

FORT HILL FARM, TOBACCO BARN  
West of the Staunton (Roanoke) River  
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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 agricultural building is a contributing element of Fort Hill Farm.
- DESCRIPTION: This tobacco barn is located to the south of two sheds (HABS No. VA-1288-G and H). It is of rough-hewn log construction with diamond corner notching, daubed with mud inside and with mud and mortar outside. It rests on a concrete block sill. Galvanized, corrugated seam roofing covers the side-gable roof, and the gable ends are weather-boarded. The exterior was covered with tar paper, held in place by vertical battens. Three square openings, regularly placed along the base of the east wall, appear to mark the location of flues, and the building is vented at the roof ridge. The interior has a dirt floor and is divided into four "rooms" by five tiers of horizontal poles from which tobacco was suspended for curing. Low, vertical board doors are centered on the north and south walls.
- HISTORY: The construction date of this tobacco barn is unknown. The rough-hewn log construction, with diamond corner notching, is very similar to that found in a large number of agricultural buildings at Edgewood (HABS No. VA-1290) located immediately to the west of Fort Hill Farm. The cinder block foundation is probably not original to the building, and the tarpaper covering was probably added to render the barn more air- and moisture-tight for curing.

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