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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 069-0001

Other DHR Number:

Property Date(s) 1750-1775

PROPERTY NAMES

Fort Egypt

EXPLANATION

Historic/Current

County/Independent City: Page

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel:

USGS Quad Map Name: HAMBURG

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? X

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
-	Route 615, north of Route 211 junction	Current

Vicinity: X Town/Village/Hamlet: Hamburg

Name of National Register Historic District:

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings:

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Ownership:

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Single Dwelling	Historic
2.0	1	Barn	Undetermined
3.0	4	Shed	Undetermined
4.0	1	Pump	Undetermined

TOTAL: 7

Historic: 1

Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Structural System	1	Log	Wood	Dovetail-notch
Roof	1	Gable		Unknown
Foundation	0	Solid	Stone	Coursed Rubble
Porch	1	1-story	Wood	Unknown
Window(s)	0	Sash, double-hung	Wood	6/6
Door(s)	1	Single Leaf	Wood	Multi-Paned
Chimney	1	Central interior	Limestone	Coursed Rubble
Cladding Material	0		Asbestos	Shingle

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0

WUZIT: Single Dwelling

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1750-1775

Source of Date: Deed

Architectural Style: Other

Description:

Fort Egypt is one of a dozen Germanic farmhouses along the banks of the Shenandoah River in Page County. Of that group, all of which were built in the second half of the 18th century, Fort Egypt may be one of the earliest. Although it appears on the exterior to have been extensively altered, it is in reality one of the least altered of this group. Fort Egypt is a large, nearly square, two-story, two-bay house built with logs secured by full-dovetail notching at the corners. The rear and two sides of the house have been covered with asbestos shingles, but the logs are exposed on the front, which is partly sheltered by a full-length, one story porch of no particular style and indeterminate date. The height of the original roof is perceptible in the division between finished and unfinished stonework on the original limestone chimney which projects above present roof.

Condition: Excellent

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

A one story, glassed-in porch along the east side of the house replaces a small 19th century frame wing visible in old photographs. All of the windows are lit by 6/6 sash set in frames, possibly of early 19th century date; these replace original windows, similar to ones found on other Page County German houses and whose scars can still be seen in the log walls inside and out. Fort Egypt is crowned by a low 19th century hipped roof which replaces the original gable roof.

Number of Stories: 2.0

Interior Plan Type: Irregular, Four Room

Accessed? Yes

Interior Description:

Like most Continental farmhouses, Fort Egypt was built as a voluminous building whose interior spaces were fully utilized throughout the agricultural year for work, storage, and family life. The house contains two stories and a cellar. The cellar contains two rooms, occupying about two-thirds of the ground space. Along the north side of the house is a long room entered from the outside at the east end and used for general storage.

Set in the southwest corner perpendicular to the outer room and reached from it is a vaulted cooling cellar. On the first floor, the plan is a standard Continental one. The central chimney is flanked on the east by a narrow kitchen with a stair in the southeast corner and with a smaller room partitioned off in the back of it. To the west of the chimney is a large formal parlor with a smaller chamber behind it. In the northeast corner of the chamber rises a second stair to the upper level. The second-floor plan is similar to the first. Stairs rise to the attic in the southeast corner of the chamber.

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 2.0 WUZIT: Barn

Primary Resource? No

Estimated Date of Construction:

Source of Date:

Architectural Style: No Style Listed

Description:

Frame barn with silo.

Condition: Good-Fair

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 0.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 3.0 WUZIT: Shed

Primary Resource? No

Estimated Date of Construction:

Source of Date:

Architectural Style: No Style Listed

Description:

Frame shed for tractor and hay.

Condition: Good-Fair

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 1.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 4.0 WUZIT: Shed

Primary Resource? No

Estimated Date of Construction:

Source of Date:

Architectural Style: No Style Listed

Description:

Frame shed serving as a chicken coop.

Condition: Good-Fair
Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 1.0
Interior Plan Type:
Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 5.0 WUZIT: Shed
Primary Resource? No
Estimated Date of Construction:
Source of Date:
Architectural Style: No Style Listed
Description:
Long, concrete block shed for equipment storage.

Condition: Good-Fair
Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 1.0
Interior Plan Type:
Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 6.0 WUZIT: Shed
Primary Resource? No
Estimated Date of Construction:
Source of Date:
Architectural Style: No Style Listed
Description:
Small block storage shed located in front yard.

