

"Green Hill" Laundry
Virginia Road No. 728
Long Island Vicinity
Campbell County
Virginia

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143 South Third Street
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"GREEN HILL" LAUNDRY

Address: Virginia Road No. 728, Long Island Vicinity,
Campbell County, Virginia

Present Owner: L. H. Holland and brothers

Present Use: Smokehouse. Presently used by the owners.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

"Green Hill" plantation was built by Samuel Pannill who first bought 600 acres from William and Moses Fuqua in 1797, and added to and developed the plantation 'til his death in 1864.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This is a simple, small stone building with a large chimney at one end. It remains much in its original state, retaining on one side the original shingles and much of the architectural woodwork. On the interior, the well has been modernized and the laundry room is no longer used as such but is now used as a smokehouse for curing meats.
2. Condition of fabric: Stone walls and chimney in fair condition. Masonry work requires repointing. North roof still has original shingles almost weathered away allowing some deterioration of rafters and cornice boards.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: About 14' x 24', 1 story.
2. Foundations: Field stone.
3. Wall construction: Reddish-brown fieldstone with lime mortar pointing.
4. Chimneys: One centrally located end chimney with two inside fireplaces built as an integral part of the east wall. Chimney cap, comprised of stone, is corbeled out about 2".

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5. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: One interior door opening with original board and batten door, located between laundry room and well area. Well area is open on north side full length of room.
- b. Windows and shutters: No window openings as such; all openings are long narrow air vents containing vertical wooden bars 1" square spaced about 2" apart. These are located in the north and south walls of the laundry room and over the interior doorway between the laundry and well area. Openings are at eave level. No window sash or shutters evident.

5. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof covered one side with original shingles; opposite side covered with sheet metal of modern origin.
- b. Eaves: Boxed eave is formed by the extension of the ceiling joists past the stone wall about 14" and meeting the rafters, and enclosed by a fascia and soffit board (now missing). Gable ends have tapered and beaded verge boards that overlap the ends of the fascia.

C. Technical Description of Interior

- 1. Floor plans. The ground floor is divided into two parts; the west part of the building houses a well and is enclosed on three sides, the north side being open. Access into the laundry room is through a doorway off the well area, through a stone partition. A shaped stone trough is also located in this partition up about 16" from the floor and provides a fresh water connection between well and laundry. Another stone trough presumed to drain waste water from the interior of the laundry is located in the south wall. In the south wall of the well area is also another trough that permits fresh water to be caught at the rear of the building. The interior of the laundry room has two cut stone benches about 20" high and 4' long thought to be used for holding portable tubs and kettles. One bench is located on the north wall, the other on the west wall. The second floor is divided into two small rooms.
- 2. Stairways: One stairway to the attic rooms is located on the west wall of the laundry room to right of entry door. Stairway is constructed of open treads notched into a stair stringer that has a beaded edge.

3. Flooring: Both areas have dirt floors.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls are exposed field stone. Ceilings are exposed joists having a beaded lower edge with attic floor boards showing. All of the studding and rafters in this building, confined to the attic structure, have beaded edges. Whitewash was probably used on ceiling beams and ceiling boards for first floor finish.
5. Doorways and doors: Only one exterior door opening from well area into laundry room. Contains original board and batten door. One door opening on second floor or attic level contains board and batten door.
6. Trim: Original window frames and grilles.
7. Hardware: Wooden latches.
8. Lighting: None.
9. Heating: Fireplaces, two located in laundry room in east wall. Also two small warming ovens. Both fireplaces are spanned with a single stone of unusual shape. The sides of the fireplaces as well as the front and rear faces were constructed of cut stone. The remainder of the chimney is field stone.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The longitudinal axis of the building is oriented east and west as are the axis of the kitchen, "duck house" and slave quarters nearby.
2. Walks and drives: Cobblestone walk runs parallel to building on the north side about eight feet away.
3. Enclosures: None. The building is situated north of the stone fence that enclosed a boxwood garden which has nearly disappeared.

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