



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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## SURVEY FORM

Historic name Greenville	Common name
County/Town/City	
Street address or route number 14004 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, Va.	
USGS Quad Arcola	Date or period 1828, 1841-44
Original owner Thomas Latham	Architect/builder/craftsmen Thomas Latham (1828 part); John Hitaffer ('40's part).
Original use Residence	Source of name Unknown.
Present owner Carroll H. Latham	Source of date Owners's records.
Present owner address 14204 Shelter La. Haymarket, Va.	Stories 2, 1½ (full basement under 2-story sec Foundation and wall const'n Sandstone, coursed and random rubble.
Present use Residence	Roof type Gable, metal-covered.
Acreage 202 Acres	

State condition of structure and environs Good condition. House is well taken care of and sits amidst a working farm.

State potential threats to structure None

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.)

Much of the original interior trim exists, including the mantels, 6-panel doors, windows, door and w. frames, and a small amount of chair-rail, though some woodwork has suffered from machine sanding.

House was built in two periods, the earlier (1828) portion on the east, and the later addition (1844) on the west. Note the difference in the treatment of the stone between the two sections--that on the west consists of roughly coursed rubble with a suggestion of quoins while the stonework on the east portion is laid random-style. Existing mortar may be a later restorative attempt. 1½ story frame kitchen.      Windows: 6/6 sash. There is a 6' high full basement under the house, (including the kitchen?).

Two recent additions to the house are a 16' x 32' one-story addition to the rear, containing a dining room and bedroom, and an 11' x 14' one-story office added onto the east end of the house.

The 1828 one-room up, one-room down house had a side passage with winding staircase opposite the entrance (see A-1).

Interior, Room A (living room). 15<sup>9</sup> x 21<sup>0</sup>. Fireplace has a simple mantel shelf, cornice, and frieze; raised stone hearth. A-2--Main entrance of 1828 house made smaller for window. A-3--Section of original chair-rail.

Room B (parlor). 14<sup>6</sup> x 15<sup>0</sup>. Mantel: Opening is surrounded by pilasters; moulded shelf, architrave; paneled fireboard. Double chimney closets with paneled, double doors flank the mantel.

Room C (passage). 8<sup>0</sup> x 15<sup>0</sup>. Stair: Open, winding with square newel and two square rails per stair.

Interior inspected?    Yes.

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

Greenville has always been occupied by members of the Latham family. The land was once included in large tract known as The Shelter, a 1,115 acre estate which was part of the Burwell portion of the Bull Run Tract. The Shelter was acquired from Samuel Beale in 1787 by Martin Cockburn. Cockburn left The Shelter to his wife's neice Rose Bronaugh. Rose Bronaugh and her husband John Bronaugh II left The Shelter to her daughter Mary Emily Bronaugh. She married William Bailey Tyler, from whom the father of Greenville's builder, Robert Latham, Sr., leased the land for farming. In 1828 Thomas Latham took over his father's lease and agreed to build the stonehouse that comprises the east end of the building. The contract to build the west end of the house was drawn up in 1841 between Thomas Latham and John Hitaffer of Fauquier County.

Greenville's present owner inherited the farm in 1957 from his father, Thomas Otis Latham. Thomas Otis Latham inherited the farm in 1908 from his father Robert Carroll. Later, Robert Carroll and his half-brother John Wilbur Latham received the Greenville portion of the farm from Thomas Latham. Earlier the farm had been divided, half, now known as Greenwood, going to a daughter. Robert Carroll and John Wilbur, recipients of the other half, which continued to be known as Greenville, were two sons of the first owner Thomas Latham.

Sources and bibliography

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

Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places (1941,1961), p. 182.

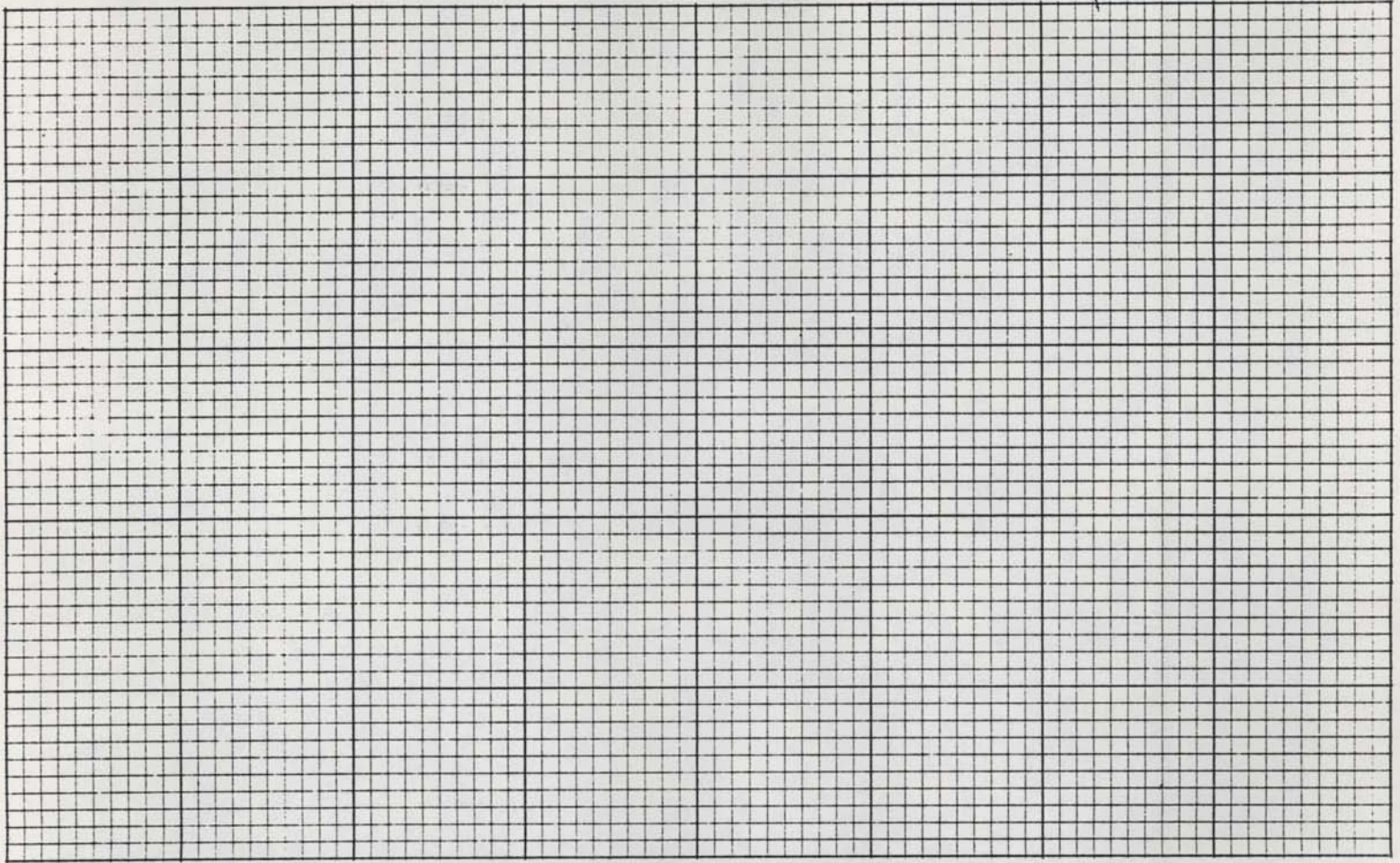
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Lease Agreement, 1827, between Thomas Latham and William B. Tyler; agreement, 1841, between Thomas Latham and John Hitaffer; wills showing title chain, all belonging to Carroll Latham.

