

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION SURVEY FORM

Historic Name: Kinsley

County/Town/City: Prince William County

Street Address or Route Number: 8241 Buckland Mill Road, Gainesville, VA

USGS Quad: Thoroughfare Gap

Date or period: late 19th century, foundation earlier

Original owner: John and Charles Love?

Architect/builder/craftsmen:

Original use: Residence

Source of name:

Present owner: Dr. Richard E. Debutts

Source of date: Architectural evidence; local history

Present owner address: Wicklow, Upperville, VA 22176

Stories: 2 stories

Present use: Residence

Foundation and wall const'n: stone & brick, with walls frame

Acreage: c15 acres

Roof type: Metal-covered gable roof

State condition of structure and environs: House and grounds are in good condition

State potential threats to structure:

Note any archaeological interest:

Should be investigated for possible register potential? Yes No

Architectural description (Note) significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

Kinsley is a two-story, three-bay, I-type house on a brick and stone foundation. The front of the house is oriented to the north, facing Broad Run (now Lake Manassas) and a presently unused road which ran from Buckland past this house to the mill, which was located about 100 feet north of the house on the South Fork of Broad Run. In 1968, the mill was dismantled when Lake Manassas was created, leaving the stone granary at the water's edge, and the house, situated above the floodline. The house, suspected to have been built on an old foundation, is covered with German or channeled siding. Its shuttered windows are 6/6 sliding sash. The trim is plain box. The cornice is moulded, and the west gable is pedimented. There is a large, sealed-up brick chimney in the east end, between the kitchen and the dining room. There is a one-story gable-roofed porch at the front entrance. It is supported by slender round columns. A one-story porch, part-open, part-screened, spans the south side of the house. The front door, not in use, has side and overhead lights. The single-flight, open-string stair rises in the central hall. It has a turned newel, turned balusters and moulded rail. The interior trim is symmetrically-moulded with corner blocks. The ceilings are rather high in the first floor rooms. The mantel in the dining room is plain. Just off the south or rear of the house is a Delaplane/Glascock family cemetery containing about 19 marked graves.

Historic significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc, associated with the property.)

Though only part of the foundation may date back to the earliest occupation of this property, Kinsley had its origins in 1794 when a petition for water rights was granted to John and Charles Love, owners of a mill north of Kinsley at Buckland on Broad Run. The mill ownership passed from the Love heirs to Josiah Watson. The Delaplane family, however, owned and operated the mill during most of its existence after Daniel Delaplane acquired the property in the late 1790s. In 1873, Orlando Glascock married Lossie Delaplane and was the mill owner until his death in 1884. The mill was no longer in use. In 1968, the mill, a 3-story frame stricker of a later date than its stone foundation, was dismantled and some of the mill works were used in the restoration of Colvin Run Mill in Fairfax County. The Mill property, less the house, was sold for the creation of Lake Manassas, the water supply for the City of Manassas, and the old mill foundation was flooded when Broad Run was dammed downstream. The granary, a 2-story late 18th century stone building, still exists and is owned by the City of Manassas.
