



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Dunblane	Common name
County/Town/City Prince William	
Street address or route number 2400 Loudon Drive, Haymarket, Va.	
USGS Quad Middleburg	Date or period 1911
Original owner Dr. Jesse Ewell	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Estate of Charlotte I. Ewell	Source of name Scottish origin.
Present owner address c/o J. Hutchison 1050 Loudon Dr., Hay-	Source of date Alice M. Ewell book, tradition
Present use Not in use	Stories 2½
Acreage c300 acres (with Edge Hill)	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame wall construction.
	Roof type Metal, gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs **House is in very bad condition--windows, doors, mantels, trim all missing. Lot is overgrown with scrub trees and briars.**

State potential threats to structure **Further deterioration, vandalism, arson.**

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.)

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A dilapidated frame structure located on the front lawn and to the right of the entrance to the house may have been the office of Dr. Jesse Ewell, a country physician. Behind the house and to the right are the collapsed remains of a small, v-notched log structure measuring about 10' x 12' and having a stone foundation. The may have been the log house where Dr. Ewell and his wife spent their first winter on the property. (See A Virginia Scene p. 12).

Some large boxwood specimens, as well remnants of spring flowering plants, can be found growing near the house, traces of a once-tended garden mentioned by Miss Ewell in her book.

Interior inspected? **Yes**

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

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* Dr. Jesse Ewell, and his father, Squire Jesse Ewell, may have been co-purchasers of the Thomas Briscoe property. (See A Virginia Scene, p. 12)