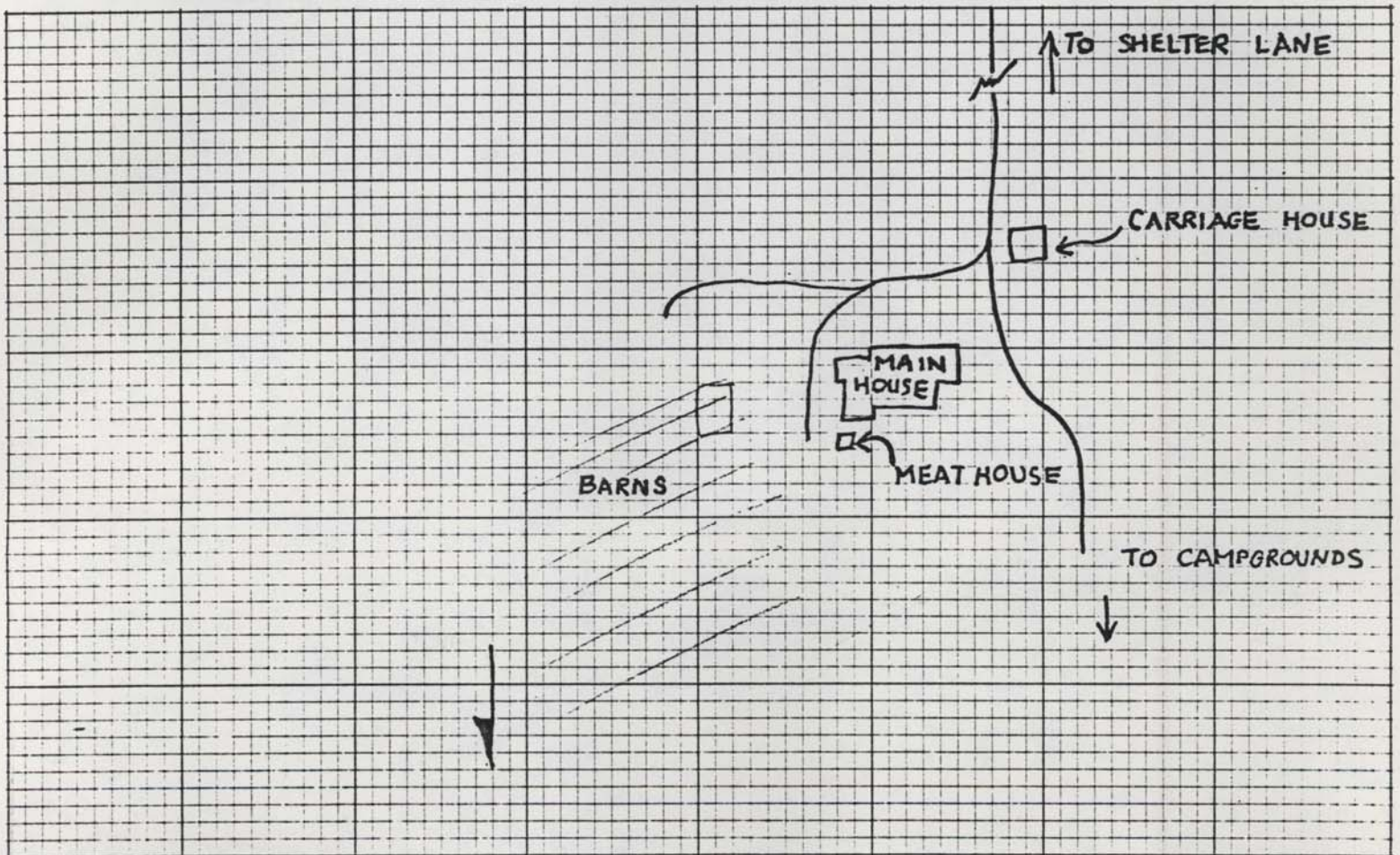
Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Carroll Latham, 14204 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, Va., Margaret Latham Everett, 14004 Shelter Lane.

