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Berry Plain Farm  
Dogue, Virginia

In 1665, when William Berry and his bride, Margaret Doughty, received the land as part of a dowry, the Dogue Indians and two other tribes occupied the land.

The original portion of Berry Plain House, the center section as it appears today, was built in 1720, by Joseph Berry, William Berry's grandson. It was 1.5 stories and included a cellar and porch.

In 1778, another descendant, Thomas Berry, extended the house to the right of the main entry. This included a full second story and raising the roof of the original structure.

In 1845 the property was sold to John and Virginia Dickinson, who built the two-story addition on the left end of the main house. The property remained in the Dickinson family until 1959.

During it's heyday, Dogue, Virginia, along the Rappahannock River, was a busy village. During the early days of Berry Plain, the basement was used as a tavern. With the river and major road nearby [what is now Route 3], travelers welcomed a much-appreciated stop. After enjoying a meal and drinks, overnight guests would have slept in a downstairs room.

1940 aerial photo and 2019 house photo shared from the collection of Mark Stone, Berry Plain Farm.





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