

Slave Housing Data Base

Building Name: Tuckahoe Plantation – Duplex D

Evidence Type: Extant

Historical Site Name: Tuckahoe Plantation

County: Goochland

State: Virginia

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Summary Description:

The Tuckahoe Plantation Quarter D is one among a number of support buildings, including at least three slave houses, and is located a few hundred yards distant from the 18th-century Tuckahoe plantation house. The frame, 1½-story, side-gable-roofed building rests on brick piers and measures approximately 16 feet wide by 32 feet long (north-south). It has a central brick chimney with a single room to either side, forming a duplex arrangement, with a finished garret above. Each room is served by a single entrance door on the façade (east wall), and while there are no windows on this wall, two windows are in the rear wall and at each gable end. A modern bathroom has been added in the SW corner of the first floor and the entire interior has been significantly modified and covered with a combination of modern, vertical and/or horizontal wood boards. The west half of the central partition has been removed, and there is little evidence of the presumed partition in the garret. Apparently the upstairs rooms went unheated, as there is no evidence of fireplaces or hearths.

Staircases exist on each end wall, rising to the west providing access to the garret rooms, and both stairs have been enclosed and covered with the vertical boards noted above. Rafter collars in the garret rooms remain exposed and show evidence of lath and plaster, the presumed interior surface for both levels of the building at some point in the 19th century. Given the recent alterations to the interior, it is difficult to date this structure, which is considered to be later than Duplexes A and B -- likely in the mid-19th century period, based on circular-sawn collars for the rafters.

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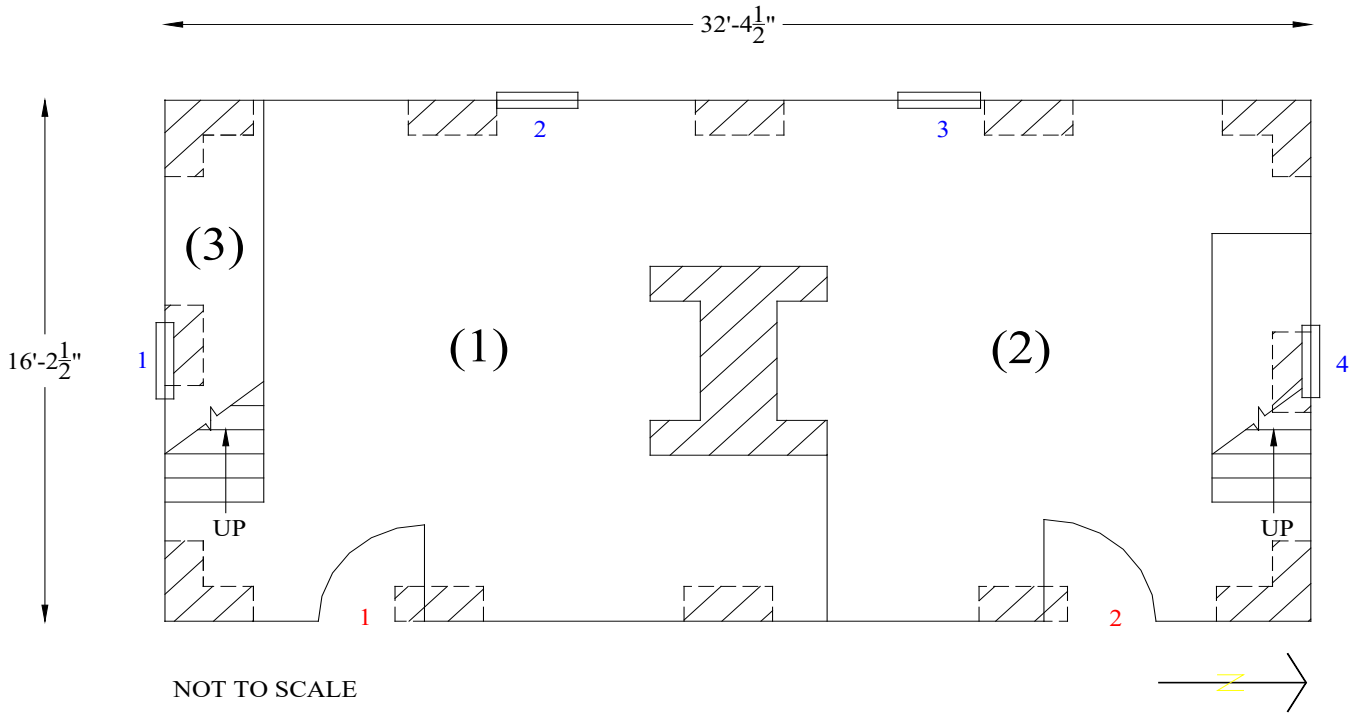
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Principal Construction Type: Frame

One Story with Garret

Footprint:

