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Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Hall Cabin

Attachments: Tebbs, Daniel (1740).jpg

Rob - I did not find any reference to a house or parcel name in the tax lists for Samuel Haislip's property. The 1853 tax list has a specific column for that information, but was left blank in his case.

The record we have for "Flint Hill" is that it was the property of Henry C. Haislip in 1865 - 201.75 acres, 8 mi. NW [of Brentsville] on Broad Run. Henry and Samuel were close in age and were probably brothers. The 1850 census shows Henry C. Haislip was born ca. 1808, Samuel was born ca. 1811. Flint Hill was probably somewhere in the same vicinity, but was a separate property.

Continuing with the title search: I did not find a deed from Margaret Lee to Samuel Haislip, but I did find the following: 4 Nov. 1851. Samuel Haislip of Prince William County to Michael House of same, for \$16 paid, land on south side of Broad Run, part of a tract conveyed to Samuel Haislip by Margaret L[ee] by deed dated 16 Oct. 1838. Gives metes and bounds, mentions "a stone in the house lot," woodland, old field. 2 acres. Signed: Samuel Haislip [no wife's dower mentioned]. Witness: Wm. P. Hereford. [PWC Deed Book 21:400]

1851 land tax list:

HAISLIP, Samuel, 197 1/2 ac, [no parcel name], on Broad Run, 8 mi. W, \$9/ac, \$150 impr., \$1777.50 total, \$2.23 1/4 tax. (HAISLIP, Henry C., 201 3/4 ac, [no parcel name], on Broad Run, 8 mi. W, \$8/ac, \$150 impr, \$1416 total, \$1.70 tax.)

1852 land tax list:

HAISLIP, Samuel, 195 1/2 ac, on Broad Run, 8 W, \$9/ac, \$150 impr, \$1777.50 total, \$3.20 tax. "Reduced by deed to M. House."

The sequence of tax lists shows that improvements worth \$150 were put on the property between 1850 and 1851. Another \$100 in value was added to the buildings between 1853 and 1865 (have not pinpointed the time from intervening dates). It is possible that a rough one room cabin (assessed at no value) could have been located on the property prior to 1850. I am not familiar with the Hall Cabin, but suspect that it is not that crude. It has windows and a chimney doesn't it? Giving "improvements" a tangible assessment indicated some effort on the part of the owner to set up a homestead. The value of \$150 probably indicates more than one room. The deed in Nov. 1851 also suggests the presence of a house.

May 1st 1837 (116) [Prince William County Court Minutes 1833-1838, from Ron Turner's transcript at www.pwcvaabooks.com.]

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The preceding notes in the Court Minutes (or orders) appear to relate to previous transfers of the same property. Neither deed has survived. ("Land Records," 1835-1843, contains fragments of vandalized deed books 14, 15, 17 and 18, but they are far from complete.)

1838 land tax list:

HAISLIP, Samuel, of Lee, 197 1/2 ac, Broad Run, 6 NW, \$34/ac, no impr, \$6715 total, \$6.72 tax. "By deed from Marg'o Lee."

LEE, Margaret, of Thornsbury, 247 3/4 ac, Broad Run, 6 NW, \$34/ac, no impr, \$8423.50 total, \$8.43 tax. "By deed from Thornsbury & wife."

LANGYHER, Jacob, 177 3/4 ac, Broad Run, 6 NW, \$34/ac, \$10,000 impr, \$6043.50 total, \$6.03 tax. "Reduced by deed to Thornbury."

1837 land tax list:

LANGYHER, Jacob, 623 acres, Broad Run, 6 mi. NW, \$34/ac, \$10,500 impr, \$21,182 total, \$16.95 tax.
[He also owns several other parcels at different locations] I can't explain how after he sold 247 (or 197) acres, he was left with only 177 acres. Perhaps there were other sales not reflected here.

The Haislip tract appears to be part of a larger tract owned by Jacob Langyher. The \$10K in improvements represents one or both mills that Langyher owned on Broad Run, as well as his home. Being part of the Langyher property explains why the value per acre was set so high in 1838: It reflects the average value of the mill property. The parcel that Langyher sold in 1837 (and was immediately resold to Margaret Lee) had no improvements.

1831 land tax list:

LANGYHER, Jacob, 623 acres, Broad Run, 6 W, \$34/ac, \$10,500 impr, \$21182 total, \$14.95 tax.

1829 land tax list:

LANGYHER, Jacob, [same details], \$17.70 tax.

1828 land tax list:

LANGYHER, Jacob, [the 623 acre tract seems to be made up of the following parcels which are shown separately]:

221 ac, Broad Run, 6 W, \$10/ac, no impr, \$2210 total, \$1.77 tax.

