

c. 1825 Eldon



A Historic Estate
Reflecting 200 Years of Virginia Life

2334 Oakville Rd
Appomattox, Virginia 24522



The Seller's Own Words

A Reflection

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.







An Estate That Inspired a Love Letter

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.



Stewardship Across Generations

Over 197 years, Eldon has had only five owners. Since purchasing the property in 2005, the current stewards have made substantial improvements, including updated electrical, plumbing, heating, and cooling systems, the addition of electricity to the third floor, a renovated kitchen, and selective flooring replacement—bringing modern functionality to this historic residence.





A Home That Shaped History

Stepping through the front doors, the home's history is immediately felt in its oak-paneled woodwork and finely preserved details. Pocket doors—added in the 1800s—allow the entire main level to open into a single grand space, once designed to host dignitaries, family, and friends alike. With eight fireplaces and eighteen rooms, the interior possesses a sense of scale and presence befitting the home's stature.

Eldon was once home to Hal D. Flood, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs from 1913 to 1919, and author of the congressional resolution declaring war on Germany and Austria in April 1917. Within these walls, consequential decisions were made as the nation confronted a changing world.

Eldon remained the lifetime home of Hal Flood, his wife Anita, and their children, staying in the Flood family for more than a century—a rare continuity of stewardship that speaks to the home's enduring significance.





Fireplaces & Architectural Legacy

Seven of the home's eight fireplace mantels are original, anchoring the interiors in their historic fabric. Tradition holds that the mantel in the back parlor once graced the vineyard master's house at Monticello, acquired in the 1960s by Virginia and Francis Tyler—a detail that quietly ties the home to Virginia's broader architectural story.

An Elegant Parlor for Gathering

This formal parlor reflects the architectural sensibilities of its era, where proportion, symmetry, and natural light defined principal living spaces. Tall windows are evenly placed to maximize daylight and ventilation, a thoughtful response to both comfort and climate. Their alignment also reinforces the room's balanced composition, a hallmark of historic domestic design.



The generous scale of the room allowed it to serve as a primary gathering space, accommodating multiple seating arrangements without compromising circulation or formality. Wide openings connect the parlor to adjacent rooms, supporting a traditional layout that encouraged movement, conversation, and visual continuity throughout the first floor. Original hardwood flooring and period-appropriate finishes further anchor the room in its historic context, offering a clear expression of craftsmanship and intent.



The Private Study & Family Room

The first floor is organized according to a traditional hierarchical plan, accommodating both formal reception and daily domestic functions. Principal rooms include two parlors and a study, arranged for entertaining, private conversation, and intellectual pursuits, along with a formal dining room. Service spaces—comprising a butler's pantry, an additional large pantry, the kitchen, a powder room, and a mudroom—are discreetly positioned to support the operation of the household while remaining secondary to the public rooms.

Large, regularly spaced windows throughout the first floor reflect period design principles that emphasized natural light, ventilation, and visual connection to the surrounding landscape. Their placement encourages cross-breezes and framed views, contributing to interior comfort long before the introduction of mechanical climate control and reinforcing the home's relationship to its pastoral setting.

Original hardwood flooring, period lighting, and preserved millwork contribute to the room's architectural integrity, offering a clear example of the craftsmanship, spatial hierarchy, and functional planning characteristic of the era.





A Room at the Center of Agricultural and Social Life

The dining room served as a central forum for discussion and decision-making, hosting conversations that ranged from evolving agricultural practices and land acquisitions to matters of war, peace, and family life. As was customary in substantial rural estates, the dining room functioned not only as a place for meals but as a space where social, economic, and civic responsibilities converged.

Originally known as Rocky Farm, the property was renamed Eldon by the Flood family prior to the Civil War. Through successive marriages and strategic land purchases, the estate expanded to more than 3,000 acres, becoming one of the largest, most productive, and best-managed farms in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Floods were recognized for their forward-thinking agricultural methods—many of the practices later became widely adopted. Dark-fired tobacco served as the estate's principal cash crop, anchoring Eldon's economic success and regional importance.



The Kitchen & Butler's Pantry





The Upper Floors

The second floor spans four large bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dressing room, a small den, a storage area, and a laundry room, reflecting the layered domestic planning typical of substantial historic residences. Bedrooms on this level retain generous proportions and abundant natural light, underscoring their role as principal family chambers rather than secondary sleeping quarters. The inclusion of a dressing room and den illustrates the gradual evolution of domestic comfort and privacy within the household.

The third floor accommodates three additional bedrooms, one bathroom, a large walk-in closet, and storage areas tucked beneath the eaves. Historically, upper levels such as this often served a combination of family overflow, guest accommodations, or private domestic use. The efficient use of attic spaces demonstrates thoughtful adaptation of the home's original structure while preserving its architectural integrity.

Together, the second and third floors illustrate a clear hierarchy of space and function, revealing how the home was designed to support both everyday living and long-term occupancy across generations.





The Original Stone Kitchen Cottage

Constructed in the 1700s, the original stone kitchen stands as one of the estate's earliest surviving structures. Now thoughtfully repurposed as a charming cottage, it includes a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and two bedrooms. The white-painted stone walls—nearly twenty-two inches thick—speak to early construction methods designed for durability and thermal mass, while substantial stone chimneys anchor each end of the building. Together, these elements preserve the character of an 18th-century working kitchen while offering a rare and evocative glimpse into the daily life of the early estate.



The Generator House

Constructed c. 1900, the generator house represents a remarkably early chapter in rural electrification. By approximately 1902, it was supplying electricity to the main residence—making Eldon the first house in Appomattox County to be electrified.

The lower level originally housed the generator and glass battery system that powered the estate, a sophisticated and forward-thinking installation for its time. The upper floor was designed as tenant housing and remained occupied by tenant farmers well into the 1960s. Together, the structure reflects both the technological innovation and the working agricultural life that defined Eldon's evolution at the turn of the 20th century.



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

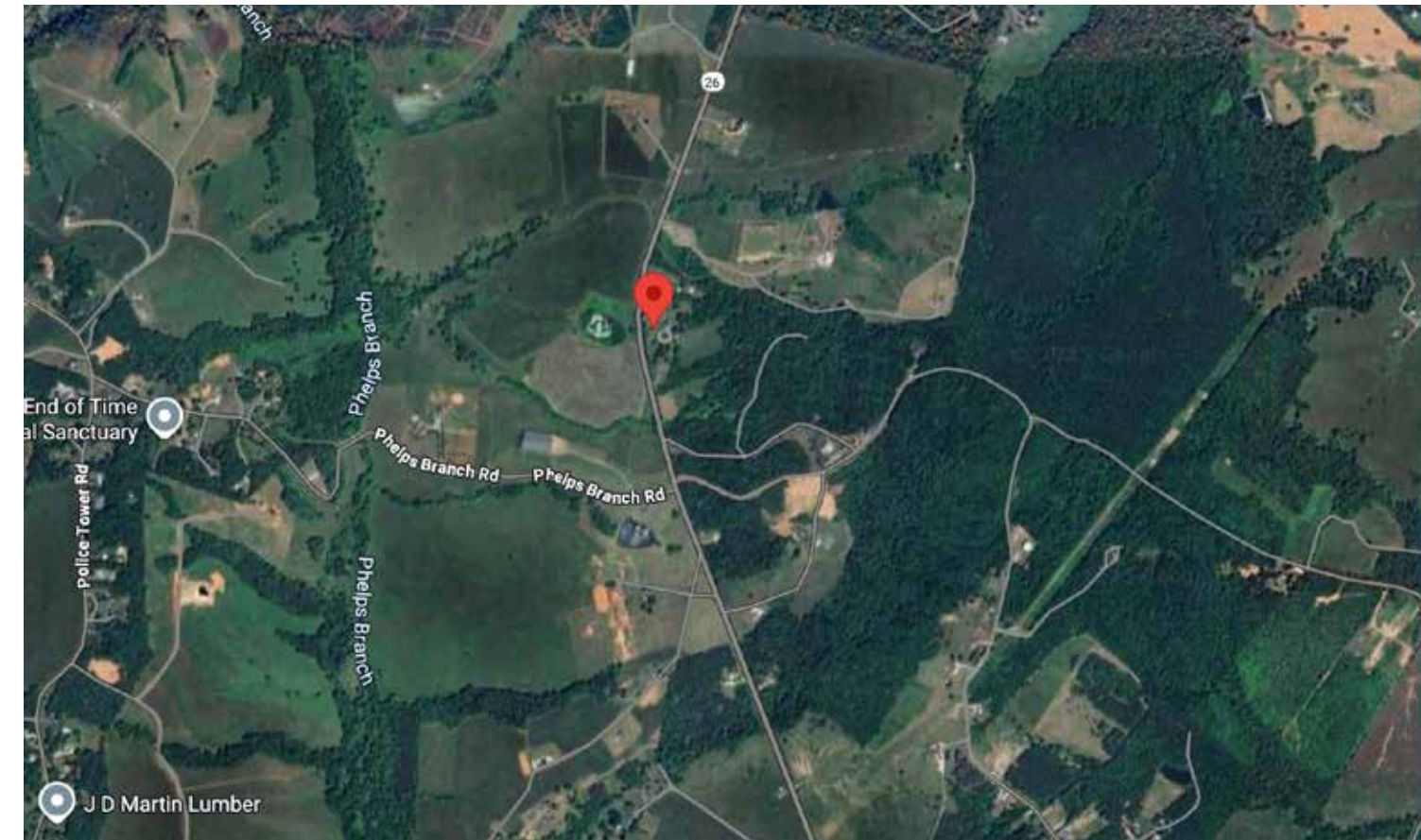
2332 Oakville Road
Parcel ID: 50A53
Zoning: SFD Suburban
3.43 Acres with Pond

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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