



VIRGINIA *BURNED 1981*
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-85-3
Negative no(s). 4351, 4352

SURVEY FORM

Historic name	Edge Hill	Common name	
County/Town/City	Prince William Co.		
Street address or route number	Vic. 2400 Loudon Drive, Haymarket, Va.		
USGS Quad	Middleburg	Date or period	c1829, c1912
Original owner	Jesse Ewell	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use	Residence		
Present owner	Estate of Charlotte I. Ewell	Source of name	
Present owner address	c/o Jack Hutchison 1050 Loudon Dr.	Source of date	Published book, surveyor estimate
		Stories	2½
Present use	Not in use	Foundation and wall const'n	Stone foundation, frame walls
Acreage	c300 acres		

Roof type Gable, covered with metal

State condition of structure and environs House is in near ruins, having been abandoned for many years and severely vandalized. Outbuildings also in very poor condition. Very overgrown.
State potential threats to structure Further vandalism, arson, demolition.
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 earliest portion of this large house is a 3-bay, 2½ story, heavy timber constructed frame I-house A, with a central passage containing a staircase. House consisted of one room on either side of the entrance hall, three rooms on the second floor, and an open attic comprising a half story. House sat on a stone foundation with no basement. A stone and brick chimney on the exterior of the east side may have been matched by a similar chimney on the west, which would have been removed during the 20th century building phase and replaced with a stove flue.

The house was substantially enlarged in about 1912 by the addition of B, a 2½ story, 5-bay, frame section with full basement to the west side of the original house. This addition has its own stair and contains 2 brick stove flues. Windows and doors of the older portion were probably updated during this construction phase, as well as the porches on front and back. The house has also had two other additions: a 1-story shed roof addition C (demolished), containing bathroom plumbing fixtures and having a concrete foundation, on the west side of the new wing; and a small 1-story gable roof structure D off the north end of the new wing, evidently sheltering a well.

The whole house is covered with channeled siding, exposing 5" to the weather. Older portion probably has 5"-lap plain weatherboards underneath, evidenced by an exposed section on the 2d floor where the two parts were joined. Previously painted white. Shutter pins present, but shutters missing.

There are numerous outbuildings at Edge Hill, including several barns; a frame, 1-room servants' quarters(?); an ice house; and several sheds. In addition, there is a sizable family cemetery to the west of the main house containing approximately 15 graves.
Interior inspected?

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

The land that makes up the Edge Hill estate was within Carter Burwell's share of the Bull Run Tract. In 1784, Nathaniel Burwell, then owner, sold the 785-acre parcel to James Muschett. Thomas Briscoe then acquired the land. Jesse Ewell, known as Squire Ewell, a merchant in Dumfries, a justice, and a sheriff in Prince William, bought the land from Thomas Briscoe in 1829 and erected the earliest house there. Ewell named Edge Hill, it is said, after the novel written by James Ewell Heath, a relative. Ewell was 58 when he purchased this property and had been married to Mildred Beale for nearly 30 years.

