

## Slave Housing Data Base

**Building Name:** Tetley Plantation – Building 2

**Evidence Type:** Extant

**City or Vicinity:** Somerset

**County:** Orange

**State:** Virginia

**Investigators:** Doug Sanford; Andrew Stempel

**Institutions:** University of Mary Washington

**Project Start:** 8/1/07

**Project End:** 8/1/07

### Summary Description:

This 1½-story, side-gable-roofed log building rests on a dry-laid stone foundation, with an exterior end chimney composed of stone and brick. The ends of four round joists visible on the north elevation indicate that the side walls project three-logs-high above the garret floor. The structure measures approximately 16 ft. 5 in. x 19 ft., and has a single doorway on the south side and a window in each long wall on the first floor. The window in the east gable suggests that at least originally the space within the roof was accessible. It is difficult to further describe and interpret this building given that interior access was not possible and because replacement horizontal clapboards now cover two exterior walls. The empty notches of the roof rafters that extend past the current top log and the replacement of some rafters with dimensional lumber indicate that the current roof and its wood shingles are replacements.

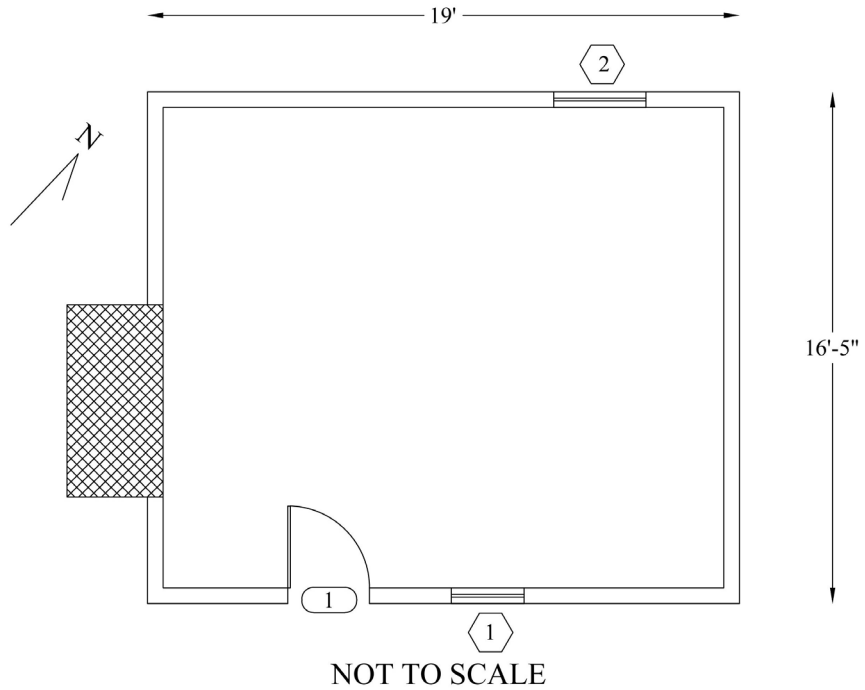
The single-cell plan of this structure and the asymmetrically placed exterior end chimney arrangement are similar to Building 1 at Tetley Plantation; although this building is of log while Building 1 is frame. The regular presence of machine-cut nails dates Building 2 to the antebellum period, ca. 1830s and afterwards.

Distance: 79.5 ft. from NW corner of Building 1 to SE corner of Building 2, at compass bearing of 304<sup>0</sup>. These two buildings have the same approximate orientation (222<sup>0</sup> along the front/south facades).

**Principal Construction Type:** Log (logs exposed on north and west sides), with modern horizontal siding on exterior (south and east sides).

**1 ½ Story**

**Footprint:**



**Number of Rooms:** 2 (1 up, 1 down)

**Dimensions:** (1) Room; not accessible for measurements

**Phase: I**

**Doors:** 1

(1)

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Board &amp; batten</b>
<b>Dimensions:</b>	<b>2 ft. 7.5 in. (W) x 5 ft. 10 in. (H)</b>
<b>Hardware:</b>	<b>Modern</b>
<b>Swing:</b>	<b>In</b>

**Windows: 2**

	(1)	(2)
<b>Type:</b>	<b>6/6; single-hung sash</b>	<b>6 pane casement</b>
<b>Dimensions:</b>	<b>2 ft. 3.5 in. (W) x 2 ft. 10 in. (H)</b>	<b>2 ft. 11.5 in. (W) x 2 ft. 4.5 in (H)</b>
<b>Hardware:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**EXTERIOR**

**Foundation:**

**Continuous Masonry:** Stone (dry laid; quartz, greenstone, “purple” mudstone) and some Brick

**Thickness:** approx. 1 ft. 0 in.

**Height:** from 0 ft. 6 in. to 1 ft. 0 in. (higher on north side)

**Bond:** Random

**Mortar Type:** None

**Joint:** Not applicable

**Repaired:** Yes

**Shed/Porch:** No

**Roof:**

**Roof Form:** Gable

**Roof Covering:** Square-butted wooden shingles

**Roof Framing:** Not fully accessible. Rafters project past the wall line and have downward pointing V-notches to fit over the current top log; but also with notches at their feet (with 2-5 machine-cut nails in each). Unless the wood was salvaged from another structure, the notches indicate that the rafters originally were attached to a plate that likely had been supported by projecting top logs at each end. Other rafters are dimensional lumber replacements. The distance from the current top log to the center of the outer rafter notches is 7 ½ in.; this dimension is similar to the length of the projecting eaves at Building 1. The top log at the NW corner is pegged into the log below.

**Exposed:** No (only at roof eaves)

**Building Height:**

**Ground to Peak:** 16 ft. 3 in. at east gable end (to roof peak)

**Ground to Top of Eave:** 9 ft. 6 in. (Ne corner)

**Walls:**

**Log:**

**Dimensions:** approx. 5.5 to 6 in. (H); obscured by replacement mortar chinking.

**Finish:** Hewn

**Notching:** V

**Chinking:** No original chinking visible; cement-based mortar at present

**Chimney(s):** Note exterior whitewash on the stone portion and an exterior wood stove hole; with concrete stepping repair at bottom which incorporates brick bats.

**Chimney:** (1)

**Material:** Stone base and shouldered, with brick stack starting at the roof line. Simple molded/stepped cap.

**Location:** Exterior – End (south/west side); slightly off center

**Height:**

INTERIOR *Not accessible*

**Stairs:** Yes, but unknown location

The floor joists are round logs with flat tops, with some circular sawn replacements. The floor boards are butted and surface nailed.

**Dating:** Machine-cut nails suggest ca. 1830s and later (Antebellum period).