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



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



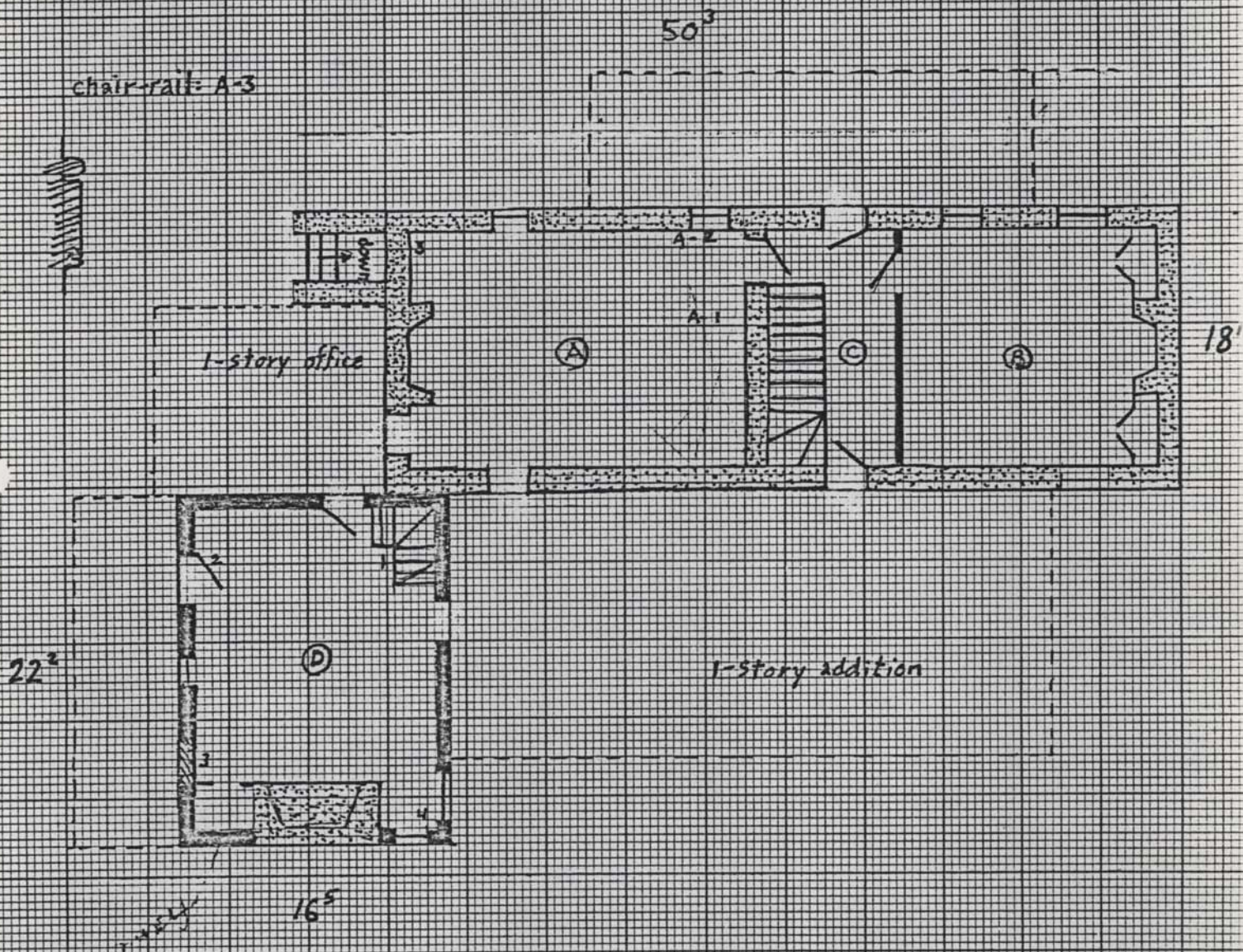
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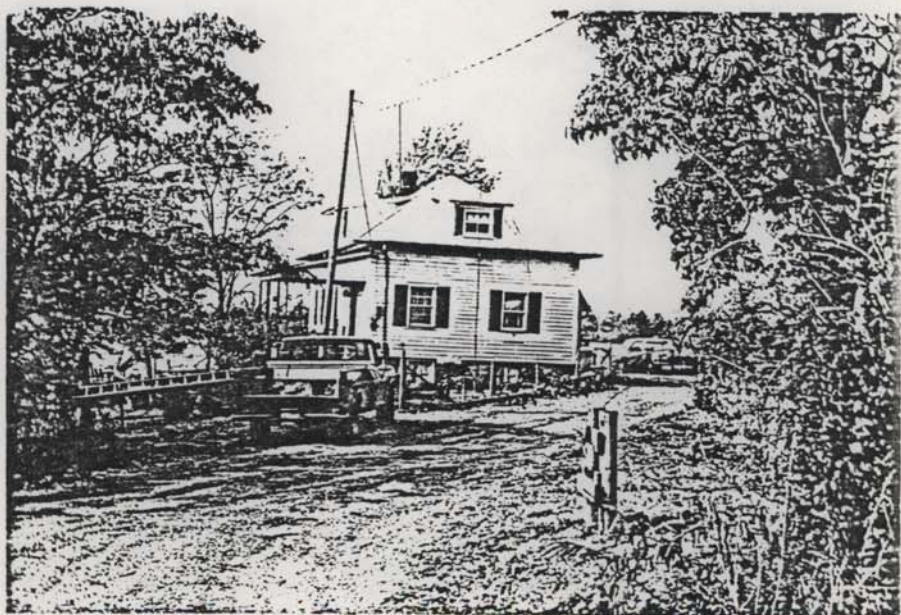