References and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

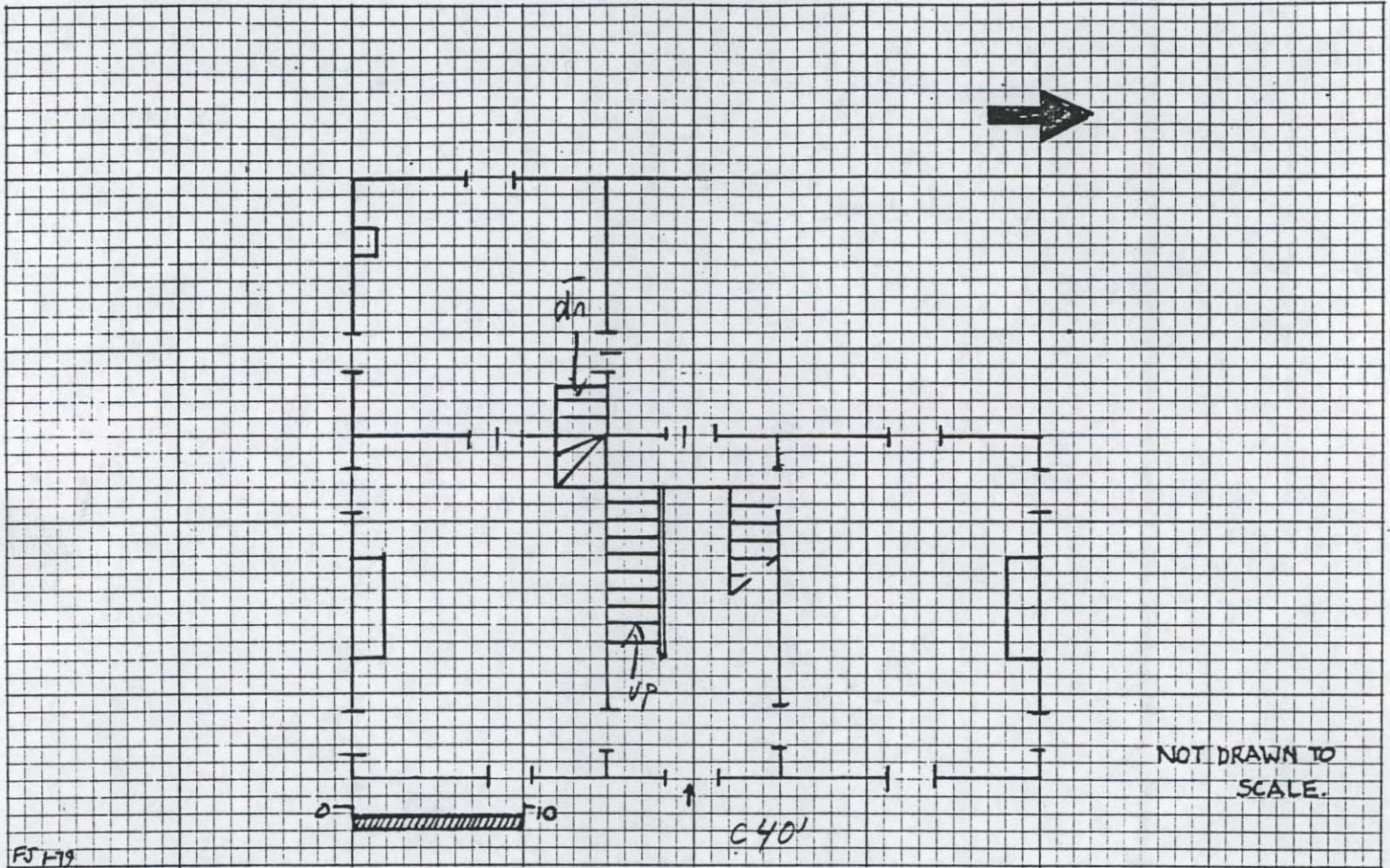
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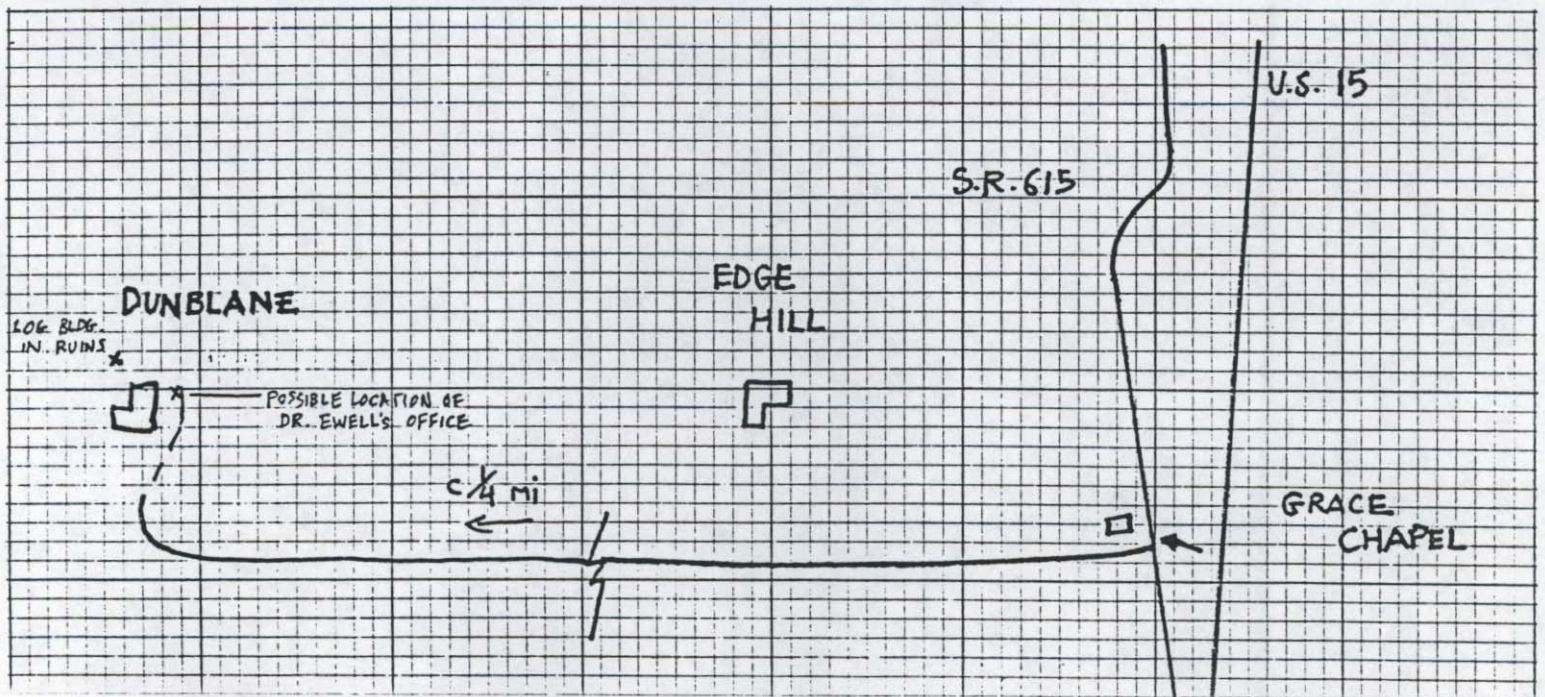
