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Subject: **FW: Need Assistance Request from PwcGov.org (Visitors - General Information - Show All - Rippon Lodge)**  
Date: July 2, 2007 4:17:19 PM EDT  
To: "Binning" <binning6042@comcast.net>

Margaret - A possible additon to our historic sites index: "Edgewood" aka "Neabsco."  
See message below.

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**From:** Wilson, Donald L  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 4:13 PM  
**To:** 'CLINE MILLS'  
**Subject:** RE: Need Assistance Request from PwcGov.org (Visitors - General Information - Show All - Rippon Lodge)

Mrs. Mills -

Mabel's mother, Sallie, should have been with her daughters in 1900 if she had been alive. The daughters were obviously living in the family home (Edgewood) at that time.

The mother was alive at the time her husband Milton Ish died in 1890, since she gave information for the death certificate. Her death does not appear in extant death certificates 1853-1896. Death information was not collected in Virginia between 1896 and 1912, so it is probable that Sallie died between 1896 and 1900. The 1901 map of Prince William County by W. H. Brown shows "Dr. Ish" as a housesite a short distance north of Rippon Lodge on the west side of Route 1.

Since there is no official record of the death of Sallie, here are some suggested substitutes: A newspaper obituary, family Bible record, or gravestone inscription. The personal property and land tax lists for that period might indicate what year she died, assuming she is listed as the head of household -- those lists are only available at the

Library of Virginia in Richmond. Estate records filed at the courthouse may determine her death date (the index to probate records shows no entry for her). I have not determined where the family is buried, though it could be on the home property.

Mabel R. Ish, age 31, was married to Lewis E. Strother on 26 Mar. 1907 in Prince William County. she was born in Prince William, dau. of M. A. and Sallie E. Ish. Lewis was 32, farmer, b. Fauquier Co., son of Alfred and Virginia Strother. The censuses of 1910 and 1920 show that they had no children.

In 1905, the Ish property was divided between Mabel and Pamela (at PWC Deed Book 35, p. 43, according to a later deed from Lewis Strother (1939, Deed Book 102, p. 314). In 1910 Pamela Ish, Mabel's sister, was living with her aunt Emma Atkinson in Washington, D.C. In 1930, Pamela is still in Washington, described as single, 46, b. Va., a clerk in the Treasury Dept.

From what I have found it appears that Mabel and Pamela did not have any children. So there are probably no living descendants of Milton and Sallie (ATKINSON) ISH.

Mabel died sometime between 1921 and 1926. (I could not find her death in the statewide index to death certificates, 1920-1929.) An obituary index to the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette (online at [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us)) shows that Louis [sic] Edward Strother died in 1945, his obituary published 24 Oct. 1945. We do not have access to that newspaper for that time period. Have not found an obituary for any other member of the family. (Most of our local newspapers before 1905 and during the 1920s are lost, and no mention is found in the Washington Post since 1877.) Perhaps Lewis' obituary will mention where he is buried, and that will probably be near his wife and inlaws. (Dr. Milton Ish served with the 1st and 17th Regiments of Virginia Infantry in the Confederate Army. The published regimental histories say he died at his home "**Neabsco.**" **Neabsco (the name of a stream nearby) is probably the original name of "Edgewood."**)

Sorry I can't do more.

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**From:** CLINE MILLS [mailto:[renamills1@msn.com](mailto:renamills1@msn.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2007 4:04 PM

**To:** Wilson, Donald L

**Subject:** Re: Need Assistance Request from PwcGov.org (Visitors - General Information - Show All - Rippon Lodge)

Mr. Wilson,

That does help a lot to explain a news article with no date a cousin sent me about someone visiting Rippon Lodge. I know when Milton Ish died, but have been unable to locate a death date for Sallie or Sarah, his wife. I do know she was alive in 1890 when Milton Ish died and cannot find her in 1900. Do you know of any county records that might help in my research to find when she died? My ancestor was Helen Atkinson Brown sister to Richard Atkinson and they inherited Rippon Lodge upon George Atkinson death in 1844. William Brown and Helen sold their share in 1849 and moved to Illinois. Richard is Sarah/Sallie's father and Mabel Ish's grandfather. Thank you so much for answering my e-mail. I am very interested in any information or stories I can find about Prince William County and my ancestors who lived there.

