

## VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Rolls House

County/Town/City Prince William County

Street address or route number 1237 Easy St., Woodbridge, Va. 22194
USGS Quad Occoquan
Date or period 1858

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Original owner William H. Rolls

Original use Residence

Present owner B. F. Jewell, Jr.

Present owner address P. O. Box 304

Woodbridge, Va. 22194

Present use Acreage

Residence c21 acres Common name Rolls-Jewell Log House

Architect/builder/craftsmen William H. Rolls (builder)

Source of name

Source of date present owner, architectural evidence.

Stories 12 stories

Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; log wall

construction.

Roof type Asphalt shingle-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs House and environs are in fair condition.

State potential threats to structure Commercial development.

Note any archaeological interest Referred to in a deed as "Marumsco Mill Tract". Present owner knows where Marumsco Mill, a grist and saw mill, was.

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 small  $l\frac{1}{2}$  story log and frame house has a log core and frame-built enclosed porches across both the front and rear. The brick exterior chimney on the northeast end has a square stack with a corbeled cap and only one set of stepped weatherings. The exterior siding is a combination of channeled siding and plain weatherboards. The pole-constructed gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The windows, 2/2 sliding sash, are surrounded with plain box trim. The house has single cornerboards and a plain cornice. The main entrance, on the northwest side, contains a batten door.

A wooden, single-beaded vertical board partition divides the two rooms on the first floor. The walls are covered with wallboard. The floors are medium-width pine, tongueand groove. There is an enclosed, winding stair along the center partition, leading to two bedrooms on the second floor. There is a mantel in the first floor northeast room. It consists of an architrave surround, a moulded shelf, and a recessed, paneled, moulded frieze. The opening has been bricked up, and the house is heated by two stoves. The kitchen and bathroom are in the one-story enclosed porch on the rear.

There are a garage and several sheds behind the house. The barn, now demolished, sat a few hundred yards northwest of the house.

The Marumsco Mill, with which this house was probably associated, was located west of the house on the creek.

Interior inspected? Yes.

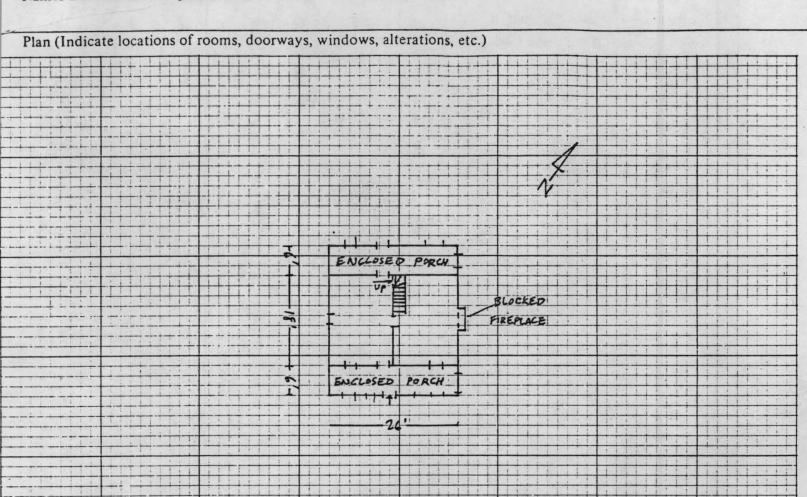
Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

In 1867 William H. Rolls phychased from Elizabeth Foster 25 acres in eastern Prince William known as the Marumsco Mill Tract. The parcel was bounded on the south and west by Marumsco Creek, and on the east by the old stage road. Rolls may already have owned land near Marumsco Creek prior to the 1867 purchase because the traditional date of this house's construction is 1858. In 1870 Rolls enlarged his holdings by 2 acres.

William Rolls was an uncle of the present owner, B. F. Jewell, Jr. Jewell came to live as a boy with his uncle in 1910 or 1912. In 1929, Jewell purchased the house and 8.4 acres from Sallie Jewell. In recent years, Mr. Jewell has sold all but the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres presently surrounding the house. Because the property overlooks U.S. 1 and is located in Woodbridge, it and the remaining house parcel have become valuable commercial property. Sources and bibliography
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)
May be the "Rawls" house on the 1901 map of Prince William County.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. Jewell, owner.



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

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