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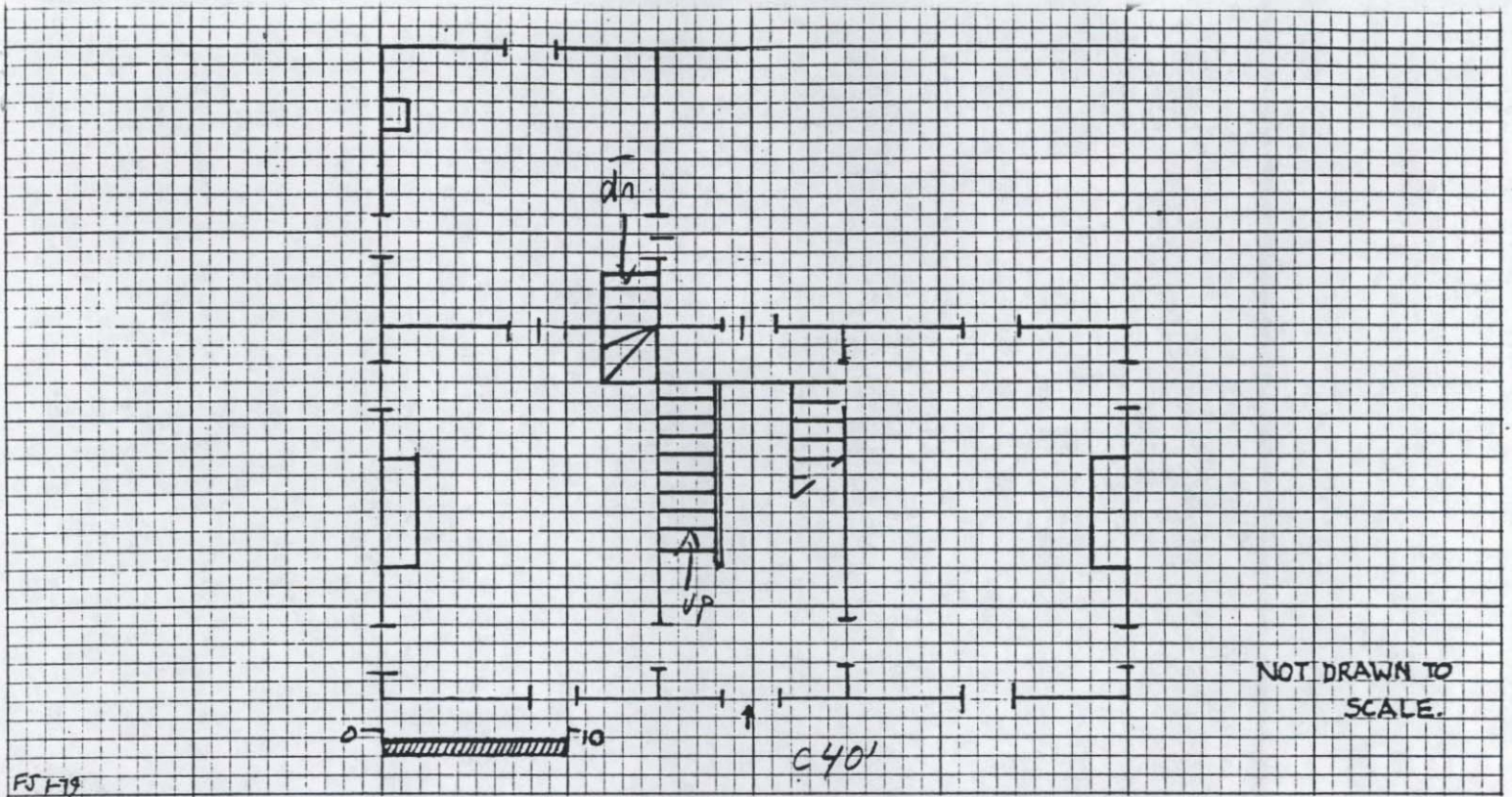
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Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)

