

FORT HILL FARM, RESIDENCE
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between Turkey Run and Caesar's Run
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Halifax County
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LOCATION: West of the Staunton (Roanoke) River between Turkey Run and Caesar's Run, Clover Vicinity, Halifax County, Virginia

SIGNIFICANCE: This building is a contributing element of Fort Hill Farm.

DESCRIPTION: This building is a side-gabled, two-story, hall-and-parlor house with two bays flanking a central entrance. The clapboarded building is located to the southeast of the Fort Hill Mansion (HABS No. VA-1288-A) and is oriented to face northwest. It is framed with circular-sawn, dimensional lumber, and set on concrete piers slightly above grade. The house is painted white with the trim features (corner boards, porch posts, and window surrounds) painted green. Spanning the width of the front (west) facade is a poured concrete porch with four hollow, wooden posts set on concrete plinths. The porch is full height, with a shed roof extended from the main roof. A shed-roofed, clapboarded screened porch, set on brick piers, covers the center half of the rear (east) elevation. All roofs are clad with galvanized, corrugated seam roofing. A brick chimney rises from the ridge at approximately two-thirds of the distance to the south. Wire nails were found in the front porch elements while cut nails were visible in the clapboards and corner boards.

The windows are 6/6 sash with plain surrounds. The front door has 2/2 lights above three panels with wrought iron box-lock hardware. The other doors have the same hardware but are five-panel doors similar to those found in the other cabins.

The interior walls and ceilings are covered with sheetrock which appears to post-date the initial construction of the house. The floors are obscured by hay bales which are stored in all rooms of the house. A chimney flue runs up the north wall of the south room on both floors with thimbles to serve both first floor rooms as well as the second floor north room. The hay bales were too deep in the first floor north room to detect the presence of a thimble, although one probably exists. An enclosed stairway, with closet beneath, is located on the north wall of the north room.

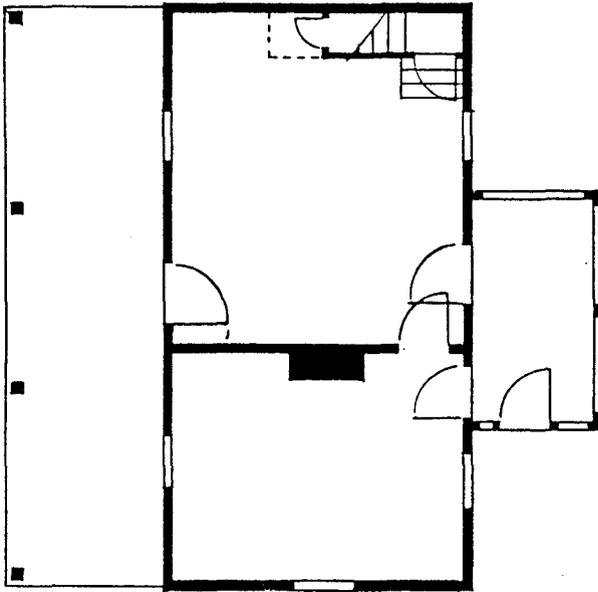
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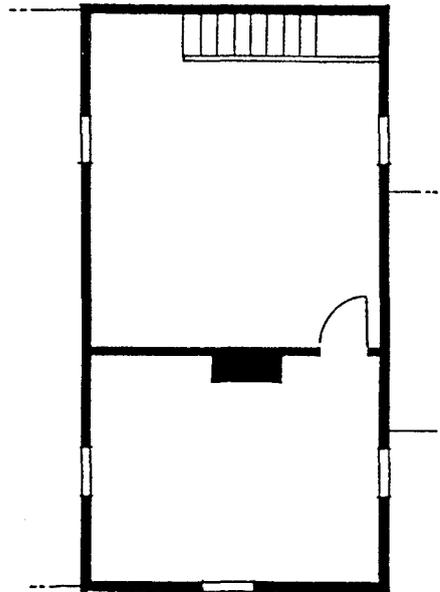
The construction date of this building is not known. Judging by physical details, it appears to have been built within the first two decades of the twentieth century.

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First Floor



Second Floor