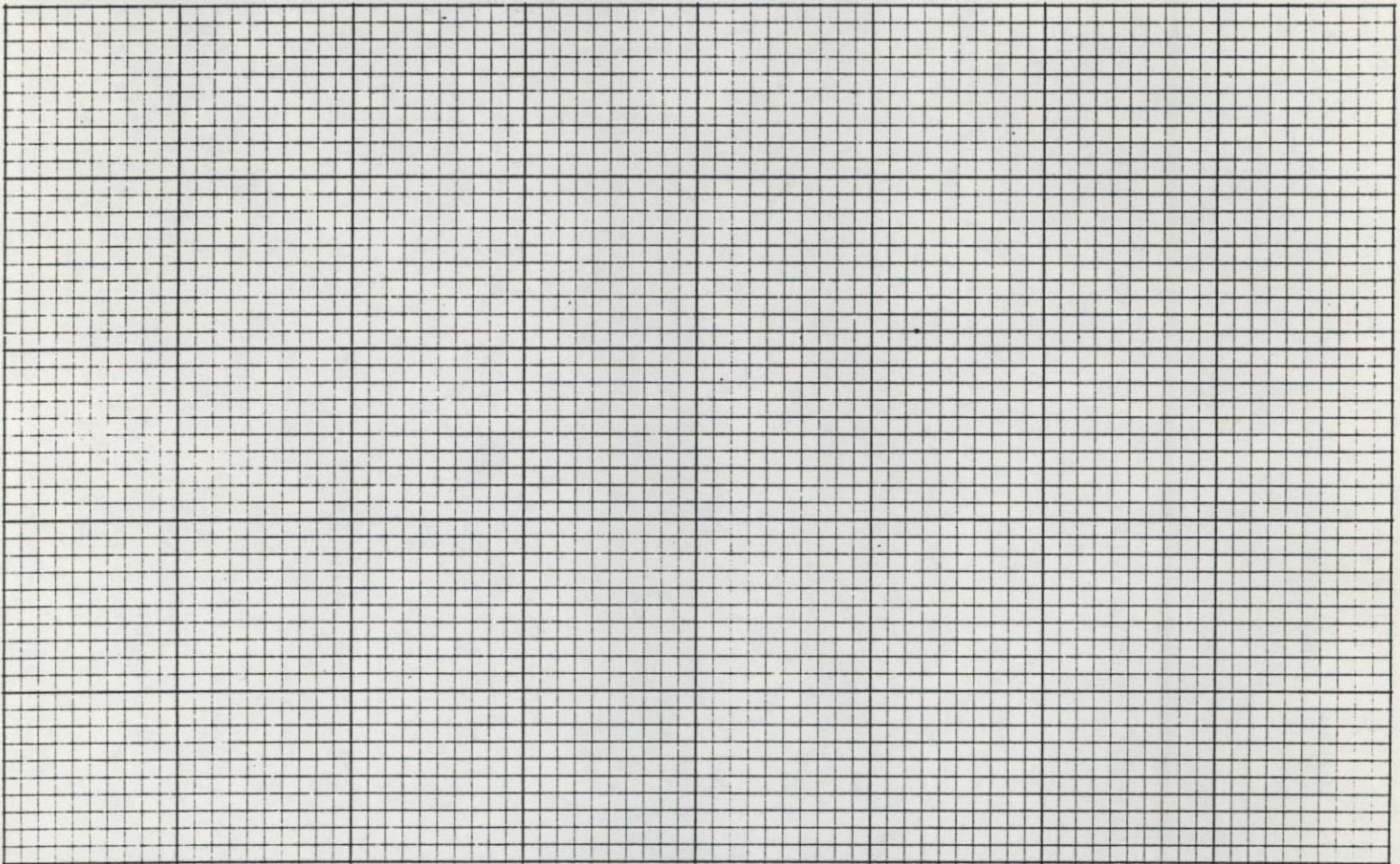
Edge Hill passed to John Smith Magruder Ewell, son of Dr. Jesse Ewell and grandson of Squire Ewell. Dr. Jesse Ewell and his wife Ellen lived at Dunblane (q.v.), a few hundred yards farther west. The house presently known as Dunblane is said to be a "reproduction" of the earlier Dunblane (a house similar to Edge Hill), built by Dr. Jesse Ewell in about 1830, which burned down in 1911.

Both Edge Hill and Dunblane are in ruinous condition because the estate of Charlotte I. Ewell, the property's last owner, has been tied up in court for over 20 years.

