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Historic Name: Ogle Harris Store

Date or Period: ca. 1900

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Occoquan

When it was built in the early twentieth century, this frame structure had two rooms upstairs, two rooms downstairs, and a small side structure known as the summer kitchen. While the main house served as his family's residence, Ogle Harris sold ice cream from the summer kitchen. Around 1910 Harris moved his family to the house next door and began stocking and selling groceries, meats, and produce as well as his ice cream. Soon thereafter, the summer kitchen was torn down and the two upstairs rooms were made into one large storage area. Harris and his son, Arthur, operated the grocery store for more than sixty years, finally closing it in 1972 after Hurricane Agnes damaged the building. Since that time, a variety of commercial retail establishments have operated out of the building.