



80-024-10 Want Water Ruins (NR)

10511 Livingston Road

Broad Creek

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Built in the early eighteenth century, Want Water was a one-and-one-half-story gambrel-roof dwelling of Tidewater style. The long front and rear walls were of wood frame, while the gambrel-end walls were of brick laid in Flemish bond. It was for several generations the home of the Magruder and Lyles families. Today only the two brick end walls with their shouldered chimneys survive, but the ruins offer abundant information about the construction techniques and architecture of the period. The photo above shows how Want Water looked in 1936. Want Water was listed in the National Register of Historic Places with Harmony Hall in 1980.