



**VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Miller's House at Buckland	Common name
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number 7980 Buckland Mill Road, Gainesville, VA 22065	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period Early to mid-1800's, 1954
Original owner Unknown	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Russell A. & Helen K. Stuart	Source of name
Present owner address 7980 Buckland Mill Rd.	Source of date Architectural evidence; local history.
Gainesville, VA 22065	Stories 2 stories, 1 1/2 story.
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls.
Acreage 24 acres	
	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House and grounds in good condition.

State potential threats to structure

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.)

This is a two-story frame house built on top of and incorporating an earlier 1 1/2-story miller's house. The older house is concealed within the south end of the present house. The 1 1/2-story frame addition on the north end of the house and having an exterior stone chimney dates from the 1954 construction period. The brick chimney on the house's south end may in part be the earlier chimney for a fireplace in the older section. The older section was renovated in the 1950's when the big house was constructed. The trim, stairway, and mantels are reproductions or replacements to match the new construction.

Beside this house is Buckland Mill, a large, late 19th century, frame-constructed, three-story roller mill built in the vicinity of the site of a late 18th century grist mill and a later woolen mill, both erected on Broad Run by John Love, of Buckland's founding family. The present Buckland Mill was operated as a modern flour mill by George Calvert from about 1899 to 1919.

The presence of the old mill, the miller's house and the few scattered other houses in Buckland, all on the west side of, and overlooking, Broad Run, make a picturesque scene when viewed from U.S. 29-211 just before one crosses the Prince William-Fauquier County line, traveling west.

Interior inspected? Yes.

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

A part of this house may date to the 1790's when John Love erected a frame grist mill and dam on Broad Run, just west of where he established in 1797 the town of Buckland. Sometime after 1835 a large frame-built woolen mill was operating in Buckland downstream from the grist mill. This building, which was three stories high and measured 40x60 feet, was demolished in the 1890's, and some of its material was incorporated in the present late-19th century flour mill at Buckland.

According to one local historian, lot no. 1 as Buckland was laid out in 1797, belonged to the manager of the woolen factory, or in later years to the miller. The original log dwelling is supposedly incorporated in the present house, under the southeast end, but according to another source, the original miller's house is located in the 1 1/2-story wing on the northwest end of the present house.

The present owners acquired the property, including the house and late 19th century mill, on 24 acres in 1954. They purchased the property from Frank and Julia Woolfolk.

Sources and bibliography

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

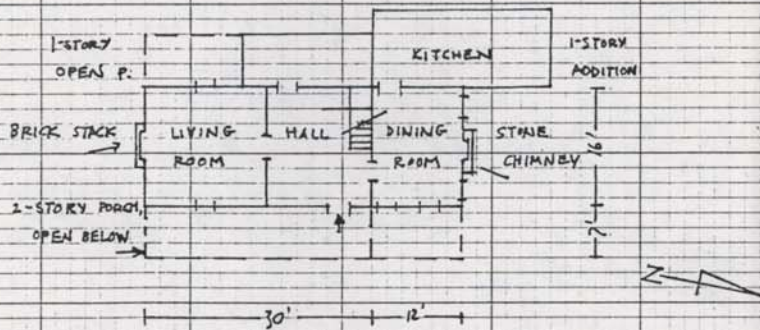
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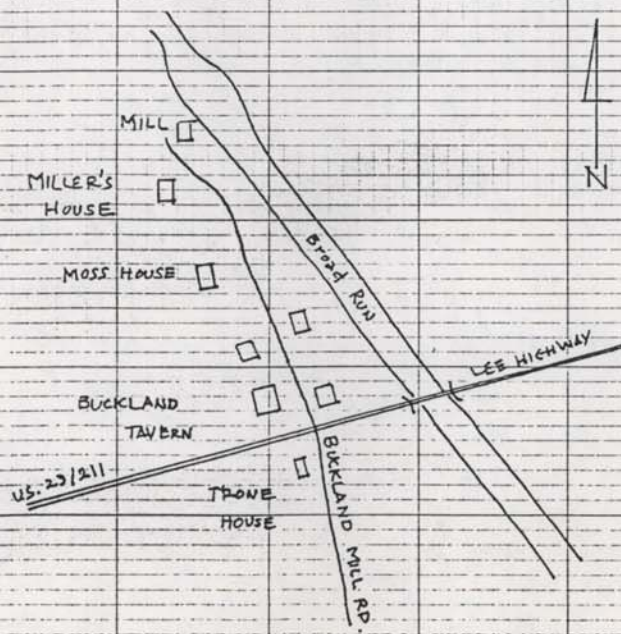
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. Stuart (owner)

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



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



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