PROFILE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

The history of Prince William County dates back to the Americans who had possession of it and with whom Captain John Smith became acquainted when he explored the territory. According to tradition, Lord De La Warr was the first white man to settle in the area. A court of justices was appointed on January 17, 1676 by the General Assembly.

Located in the northeastern section of Virginia, approximately 35 miles to the north of Washington, D.C., the county is bordered on the east by the Potomac River, on the north by the City of Manassas, on the west by Loudoun County, and on the south by Fauquier County. The Potomac River is a major waterway for commerce and transportation.

The climate is generally mild with temperatures ranging from an average low of 36°F in January to an average high of 86°F in July. The area enjoys a humid subtropical climate with mild winters and warm, humid summers.

The county is known for its rich history, including the Battle of Manassas (Second Bull Run) during the Civil War, and it has been designated as a National Military Park. The town of Manassas is a major transportation hub, with a major airport and a significant rail presence.

Tourist attractions include the Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Manassas Museum, and the Manassas National Folk Festival. The town also offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including parks, trails, and outdoor activities.

For more information, please contact the Manassas Chamber of Commerce at 703-335-4600.