



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 082-5827

1. General Property Information

Property name: Price Homestead

Property address: 18291 Red Brush Road

City or Town: Elkton, VA

Zip code: 22827

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Rockingham County

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building x Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 40.379 Total Acres

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural x

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

The property at 18291 Red Brush Road, Elkton, Rockingham County, Virginia, is a rural farm located in the Shenandoah Valley. The historic farmhouse was constructed in 1939 as part of the federal Shenandoah Homesteads program, administered by the Farm Security Administration, to provide new farms and homes for families displaced by the creation of Shenandoah National Park. Developed as part of the New Deal's rural rehabilitation efforts, the property represents the federal government's response to the relocation of mountain residents while promoting agricultural self-sufficiency and strengthening the nation's food production during the years leading into World War II. The property retains its historic agricultural landscape, including the farmhouse, surrounding farmland, wooded acreage, and associated farm features that reflect its longstanding use as a working farm. The farm continues to convey its historic rural character and serves as a tangible reminder of the families resettled following the establishment of Shenandoah National Park.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Vernacular Farmhouse with Colonial Revival Influences

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: _____

If the builder is known, please list here: Civilian Conservation Core

Date of construction (can be approximate): Unknown, Year is 1939

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The property is a rural farm located in the Shenandoah Valley and encompassing approximately 45 acres of pasture, farmland, and wooded acreage. The property retains its historic rural setting and continues to reflect its long-standing agricultural use. The historic farmhouse, constructed in 1939, is currently used as a furnished long-term residential rental while the surrounding acreage remains open and agricultural in character.

The principal resource is a one-story, wood-frame farmhouse constructed in 1939 as part of the federal Farm Security Administration's Shenandoah Homesteads program, which provided replacement farms and homes for families displaced by the creation of Shenandoah National Park. The home was originally assigned to Nelson and Della Meadows, who established their household on the property and raised their four children there. The farm functioned as an active agricultural property for many years and continues to reflect its historic rural character. The Shenandoah Homesteads program was part of New Deal-era efforts to resettle displaced mountain families and promote agricultural self-sufficiency through planned farm communities. The dwelling is a one-story, wood-frame vernacular farmhouse with Colonial Revival influences. It is rectangular in form and rests on a masonry foundation. The house features a side-gable roof clad in standing-seam metal, vinyl siding was added to cover the exterior walls, a full-width front porch supported by square posts, regularly spaced double-hung windows with shutters, and a centrally located brick chimney. The interior retains its original basic floor plan and continues to function as a single-family residence.

The property includes associated agricultural landscape features such as open fields, fenced pasture for cattle, and wooded areas, which contribute to its historic rural setting. Although the dwelling has undergone some alterations, including replacement siding, window updates, and porch modifications, it retains its original massing, form, and setting and continues to convey its historic character as a Farm Security Administration homestead established during the New Deal era.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

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- Equipment Shed – Approximately 1,200 sq. ft. equipment storage shed. Serves as the primary agricultural storage building on the property. Estimated condition: Fair to Good. Estimated construction date: Unknown (not listed in county records).
- Metal Outbuilding (MET/C/B) – Small 120 sq. ft. metal outbuilding, likely used for storage or utility purposes. Estimated condition: Fair. Estimated construction date: Unknown.
Typical Storage Shed – Approximately 100 sq. ft. storage shed for miscellaneous equipment or supplies. Estimated condition: Fair. Estimated construction date: Unknown.
Framed Storage Shed – Approximately 120 sq. ft. framed storage shed. Estimated condition: Fair. Estimated construction date: Unknown.
Agricultural Land – Approximately 40.38 acres, with 39.37 acres enrolled in agricultural land use valuation, indicating the property is actively managed as agricultural land.

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The property represents an important chapter in Virginia's New Deal history, illustrating the federal government's efforts to relocate displaced families, establish sustainable agricultural communities, and increase domestic food production during the Depression and World War II. As one of the surviving FSA farmsteads associated with the Shenandoah National Park resettlement program, it retains historical significance for both its social history and its continued agricultural use.