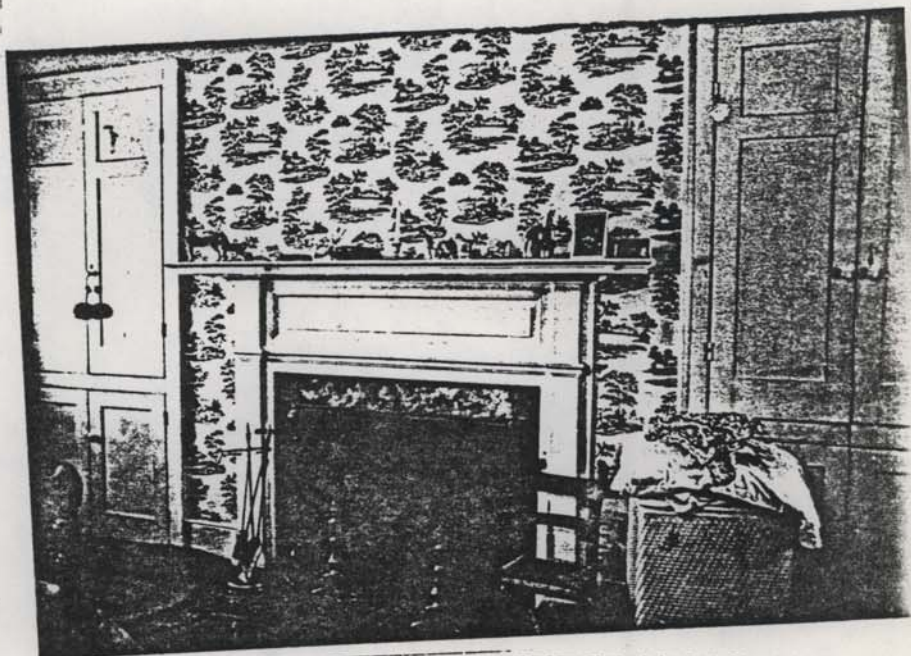
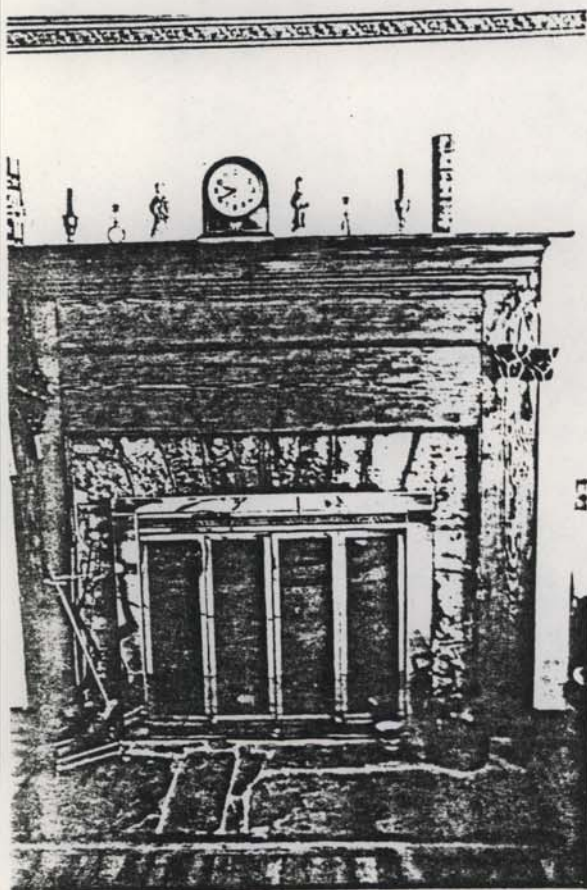
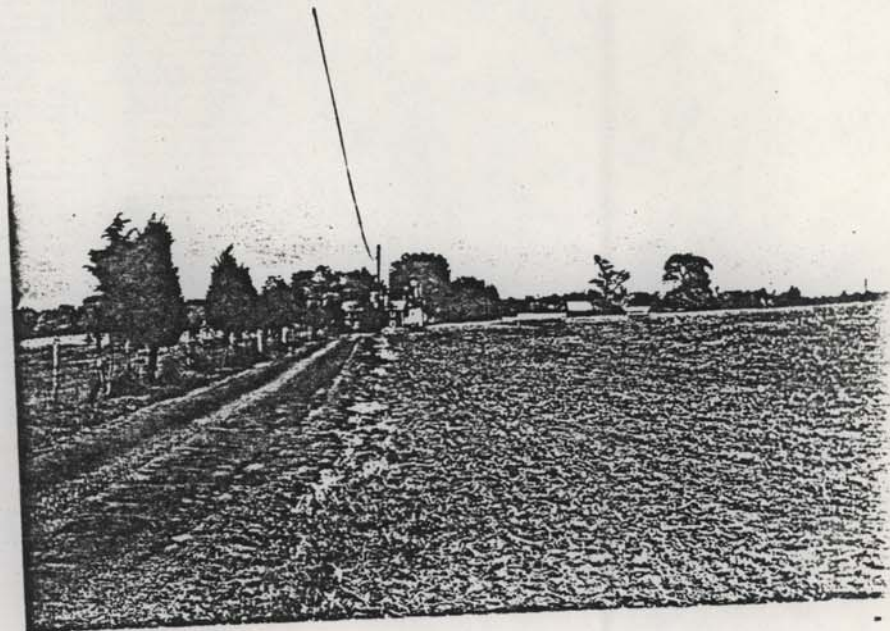
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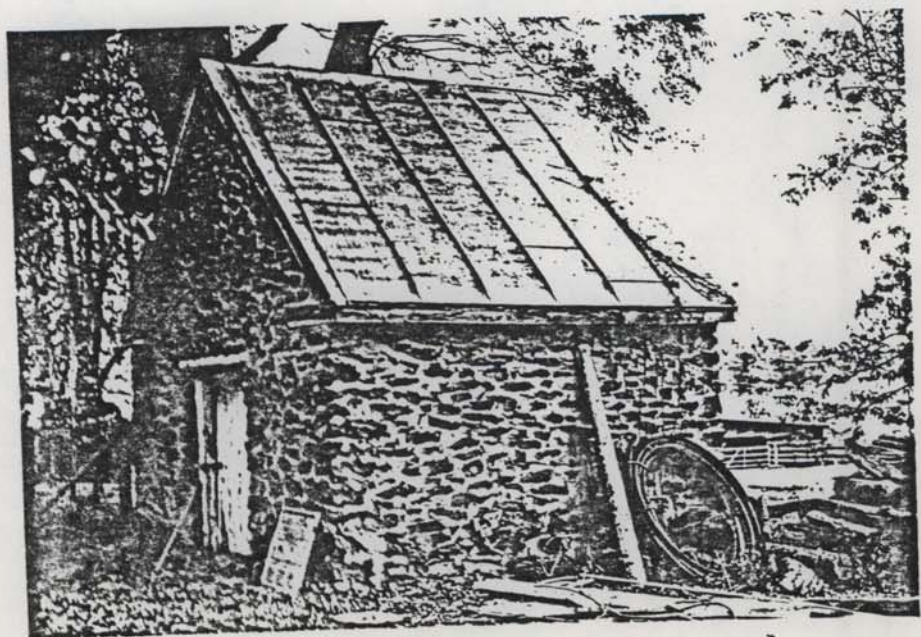
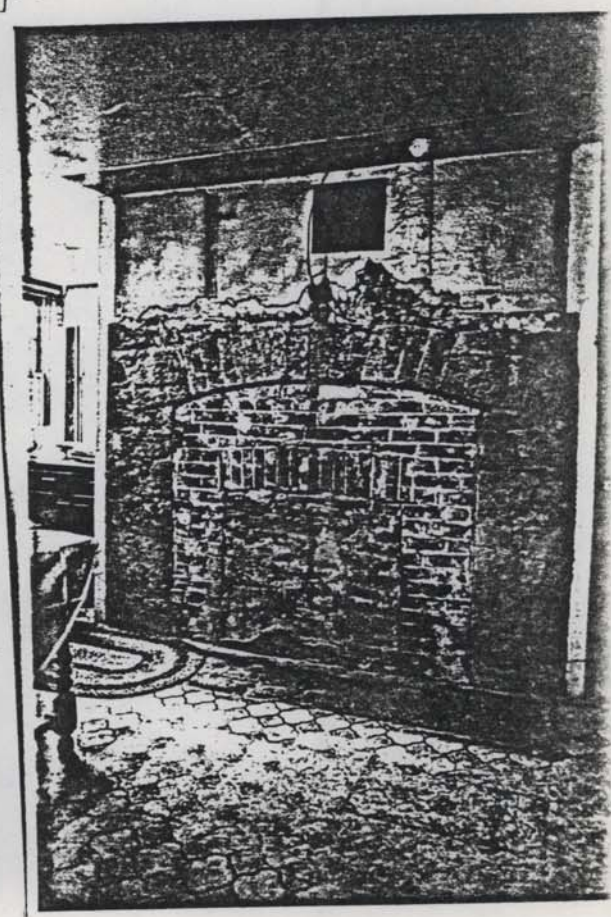
