

## Virginia Slave Housing Project

**Building Name:** Wilton Outbuilding

**Evidence Type:** Extant

**Site ID:** 059-001

**Historical Site Name:** Wilton

**City or Vicinity:** Hartfield

**County:** Middlesex

**State:** Virginia

**Investigators:** Carter Hudgins, Gary Stanton, Dennis Pogue

**Institutions:** University of Mary Washington Center for Historic Preservation; Mount Vernon's Ladies Association

**Project:**

**Start:** 5-23-2007

**End:** 5-23-2007

**Additional Investigators:** Kristen Travers

**Institutions:** Independent conservator and paint analyst

**Project:**

**Start:** August 2013

**End:** August 2013

**Additional Investigators:** Thane Harpole

**Institutions:** DATA Investigations, LLC

**Project:**

**Start:** September 2013

**End:** September 2013

**Notes:** This property was owned in 2007 by the APVA; the property was sold to a private individual in 2011, who commissioned the paint and archaeological excavations in 2013 and who subsequently restored the chimneys and fireplaces.

### Bibliography:

Kristen Travers, *Finishes Analysis Report: Wilton House, Outbuilding: Interior Finishes* (August 30, 2013).

Thane Harpole, *Archaeological Testing for Chimneys on an Historic Outbuilding at Wilton, Middlesex County, Virginia* (Interim Report, 2013).

### Summary Description:

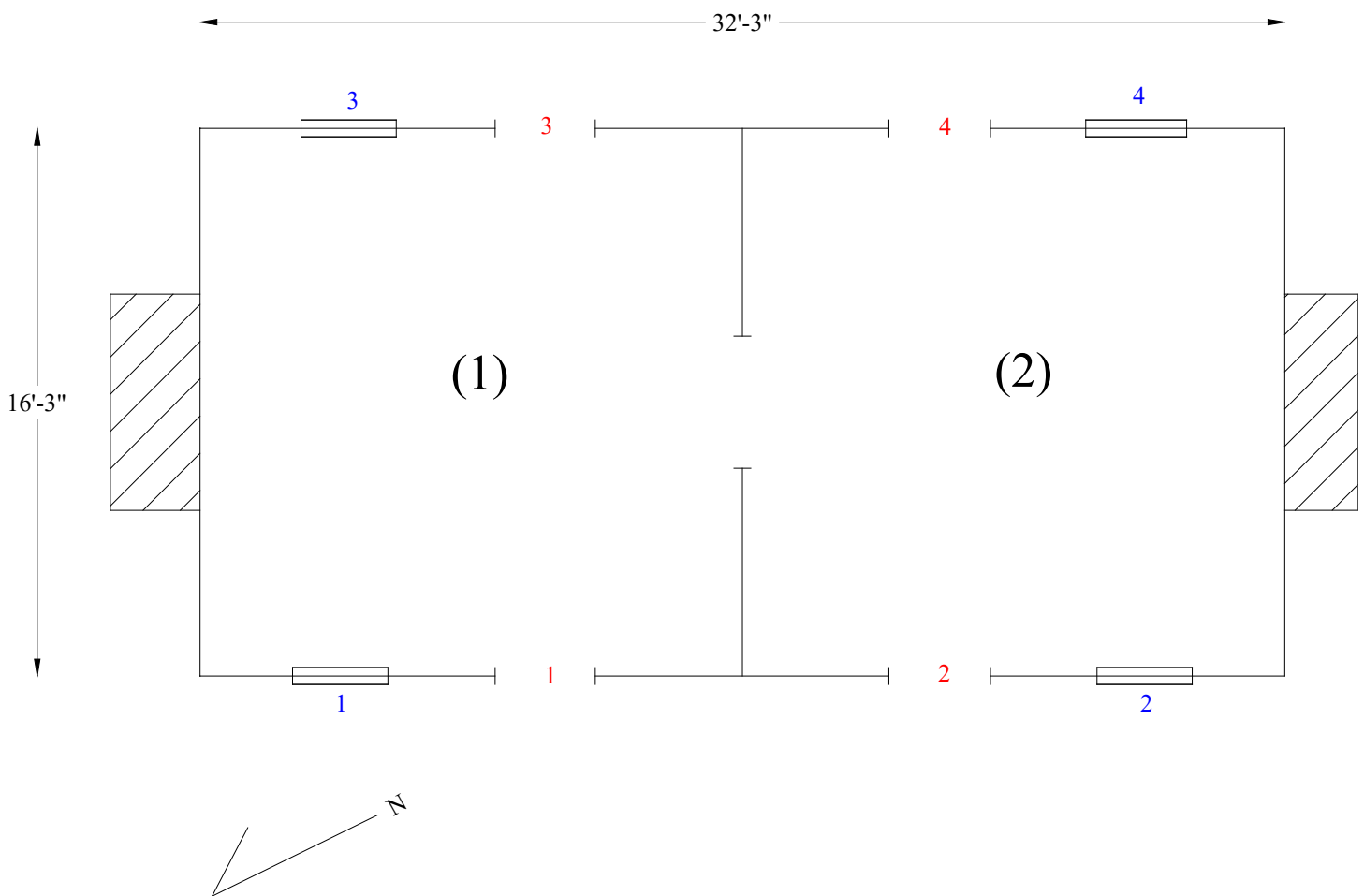
The frame building is located at a distance of 200 yards to the east of "Wilton," a ca. 1760 masonry house listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The one-story, four-bay, side-gable-roofed structure is supported by brick piers and was originally heated by exterior gable-end chimneys, which did not survive at the time of the investigations. Archaeological excavations (Harpole 2013) revealed evidence for both chimney bases, indicating that the base of the north chimney measured 6'1" by 2'7". The plan of the