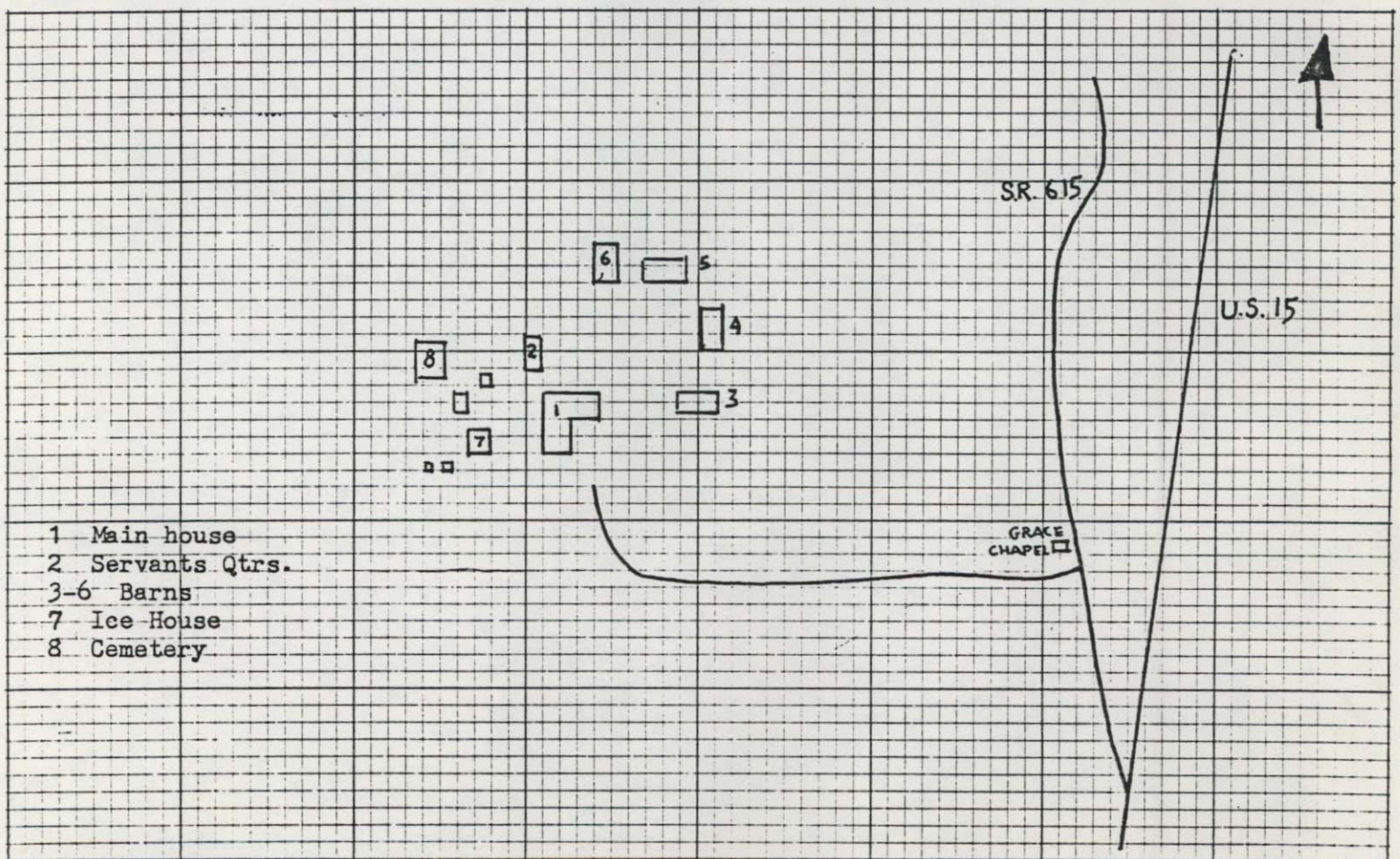
Sources and bibliography
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)
Prince William, The Story of Its People and Its Places (1941, 1961), pp. 194-195.
Alice Maude Ewell, A Virginia Scene, or Life in Old Prince William (1931).
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed .

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



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



- 1 Main house
- 2 Servants Qtrs.
- 3-6 Barns
- 7 Ice House
- 8 Cemetery

Name, address and title of recorder

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Date

1/9/79

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