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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 two-room cabin is a contributing element of Fort Hill Farm.
- DESCRIPTION: This cabin is positioned near two mature oak trees on slightly elevated ground north of Turkey Run, which flows in an easterly direction through Fort Hill Farm to the Roanoke River. The two-room, one-and-one-half-story building is framed with circular-sawn, dimensional lumber and rests on brick piers slightly above grade. A shed-roofed porch with two posts shelters the main entrance in the west elevation. The side-gable roof is sheathed with galvanized, corrugated seam roofing, and has a central brick chimney rising from the ridge. The white-painted clapboards are fastened with cut nails. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash in plain surrounds. All of the doors have five horizontal panels and wrought iron box-locks.
- The interior walls and ceilings of both the first floor and attic are finished with beaded, horizontal boards, and the floor is tongue-in-groove, random-width boards. The chimney flue on the south wall of the north room has a thimble for a stove, and there is a thimble in the corresponding location on the other side of the wall. The enclosed, straight-run stairway, on the south end of the south room, has a closet beneath it. This building shows no evidence of having been served by either electricity or plumbing.
- HISTORY: Judging by many of the interior details, this cabin appears to have been built within the first two decades of the twentieth century.

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