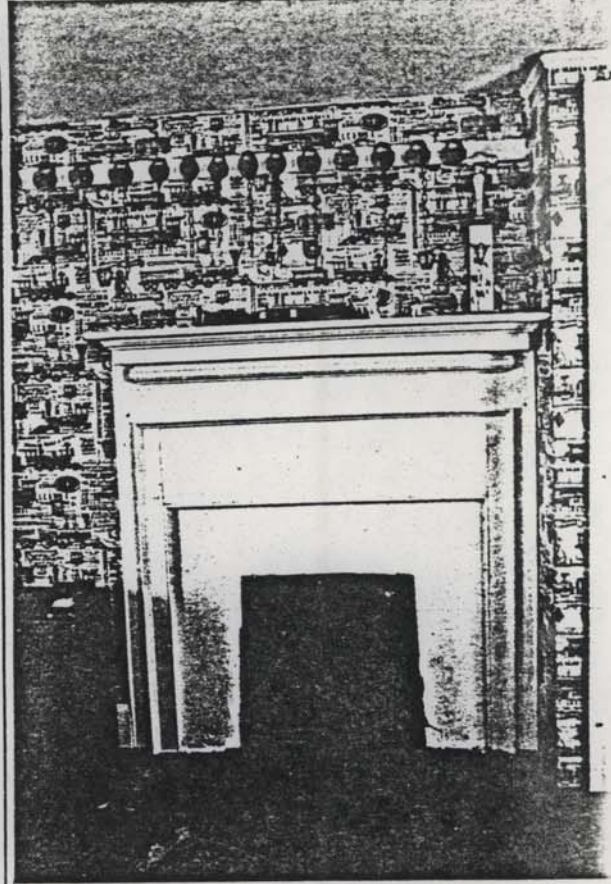
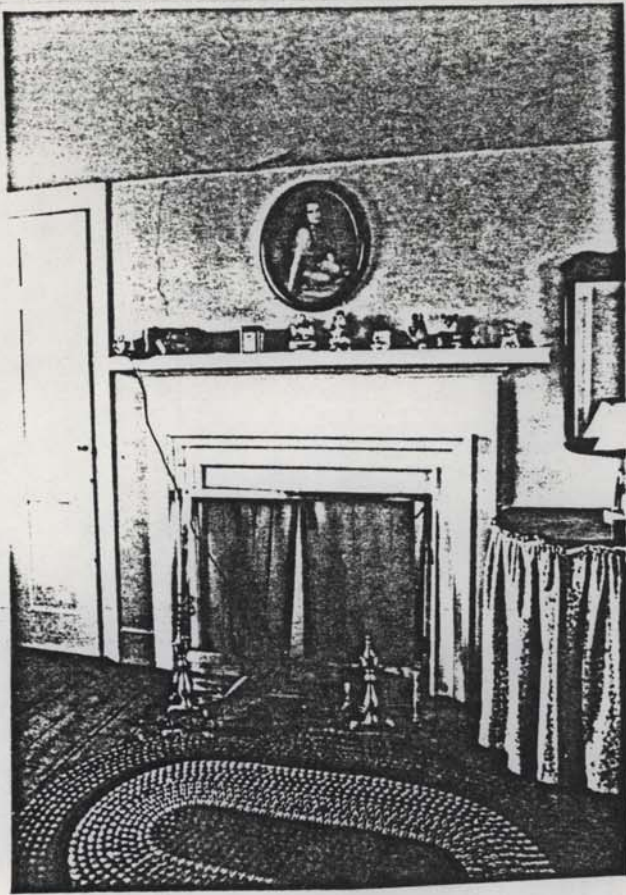
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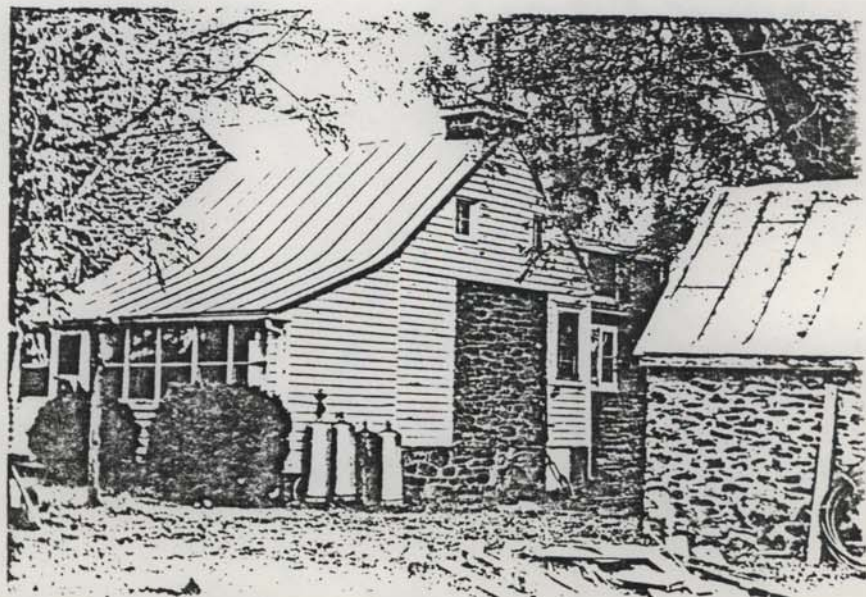
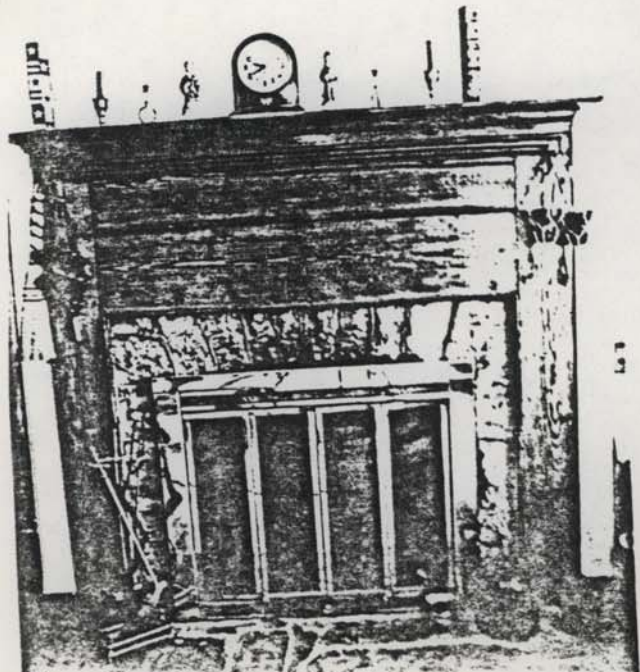