36'3"x12'3" building was a duplex, consisting of two heated rooms, each accessed by opposing doorways on the east and west walls (two doorways are blocked). Opposing 6/6 sash windows are located between the doorways and the corners on both long walls. The interior walls are covered in a combination of horizontal planking (extending 5'-2 1/4" high) and lath and plaster. The finishes analysis (Travers 2013) revealed multiple generations of unpigmented limewash on the plaster and one layer of limewash on the planking. The original partition had been opened in the middle to accommodate the later function as a garage.

Dating evidence consists of mature cut nails used throughout the framing and Phase I plaster, planking, and exterior siding; circular sawn material is used throughout. The use of circular sawn boards indicates a likely construction date no earlier than ca. 1850.

**Principal Construction Type: Frame**  
**One Story**

**Footprint:**



Sizes of chimney bases approximate; north chimney 6'1" x 2'7" based on archaeological footprint.

**Number of Rooms: 2**

**Dimensions:** (1) 15'-4" x 15'-4"  
(2) 15'-4" x 15'-4"

**Foundation:**

**Masonry Piers:** brick (running bond)

**Number:** 12

**Dimensions:** (4) 2'-0 1/2" x 1'-4 x 0'-8"; (4) 2'-0" x 0'-8"; (4) 0'-8" x 0'-8"

**Height:** 6 courses

**Shed/Porch:** no

**Roof:**

**Roof Form:** gable

**Roof Covering:** square butt cedar shingles

**Roof Framing:**

**Form:** common rafters

**Rafter No:** 17 pairs

**Rafter Dimensions:** 0'-4" x 0'-3" (non-tapered)

**Walls:**

**Frame:**

**Material:** wood

**Cladding:** vertical board and batten; circular sawn

**Beaded:** no

**Doors: 4**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Type:</b>	Board and Batten	Board and Batten	Board and Batten	Board and Batten
<b>Dimensions:</b>				
<b>Hardware:</b>	butt	butt	butt	HL
<b>Swing:</b>	in	in	in	in

**Windows:**

**Number:** 4

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Type:</b>	6/6 sash	6/6 sash	6/6 sash	6/6 sash
<b>Dimensions:</b>				
<b>Hardware:</b>				
<b>Shuttered:</b>	no	no	no	no
<b>Slide:</b>	no	no	no	no

**Chimney(s):**

**Chimney (1):**

**Material:** unknown

**Location:** exterior end

**Chimney (2):**

**Material:** unknown

**Location:** exterior end

**Interior:**

**Wall Framing:** studs

**Wall Finish:** plaster; horizontal plank

**Fireplace:** unknown

**Fireplace Location(s):**

**Fireplace (1):** end; removed

**Hearth Material:** unknown

**Hearth Dimensions:** 5'-8" x 2';-8" based on measuring infill

**Fireplace (2):** end; removed

**Hearth material:** unknown

**Hearth dimensions:** 5'-0" x 2'-2" based on measuring infill

**Stair:** no

**Subfloor Pit:** no

**Dating:**

**Dendrochronology Date:** NA

**Other Date:** ca. 1850

**Dating Evidence:**

**Saw Marks:** Circular Sawn

**Nails:** Machine headed cut

**Comments:** Earliest dated circular sawn boards in Virginia 1848; circular sawn materials possible as early as 1840 but unlikely before ca. 1850.