Condition:
Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 0.0
Interior Plan Type:
Accessed?

Interior Description:

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 7.0 WUZIT: Pump
Primary Resource? No
Estimated Date of Construction:
Source of Date:
Architectural Style:

Description:
Old gas pump.

Condition: Poor
Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 0.0
Interior Plan Type:
Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

A complex of 20th century farm buildings flanks Fort Egypt on the south and east. They are a frame crib, a large frame barn, a frame tractor and hay shed, a frame chicken coop, and a long, concrete block equipment shed. A small block storage shed or office is in the front yard.

DHR Historic Context: Domestic
Subsistence/Agriculture

Significance Statement:

Fort Egypt, a large full-dovetailed log house near the Shenandoah River and Massanutten Mountain, is one of the earliest and most complete of the Continental farmhouses which recall the original settlement of the Massanutten region by Swiss settlers coming from Pennsylvania in the second quarter of the 18th century. It was built by Jacob Strickler, a Mennonite preacher, who chose a house plan common to the Rhineland of Germany and Switzerland.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	3941	-	12/ /1976
B&W 35mm Photos	3971	-	3/ /1977
B&W 35mm Photos	3976	-	3/ /1977
B&W 35mm Photos	4434	-	10/ /1978
B&W 35mm Photos	4067	-	3/ /1977

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 6/19/1958
Cultural Resource Management Event: HABS Inventory
Organization or Person: McMullin, Fleming Jr.
ID # Associated with Event:
CRM Event Notes or Comments:

Date: 1/ /1979
Cultural Resource Management Event: NRHP Nomination
Organization or Person: VHLC
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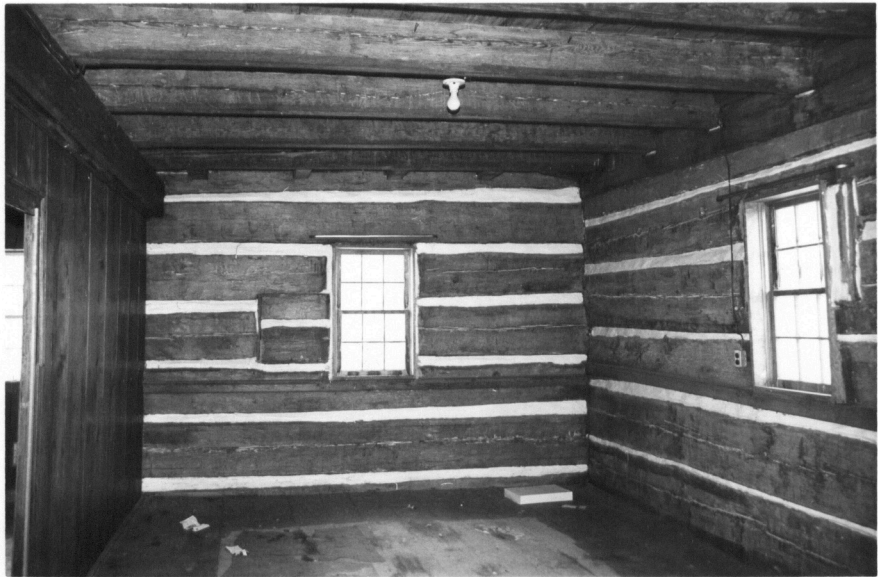
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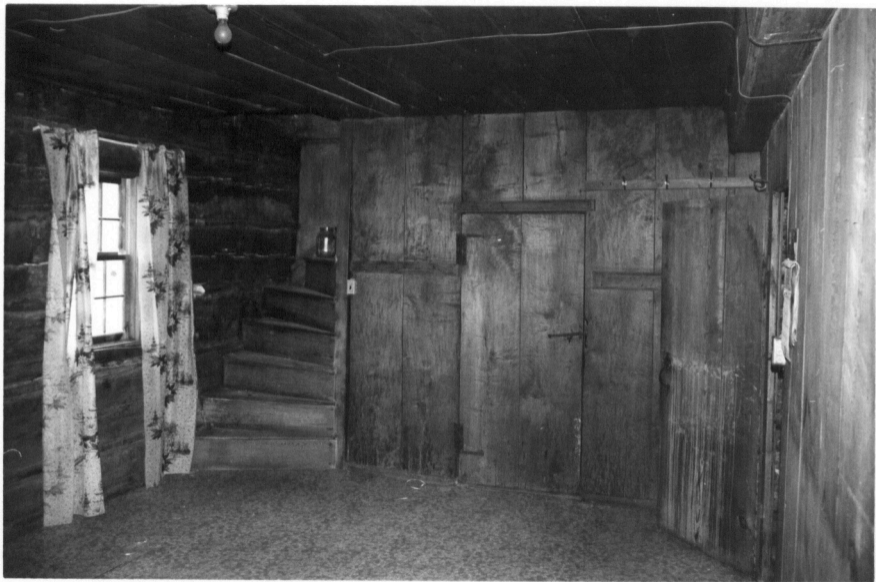
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MAILING ADDRESS