- Active Rockingham County Tax Map
- Actual Deed
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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Management Division

DEED
(Virginia)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the United States of America, acting by and through the Regional Director for Region IV of the Farm Security Administration of the War Food Administration, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and No/100 - - - - - Dollars (\$ 1,700.00), does hereby grant and convey, but does not warrant unto Nelson Meadows and

Della Meadows, his wife, as tenants by the entirety, with the right of survivorship as at common law, the following described lands lying in the County of Rockingham, State of Virginia, within an area owned and developed by the Government, known as Shenandoah Homesteads, Elkton Unit No. 2, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the South right of way line of a project road with the East right of way line of a second project road, thence along said right of way line of the second project road South 08° 40' West 54.77 feet, thence South 03° 04' West 1551.29 feet to the point of beginning of the tract hereinafter described, thence South 84° 43' East 498.8 feet, thence South 00° 50' East 2078.4 feet to the North right of way line of State Road 607, thence along said right of way line North 82° 43' West 1279.9 feet, thence leaving said right of way line and running North 18° 16' East 1561.6 feet, thence North 10° 15' East 500.8 feet to the Northwest corner of the parcel herein described, thence South 84° 43' East 165.3 feet to the point of beginning, containing 44.377 acres, more or less.

There is excepted from the above a graveyard described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the above described tract and running along the West property line of said tract South 10° 15' West 500.8 feet, thence leaving said property line and running South 55° 43' East 9.2 feet, thence North 76° 07' 30" East 488.5 feet, thence North 29° 57' West 398.7 feet to the Southwest corner of the graveyard hereinafter described, thence North 12° 32' East 30.1 feet, thence North 75° 26' East 19.7 feet, thence South 03° 36' West 29.9 feet, thence South 79° 25' West 24.1 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.014 acres, more or less.

Subject, however, to such easements and rights of way upon, across, or through the above described lands as heretofore have been granted by the United States of America or its predecessors in title for the construction, operation and maintenance of public utility systems, streets, roads and walks; and reserving to the United States of America three-fourths of all the oil, gas, coal, and other mineral rights of whatsoever nature upon, in or under the said lands, together with the usual mining rights, powers and privileges, including the right of access to and the use of such parts of the surface as may be necessary for mining and saving said minerals, except that the said grantees shall have the right to mine coal for their domestic use on the property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said grantees and unto their heirs and assigns forever, with all appurtenances thereunto belonging as tenants by the entireties with the right of survivorship.

This conveyance is executed and delivered pursuant to and in accordance with authority vested in the War Food Administrator as set forth in delegation of authority dated March 13, 1944, appearing in Federal Register dated March 16, 1944 (Vol. 9, page 2840), which authority was, by said delegation of authority delegated by the War Food Administrator to the Administrator of the Farm Security Administration, and was redelegated by the Administrator of the Farm Security Administration to Regional Directors of the Farm Security Administration by redelegation of authority dated April 27, 1944, appearing in Federal Register dated April 29, 1944 (Vol. 9, page 4523).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the United States of America has caused this instrument to be duly executed by the Regional Director for Region IV of the Farm Security Administration of the War Food Administration, this 2 day of January, 1945.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY J. B. Slack (SEAL)
Regional Director, Region IV
Farm Security Administration
War Food Administration

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
: SS.
COUNTY OF WAKE)

I, Mary E. Parish, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that J. B. Slack, known to me to be the Regional Director for Region IV of the Farm Security Administration of the War Food Administration, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument in my said County, and that he executed same for and on behalf of the United States of America, pursuant to authority duly conferred upon him.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 2 day of January, 1945

My commission expires: _____

My Commission Expires Dec. 30, 1945

(SEAL)

Mary E. Parish
Notary Public

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the General Court
of Northwestern Territory

The foregoing area of

Bargain & Sale was this day presented in the
Clerk's Office a paper with the certificate

of acknowledgment annexed, admitted to record

this 13th day of January 1945, 11:30 A.M.

TESTE J. Robert Amittzer Clerk

PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Price Homestead
Rockingham County, VA
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 Proposed Boundary

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 Feet

















