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Historic Name: Douglass Hall

Date or Period: Late 19th to early 20th Century

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Manassas National Battlefield Park

(AKA Brawner House, AKA Bachelor Hall)

"The existing two-and-one-half-story, L-shaped, Victorian, frame house with metal roof is currently in a state of disrepair and structurally unsound. The older, north section of the house sits on a rubble, stone foundation with no cellar. It is believed to contain material from an earlier structure occupied by tenant John C. Brawner during the Civil War. The original house, built in the 1820s by George Tennille and inherited by George and Augusta Douglass in 1846, was known as "Bachelor Hall." It likely suffered severe damage during the second battle of Manassas. Archeologists have determined this portion of the house, built shortly after the Civil War, does not sit directly on the foundation of the original house. The south extension dates to 1904 and was added by the Davis family, which owned and occupied the house into the 1970s with no electricity. Manassas National Battlefield Park acquired the property in 1985. Since the house serves as a landmark and occupies the approximate site of the earlier dwelling, it is often called the "Brawner Farmhouse," but that designation is historically incorrect."