

EDGEWOOD FARM, LOG DOGTROT TENANT HOUSE  
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SIGNIFICANCE: This dwelling, among the handful of double-pen, center passage log houses so far recorded in Virginia, appears to be one of the oldest buildings at Edgewood Farm.

DESCRIPTION: This is a 1-1/2 story dwelling with seamed-metal side-gable roof covering two log pens, each about 16' square, and a central enclosed passageway. A two-room lean-to section extends most of the way across the rear (west) elevation. The house is set on stone footings of pink granite, and the horizontal log walls are chinked with wood and daubed with mud. The weatherboarded exterior walls are finished with plank cornerboards. The roof of the north pen is carried on pole rafters with exposed ends. The roofs of the south pen and the lean-to section have sawed rafters, also with exposed ends beneath the eave. A shed-roofed porch extends across the middle three bays of the five-bay east elevation, sheltering three entrances which provide access to the south pen, passageway and north pen, respectively. A smaller shed-roofed porch shelters the entrances in the west elevation, which open into each of the two rooms of the rear lean-to.

A large stone chimney, which serves a fireplace, is centered against the exterior of the south gable end. A smaller brick stove chimney rises up the exterior of the north gable end, and a relatively modern concrete block stove chimney is located toward the west end of the south wall of the rear lean-to section.

The only full-sized window in the house is a 6/6 double hung sash unit in the east wall of the north pen. The remaining windows are single six-light sash, set in rough plank surrounds, that are either

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hinged at the side like casements or encased in simple frames to slide horizontally.

On the interior, walls and ceilings are covered with painted drywall and particleboard. The first floor of the south pen has linoleum-covered, 3" tongue-in-groove flooring laid on joists of peeled log that are hewn flat on the upper surface. The attic flooring above this room is wide, random-width planking that is spiked to peeled log joists, and the spaces between the planking are covered with batten strips on the lower surface. Traces of white paint or whitewash remain to suggest that the ceiling of the first floor of this pen was originally exposed. Both floors of the north pen, and of the lean-to, are covered with linoleum. The only visible flooring is in the attic of this pen, where rough 4" circular-sawed tongue-in-groove planking is present beneath the linoleum.

There is no access between the two pens at attic level. Each section of the attic is accessed by a short, unenclosed stair which rises up the inner wall of each pen from the first floor. The stairs of the south pen are set into roughly-sawed notches on a plank string. The treads of the north stair are carried on wooden ledger blocks mounted at intervals along the string.

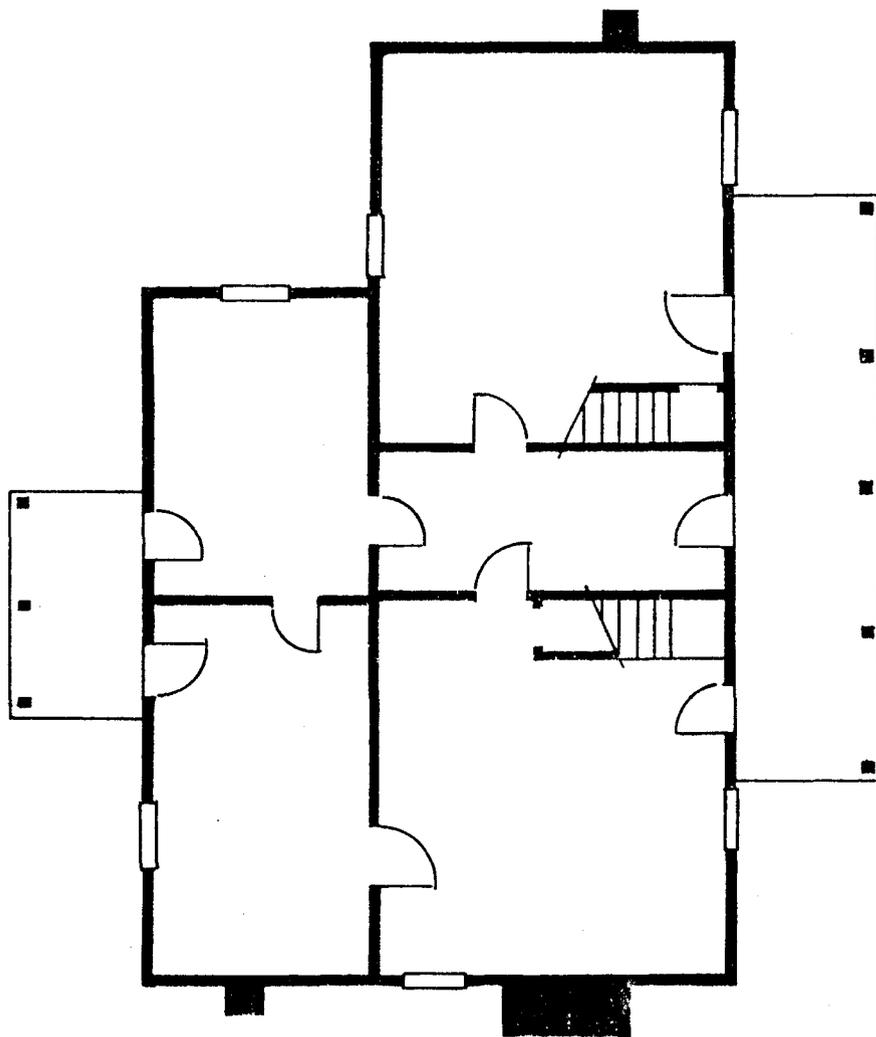
All the doors in the house are fashioned with 3" tongue-in-groove vertical planks. The planks are secured either by three horizontals nailed to the back, or by "battens" of grooved stock arranged to form a Z. All are hung on iron butterfly hinges. The fireplace in the south gable end has a large opening framed with rough planking. The opening itself is covered with a panel of drywall, in which is a stove thimble.

