



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name W.R. Gossom's Cheese Factory & Common name Hickory Grove Cheese Factory & Gristmill
County/Town/City Gristmill

Street address or route number 2408 Ingram Dr., Haymarket, Va. 22069

USGS Quad Middleburg 7.5

Date or period Early 20th Century

Original owner W. R. Gossom

✓ Architect/builder/craftsmen Jack Hunt, builder.

Original use Cheese factory & gristmill

Present owner Mrs. Elizabeth Wells

Source of name

Present owner address 2408 Ingram Drive
Haymarket, VA 22069

Source of date Surveyor estimate

Stories 1½

Present use Storage building

Foundation and wall const'n Concrete; frame wall construction.

Acreage 35 acres (includes house & store)

Roof type Gable, shed with metal roof.

State condition of structure and environs Cheese factory and mill in fair condition--sills rotted out in places; 2nd floor weak.

State potential threats to structure Cost to rehabilitate may lead to demolition.

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.)

Exterior: This is a 1½ story, 5-bay, gable-roofed frame structure covered with channeled siding. Dimensions: 25' x 50'. There is a one-story shed roof addition c25' x 50' attached to the south side of the main building and used as an animal shelter.

Doors: a large metal-faced double door (swings out) in east gable end, or front. Five-panel door, left front. Windows: sash, 2/2. Concrete foundation. Heavy timber sills (very rotted in places) with half-lap joints at corners. Box cornice; corner boards. Once painted white with green trim. Windows along south side are covered with siding but are unusual in that they were only 12-15" tall, though normal width, and placed high on the building.

Interior: Unpartitioned except for a small section on the south wall that may have housed an office or heavy machinery. Ladder at l. center, no stair, to 2nd floor containing milling and cheesemaking equipment, including cheese molds, a large wooden vat, grain bins, and small milling machinery. J. Gossom says a stairway once went up the left side of main building, just behind the entrance.

Interior inspected? Yes

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

Cheese factory and milling operation owned and operated by W.R. Gossom and family. Established in about 1917 and known as the Hickory Grove Cooperative, the building which housed this enterprize may have been built on the foundation of an earlier mill owned by Thomas O. Taylor, and later R. T. Galleher.

Two kinds of cheese were made here, Longhorn and Daisy cheese. The cheese was sold at the store and delivered to customers on a regular route throughout this area, including places in Fauquier and Loudon Counties. Any surplus was trucked to Washington, D. C., for sale there.

According to Jim Gossom, the cheese-making operation usually required only two workers-- a man to make the cheese (Wilbur Brawner) and a man to weigh the milk and hand out receipts.

The Gossom children were employed in making the cheese boxes.

Elmer Thomas also made cheese.

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

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

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

R. Conner, III, Manassas Museum, Manassas, Va.; Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 2408 Ingram Dr., Haymarket, Va. 22069; Jim Gossom, Haymarket, Va.

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

Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)
See W. R. Gossom House (76-103) for site plan.

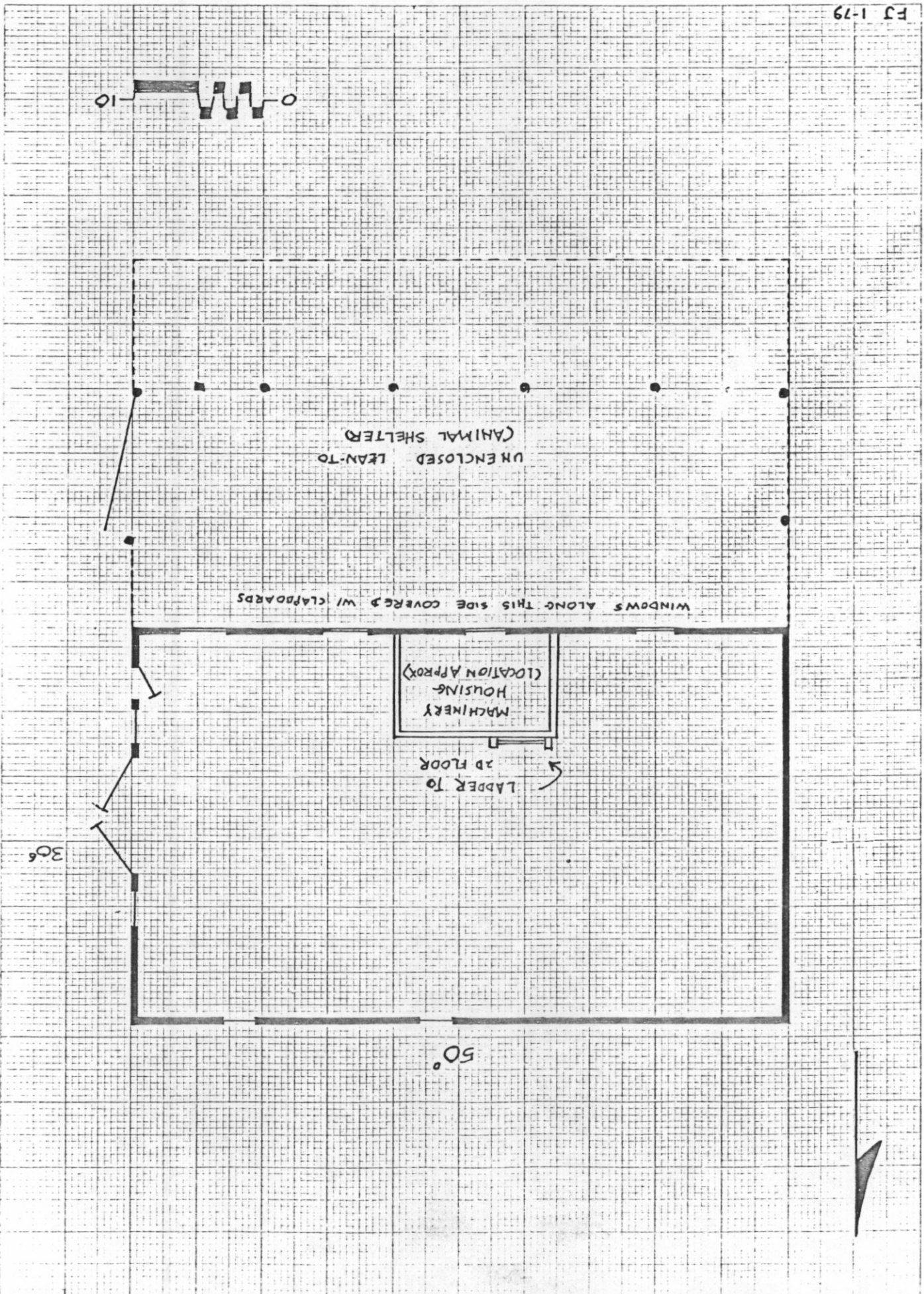
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20 Squares to the Inch