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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Locust Bottom Common name Rollingwood Farm
County/Town/City Prince William County
Street address or route number 2520 Logmill Road, Haymarket, Va.
USGS Quad Middleburg Date or period 1790s; late 19th, early 20th c. addi-
Original owner Architect/builder/craftsmen tion.
Original use Residence Source of name
Present owner Dr. & Mrs. John Aldred Source of date Architectural evidence.
Present owner address 2520 Logmill Road Stories 2
Haymarket, Va. Foundation and wall const'n Brick and stone foundation,
brick & frame wall construction.
Present use Residence Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.
Acreage 450 acres

State condition of structure and environs Fair condition - some serious cracks in kitchen end wall;
dampness in basement has caused some rotting of timbers.

State potential threats to structure Deterioration, lack of maintenance.

Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes X 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.)

Original approach to house from south no longer used, and present approach by a private drive off Logmill Rd. (S.R.701) is toward the rear of the house.

The plan is unusual in the sense that the two windows opposite each other in the west rooms 1st and 2d floor, are placed flush with the west wall of the hall. This was done presumably to: 1) balance the fenestration of this 4-bay house, 2) make the formal room large enough and well-lighted, and 3) make the hall wide enough to accommodate the stairway and front and rear entrances.

There are two separate stairways to the 2d floor, one in the hall and the other in the east room or dining room. It is not known whether there has always been a passageway between the hall, 2d floor, and the room above the dining room, but if there was none, then the second stair would have been necessary.

House has good interior trim, including four Federal mantels, chair rail, and stairways. Wide plank floors are heavily worn. Original panel doors. Massive fireplace in kitchen has been blocked. Panels in cupboard in east room 1st floor described in People and Places have been removed, and mantle in west room, 1st floor, damaged by fire.

In the late 19th or early 20th century, the 2-story frame el containing one room per floor was made to the north side or rear of the house. The el has been covered with asphalt paper to simulate the brick on the main house. Frame, 20th century shed roof addition on south side of kitchen. A porch which, it is said, previously ran across the whole back of the house, was removed, and part of it was placed on the east side of the frame el. Windows, main house, probably changed at that time. Cont.

Interior inspected? Yes

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

Present owners acquired Locust Bottom in 1948 from Mrs. Henry (Eugenia) Latham, who received the property from her husband Henry Lynn Latham. Henry Latham inherited the property from his father, Robert Carroll Latham (1854-1909).

The land was probably part of Carter Burwell's portion of the Bull Run Tract granted to Robert "King" Carter in 1724. According to People and Places, Thomas Swann acquired the property in 1817, and James Green was a subsequent owner. Green was a brother of George Green who built LaGrange, a 4-bay brick house similar to this one, in 1790. One source says James Green built Locust Bottom, though it is not known whether that has always been its name.

Present owner, a veterinarian, operates a horse breeding and raising farm here, lives in a recently-constructed ranch-style house on the property, and rents Locust Bottom so as to keep it lived in.

