

ELDON

c.1825

2334 & 2332 Oakville Rd, Appomattox, Virginia 24522



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Owner Reflections

Life at Eldon has been an absolute blessing for our family. To be caretakers of such a historic property whose life has revolved around the life of the county, and country since it's inception, has been an honor.

The property is a living, breathing testament from the late 18th century, through the Civil War, to Reconstruction, to World War I, and the political history of the Commonwealth.

The ties between the Floods and the Byrds and the role of America in the 20th century can be felt in the walls and the floorboards of Eldon.

We hope that we have continued the conversations that occurred around the dining room table that Rep. Flood or Capt. Flood would have been proud of, and the grounds still invoke the grandeur as it did in centuries past.

From working on the gardens to entertaining guests on the outdoor porches, life at Eldon is one of a bucolic wonderland. Caring for it has been a labor of love.





A Love Letter To Eldon

A heart rarely feels compelled to write a love letter to a house. Eldon is not ordinary. She is different. History deepened the soul of this house and inspired a poetic love letter that is part of its historical past.

The approach along the tree-lined drive leads to the majestic beauty of Eldon. Your eyes meet the stunning 18-room, three-story white frame house when it comes into view. Five south-facing gabled dormer windows and four tall white Tuscan pillars stand guard with wide porches on three sides of the house. It is an impressive sight.

On the west side of the house is a stone cottage from the late 1700s. A generator house was built around 1900 on the northwest side to supply electricity to the home.



Eldon has had five owners over 197 years. Since purchasing in 2005, the current owners have updated the electricity, plumbing, heating, and cooling systems and installed electricity on the third floor. In addition, the current owners renovated the kitchen and replaced flooring where needed.





The Foyer

Stepping through the front doors, you feel the history in the oak-paneled woodwork. Pocket doors were added in the 1800s to allow the entire downstairs to become one room where dignitaries, family, and friends gathered. Eight fireplaces and eighteen rooms give this home's interior a commanding presence.



Once home to Hal D. Flood, a member of the US House of Representatives, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs from 1913 - 1919, and author of the resolution declaring war on Germany and Austria in April 1917, this home has supported tough decisions and acknowledged changing times.

Eldon was the lifetime home of Hal Flood, his wife, Anita, and their children. It remained in the Flood family for 100 years.



The Parlor

Seven of the eight fireplace mantels in the house are original.

Legend has it that the mantel in the back parlor is from Monticello's vineyard master's house. The mantel was purchased by the previous owners, Virginia and Francis Tyler, in the 1960s.





The Study

The first floor includes two parlors, a study, a dining room, a butlers pantry, another large pantry, a kitchen, a powder room, and a mud room.

Large windows throughout the house invite cool breezes and views of a peaceful setting.



Back Parlor

The back parlor is the perfect place to relax, with french doors leading to the wrap-around porch with mountain views.



Dining Room

The dining room hosted many conversations about new farm practices, land purchases, war, peace, and life events.

The property was initially named Rocky Farm. Before the Civil War, the Floods gave it the name Eldon. Through marriage and purchase, the estate grew to over 3,000 acres. It became one of the finest and best-run farms in the State of Virginia. They were innovative in agricultural practices, which are now universally used and recognized. Their principal money crop was dark-fired tobacco.



Kitchen





Bedroom

Spanning the second floor are four large bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dressing room, a small den, a storage area, and a laundry room.

The third floor has three bedrooms, one bathroom, a large walk-in closet, and storage space under the eaves.





The Cottage

The old kitchen is constructed of stone and dates back to the 1700s. It is now a charming cottage with a living room, bathroom, kitchen, and two bedrooms. Its white-painted stone walls are nearly twenty-two inches thick, with wide stone chimneys on either end.





Generator House

The generator house, built around 1900, first supplied electricity to the main house around 1902. The lower portion had a generator and glass batteries, while the second floor housed tenant farmers. Tenant farmers occupied it until the 1960s.

Eldon was the first house in Appomattox County to have electricity because of the generator house.



*A Love Letter
To Eldon*
Excerpt

“Eldon”, whose fractured elegance has withstood the challenges of time, still has the attraction to quicken the heart of those who have loved her long, and those who have just made her acquaintance. Dressed in white, as a bride-to-be, she waits to be loved, honored, and cared for. In return, she will give of herself by sharing her gentle, magnificent charm and beauty. Tall, eloquent, and erect, she stands proud in honor of those who with pride, perfection, and purpose, fashioned her into the architectural antiquity she has become. She rests on the rise of a sloping hill, with tree lined approach, and extends greetings to all who come to pay homage to her grandeur. Although the years have been kind to her, her handshake of cordiality may not be as firm as it once was, but she still has a charming, wistful, and beguiling countenance about her, and will get a twinkle in her eye when the past is reflected upon.