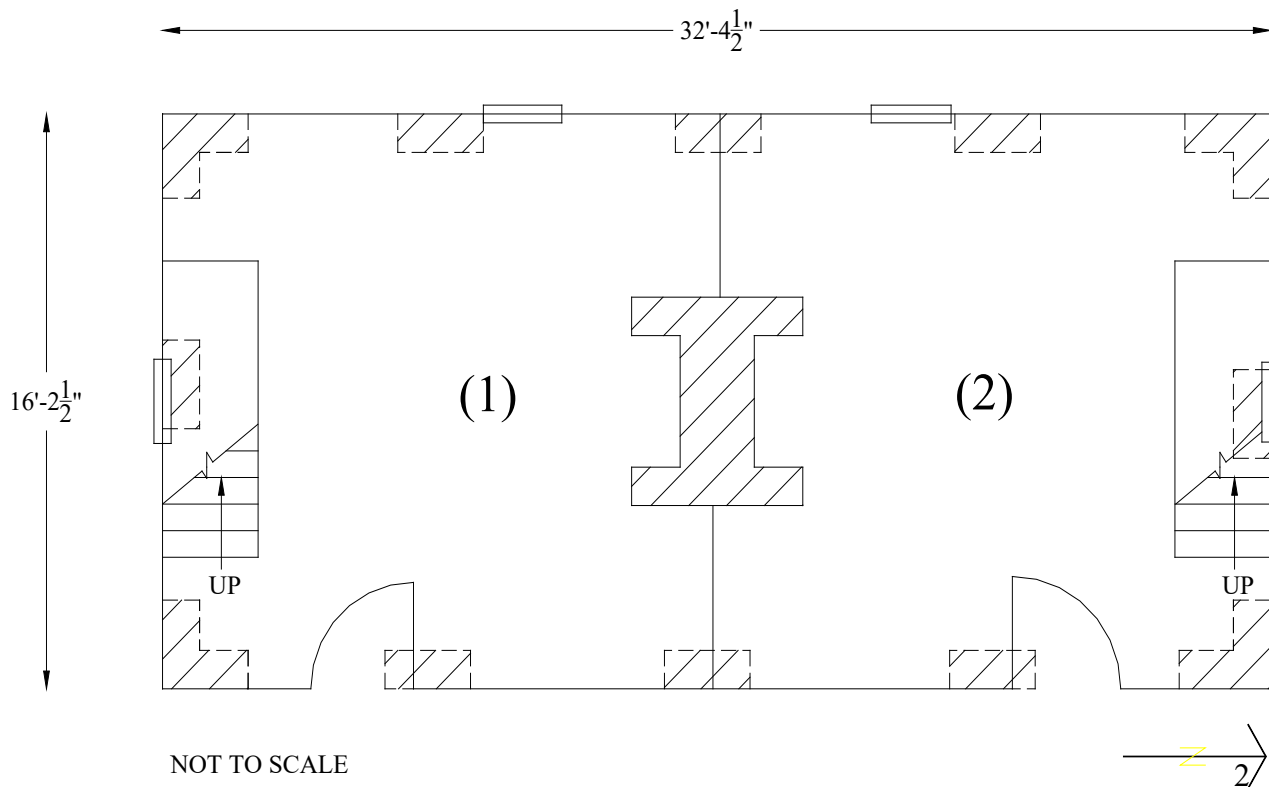


Number of Rooms: 4 (2 up, 2 down)

Dimensions: (1) 15'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

(2) 15'-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13'-8"

Period I Footprint:



Number of Rooms: 4 (2 up, 2 down)

Dimensions: (1) 15'-5 1/2" x 16'-3 1/2"
 (2) 15'-6 1/2" x 16'-3"

Doors: 2

	(1) Rm. 1	(2) Rm. 2
Type:	Board and Batten	Board and Batten
Dimensions:	3'-1" x 6'-0"	3'-1" x 6'-0"
Hardware:	Strap Hinges, Iron Box Lock and Knob	Strap Hinges, Iron Box Lock and Knob
Swing:	In	In

Windows: 4

	(1) Rm. 1	(2) Rm. 1	(3) Rm. 2	(4) Rm. 2
Type:	6/6 Sash	6/6 Sash	6/6 Sash	6/6 Sash
Dimensions:	2'-4" x 3'-9"	2'-4" x 3'-9"	2'-4" x 3'-9"	2'-4" x 3'-9"
Hardware:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

EXTERIOR

Foundation:

Masonry Piers: Brick
Number: 12
Dimensions: 2'-6" x 2'-6" x 1'-1"
Height: 0'-2" to 3'-8 1/2"
Joint: Flush

Shed/Porch: No

Roof:

Roof Form: Gable

Roof Covering: Wood shingles

Roof Framing:

Exposed: Yes, exposed collars show former lathe and plaster

Form: Common rafters

Rafter Number: 16

Rafter Dimensions: 0'-3" x 0'-4"

Collar Ties: Yes

Height from Roof Peak: 7'-3"

Height to Floor: 6'-0"

Building Height:

Siding to Soffit: 9'-11 1/2"

Siding to Apex: 18'-4 1/2"

Siding to Top of Eave: 10'-6"

Walls:

Frame:

Material: Wood

Cladding: Horizontal lapped weatherboard

Beaded: No

Chimney(s):

Chimney (1):

Material: Brick

Location: Interior Center

INTERIOR

Wall Framing: Not Exposed

Wall Finish: Paneled

Fireplace (1): Center

Fireplace Material: Brick

Fireplace Overall Dimensions: 5'-9" (W) x 4'-0" (H)

Fireplace Opening Dimensions: 3'-7" (W) x 2'-7 1/2" (H)

Hearth Material: Brick

Hearth Dimensions: 2'-8" x 5'-9"

Fireplace (2): Center

Fireplace Material: Brick

Fireplace Overall Dimensions: 5'-10" (W)

Fireplace Opening Dimensions: 3'-9" (W) x 2'-8" (H) x 1'-5" (D)

Hearth Material: Brick
Hearth Dimensions: 2'-7 ½" x 5'-9"

Stairs: Yes, one on each end of the building
Type: Ladder
Stairwell Dimensions: 2'-9 ½" (W)
Number of Treads: 10
Stair Tread Dimensions: 0'-9"

Subfloor Pit: No

Floor: Wood

Dating: Circular- sawn rafter collars suggest mid-19th century.

Dating Evidence:

Saw Marks: Circular sawn