



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 089-0260

1. General Property Information

Property name: Chapel Green (Quarters Plantation)

Property address: 305 Chapel Green Rd. (279 prior address)

City or Town: Stafford

Zip code: 22405

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

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

Building X Site X Structure X Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: current 6.06 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: Property is located on Chapel Green Rd. in Stafford County, VA near the King George Line, midway between State Route 218 and Federal Rt 3. This is approximately 6 miles from Ferry Farm, George Washington's Boyhood Home. Take Rt 218 east from route 1 for about 7 miles then turn right onto Chapel Green Rd. Set back from the street is a Cape Cod style home built in 1723 with 2 wings that were added in the 1970's. Additionally, there is a large barn in the pasture along with a carriage house (added in the 1960's) also on the fence line. Large area is fenced for horses. White painted fence is located around the yard, garden, and orchard area. That fence was added to the property in the 1960's. The property was once 400 acres and was split up after it was sold outside the family during the 20th Century. The latest 30+ acres last split into 5 parcels in 2005 with this being the location of the original plantation home. Chapel Green was originally known as the Quarter's Plantation. The current street address is 305 Chapel Green Rd. which was updated by USPS in 2006.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Cape Cod, dual exterior chimney

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: Col. William Ball as a gift to his son commissioned the build

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1723

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 home prior to the additions was built on a foundation $\frac{3}{4}$ basement that is made from stone and brick. There is an entrance from the ground level that consists of about 6 brick steps that at one time lead from an exterior covered area where likely outdoor work was completed. The $\frac{3}{4}$ basement is still the location of the working kitchen. There is a large fireplace that has evidence that it was used for cooking with pot hangers in the brick. There is also the installed brick oven that you can clearly see was added as they became popular during the late 18th Century. The brick of the chimney is exposed to clearly show the age of the brick and the style of installation. The chimneys located on either end contain 3 separate flues each. Each room in the main original home has a fireplace. These are clean and working though we do not use them as only one is lined for safety. The Ball family lived in the home through 1919 per the census. The building as reported by many members of the community sat empty for 20+ years and was then renovated adding plumbing and electric in the early 1950's. Sold again in the 1970's there were wings added to either end. On one end where you come out of the kitchen area into the exterior work area there is a windowed sunroom addition enclosed first in the 1960's and later expanded in the 1990's. On the other end there was a master bedroom and bath added that consists of 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ stories with a laundry room above the bedroom added in the 1970's. In the center of the home you have double entry from both front and back of the home creating a breezeway if both sets of doors are open. There is one room to the right and to the left of this foyer type area. From this area there is one set of steps up to the next level and one set of steps down to the basement kitchen work area. On the $\frac{1}{2}$ level there are three dormers on each front and back of the home. Currently there is a bathroom that was installed originally in 1950's and two separate bedrooms making this a three-bedroom home. The home is currently a private home/horse farm. It contains a carriage house that has two bathrooms, a full kitchen and 2 bedrooms. The large horse barn has four large stalls, hay loft, tack room, feed room and tool room. Additional large area for equipment storage in the rear. There is also a lean-to/run-in that the horses can use for shade or shelter.

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.

- Barn 50x30 Not sure when added?
- Carriage House 20x30 Added in the 1960's.
- Storage 10x14 Added in the 2018.
- Run-in 24x12 Original very old but upgraded in 2026.
- Well house. Not sure when added.
- Closed well above ground. Pre 2005.
- 2 very large OAK trees in the front.

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

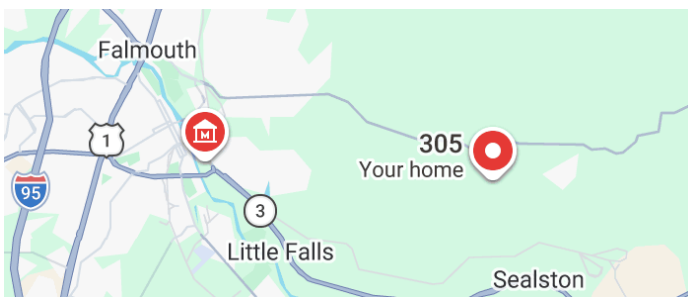
Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

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 age of the property is in its own significance and along with that there is much research that has been done by both locals to Stafford County and the Mary Ball Washington Museum in Kilmarnock VA. The home is believed to have been built by Mary Ball Washington's uncle Col William Ball for his son, William Ball, as a wedding gift. His son was married in 1723 per research records. His son died in 1742 intestate and so he received the property back as women could not inherit at that time. Upon the Colonel's death, 1744-45, he left the property to his grandson Benjamin Ball. The 1790 census verifies that Benjamin Ball lived in the home at that time. This information is found in his will. Since this property is located within 5 miles of Ferry Farm some have said that the foundation of the original Ferry Farm home before the fires was the same it could have been built by the same person. It is likely, given their relation, that George Washington visited this property. There is discussion out there regarding there being a different William Ball who leased or owned property in the area during that time but there are several reasons to believe that was after this property was built. Unfortunately, so many records were destroyed during the Civil War it is hard to piece together. Additionally, this was first in Lancaster County that then changed to King George County and was then part of Stafford County as it is today. Being one of the oldest homes still occupied and also the only one left with the center receiving area allowing for both front and rear entrances.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- Col William Ball: Will recorded on page 108, Lancaster County Circuit Court
- Articles found in the Freelance Star April 1992
- Articles Caroline Progress Oct 25, 1967
- Genealogy from Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library
- Information from researcher Stafford County
- Description of the home has been published as part of several books referencing Stafford history
- Col. William Ball of Virginia Author: Earl Heck
- Numerous other documents...



5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Jennifer and Gary Jensen

organization: _____

street & number: 305 Chapel Green Rd

city or town: Stafford state: VA zip code: 22405

e-mail: jd.gs.jensen@gmail.com telephone: 540-287-3760

Legal Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!

PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Chapel Green
Stafford County, VA
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 Proposed Boundary

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 Feet

