

## Slave Housing Data Base

**Building Name:** Clover Hill Farm Quarter

**Evidence Type:** Extant

**Historical Site Name:** Clover Hill Farm

**City or Vicinity:** Manassas

**County:** Prince William

**State:** Virginia

**Investigators:** D. Pogue

**Institutions:** Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

**Project Start:** 7-19-07

**Project End:** 12-8-07

**Additional Investigators:** M. Worthington

**Institutions:** Oxford Dendro Lab

**Project Start:** 12-8-07

**Project End:** 12-8-07

### Summary Description:

The Clover Hill Farm duplex quarter is a stone, one and one-half-story, side-gable roofed building, measuring @20' 2" by 16' 2". It was originally two rooms in plan (the partition has been removed), heated by end chimneys, and each accessed via an exterior doorway. One window for each room located in the rear facade, and single windows in each gable serve the unheated attic. Currently the attic is accessed via an opening using a moveable ladder in what had been Room 2. The entire roof frame and all but three ceiling joists have been replaced, the rafters and sheathing boards with old lumber salvaged from a nearby barn. The floor is concrete; the frames for the doorways and for the first floor windows, as well as the doors, have been replaced. Nail evidence and a ghost on the third ceiling joist from the east suggests the location of a header for the original stair; if so, it is likely that the partition was attached to the next joist (replaced). This would have divided the space into two rooms, with the room with the stair slightly larger in dimension. The access to the space via a stair suggests that the attic was used in some capacity, but it is unheated and the current gable windows are likely to be a later change.

The building was moved from the Clover Hill farm complex to its current location, east of the Methodist church.

### Bibliography:

Kay R. McCarron, *Phase IA Historical and Archaeological Survey Report of the Clover Hill Farm Site (Church Tract), Wellington Project, Manassas, Virginia* (1989).

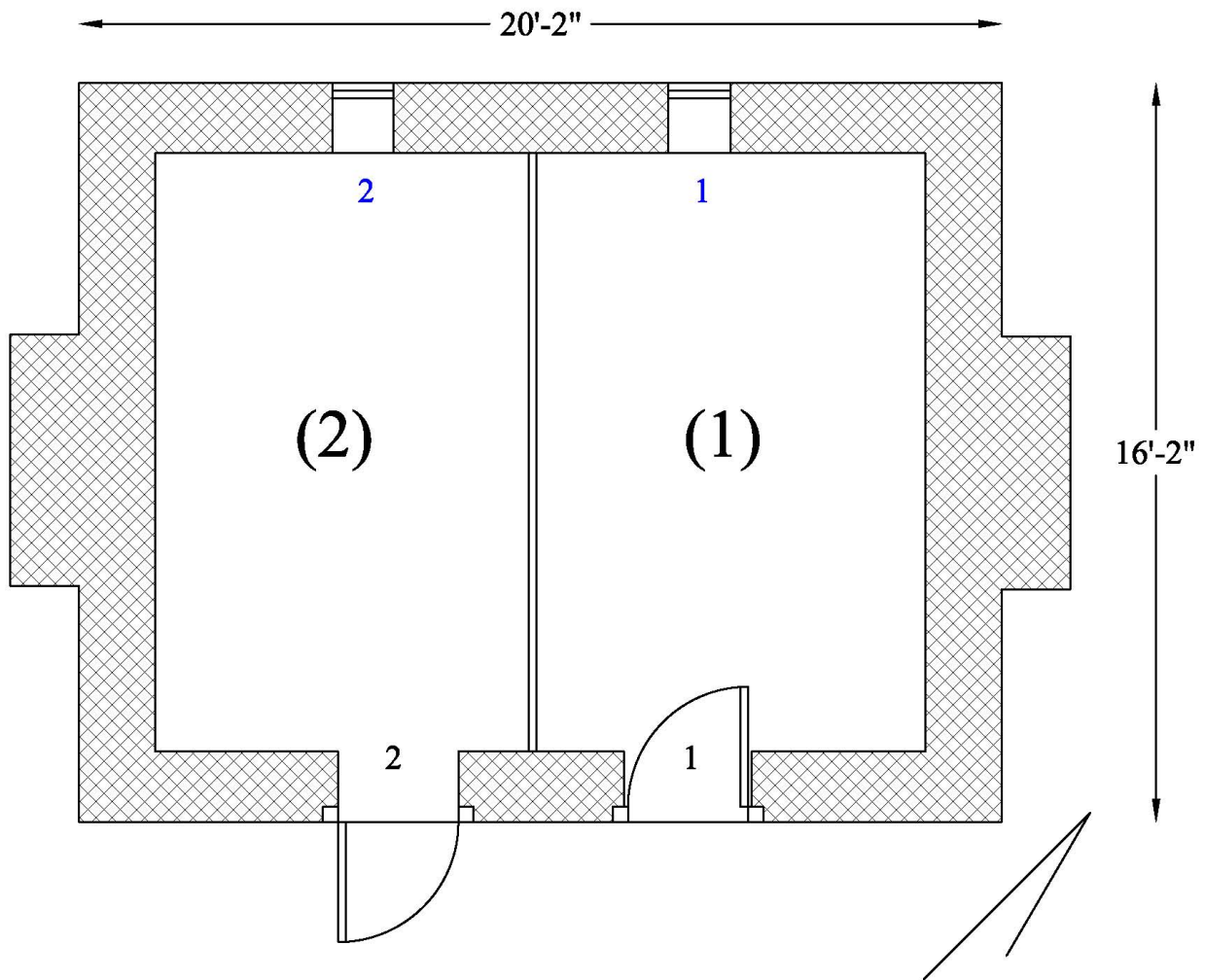
**Principal Construction Type:** Masonry/Stone

