

SPRINGWOOD

Resource History

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1759 – Springwood was built by Col. Van Swearingen after he acquired the land upon which the house stands in 1744 from Richard Morgan. The land was originally granted to Richard Poulson, Joseph Mounts, and Joseph Jones in October 1734 by Lord Fairfax. Swearingen referred to the property as “Rocky Fountain.”

1798 – Capt. Abraham Shepherd purchased the 197 acre tract from Lieutenant William and Luranah Bennett, the daughter and son-in-law of Col. Van Swearingen, for 400 pounds. (BCDB 10/282) Capt. Shepherd was unable to establish a clear title however, and did not take over the property until 1803, after both William and Luranah Bennett had died.

1822 – Henry Shepherd inherited from his father Capt. Abraham Shepherd and begins to call the property “The Lower Farm” to distinguish it from his brother’s upper farm, Wild Goose. The tract had grown to 321 acres by this time.

1869 – Henry Shepherd II inherited the property from his father Henry Shepherd after his death.

1891 – Brothers William Shepherd and Augustus Shepherd inherited from their father Henry Shepherd II after his death.

1907 – Col. Issac V. and Frances K. Johnson purchased from Augustus Shepherd for \$25,000. According to the accompanying survey the property was 312 ³/₅ acres. (JCDB 99/212) Augustus had received his brother William’s half interest in the property after his death in 1905. (JCWB C/277)

January 1910 – William H. Martin purchased from Col. Issac V. and Frances Johnson for \$25,000. (JCDB 103/500) During his ownership William Martin built a new barn to replace the original after it burned down.

July 1941 – Estella Martin, widow of William H. Martin, sold to Dr. N. B. and Pearl Hendrix. (JCDB 156/359)

October 1948 – Nevins B. Hendrix Jr. received from his parents Dr. N. B. and Pearl Hendrix.

December 1954 – Nevins B. Hendrix Jr. sold to his brother Charles N. G. and his wife Jessie Sardo Hendrix. (JCDB 203/1)

March 1992 – Jessie Sardo Hendrix sold to the U.S. Department of the Interior, along with two other parcels of land, for \$4,635,345. (JCDB 708/129)

September 2003 – U.S. Department of the Interior returned the property to Jessie Sardo Hendrix in exchange for property of equal value in New Jersey. (JCDB 980/465)

March 2013 – Mary J. Hendrix inherited from the Jessie Sardo Hendrix Trust (JCDB 1120/712)