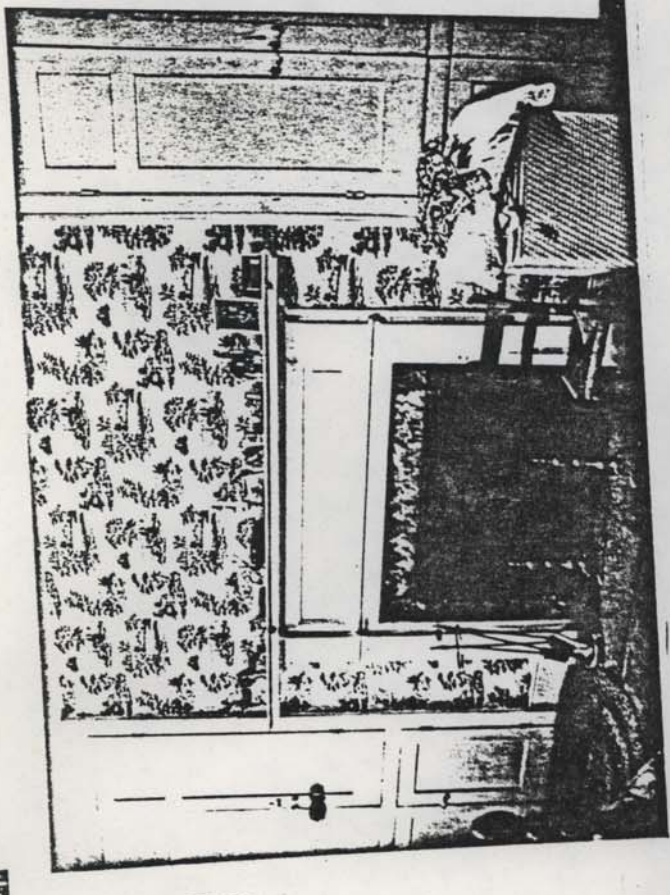
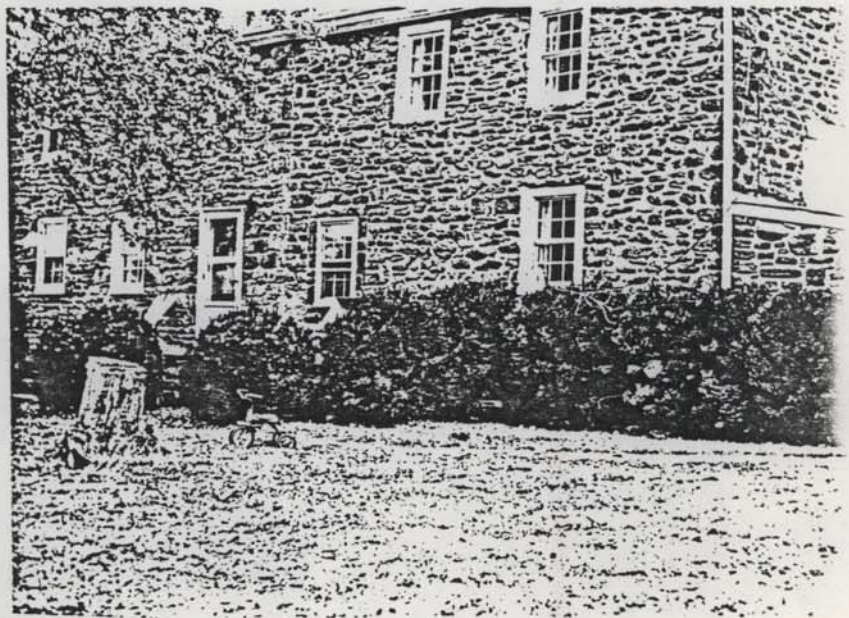
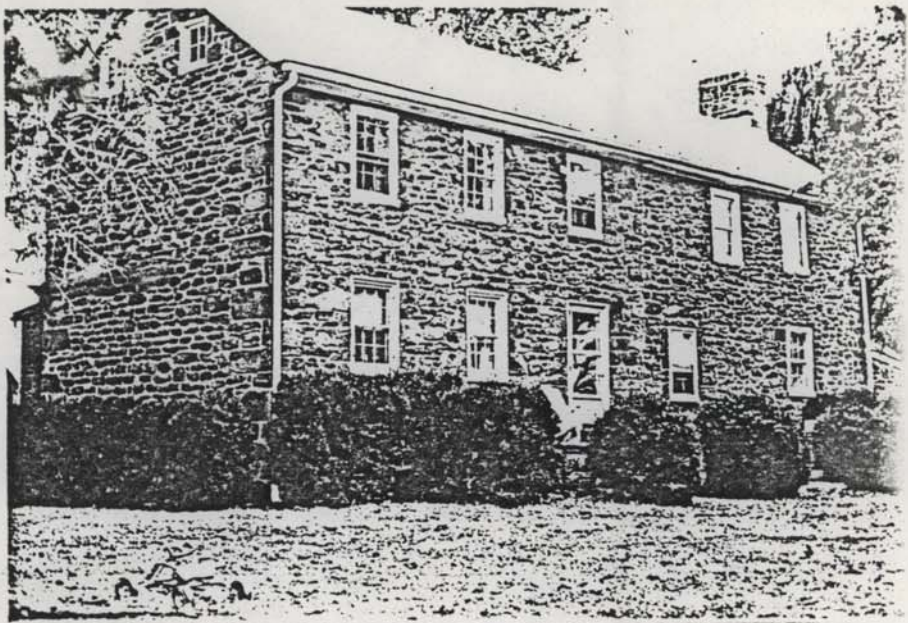
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Greenville (76-34), PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY









GREENVILLE FARM 1828 - 1978  
150 Years of History

Thomas Latham took over the lease his father, Robert Latham, Sr., had with William B. Tyler in 1828. Robert Latham was an Old School Baptist minister and was renting Greenville Farm in order to make a living. Also, in 1828, he gave up his Church at Halfway, Virginia, because of bad health. He died in 1833.

Thomas Latham signed a lease for 15 years on the 19th day of November, 1827, which would take effect January 1829. He would pay \$100.00 rent, plus sow four bushels of clover and two tons of Plaister, which, I think, was a fertilizer, each year. If the fields didn't need the seed, then he had to sow an additional ton of Plaister. He could only graze seven head of cattle, plus only enough horses to do the farm work.

In this same agreement, Thomas Latham agreed to build a stone house, 21 x 19 feet, two stories with a basement six feet deep. This is the east end of the main dwelling. William B. Tyler agreed to pay the sum of \$40.00 when the house was raised and covered and \$30.00 twelve months later if the house was completed. (Nov 1828)

November 3, 1837, Thomas Latham bought Greenville Farm which contained 280 acres for \$2800.00.

In August 1841, Thomas Latham signed an agreement with John Hitaffer of Fauquier County to build the new part of Greenville which is the west end of the two story stone house that also has a basement, for the sum of \$286.00.

Thomas Latham married in 1834 and had one girl and her mother died when she was 13 year old. Thomas, age 54, remarried in 1852 and his first son, Robert Carroll, was born in 1854. He then had twins - a boy and a girl, John Wilbur and Lucy Martin, born in 1857.