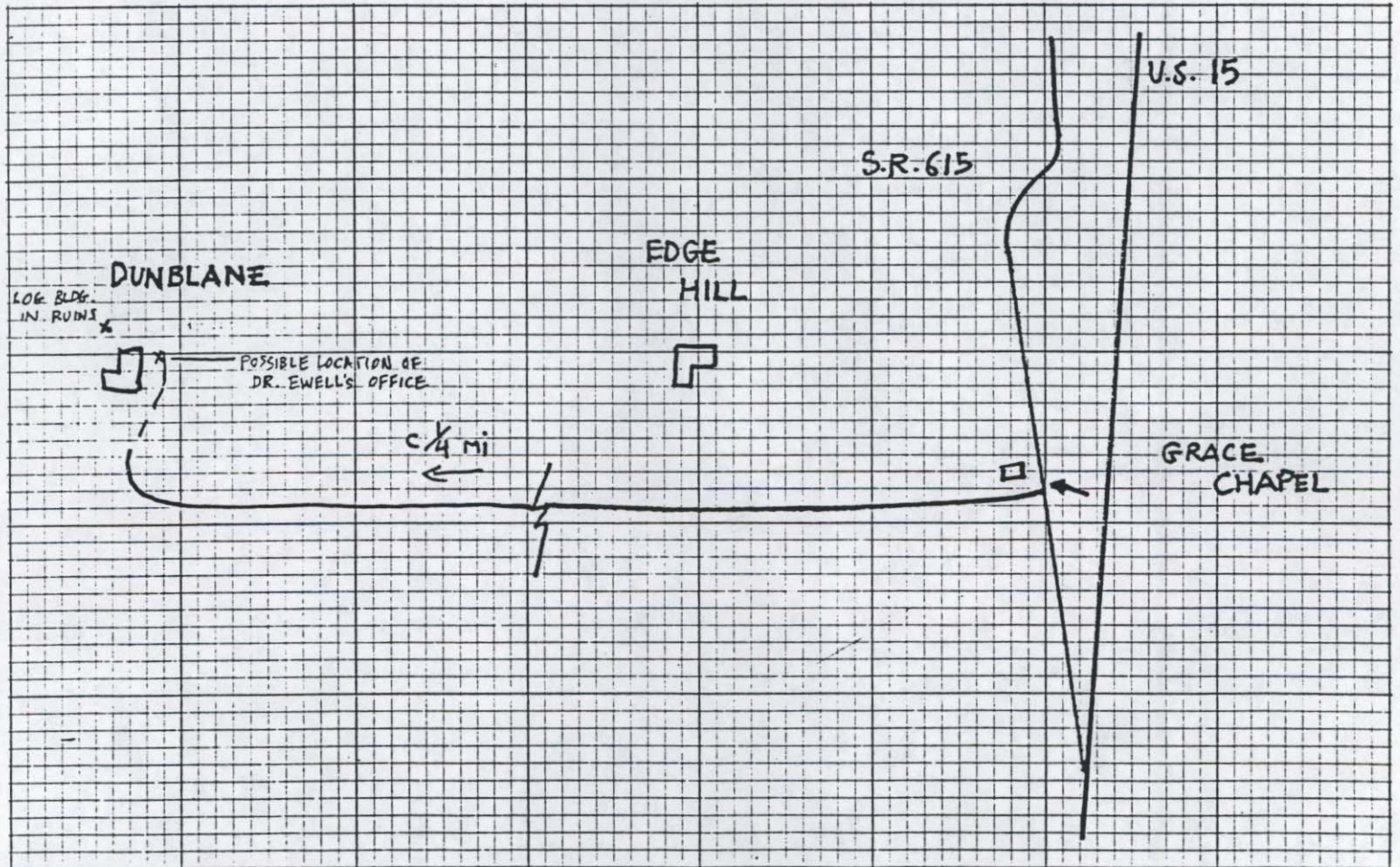


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)





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