118 ac, Broad Run, 6 W, \$100/ac, \$10,000 impr, \$11800 total, \$9.44 tax.

of Settle, 176 ac, Broad Run, 6 W, \$36/ac, \$5000 impr, \$6336 total, \$5.07 tax.

[The preceding line and the one above may represent two mills]

of Ewell, 81 ac, Broad Run, 6 W, \$10/ac, no impr, \$810 total, \$0.65 tax.

granted, 17 ac, Broad Run, 6 W, \$10/ac, no impr, \$170 total, \$0.14 tax.

He also owned some other properties. The above tracts total 613 acres, if I added right.

I have no easy way of determining which of the above tracts contains the Haislip parcel, other than we can eliminate the parcels with improvements. The boundaries and ownership of each parcel may need to be determined before we will know the earlier history. The 221 acre parcel seems the best place to start.

The best I can do with land grants is: the Haislip parcel seems to be within the area of a grant made to Daniel TEBBS Jr. in 1740. {Northern Neck Grants E:92, online at www.lva.lib.va.us, click on What We Have, Land Records, Virginia Land Grant.]

Will attach a JPG of the land grants around this area, a tentative construction made by our volunteer Charlotte Cain.



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That's all for now.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Orrison, Rob
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Subject: RE: Hall Cabin

Don -

I forgot to ask, in many records the Haislip's are mentioned to have a family farm called "Flint Hill". Samuel's daughter, Anna Haislip, passed away there in 1870 at the age of 23. Since Anna was Samuel's daughter, and Samuel owned our building in the 1850-1853 period, what do you think the odds are that our log house was "Flint Hill"? My only other thought is that maybe they had moved out of that house by the time of Anna's death in 1870. I only bring this up because I have seen the farm "Flint Hill" pop up a lot in area records and history. It would be nice if we could connect our building to that farm name.

Thanks again for all your help!
-Rob

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From: Wilson, Donald L
Sent: Mon 3/17/2008 6:49 PM
To: Orrison, Rob
Subject: FW: Hall Cabin

Rob - The hardest properties to get accurate title information on are lots that are part of big developments in which several (or many) parcels were combined.

The property in question is within the Dunbarton community. Fortunately there was a note on the Assessment card for that address (12910 Fetlar Way, Bristow; GPIN 7495-56-2184) that allows us to jump backwards:

PUBLIC NOTES Subdivide Information 4/26/00 PT OF ACCT# 97953 MAP# 93-1-18A GPIN# 7495-75-4872 PER DD & SUBDIVISION DB 2883-1007 PLAT. 8/15/02 RERECORDED DEED INSTR# 20 0208150105160 TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION. We can follow the Tax Map Number (93-1-18A) on the pre-2000 microfiche we have of real estate assessments.

1990 real estate fiche:

93-1-18A, TRI Land Inc., 12604 Vint Hill Road, 574 acres [description of the parcel at that time], transfers:

12/88 [Deed Book] 1625:1037

12/87 1520:1933. (Vacant land.)

Unfortunately, the notes above were misleading. The property in question did not really fall within lot 18A on tax map 93.

By studying the location of the above lot on a real estate atlas for 1987 I determined that it actually fell within lot 23 on tax map 104. (104-1-23). The microfiche of real estate owners in 1983 showed it was the property of Fred A. and Mildred Chalupsky of Chattanooga, Tenn. The property address was 13030 Vint Hill Road, 195.50 acres, active farm with residence, improvements worth \$46,000. Year built given as 1924. Deed Book reference: 272:302.

Using that information I was able to trace ownership backward, some of which information you appear to already have.

1961 - 272:302. Lloyd H. Dalton Jr. and Marjorie S. his wife to Fred A. and Mildred Chalupsky, 195 1/2 acres.

1950 - 147:194. William V. Spitzer and wife Ada, Lou A. Foster and wife Inez O. to Lloyd H. Dalton. Includes roadway from Cummett's Store into the land.

1946 - 123:172. Stanley A. Owens, special commissioner, to Spitzer and Foster, 195 1/2 ac. Being land conveyed to the late Edward Hansborough and Mackall T. Hansborough in 1930. (Mackall Hansborough conveyed his half to Edward Hansborough in 1931, 93:23) 195 1/2 acres.

1930 - 88:48. Thomas H. Lion, special commissioner, and John W. Hall, widower, to Edward and Mackall Hansborough. (See Chancery case, Feb. term 1930, John W. Hall vs. Maude M. Lester and Ed Lester) Same land was conveyed to John W. Hall by Samuel Haislip by deed, 1882, 33:357. (Also found reference in Deeds index. Do not have access to 1882 deed -- at courthouse.)

