

ELLEN VEIL

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Historic Name: Ellen Veil

Date or Period: Late 18th to Early 19th Century

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Northern Prince William

"Ellen Veil is a two-story, T-shaped, gable-roofed farmhouse constructed in three parts: a log, a stone, and a frame section. The middle and probably the oldest section, which is made of logs, has eight-inch to nine-inch thick walls. Ellen Veil has belonged to the Polend Family since 1848, when John and Harriet Polend came to Virginia from Indiana. Ellen Veil was a successful dairy farm from the early 1900s to the 1930s, shipping large amounts of butter and cheese to Alexandria. The dairy ceased operation in 1978 when the dairy barn burned down.