

Ellen Veil
history

Located in western Prince William County on Chestnut Tick, close to the Loudoun - Prince William boundary, Ellen Veil ~~for the~~ Poland Place, has belonged to the Poland family since 1848, when John and Harriet Poland emigrated to Northern Virginia from Indiana. They purchased the property, then totaling about 100 acres, from Reuben Rogers. Rogers had inherited the property from his father, William Rogers.

According to the WPA guide to Prince William County, (in 1792)

William Rogers acquired the land from Martin Cockburn, owner of The Shelter, a neighboring farm during the late 18th century. The land which Rogers leased from Cockburn for an annual rental of 1,500 pounds of tobacco may originally have been part of

The Shelter. Under the rental agreement, Rogers was obligated to build a tenant house on the property. It is assumed that the oldest part of Ellen Veil, ^(the stone section) was built shortly after 1792, to fulfill that obligation.

Cockburn's heirs made a similar contract with the Fathams when Greenville, G.V., was separated from The Shelter in the early 1800s.

Ellen Veil was a successful ~~and large~~ dairy farm from the early 1900s to the 1930s, shipping large amounts of butter and cheese to Alexandria. The farm ceased operating in 1978. A fire in that year destroyed the large dairy barn northeast of the house.