Rena Mills

----- Original Message -----**From:** Wilson, Donald L

**To:** renamills1@msn.com

**Cc:** Hanafin, Brendon C. ; Shannon, Tess

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 3:02 PM

**Subject:** FW: Need Assistance Request from PwcGov.org (Visitors - General Information - Show All - Rippon Lodge)

Mrs. Mills - Your question: "I'm interested in knowing if Mable Ish Strother lived on the property [Rippon Lodge] before it was sold in 1924." I am copying your question to Brendon Hanafin, the Historic Preservation Manager for Prince William County, whose agency manages Rippon Lodge today, in case he has additional information.

You didn't explain who Mable Ish Strother is, but I seem to have found her. In the 1900 census of Prince William County I find Mabel Ish, born Oct. 1875, living in Occoquan District with her sister Pamela, aunt Emma Atkinson (b. May 1856), and cousin Emmet Stonnell. [Family 107, from abstract by Ron Turner]

In the 1910 census we find Lewis E. Strother and his wife Mable R. (age 34), married 3 years, living in Occoquan District [family 123, from abstract by Ron Turner]

In 1920 they are still living in Occoquan District [family 250, from abstract by Ron Turner]

We have a description of Rippon Lodge written in 1921 for the Washington

Evening Star, by "The Rambler" (John Harry Shannon). [April 24, 1921, part 4, "The Rambler Writes of Ripon Lodge, One of the Very Old Homes of Virginia"] Quoting a bit of it:

"Some of the descendants of George Atkinson of Clifton, England, and Ripon, Va., live near Ripon at **a pretty place called Edgewood**, once a part of the Ripon Lodge property. Sallie, the oldest child of George Atkinson, married Dr. Milton Ish (If the Rambler can read his notes), of Loudoun county, and Dr. Ish built Edgewood. The daughter of Sallie Atkinson and Dr. Ish, Mrs. L. E. Strother is the owner of Edgewood. The Rambler stopped there for water and talked long with Mr. and Mrs. Strother [and others]."

Based on this entry, it appears that Mable Ish Strother lived next door to Rippon Lodge, and the land on which her home was located was formerly part of Rippon Lodge. Since the Atkinson family (her cousins) owned Rippon until after 1900, she undoubtedly visited the home many times. Mable Strother was deceased by 1926 when her husband sold some of the property she inherited.

Does this answer your question?

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From: Shannon, Tess On Behalf Of PWC Mail

Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:37 AM

To: Wilson, Donald L

Subject: FW: Need Assistance Request from PwcGov.org (Visitors - General Information - Show All - Rippon Lodge)

Would you please handle this request for assistance?

Thank you!

Tess Shannon  
Prince William County Government

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From: [webmaster@pwcgov.org](mailto:webmaster@pwcgov.org) [mailto:[webmaster@pwcgov.org](mailto:webmaster@pwcgov.org)]  
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Topic: General Information  
SubTopic: Show All  
Document: Rippon Lodge  
Date: 6/26/2007 8:00:28 PM

Message: I am a decendant of George Atkinson the first Atkinson to live at Rippon Lodge about 1820. His wife was Mary Elizabeth Bogess a decentant of Mary Lindsay Boggess of "Thhe Lindsay's of America. George died in 1844 and is buried at Rippon Lodge. The property was inheired by his son Richard and daughter Helen. Helen was married to William Brown in 1829 and her family sold the property to Richard her brother in 1849. Richard died in 1855 and his wife in 1857. Emmett Francis Atkinson a cousin and Verlinda Atkinson a aunt took the children to Alexandria and raised them. I'm interested in knowing if Mable Ish Strother lived on the property before it was sold in 1924.