



SURVEY FORM

Historic name Log House at Poplar Hill Common name Fosell House
 County/Town/City Prince William County
 Street address or route number .9 mi. south on private rd. off S.R. 601, vic. Waterfall
 USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap Date or period Mid-19th Century, with later changes
 Original owner William Foley? Enoch Foley? Architect/builder/craftsmen
 Original use Residence
 Present owner Irvin Payne, Jr. & Clarence R. Payne Source of name
 Present owner address c/o Clarence R. Payne Source of date Architectural Evidence
3505 Carlyn Springs Rd. Stories 2
 Present use Not in use. Bailey's Crossroads, VA Foundation and wall const'n
 Acreage 268 acres 22041 Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Building is in fair to poor condition. Environs are completely overgrown and trash-littered.
 State potential threats to structure Neglect, lack of maintenance, vandalism, arson.
 Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes no x

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.)

Located on the edge of a cornfield near Little Bull Run, about a mile south of S.R. 601 on a private road that is impassable by car is this small, 2-story, stucco-covered log house, built probably as a tenant house on the Foley plantation.

The house, measuring approximately 17' x 32', has a stucco exterior, applied to a wire grid attached to the logs. Plain trim around the doors and windows was apparently added when stucco was applied. A two-story gable-roofed porch runs part way across the front and has four square, makeshift columns. Downstairs are two rooms separated by an enclosed, winding box stair. The west room contains a stove flue and has walls and ceiling covered with wallboard. The east room is only partly covered with wallboard and contains a stone fireplace. The two rooms on the second floor are unfinished, and appear to have had white-washed walls. The roof rafters, rough-hewn poles, are joined in a half-lap or mortise and tenon joint. The 1st floor is piled with hay. Notching may be simple tenoned and half-lap

There is a single-hole privy behind the house. The yard is overgrown with walnut and other trees. A path leads from behind the house to Little Bull Run. There is a huge trash pile southeast of the house. There are no other structures on this property, although there are the ruins of a 20th century pole barn and a stone foundation, apparently the remains of old Poplar Hill (described in the WPA book), about 1/4 mi. northeast of this house. No trace could be found of a cemetery described in the WPA book, supposedly containing the graves of Whitings and Harrisons.

Interior inspected? yes

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

This estate, which originally contained 900 acres, was included in Robert "King" Carter's Bull Run Tract, and passed to Carter's grandson, Carter Burwell. Subsequent owners were Enoch Foley (1771-1863) and William Foley. The Whitings and the Harrisons also owned Poplar Hill. The farm now totals 268 acres.

In 1901, this house was occupied by Foleys; in 1904 the Fosells lived in the house.

The WPA guide to Prince William County notes that in 1904 a log cabin in Antioch which had been used as the first Antioch church was originally a school house on Poplar Hill, the Foley Plantation. Though there remains at least one log house in Antioch, and possibly a second (the church caretaker's house), it is believed that the log house referred to as the first Antioch Church was moved to Sully Plantation in Fairfax County.

