

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 2 (Amendment)**

Property Name Wilton

Property Address 1425 Twiggs Ferry Road, Hartfield, VA 23071

DHR Project Number: 2013-32(tax), 059-001ep

NPS Project Number: 28542

5. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF REHABILITATION/PRESERVATION WORK - Includes site work, new construction, alterations, etc. Complete below

<p>Number 1a. Architectural feature <u>Slave/Kitchen Quarter; General</u> Approximate date of feature <u>1840</u> Describe existing feature and its condition:</p> <p>As previously described in feature 17 of the Part 2 application, this dependency is in fair to poor condition. Plaster walls (starting above four feet of wainscoting) and ceilings are in poor condition. On each end of this 16' x 32' structure, patch work batten board siding, probably from the <u>early 20th c.</u> covers gaping holes where two end chimneys once stood. A section of an interior wall dividing the cabin into two units of equal size was removed in the early 20c to permit use of the structure for automotive storage or repair. Cinder block has been used to bolster or replace failing brick piers supporting the structure and to replace missing steps at each entrance.</p> <p>Photo nos. <u>1a-6a</u> Drawing no. <u>1a</u></p>	<p>Describe work and impact on existing feature:</p> <p>The initial proposal for this dependency was to make only those minimal repairs needed to prevent further deterioration of this structure. This amended proposal is to perform additional work that will better preserve the current structure and will restore the seriously impaired (principally, wall and ceiling plaster) or missing (chimneys) features, leaving the vast majority of the historical fabric intact while restoring the structure to a condition that will permit its use as a complete structure and accurate historical artifact. Thus, failing plaster and lathe will be removed or repaired and walls (above the wainscoting) and ceilings will be re-plastered using appropriate historical methods and materials. The center wall dividing this dependency into two units, which had been partially removed in the early 20th century to facilitate its use as a garage, will be reconstructed, and a doorway – indicated by the spacing of the original wall studs -- reinstalled in the center of this wall. The four windows will be repaired, retaining the original or early glazing where it remains. The wainscoting on the cabin walls, which is generally in good condition, will be retained “as is,” including its finish of peeling and mottled lime wash. The floors, in generally fair structural condition, will be repaired as needed and cleaned lightly in most areas and heavily where there is evidence of motor oil staining. Although the building appears to be structurally sound, repairs will be made to existing, original brick foundation piers, and later cinder-block supports will be replaced, or re-faced, with brick. Minimal repairs will be made as needed to the exterior siding with a view toward minimizing visual alteration of its aged appearance. Wooden steps will be built at each entrance, replacing cinder block steps. The foregoing work, together with the rebuilding of the chimneys described below, will have the effect of preserving the essential features of this mid- 19th century structure in much the same condition as it was originally, its authenticity intact notwithstanding the re-built and repaired elements.</p>
<p>Number 2a. Architectural feature <u>Slave and Kitchen Quarter: Chimneys</u> Approximate date of feature <u>1840</u> Describe existing feature and its condition:</p> <p>Missing chimneys, slave and kitchen quarter dependency.</p> <p>Photo no. _____ Drawing no. _____</p>	<p>Describe work and impact on existing feature:</p> <p>Archeological evidence and visual; inspection confirm that chimneys at the north and south ends of the cabin. Two new chimneys will be built.</p> <p>The proposed chimney dimensions are based on the archaeology tests conducted at the north and south ends of the dependency and on interior and exterior observation of the original cut outs in the sills and the framing and of the newer materials used to close up/replace that portion of the end walls once occupied by the</p>

chimneys. On the north side, the chimney base extended 36” from the end of the dependency and measured approximately 68” in width. This (68”) is the same measure as the height of the (presumably) exposed portion of the chimney brickwork surrounding the firebox which would have been visible from the interior of the cabin. The distance from the ground to the likely beginning of the original chimney shoulder (the point at which the chimney brick stops and the board and batten wall commences) will measure 92”. Using these dimensions as a starting point and given the model design chosen (based on the Cibula Slave House, c. 1825, Prince George County Virginia, as pictured in fig. 13.7, p. 293 of “The Chesapeake House” (Univ. of North Carolina, 2013), the chimney shoulder will narrow to the chimney stack at approximately 142” inches from the ground. A 28” square stack will then rise 86”, or 36” above the gable peak, which rises 192” from the ground, for a total chimney height of 228 inches, or 19 feet. The archeology revealed ample evidence of a contemporary, mid-19thc chimney on the south wall but the dimensions of its base were ill-defined, compared to the north chimney base, and of a slightly different construction, reflecting perhaps different functions for the two chimneys. Consistent with this evidence, closer inspection of the cut outs of the sills and framing on the south wall after removal of the newer early 20c siding revealed a smaller hearth opening, by approximately “10;” the south chimney will be scaled down accordingly. In both instances, the brick will be laid in American bond. The brick material will be “Old Virginia, Georgetown” pavers, which roughly match in color and size the bricks currently found in the support piers. All of the above work will be performed consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties. AS noted above, the impact will be the preservation and strengthening of the dependency, and the retention or replication of historic materials and workmanship in a manner that appropriately reflects and revives the structure’s early condition and history.

Number 3.

Architectural feature _____
 Approximate date of feature _____
 Describe existing feature and its condition:

Photo no. _____ Drawing no. _____

Describe work and impact on existing feature:

Number 4.

Architectural feature _____
 Approximate date of feature _____
 Describe existing feature and its condition:

Photo no. _____ Drawing no. _____

Describe work and impact on existing feature: