

Source - "Prince William: A Past to Preserve" by the Prince William County Historical Commission

Historic Name: Tavener House

Date or Period: ca. 1850-1870

Original Use: residence or store

Vicinity: Occoquan

"Frame-constructed, this two-story, rectangular-plan building has a pressed-tin, gabled roof and is clad on three sides with German, or channeled, siding. The structure consists of a two-story section measuring about fifteen feet by twenty feet and a two-story addition to the rear as wide as the earlier house is long. It is believed that Confederate Colonel Wade Hampton and his men, who were headquartered in the Old Hammill Hotel during the Civil War, escaped Union troops by way of a stream that runs under this building. In the early 1900s, the building housed a grocery store. Since that time, an electric supply store, an antique shop, an art gallery and frame shop, and a dance supply house have occupied the structure. While some of its architectural significance has been lost through remodeling, the building has retained its historic character."