The farm was divided and he gave his first daughter who married a Gaines the farm that is nearest the campground which is named Greenwood and now owned by T.T. Smith.

Greenville was given to his two sons, Robert Carroll and John Wilbur. John Wilbur married and lived at Greenville until 1902 at which time my Grandfather, Robert Carroll, bought him out.

Robert Carroll gave the farm to his two oldest children, Thomas Otis and M. Elma Latham in October 1908. Thomas Otis had been farming Greenville since 1902 when his father bought it.

In 1951, Thomas Otis asked me, his youngest son, to come back to the farm and take over Greenville and by April 1952, I was living at Greenville. Then in 1958, I added on to the rear a 16 - 32 ft. one-story part with a 10-inch stone veneer. The stones have all come from the fields of Greenville Farm.

I farmed Greenville with my father and brother who lived at Snow Hill Farm until my father's death in 1957. I still tried to farm both farms but with my brother being disabled and blind, I had to give up Snow Hill for various reasons. The cattle business was very bad in the 1960s so, after ~~camping~~<sup>Hamilton</sup> with a square dance group, I decided that we had a nice place in the back 46 acres for trailers to park. At least it was wooded and all the places I had camped for square dances were out in the boiling hot sun and I had enough of that in the hayfields. The fall of 1966, I went to my County Supervisors for a permit to open a campground. Taking all the money I could borrow and doing most of the work myself, we had a bathhouse on June 24, 1967. Lake Fairfax had been cut back on campsites because of health reasons and they started sending me campers that day and by 10 p.m. that night, we had 42 units in the field as we had no sites cut out in the wood.

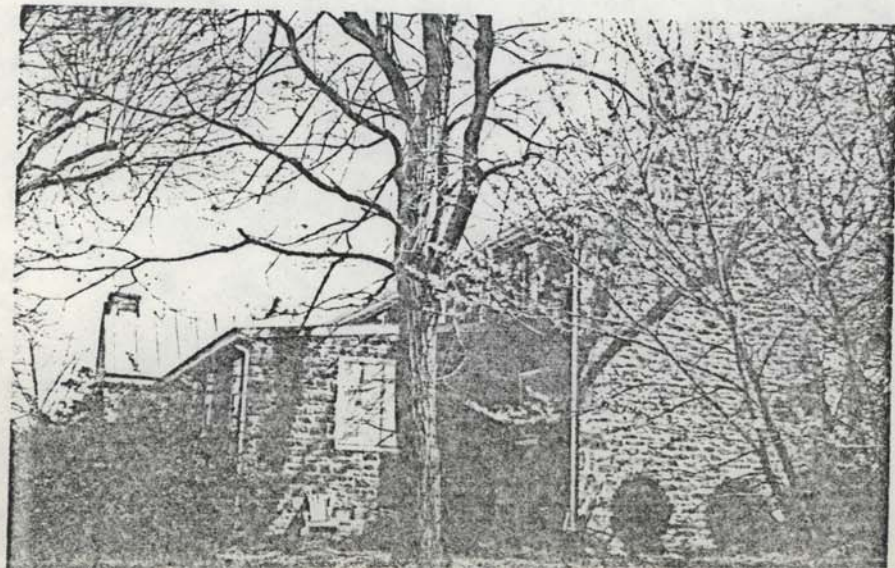
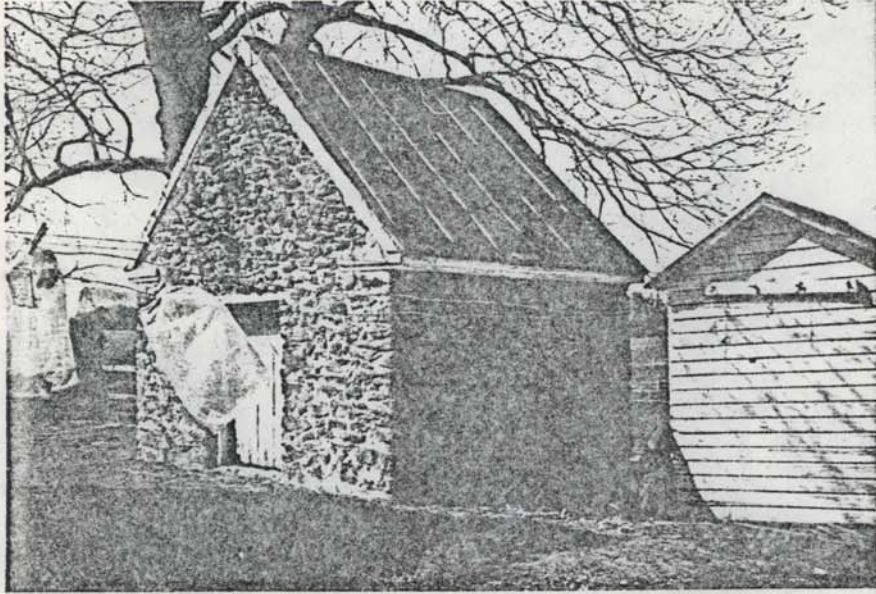
The interesting thing about Greenville Farm is that history has repeated itself here, as my first wife died leaving a daughter 18 years old and I then remarried in 1970 and have 2 sons and a daughter.

My daughter, Margaret Otobolene Latham, married Tim L. Everett and they now live in the stone house of Greenville. They have a son who is 4 months older than my oldest son and a daughter who is 4 months younger than my youngest son.

I build a new stone house in the far southwest corner of Greenville on what is known as Gypsum Hill in 1974 and moved in on April 7, 1975.

Written by

Carroll H. Latham



Date April 1969 File No. 76-34

Name GREENVILLE

Town \_\_\_\_\_

County Prince William

Photographer K. T. Read

Contents 2 ext. photos; 1 photo outbuilding.