

# **Fly-Waller House**

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James Fergus, a physician in the North Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War, received a large land grant in Tennessee which passed to his heirs. Spencer Hill was an early settler to the area who obtained a 180 acre tract and settled on the land. It is not clear if he purchased or was awarded the land from Dr. Fergus since Hill is said to have served under Fergus.

Upon Hill's death, his 180 acres were divided between his two sons. The eastern part of that land was sold to Lawrence Fly who lived in the Fly-Waller House. Lawrence Fly was buried about a mile down Ragsdale road at the family cemetery behind the Fly-Wilburn house.

In 1912 Robert Rollin Rash and the former Ada Clark Butt purchased the home. The land was approximately 150 acres and was primarily used as a tomato farm. Later, the farm was used for tobacco and dairy. Their daughter, Edith, married Frank H. Waller in 1936 and the home remains in the Waller family. Mr. Waller was told there was a large log house on the tract before the present house was built and that it belonged to the Fly family. An old smokehouse is on the property that predates the existing house. No longer present is the old tobacco barn that was constructed from logs.