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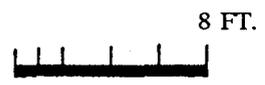
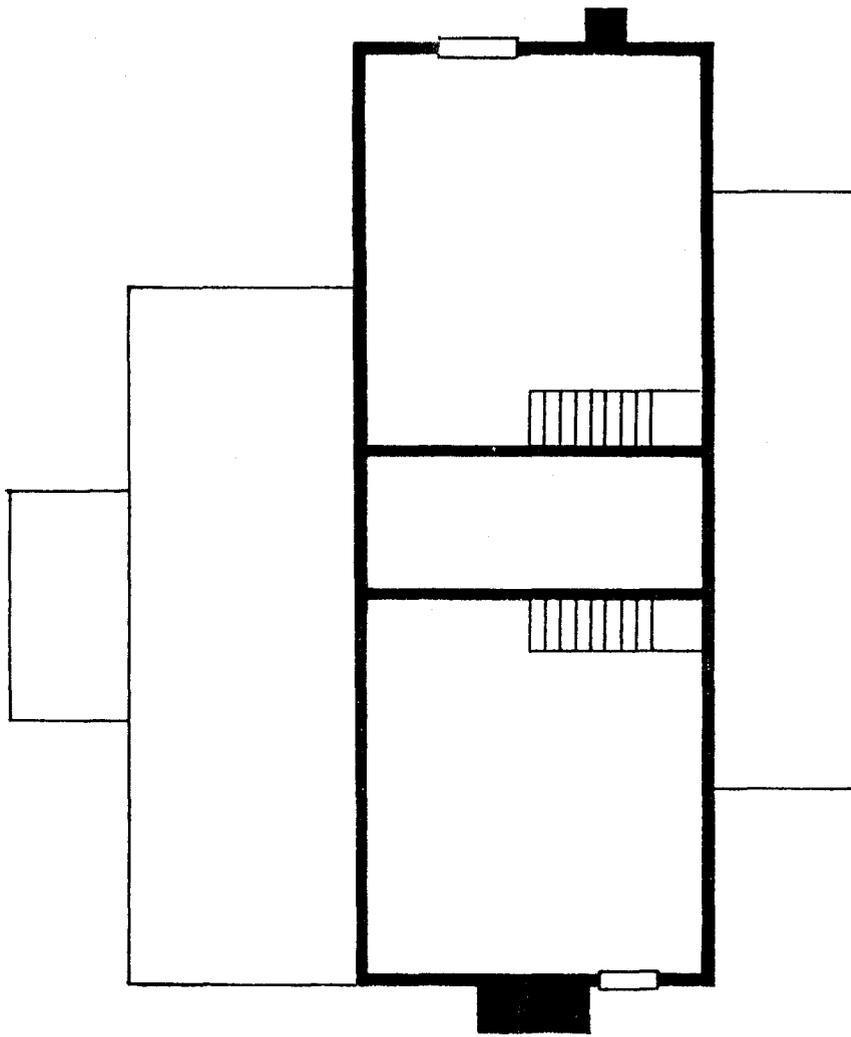
The date of this house is not known. The log construction and large stone fireplace suggest that the house is among the older buildings on Edgewood Farm, possibly dating to the establishment of the farm in the 1880s.

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