**One-Story w/Garret**

**Number of Rooms:** 2 (originally – partition has been removed)

**Dimensions:** (1) 16' 10" by 13' 1"

**Period I Footprint:**



**Number of Rooms:** 2

**Dimensions:** (1) 8' 6" by 13' 1"  
(2) 8' 2" by 13' 1"

**Stair was in Room 1 along partition, rising to the north**

**Doors: 2**

	(1)	(2)
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Board &amp; Batten</b>	<b>Board &amp; Batten</b>
<b>Dimensions (H/W):</b>	<b>5' 9" by 2' 8"</b>	<b>5' 9" by 2' 8"</b>
<b>Hardware:</b>	<b>Modern butt hinges</b>	<b>Modern butt hinges</b>
<b>Swing:</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>
<b>Replacement:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Windows: 4**

	(1)	(2)
<b>Type:</b>	<b>[Removed]</b>	<b>[Removed]</b>
<b>Dimensions (W/H):</b>	<b>1' 9 ½" by 1' 4"</b>	<b>1' 9 ½" by 1' 4"</b>
<b>Hardware:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:</b>	<b>Boarded</b>	<b>Boarded</b>

	(3)	(4)
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Garret</b>	<b>Garret</b>
<b>Dimensions (W/H):</b>	<b>1' 5" by 1'8"</b>	<b>1' by 1'8"</b>
<b>Hardware:</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:</b>	<b>Boarded</b>	<b>Boarded</b>

**EXTERIOR**

**Foundation:**

**Continuous Masonry:** Stone -- Rubble

**Thickness:** 19"

**Bond:** Random

**Mortar Type:** Cement  
**Joint:** Flush  
**Repaired:** Yes

**Shed/Porch:** No

**Roof:**

**Roof Form:** Gable  
**Roof Covering:** Square Butt Wood Shingles (replaced)  
**Roof Framing:**  
    **Exposed:** Yes  
    **Form:** Common Rafters (replaced)  
    **Rafter Number:** 9 pair (31" centers)  
    **Rafter Dimensions:** 3" by 5 ½"  
**Collar Ties:** Yes (replaced)  
    **Floor to peak (bottom of rafters):** 9' 8 ½"  
    **Roof pitch (rise over run):** 11 ½" / 12"  
**Ceiling joists:** 6" by 5 ½" (hewn)

**Building Height:**

**Ground to Soffit:** 8' 10 ½"

**Walls:**

**Masonry:** Stone  
    **Bond:** Random  
    **Mortar Type:** Cement  
    **Joint:** Flush  
    **Repaired:** Yes

**Chimney(s):**

**Chimney (1):**  
    **Material:** Stone  
    **Location:** Exterior – End  
    **Height:** 19' 10 1/2"

**Chimney (2):**  
    **Material:** Stone  
    **Location:** Interior – End  
    **Height:** 19' 10 1/2"

**INTERIOR**

**Wall Finish:** Whitewash

The ceiling joists rest on a flat intermediate plate (6 ½" by 4"), with a short (1' 10") knee wall above supporting the false plate (6" by 3 ¾").

**Fireplace (1): End**

**Fireplace Material:** Stone with iron lintel

**Fireplace Opening Dimensions:** 3'6" W by 2'9" H by 1'8" D, with angled jams to 2'8"

**Hearth Material:** None

**Hearth Dimensions:** unknown

**Fireplace (2): End**

**Fireplace Material:** Stone

**Fireplace Overall Dimensions:** 3'6" W by 2'11" H by 1'6" D, with angled jams to 2'8"

**Fireplace Opening Dimensions:** ditto

**Hearth Material:** None

**Hearth Dimensions:** unknown

**Stairs:** No (removed)

**Subfloor Pit:** No

**Floor:** Concrete. The distance from the concrete floor to the bottom of the joists is 6' 5".

**Dating:**

**Dendrochronology Date:** None -- determined to have insufficient quantity and quality of original timbers to test

**Other Date:** 1830-1860

**Dating Evidence:**

**Saw Marks:** Joists hewn

**Nails:** Machine-cut shanks and heads

**Comments:**

As of June 2015 the building is undergoing restoration, to include the following: installing a new shingle roof, new doors and hinges, a plank-walled partition, and shutters on the rear windows, and making repairs to the masonry on both the interior and exterior.