Sources and bibliography

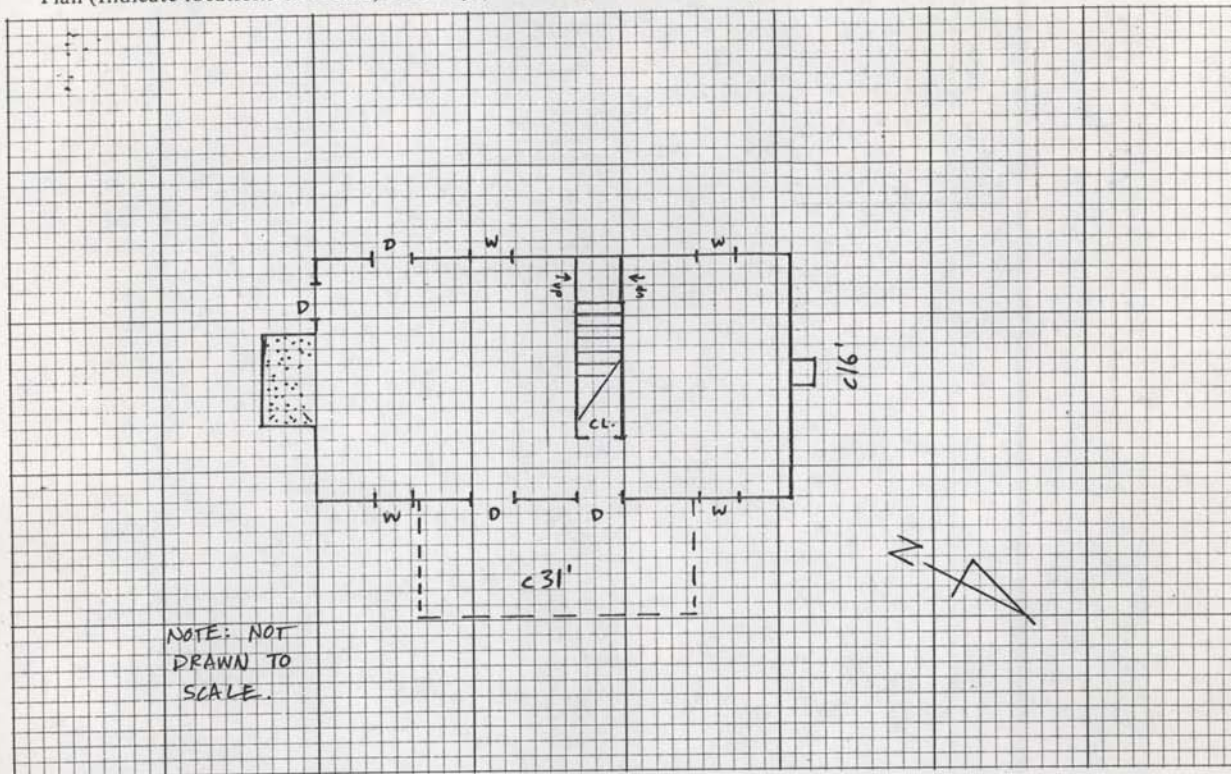
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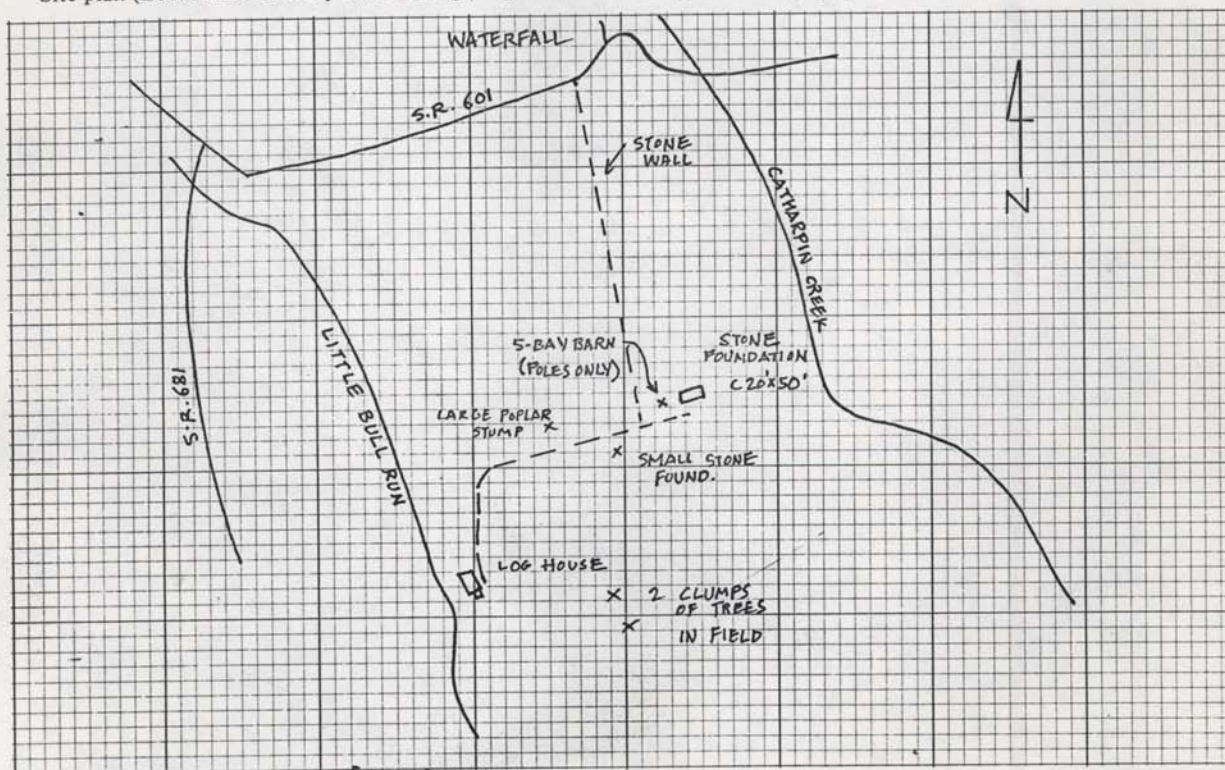
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Irvin Payne
5850 Leesburg Pike

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



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



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