1885 land tax list, 1st District:

Hall, John W., 195 acres on Broad Run, 7 miles NW [of Brentsville], worth \$5/acre, \$250 improvements, \$975 total value, taxes \$2.93 and \$0.98.

1882 land tax list:

Haislip, Samuel, 195 acres on Broad Run, 7 miles W, worth \$5/acre, \$250 impr, \$975 total, \$3.90 tax.

1878 land tax list:

Haislip, Samuel, 195 ac on Broad Run, W7, \$8/ac, \$250 impr, \$1560 total, \$7.80 tax.

1870 land tax list:

Haislip, Samuel, 195 1/2 ac on Broad Run, NW8, \$10/ac, \$250 impr, \$1955 total, \$9.78 and \$4.30 taxes.

1865 land tax list:

Haislip, Samuel, 195 1/2 ac on Broad Run, NW8, \$10/ac, \$250 impr, \$1955 total, \$3.98 tax.

[1865 list is useful for identifying destroyed buildings. Nothing destroyed on this property.]

1853 land tax list:

Haislip, Samuel, 195 1/2 ac. on Broad Run, 8W, \$9/ac, \$150 impr, \$1769 total, \$3.53 tax.
 (Samuel Haislip to Michael House, Deed, Book 21:44. Have not seen that deed, might explain the change in acreage.) 1850 land tax list:
 Haislip, Samuel, 197 1/2 ac on Broad Run, 8 mi W, \$3.75/ac, no impr., \$740 total, \$0.74 tax. [This appears to show that Samuel Haislip's house was built between 1850 and 1853. The 1851 and '52 lists will narrow the date.] 1849, 1847 same. (1847 says 8 mi. NW)
 1843 land tax list:
 Haislip, Samuel, 197 1/2 ac, Broad Run, 8 m N, \$3.75/ac, no impr, \$740.63 total, \$1.11 tax.
 1839 land tax list:
 Haislip, Samuel, 197 1/2 ac, Broad Run, 8 mi N, \$34/ac [sic, old assessment], no impr; \$3/ac [new assessment], no impr, total \$592.50. [Properties were revalued in 1839 due to the nationwide financial panic.]
 1839 land tax list [before the reassessment] Haislip, Samuel, of Lee [=conveyed from Lee], 197 1/2 ac, Broad Run, 6 mi NW, \$34/ac, no impr, \$6715 total, \$6.72 tax.
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 Lee, Margaret, of Thornsbery, 247 3/4 ac, Broad Run, 6 NW, \$34/ac, no impr, \$8423.50 total, \$8.43 tax. "By deed from Thornsbery & wife." [Have not determined if this is the same as the grantor to Haislip, but believe it may be based on the value per acre and the location. She must have had some additional land.]
 1837 May 1. An indenture between Daniel Thornberry & wife and Margaret Lee of the 2nd part ordered to be recorded. [PWC Court Minutes, from Ron Turner's transcript, on his website. www.pwcvaabooks.com. [Not sure if the deed has survived -- Will have to check later.] That's all I have time for, for now.
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From: Orrison, Rob
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 Subject:

Hi Don, this is Rob over at Brentsville. We are just about finished with the restoration of our "Hall Cabin" and I have been stuck in the process of researching its original owners and possible construction date. The hardest part was to find out where it came from! I was not here when it was moved in 2000 and oddly there were no files in any of the County records on its location. With Justin's help, I believe we have found it in a 1998 aerial of the County. I knew all along it was in the Braemar development, just wasn't sure which part. I have had much help in this process, from Justin to Becky Cummins and Elaine Yankey. It has been a fun but frustrating project! I do believe now that I know where the structure came from, but now I am having issues doing the Deed search. I was wondering if you or anyone on your staff might have a few minutes to help us out.

The building has always been referred to as a the Hall Cabin, but that is a misnomer. For one, its more of a log house than a cabin and secondly I believe John Hall nor his family never built the building, but more likely it came through his wife's family, the Haislips. As we finish the restoration work, I would like to have a better understanding of the who, what, when and where on the building so we can give the right interpretation to the visiting public. I would greatly appreciate any help you may be able to provide. Using Justin's computer, we determined that the structure sat in the Dunbarton part of Braemar and the GPIN for the location is 7495-56-2184 - somewhere in the vicinity of 12910 Tetler Way, Bristow, VA.

Thanks again for all your help previously and any help you can give us on this project. Take care!
 -Rob

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