Surveyor's Notes:









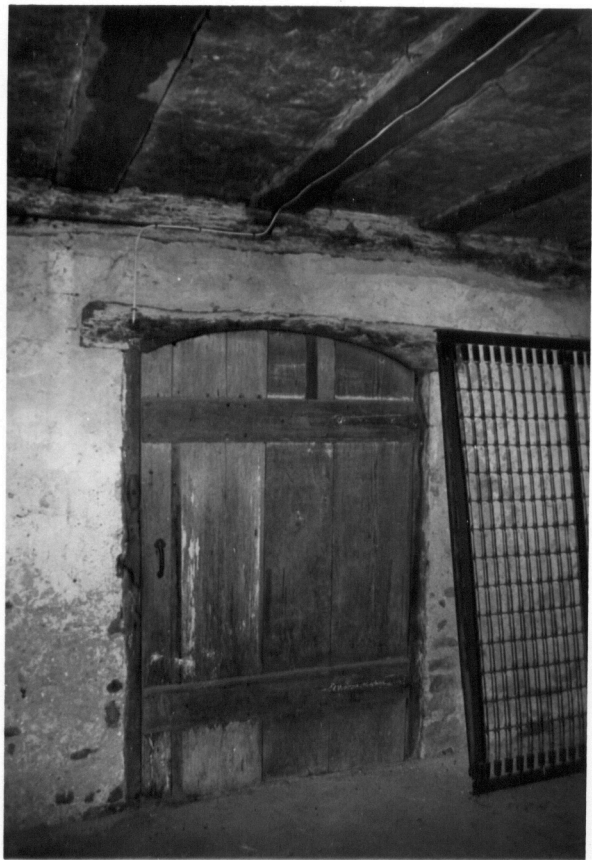


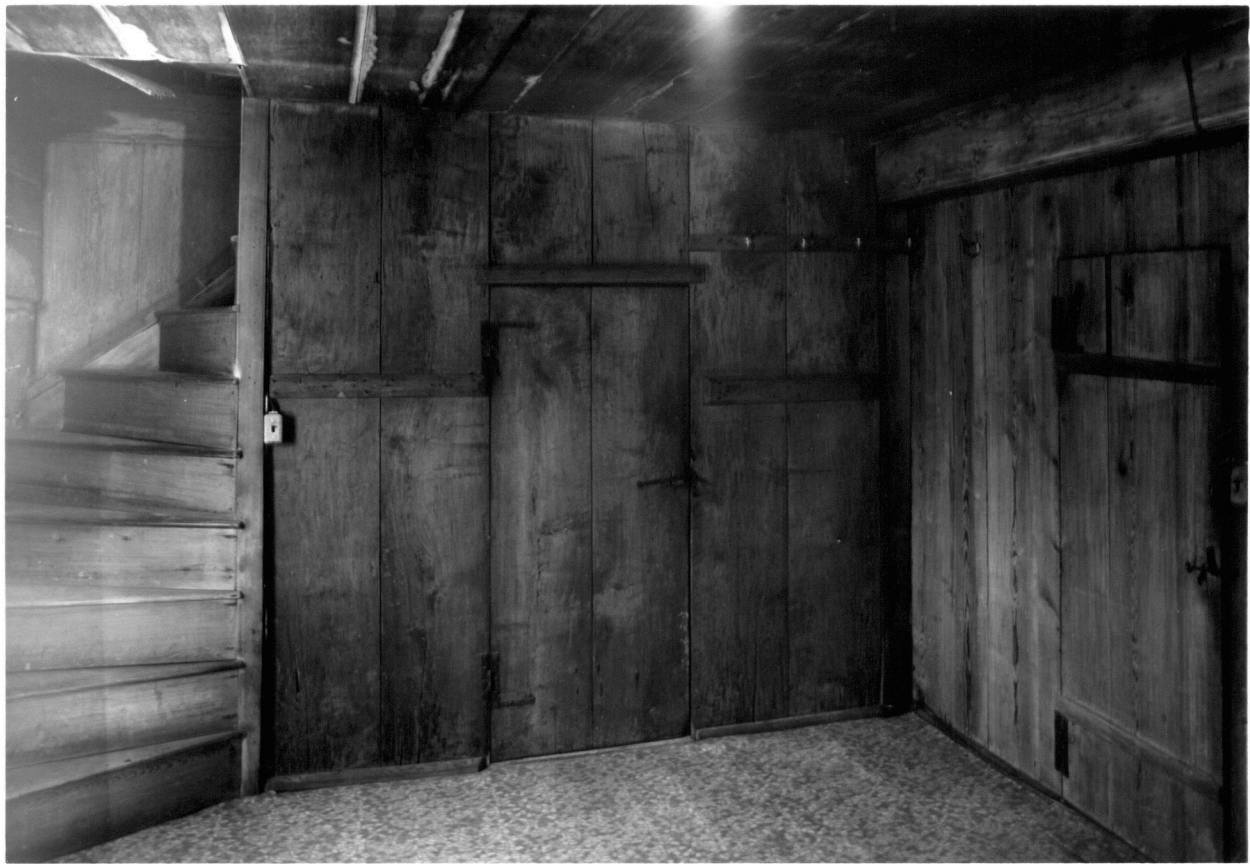




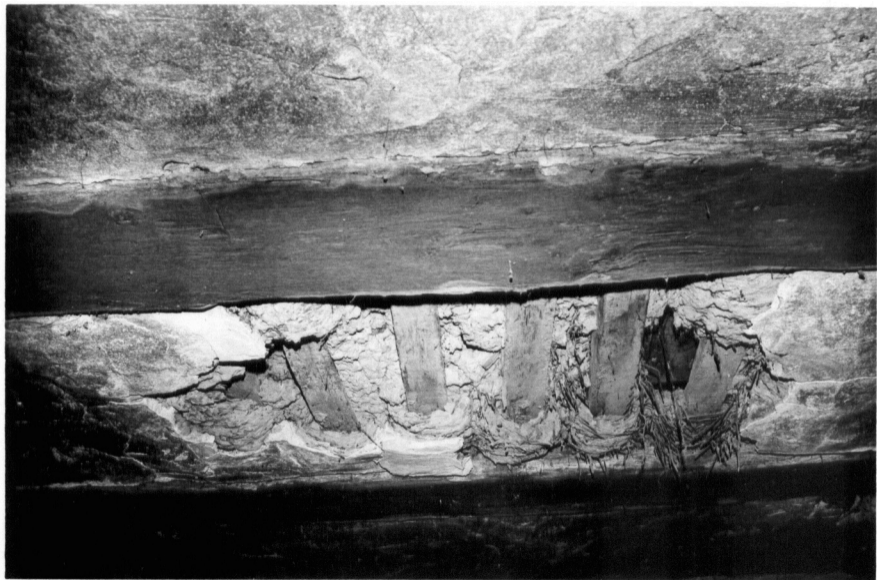




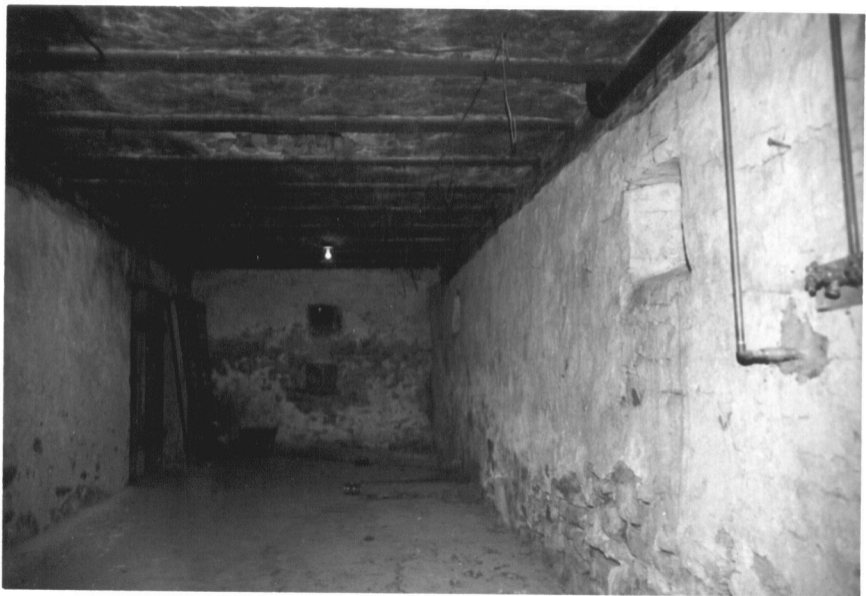




























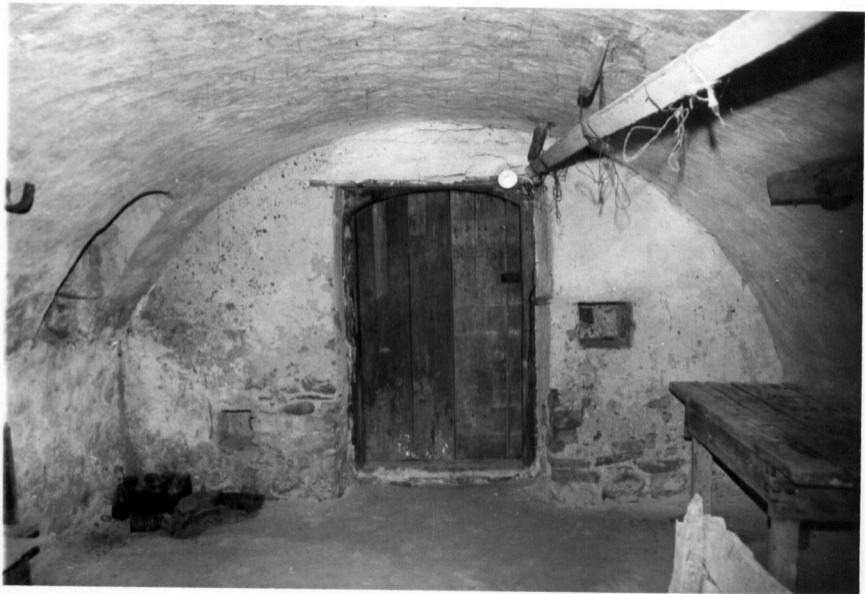






