

Tillery House  
Tillery, Halifax County  
North Carolina

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## TILLERY HOUSE

One mile west of Tillery, then northward one-quarter mile on lane  
Halifax County, North Carolina

Owner: Mr. Tillery

Date of erection: Before 1798

Present condition: Good

Builder: Thomas <sup>Flount</sup> Black Hill

Description:

Two-story frame house with entrance porch on axis of gable end, flanked by one-story wings, each containing one room. Plan type characterized by central entrance and living hall from which the stair ascends and behind which a transverse passage connects porches located at rear of wings. The hall also gives access to a large rear parlor, or ball room. Upstairs contains two bedrooms. There is no basement. A dining room has been added in the re-entrant angle behind the west wing.

The farm outbuildings are numerous and interesting. They are varied in structural types, including log, vertical batten, and siding. The dairy displays an original coved plaster cornice.

Carpentry is substantial and skilfully executed. Good eighteenth-century precedent is evident in trim, door, and window design but not in the scale and treatment of enriched details, such as in mantels and exterior cornices, which are nevertheless well fabricated.

Additional data:

The house was sold in 1845 to the Tillery family.

Mr. Samuel Wheeler Worthington, address Wilson, North Carolina, is mentioned as an authority on local history.

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