Sources and bibliography

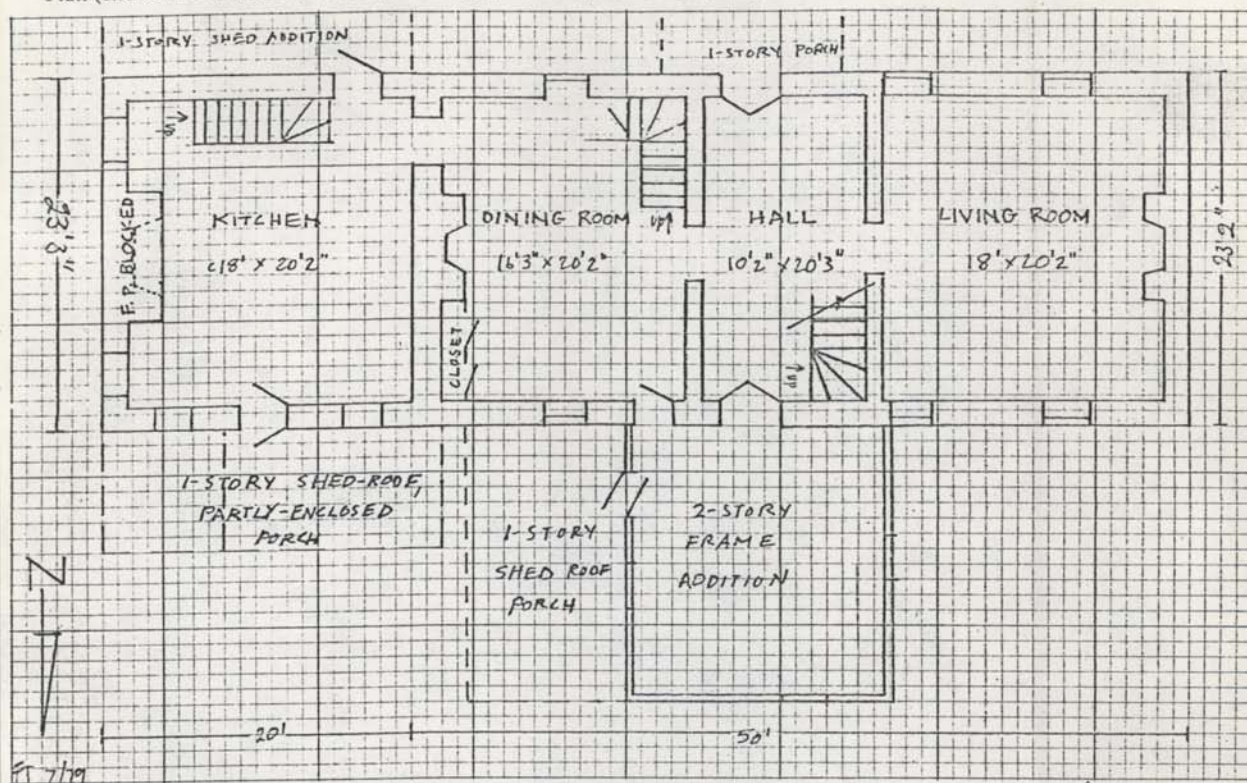
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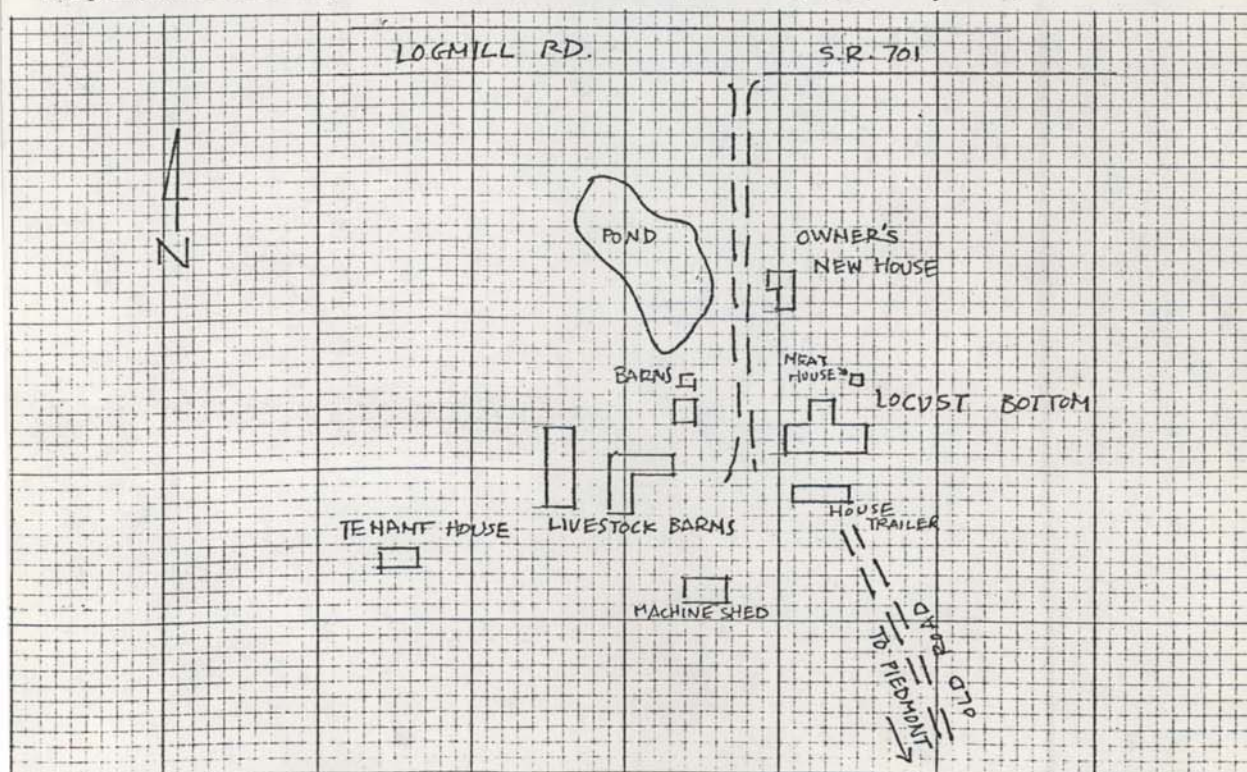
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Dr. & Mrs. Alred (owners); John Powell (Tenant); Francis Watson, 2908 Mountain Road, Haymarket, Va.

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



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



Name, address and title of recorder **Frances Jones, Architectural Historian - Surveyor, NV226**

Date

Architectural description continued.

Outbuildings consist of a meat house in ruins north of kitchen and numerous livestock barns and sheds. There is also a tenant house (20th c) and owner's modern rambler on property, in addition to a prefabricated house outside front of main house.

Grounds in immediate vicinity of house contain many old boxwoods. Fence encircles house.