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Bloom Hill consists of a 1½ story, late 18th or early 19th century, gable-roofed, ~~frame~~ ^{frame-constructed} unit having a one-story, shed-roofed rear addition and a two-story, late-19th century addition on the main house's north end. The whole exterior is covered with weatherboard painted ^{white.}
The house rests on a stone foundation, with no basement.

The oldest part of Bloom Hill has three ~~fireplaces~~ ^{chimneys}, two exterior, ~~chimneys~~ ^{brick and stone chimneys on the south end,} and one massive, interior, ~~chimney~~ brick and stone chimney between the north and center sections of the main house.

A one-story porch supported by square columns spans the 56-foot length of the main house's front, or east side. The windows (¾ sliding sash) and exterior doors are reproduction-style ~~replacements~~ ^{replacements.} ^{The roof on the east side has dormers to light the upstairs rooms.}

The main entrance is located ^(about) in the center of the east side, ^{which is five bays long.} ^{has} The six-panel, moulded, reproduction door ~~has~~ side- and overhead lights.

Opposite the front door is the massive brick and stone chimney, which has ~~2~~ fireplaces on both sides. The ^{floor level of the} main reception room ~~is~~ ^{is} a step ^{or two} higher than the other ground floor rooms. This room ^{(Room A),} roughly

square, has an enclosed, winding, ^{c45-inch-wide} ~~fairly wide~~,¹ staircase which rises along the wall opposite the fireplace. This stair's ~~door~~ ^{has} a 5-panel door ~~with~~ raised panels ~~having~~ with quarter-round moulding, H-hinges, and a wrought-iron latch. ^{Over the door is a section of paneling.} Beneath the stair is a small cupboard having a board and batten door, attached with cast-iron butt hinges. Wide beaded trim surrounds this doorway. The ~~stair~~ stair has old board paneling attached with butterfly-headed wrought nails. The treads and risers ~~may~~ have been replaced. The Federal-style mantel has a moulded shelf; beaded mouldings with dentils; fluted end blocks; a rectangular opening with fluted pilasters; ^{and a} ~~the~~ stone ~~hearth~~ surround with a stone lintel. The hearth is of stone, and the firebox has been lined with brick. The floor in this room is of replacement narrow oak. There is a room off each of three sides of this central room. To the south, a step down, is a ^{crudely} ~~crudely~~-finished room ~~having~~ (Room B) having exposed, ~~chamfered~~ ^{beaded,} whitewashed beams;

old, worn, medium-width pine floors; and a simple mantel with a moulded shelf, plain frieze, ~~and~~ an architrave surround, and plain wide jambs. Rising along the ~~north~~^{east} wall of this room is an enclosed, narrow stair, which has been ^{recently} repaired. The ~~door to this stair~~^{door to the stair has a} ~~is a~~ board and batten ~~type with a~~ metal box lock and ceramic knob. There are square-headed cut nails in this stair's construction. Off this room is a small chamber ^(Room B-1) containing a fireplace with a simple mantel having a moulded shelf. The floor in this room is ~~an~~ a replacement (oak) floor. The doorway between Room B ~~this room~~ and Room B-1 is trimmed with a simple, beaded moulding. The board and batten door has (reproduction?) H-L hinges and a metal latch.

The small chamber (A-1) off the main reception room has a 6-panel door with a metal latch and handle. This room has no fireplace. The room north of Room A, labeled Room C, has a replacement ^{floor,}

a reproduction mantel, and a rebuilt hearth. Off this room is the two-story wing containing kitchen and an open stair to second floor. Although the house has three stair cases, there is communication between all of the rooms on the upper level. The rooms on the second floor have been largely remodeled. The window trim throughout is reproduction pine with mitered corners.

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Site.

Bloom Hill is situated at the end of an approximately half-mile-long private drive on the west side of Lucasville Road, just south of the intersection of Lucasville^{Rd.} and Godwin Drive. The 130 to 150-acre estate is located south of Manassas. This area ~~area~~ ^{of the County} has undergone some recent residential development. The S.R. 234 bypass ~~was~~ ^{pass} has been projected to ~~come~~ ^{pass} quite close by this property's northern boundary. Bloom Hill Farm, now administered by the law firm handling the ~~For~~ Forster estate, is up for sale. In November, a survey was made of the property's boundaries.

Until a few years ago, Bloom Hill Farm was a working farm. Evidence of this is the collection of farm buildings southwest of the house, including a 50' x 90' one-story frame barn, several lean-to buildings, and a cinder block dairy house and milk parlor. Near the entrance to the property on Lucasville Road is a

mid-20th century tenant house, a brick Rambler.
~~There is a small, dilapidated~~

There is nothing special about the grounds or landscaping around the house.

The yard, ^{which shows signs of recent neglect,} contains several walnut trees. Passing by the house's front, or east side, ^{about 50 feet away,} ~~can be~~ is a wide trench, apparently the remains of an old north-south road. Whether this road was a main route, or just a lane connecting Bloom Hill with its neighbor ~~Foster~~ Moor Green to the southwest is unknown. The setting of the house, its grounds and relation to the outbuildings all suggest that this is a simple, unpretentious farmhouse that had its origins in Western Prince William's pioneer days, possibly as a combination residence-inn, or drover's rest.