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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Woodlawn (Preferred); Tribble House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2.1 miles NE of Millers Tavern; 400 feet E of U.S. Route 360;  
1.1 miles SW of Pauls Crossroads.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Millers Tavern

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First (Paul S. Tribble, Jr.)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Essex

CODE

057

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Miss Peggy Vahle

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Box 217-D

CITY, TOWN

Tappahannock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 22560

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Essex County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Tappahannock

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

(2) (See continuation sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1958

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodlawn, or the Tribble House, is a story-and-a-half, two-bay, gambrel-roofed frame structure with a rear lean-to. Its low, brick basement is laid in three-course American bond, and a random American bond is employed under the lean-to. The two end chimneys on the southwest side are also laid in three-course American-bond. The front chimney has two sets of stepped weatherings, and the rear chimney has one long stepped weathering roughly following the slope of the roof. A pent sheltering the basement entrance connects the two, and there is another pent serving the basement closet at the north end of the chimneys. The front window has 8/12 sash, with 6/9 sash used on the southwest side, 6/6 sash on the northeast, 3/6 sash on the southeast (rear), and 4/4 sash in the two shed-roofed dormers on the front slope of the roof. Plain weatherboards clad the sides of the house, and standing-seam sheet metal covers the roof.

Woodlawn originally had a single-pile, side-passage plan, which was altered to a double-pile plan by the addition of the lean-to in 1840. The present stair rises from the rear of the passage and was installed at the time of the addition. The full basement has a dining room under the original section and a storage room under the rear.

All of the trim is plain but well-crafted. The basement dining room mantel has a plain surround and molded unsupported shelf. In the front room on the first floor was a handsome federal mantel consisting of fluted pilasters supporting a tall frieze with plain entablature blocks and central tablet. The whole was surmounted by a tall, molded cornice shelf. This mantel was stolen during renovation but has been reproduced from measured drawings made in 1976.

All of the doors in the house have five raised panels: a single panel at the top replaces the usual two square panels of a six-panel door. Most of these doors have wooden string latches of varying ages, some original and some made during this century by one of the last Tribbles to live there.

A 19th-century smokehouse with a rebuilt roof stands behind the house. Attached to it is a 20th-century shed chicken house with a board roof, a 20th-century example of a feature rare after the early 19th century.

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### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries have been drawn arbitrarily to include the house and the five acres of open field surrounding it and the above-mentioned outbuildings.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1816-20; 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in two sections in the first half of the 19th century by the Haile family, Woodlawn was owned through most of its existence by the Tribble family. The original one-room-and-passage house is an excellent specimen of a class of small, single-cell dwellings built in great numbers in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. As such, it reflects the newly acquired ability of modest Virginia farmers to build substantial dwellings. The house retains many later features, such as wooden latches and a board-roofed outbuilding, which exhibit an unaltered continuity of rural folk life rarely found in Tidewater Virginia houses.

In 1816, John Haile, Jr. of Essex County sold his old farm and purchased the present Woodlawn tract of 214½ acres. Haile died ca. 1820, and the land books of that year credited his estate with the land and \$150 worth of buildings. The latter was probably the front section of the present house. The valuation and ownership (John Haile estate) remained unchanged until 1840, when George N. Tribble bought the property and increased the buildings to \$350 value. This suggests that the lean-to was added in that year and that the house decoration may have been improved then as well. Tribble died ca. 1848, and George Hill bought the house in that year. The property, first called Woodlawn in 1852, was sold by Hill's son Albert Hill in 1857 to Richard Atkins, from whom Adolphus Norris purchased it in 1868. Samuel Tribble married Norris's sister Atway Norris and the property remained in Tribble hands until it was sold in 1974. The present owner, Miss Peggy Vahle, is renovating the house.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chappell, E.A. and O. Ridout, V. "Woodlawn, Paul's Crossroads, Essex County, Virginia," ms. and measured drawings in Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission archives, 1976.

Essex County Deed Books 51, 44.  
Land Tax Books 1806-1850.

