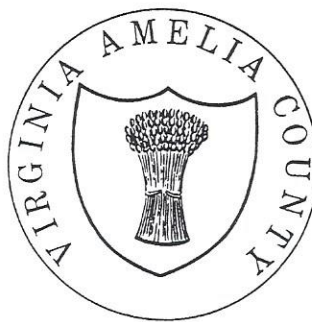


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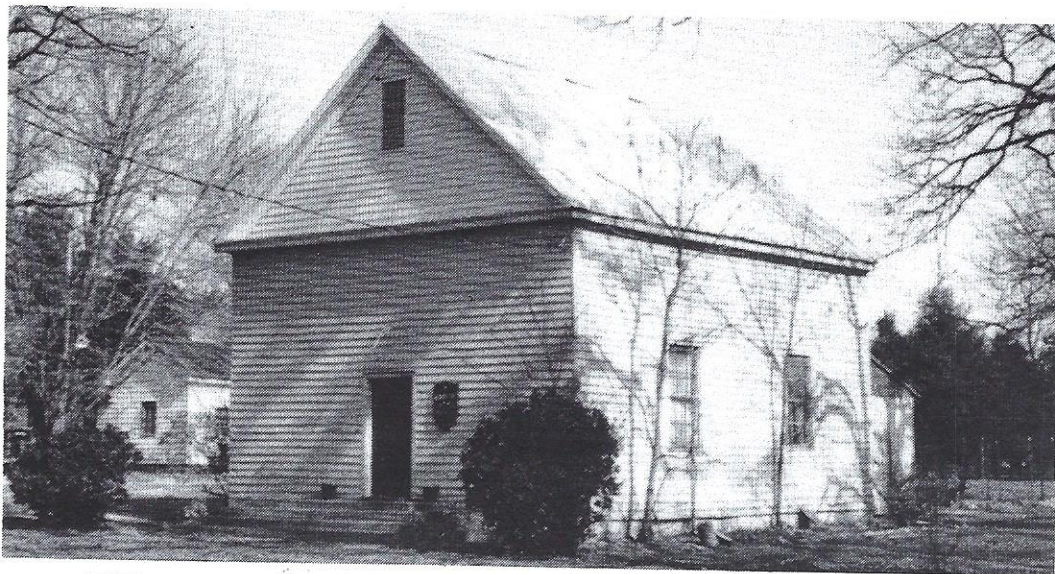
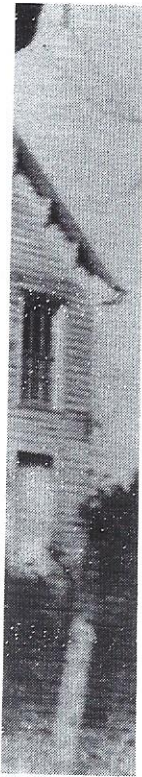
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**BETHEL MEETING HOUSE** — On Sept. 30, 1825 Matthew R. Perkinson made a deed to John C. Hill, Thomas Worsham, Philip T. Southall and Allen Townes, all of Amelia Co., and Austin Watkins of Nottoway Co. In consideration of "love and regard he has for the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" and for the sum of \$1.00, he gave a tract of one acre "for the purpose of erecting a meeting house for religious worship to be called and known by the name of Bethel (The Hebrew 'Beth-el' means 'House of God'), free for all and every denomination of Christian preachers to preach in under the superintendence of the trustees, assigned forever under the following provisos: In case the principle or intent of the meeting house is altered by the trustees so as to allow only one denomination of Christian preachers to preach therein, then and in that case only, the trustees forfeit all right and title in the one-acre tract as though this deed had never been. Should the intent be altered, the trustees shall give timely notice to sell at public auction the meeting house known as 'Bethel' and divide the proceeds between those who subscribed money and paid for the building of the meeting house." (DB 27, p. 403)

On Aug. 20, 1853 Edward A. Goodwyn and his wife, Martha C., sold Jacob R. Angel for \$10.00 the land and right of way to a certain church called "Bethel" at Jetersville in Amelia Co. (DB 38, p. 585)

Jacob Angel and Nancy his wife deeded 12 acres at Jetersville on Apr. 1, 1857 to William G. Dalby, with Angel reserving to the public the right of way to and assembling at the meeting house called "Bethel". (DB 39, p. 431)

On Dec. 13, 1920 Mattie Dalby Riddle and her husband C. W. Riddle, Julia Dalby Clyce and her husband, Charles L. Clyce, Mary Dalby Blake and her husband, A. S. Blake, heirs of William G. Dalby, sold to William A. Farrar, trustee for the Presbyterian Church of Jetersville and his successors, one acre at Jetersville, being the same land that was conveyed by Matthew R. Perkinson to the trustees of Bethel Church. (DB 76, p. 228)

The church property was next acquired by the Leigh District Community Center, Inc., and for a time it was used by the Ruritan Club. On March 21, 1973 the corporation voted unanimously to have a deed prepared and executed that conveyed certain real estate, with the old Jetersville Presbyterian Church situated on it, to Patrick J. and Dorothy H. McGill, husband and wife. (DB 124, p. 492)

On Oct. 1, 1975 Patrick J. McGill and his wife sold two tracts to Barbara M. Lyda, one of which was 0.71 acres (one acre less a highway easement) containing the old Bethel Meeting House. She is the present owner of the building. (1985)

The building is located at Jetersville on the south side of state route 671, near U. S. Highway 360.

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**DALBY HOUSE** — On Apr. 1, 1857 Jacob R. Angel and Nancy A., his wife, sold two tracts of land at Jetersville to Dr. William G. Dalby. One of these was 12 acres, 2 rods and 25 paces, and was where Angel was living. He had bought the property from James P. Vaughan. (DB 39, p. 432)

Dr. W. G. Dalby died intestate owning this land, and he was survived by three daughters, Mattie Dalby Riddle, Julia E. Dalby Clyce, and Mary Dalby Griggs. These heirs sold off part of their father's land, but conveyed the residue, 4.42 acres, to Indiana T. Francis on Dec. 2, 1919. (DB 73, p. 424)

On Dec. 30, 1919 Indiana T. Francis sold Virginia L. Rowlett, Grace P. Rowlett and Catherine Rowlett 1.02 acres. (DB 73, p. 426)

On Apr. 3, 1948 Virginia (Rowlett) Lawrence and J. Donald, her husband; Grace (Rowlett) Lawrence and Herbert A., her husband; and Catherine (Rowlett) Morris and Thomas Cecil, her husband, sold Dr. James M. Habel the 1.02 acres at Jetersville. (DB 98, p. 36) The house was restored and used as rental property for a number of years.

Dr. James Habel made his will on Dec. 13, 1944, and it was probated on March 22, 1956. He left his wife, Leona C. Habel, all of his estate, both real and personal. (WB 30, p. 94)

On June 24, 1971 Leona C. Habel sold Patrick J. McGill the 1.02 acres at Jetersville. (DB 120, p. 539) Then in October, 1975 Patrick J. McGill and Dorothy H., his wife, deeded the 1.01 acres on which the house is located to Barbara W. Lyda. (DB 131, p. 110) She is the present owner. (1986)

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