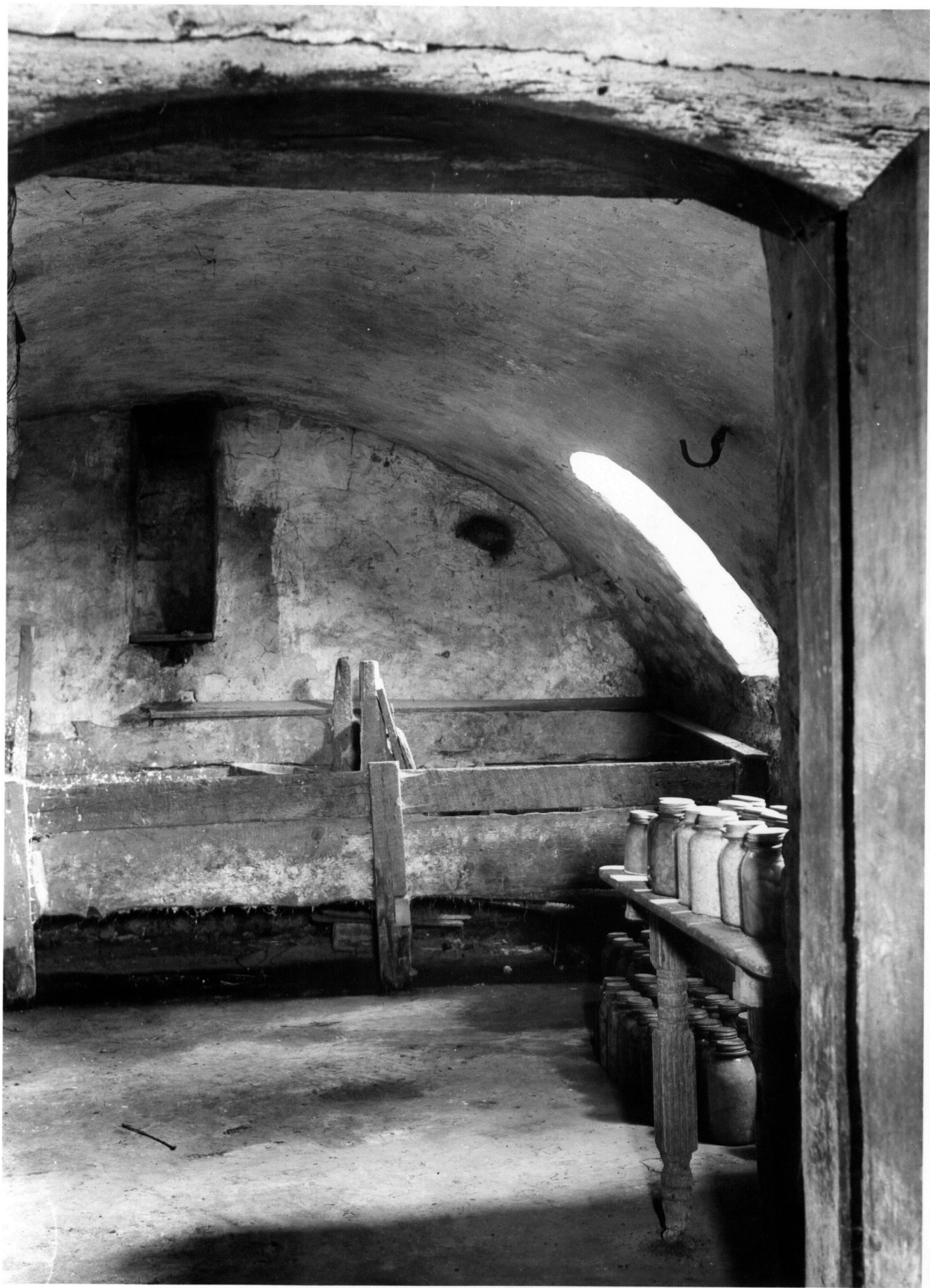


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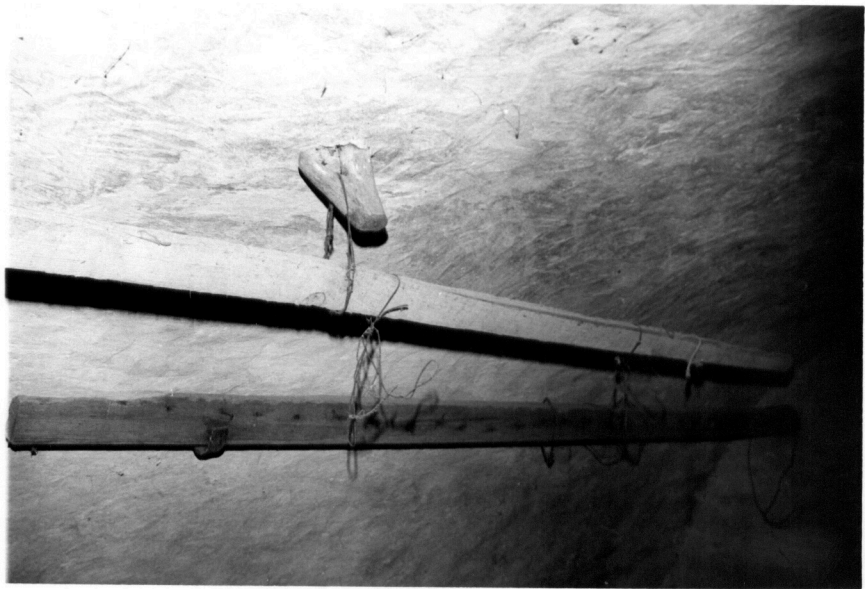


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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

VIRGINIA

STATE

Date Entered JUN 18 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Herndon Depot	Herndon Fairfax County
Hume School	Arlington Arlington County
Christ and St. Luke's Church	Norfolk (ind. city)
Brown's Ferry	Drakes Corner vicinity Southampton County
Fort Egypt	Page County

Also Notified

Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
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Honorable Joseph L. Fisher
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Honorable Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
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