Upton, Dell. "Board Roofing in Tidewater, Virginia," APT Bulletin, viii, 1976.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	3 3 1 1 1 0	4 1 9 0 9 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point on E side of U. S. Route 360, about 1 mi. S of Paul s Crossroads, W of Mussel Swamp; thence extending 475' ESE; thence extending 450' SSW; thence extending 475' WNW to said route; thence extending 450' NNE along said side of said route to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

FEB 21 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7/16/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

ITEM NUMBER 6

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1969, 1972, 1976 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

V NW  
LANDING) 330

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55'

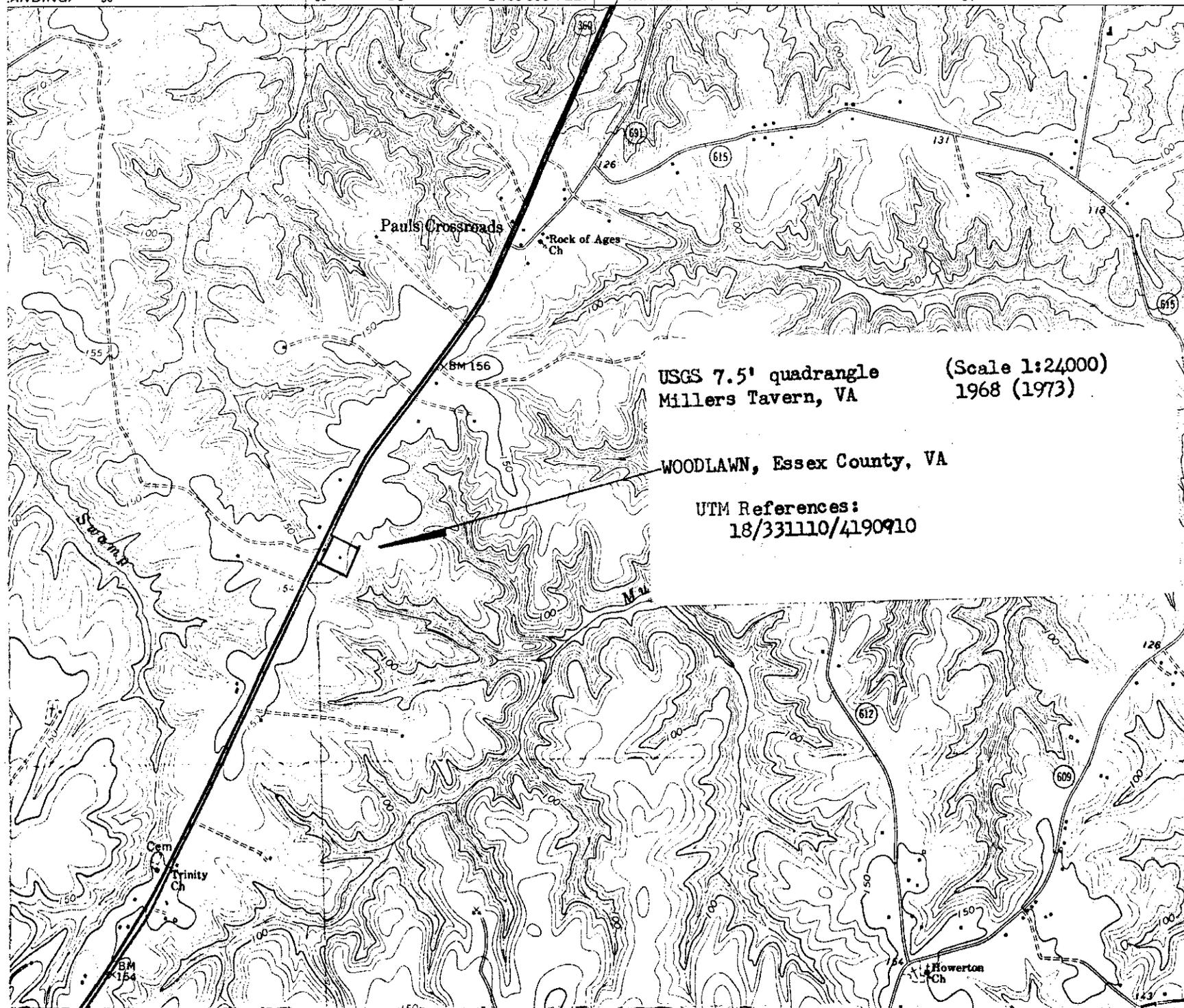
2 460 000 FEET

TAPPAHANNOCK 5 MI.

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76° 52' 30"

37° 52' 30"



USGS 7.5' quadrangle  
Millers Tavern, VA (Scale 1:24000)  
1968 (1973)

WOODLAWN, Essex County, VA

UTM References:  
18/331110/4190910

