

Source - "Prince William: A Past to Preserve" by the Prince William County Historical Commission

Historic Name: Rockledge

Date or Period: ca. 1760

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Occoquan

"A finely proportioned and detailed Georgian building, Rockledge is significant for its association with the town of Occoquan and the successive entrepreneurs who lived there and sought to realize the town's potential as a milling, manufacturing, shipping, and travel center. Rockledge is said to be an early work of William Buckland, a foremost architect in the Chesapeake area during the colonial period. Stone houses were rare in tidewater Virginia, yet two of Rockledge's three sections are constructed with stone from the nearby quarry. The main section of the house is one room deep and two and one-half stories high. Design features include a six-bay façade, a stone water-table, three interior brick chimneys, dormer windows, and a modillioned cornice with a Wall of Troy, fret molding. Rockledge was restored after the destruction of its interior by fire in the early 1980s."