

INVENTORY:
HISTORIC BUILDINGS
OF AMHERST COUNTY

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Name of Present Owner: Edward Lewis & Edward A. Lewis

Mailing Address: Red Hill, Pedlar Mills, Rte 2
Monroe, Va. 24574

Geographic location of Building (e.g., route number, location near landmark, etc.): 677 near Pedlar Mills,

Physical Appearance of Building:

Number of stories 2^s & Bsmt

Porches: Front Portico added ca. 1930

Brick: Red

Back None at present

Painted

Roof: Slate

Frame

Shingle

Log

Tin

Columns Front porch

Other

Cellar Yes (English bsmt)

Foundation: Stone

Shutters Yes

Brick

Style (If Known): Georgian

Any other distinguishing features: winding staircase with rail of crotch mahogany & pine, detailed fascia; "rope" chairrail one room; Adam mantle/s.

Approximate dimensions and shape of building: 56 X 43 (rectangle);

12' ceilings both floors; hip roof; 4 inside chimneys; 1/2 fireplaces; 3 20 X 20' rms, 1 15 X 20' rm & center hall, 15' A X 43', each floor.

Outbuildings: Number: 1 servant's cottage; 3 neighboring houses.
Servant's cottage is brick with hip roof, approx 12 X 24, and is probably contemporary with main house. Round Top, which is situated on a hill several fields behind Red Hill in a grove of ancient oaks is a story and one-half clapboard-over-log structure with fine brick chimneys on the gable ends. It was an overseer's house in

in the Library of Congress) but it is possible that it was the house in which the Ellis lived while Red Hill was constructed. Overlooking the Pedlar behind Round Top is a 2^{STORY} frame house in which the Embarks live which dates from the early 1800's. Briery Keroway, one-and-one-half stories & also frame, situated above ^{original owner:} 647, was built by Laurence of Minor in 1854. Charles Ellis who according to a family letter built Red Hill in 1794. The present house predates the Ellis & Allan papers, which are continuous since 1785. Red Hill passed from Ellis hands on May 17, 1852, was owned from 1870 until 1895 by the Robert C. Pabreys until purchased by John Ellis, who lost the house in 1912.

Architectural changes: Red Hill was remodeled by Richard Shelton Ellis in 1819, and only the f/loors, doors mantels, chairrails, ^{staircase} are likely to predate this. The exterior rear doors are at least this old, while the interior door & window trim (except for the paneled casings, which appear to be original) could date from the 1819 changes but are probably later. There is some evidence that flat segmental arches were replaced by wooded lintels, probably in 1819, a likely date for the windows as well. The portico was added in the 1920's.

Original documents pertaining to the history or ownership of the building:

Bible _____
 Deed _____
 License _____
 Other Ellis & Allan papers, 500 volumes, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division.

Any industry associated with the building or its owners, such as a mill, general store, etc.:

Ellis & Allan firm, Richmond, Va., merchants for tobacco & importers/exporters dealing in whatever a wealthy planter might desire; Mills, distillery, & shops on local level at Pedlar Mills.

Old photographs or drawings of the building:

In your possession an 1890's photograph which shows what was probably Richard Shelton's 1819 front porch, an elaborate flat roofed version of Shirley's but not as well proportioned. We are aware of no others but expect they exist.

History of the building, including any unusual features: See enclosure

Edgar Allan Poe was (according to the Ellis & Allan papers) at Red Hill on at least one occasion & according to tradition spent several Summers there. Birthplace of Powhatan Ellis, Senator from Mississippi.

Any publications about or including the building Emilee Hires (Cartier)

Old Va. Hses. in the Piedmont. Hervey Allen, Israel (Poe biography), Lynchburg and Its Neighbors (photo)

The following is a list of owners to whom this questionnaire is being sent. If you know of other buildings or sites which should be included, please list them afterwards. Thank you.

list NAME	DATE	NAME OF BUILDING
Janet Ambler	?	?
Anie?	1813	The Tavern, Pedlar Mills
Esmond Brightwell	?	The Mill House
Lynn K. Brugh	1785	The Brick House
Jane C. Calkins	1748	Geddes
B. F. Camden	1866	Fair View
Mrs. K. Cobb	1790	Long Ridge
County of Amherst	1772	Winton
R. W. Creamer	1732	?
Louis Dula	1790	Edgehill
Harold Early	?	?
H. T. Eubank	1800	Walnut Hill Farm
Mrs. A. F. Faulconer	1897	Locust Grove Farm
Philip Girling	?	Speed the Plough
Mrs. F. Hamilton	1814	Edge Hill
Dr. & Mrs. Hancock	1800	Edgewood
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hanson	1777	Mountain View
Henry Higginbotham	1813	?
Mrs. J. V. Howell, Sr.	1731	Athlone
Poplar Thickett	1778	Poplar Thickett
Jack Kent	?	?
E. Lewis	1754	Red Hill

M. E. Malige	1776	Pedlar Farm
J. H. Massie, Sr.	1868	Edgewood Farm
J. E. Merritt	1795	Old Pettyjohn House
Mrs. Lena Morris	1848	Watts Mountain House
Myers Family	?	Buffalo Springs
J. Wilson Newman	1855	Kenmore Farm
Sadie Parr	1790	Coffee Place
Ned Perrow	1813	Galts Mill
Nellie Petherbridge	1813	The Tavern
Rex Pixley	1848	Locust Grove
Kathleen Putt	1790	Retreat
Randolph Memorial Church	1815	The Oaks
Queena Stovall	1752	The Wigwam
Sweet Briar College	1796	Sweet Briar House
S. Tyler	1820	Duckbill
Ralph Tucker	1824	?
W. L. Tucker, Jr.	1842	Mountain View
I. P. Wailes, Sr.	?	Cherry Hill Farm
R. E. Watts	1791	Seven Oaks
Mrs. G. Whitehead	1790	Edgehill
T. B. Williams	1755	Tusculum
W. P. Wills	?	Cloverdale Farm
Langley Wood	1871	Mount San Angelo
E. Woody	1812	The Tavern
W. Morley	1790	The Moorman Place
Barney Wyckoff	1800	Rosedale
John Zinsser	1773	Poplar Grove
Mrs. Fears	1720?	Log Cabin
R. Feagans	1790	Riverview Farm
?	1750?	Fox Hall
?	1762	The Glebe
?	1855	Islington
John D. Smith	?	?

Saint Lukes, Pedlar Mills, which is at least as early as 1789. There is a cottage (which now belongs to Carrington Gillespie) also in Pedlar Mills which is most certainly an eighteenth century structure of EIPs construction.

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NAME: Charles M. [Signature]

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