Present owner James L. & Marjorie W. Cooke

Present owner address 9706 Greenwich Rd.

Nokesville, Va. 22123

Present use Residence Acreage 27.5 acres.

Common name AKA New Tidewater? (See * below.)

Date or period 1961-1971 (Stone dairy built late 18th Architect/builder/craftsmen century, moved to present site

James L. Cooke (designer & builder)

Source of name Spring on property.

Source of date Owner

Stories 2 stories (cottages, 1 1/2 stories)

Foundation and wall const'n Brick foundation & walls.

Roof type Asphalt shingle-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House and grounds are in good condition.

State potential threats to structure Note any archaeological interest

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.)

The design of this house was inspired by the 18th century Georgian-style house. "Deep Spring" comes from a spring northeast of the house. Located on the 27-acre parcel with the house are a collection of accessory buildings, including two frame-built guest cottages flanking the main house; several small wooden service buildings; a gazebo; a small stone dairy which was removed from an 18th century house site nearby and reconstructed at Deep Spring; and a brick and frame combination woodworking shop and garage.

The two-story brick, gable-roofed, single pile, central passage-plan house rests on a raised basement and has a front facade five bays long. The walls are 12" thick at the basement, tapering to 8" at the second floor. The brick, handmade by Locher Co. (Va.), is laid in Flemish bond on the front and in 4-course common bond on the sides and back. There is a water table and a single belt course. The modillion cornice has a crown moulding and endboards. The 6/6 and 9/6 sliding sash windows are capped by jack arches; and those on the front have louvered shutters. The front, 6-panel door is topped by a 4-light transom. The exterior door and window trim is architrave moulding. Above the front entrance and sheltering the doorway is a small cantilevered porch with a wrought-iron railing. There is a single exterior brick chimney at either end, each having a corbeled cap. Attached to the house's rear is a two-story brick and frame addition containing an open porch at the second floor and the dining room on the first floor. Filling in the el is a sun porch on the first floor.

Inside, the 18th century mode is continued in a central hall plan with an open-string, two-flight, single-landing stair rising opposite the entrance. It has a moulded birch rail and turned balusters and newel. The floors are medium width pine and oak. There is wainscotting in the hall, and chairrails and crown mouldings throughout. The house is furnished with period interior inspected? Yes. (continued) (continued)

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

The Greenwich area has a long history, beginning when a settlement was first established there in the mid-1700s, near the Old Carolina Road, and close to the Prince William-Fauquier county boundary line, established in 1759.

Deep Springs is a 20th century house built in the style of an 18th century Georgian house. Though the present house has no historical significance, it was built on the site of a late-19th century Victorian-style frame house, on land that had belonged to Mr. Cooke's grandfather, John William Cooke. The Old Carolina Road previously came right through the Cooke property.

^{*}The name New Tidewater has been inexplicably and, according to the owner, inaccurately applied to this house.

Sources and bibliography

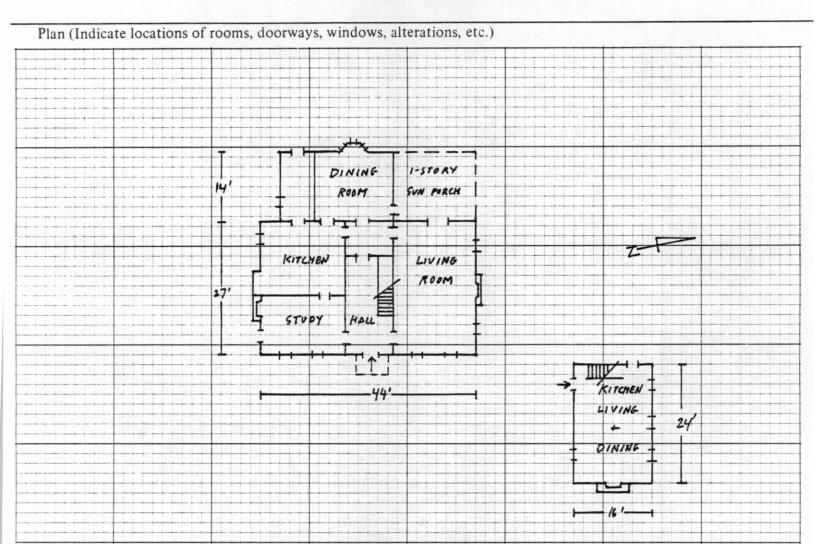
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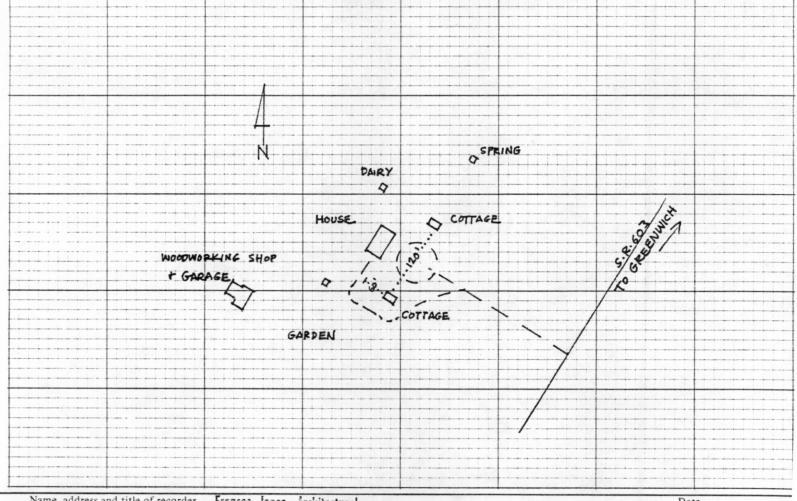
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Mr. Cooke has traced the deed back to the 1700s and the Kettle Run Grant.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. & Mrs. James L. Cooke, owners.



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



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Architectural Description (continued)

pieces, and by handsome copies of 18th century chests, tables, etc., made by Mr. Cooke, whose retirement passtime is cabinetry. There are two 18th century reproduction-style mantels in the house, one purchased and the other hand-made.

On either side and in front of the house is a frame, one-room cottage, built in the style of an 18th century, one-room side-passage plan house. There is an exterior brick chimney on the east end of each of the almost identical houses, which are used as guest quarters. The cottages have gable roofs pierced by dormers, two to a roof side. On the first floor are a kitchen and general purpose room, and on the second floor a bath and bedroom. The exteriors are clad with beaded siding.

Behind the house is a collection of outbuildings, including a small, cl0-foot square, stone, pyramid-roofed dairy. This building was moved to this site from an 18th-19th century farm, The Grove, located nearby on S.R. 215. Mr. Cooke dismantled this building and re-erected it on his property about 10 years ago. There are also several small, frame "necessary" houses located behind the main house, used as gardening sheds, pet kennel, etc. A brick and frame structure southwest of the house is a combination woodworking shop-garage, though the brick section looks like a 19th century barn.

This is a splendid creation. The landscaping, consisting primarily of English box, contributes to the overall feeling of "historicity" that has been created at Deep Spring by the buildings, especially their relationship to each other.

Mr. Cooke, a retired Northern Virginia builder, has constructed many houses in Fairfax and Arlington Counties.

New Tidewater is located in gently rolling country, near the Fauquier-Prince William County line. The character of this part of Prince William County is predominantly rural.