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Appomattox, VA 24522
Parcel ID: 50A52
Zoning: Agricultural 20-99ac
21.57 Acres

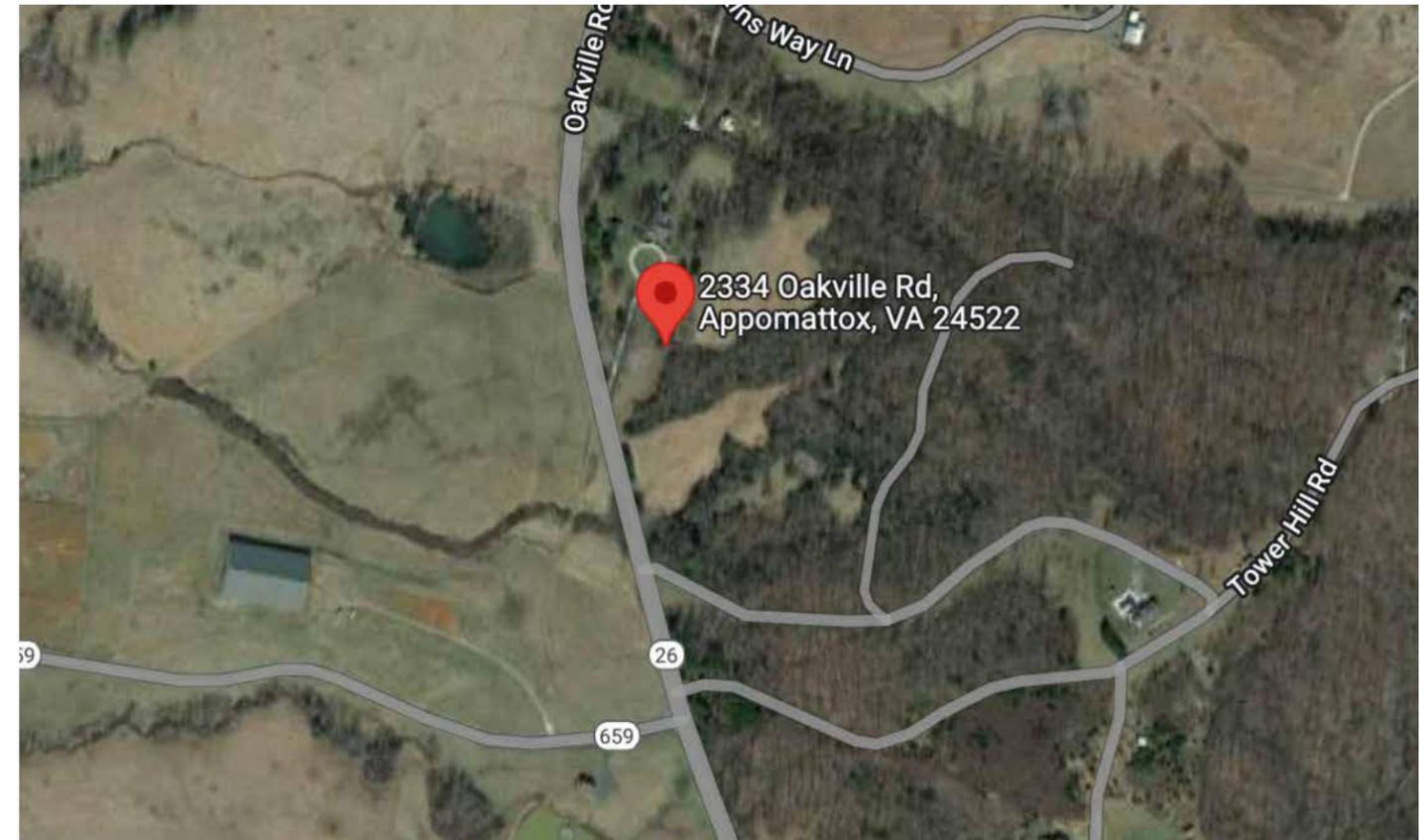
2332 Oakville Road
Parcel ID: 50A53
Zoning: SFD Suburban
3.43 Acres with Pond

Internet: Firefly
Electric: Central VA Co Op

Well
Septic

Cottage water is pumped from the house.

3-Car detached garage and storage area.





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