



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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## SURVEY FORM

Historic name W.R. Gossom's Store/Gristmill & Hickory Grove Post Office Common name Hickory Grove Store & Post Office  
 County/Town/City Prince William County

Street address or route number 2408 Ingram Drive, Haymarket, Va. 22069

USGS Quad Middleburg 7.5 Date or period c1875, 1910

Original owner Thomas O. Taylor Architect/builder/craftsmen

Original use Post Office; general store; gristmill

Present owner Mrs. Elizabeth Wells Source of name

Present owner address 2408 Ingram Drive Source of date P.O. est. in Hickory Grove 1875

Haymarket, VA 22069 Stories 1½, 1

Present use Not in use. Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame construction.

Acreage 35 acres (including house and cheese factory) Roof type Gable and shed covered w/metal.

State condition of structure and environs Store and gristmill are in very deteriorated condition, having been exposed to the weather, stripped of anything of value and vandalized.

State potential threats to structure Neglect, lack of maintenance, vandals. Owner intends to demolish

Note any archaeological interest as bldg. may be too costly to repair.

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.)

Exterior: Located on the same 35 acres with the W.R. Gossom House, the store/gristmill and post office consist of a frame store (perhaps the original post office building), 1½ stories, with gable roof, and a 1-story gristmill addition with shed roof. Stone foundation, no basement. Metal roof, recently applied. Porch across front-poured concrete over stone. Exterior very weathered, but traces of white paint remain. Green trim. East, west, and south walls are clapboarded; north wall is int./ext. vertical tongue and groove siding. Front door of store: double door, board and batten. Doors, mill side: front--4-panel measuring 3'0" x 7'0"; back--batten door with strap hinges. Windows: sash-hung, panes missing except front gable: 6/6. Slight arch over store's door and windows. Store moved across Logmill Rd. in late 1930's. Part of store not moved and still standing on original site.

Interior: Store. Concrete floor. Walls, 4" wide vertical sheathing. Ceiling painted green, joists exposed. Long counters (15 x 2½ x 3 feet) on north and south walls. Stairway at back to attic/storage space. Window on front had vertical wooden bars spaced 4" apart. Location of post office?

Mill side. Walls unfinished; floor, wood; bins or hoppers along north side. Corn mill, manufactured in N. Wilksboro, N.C., sits on floor.

There is a capped well directly behind store.

Interior inspected? Yes

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

Hickory Grove is located about one mile north of the Hickory Grove Plantation, whose main house was built in the 1830's and named Hundred Oaks. In 1941 Hickory Grove was described in Prince William, Its People and Its Places as "a crossroads with a frame house, a store, and a cottage occupying three of the corners." This is still true, but while the frame house and cottage (which turns out to be made of logs) have been rehabilitated, the store remains in extremely bad condition.

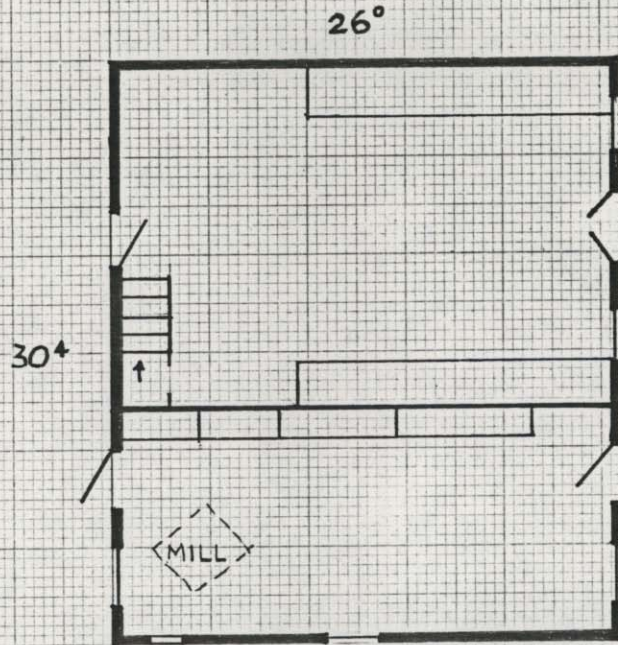
The Hickory Grove Post Office operated from 1875 to 1911, and the store was operated by W.R. Gossom from about 1925 to the 1940's. There was also a blacksmith shop on the site.

Other members of the Gossom family became storeowners, including W.T. Gossom, who operated a store and gristmill (q.v.) on Mountain Road; G.A. Gossom, whose store, though no longer operating, is located at Waterfall; and J.R. Gossom, whose hardware store is located in Haymarket.



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