

Bloom Hill Farm

HISTORY

Bloom Hill is part of the 130- to 152-acre Bloom Hill Farm which is owned by the estate of the late Milton C. Forster. Mr. and Mrs. Forster had purchased the property in 1941 from Virginia and Jacob Corner. The Corners had purchased the property in 1919 from the heirs of Charles E. Brawner. Prior to Brawner's ownership, the property had belonged to J. J. Cockrell.

At The history of Bloom Hill is linked with that of Clover Hill, an adjoining farm on the north, ~~at the only~~ ~~remaining working farm in the~~ ~~City of Manassas~~ ~~which was founded by~~ ~~Rutt Johnson.~~ According to the available published sources, Bloom Hill was part of Rutt Johnson's Prince William County landholdings. In 1770, Johnson, an immigrant farmer from New Jersey, purchased about 100 acres from Patrick Hamrick, a planter. It has not been established whether ~~this~~ that initial purchase included the Bloom Hill property. /

Bloom Hill ~~and~~ Farm passed ^{to} ~~into~~ the Cokerrell family when, according to WPA historian Susan R. Morton, Sarah Johnson married a Cokerrell and willed the property to her son.

According to local tradition, the house was used as a tavern in the late 18th or 19th century. The traces of an old north-south road can be seen passing the house's front, or east side.

Almost directly across Lucasville Rd. is Fostern, which incorporates an early 19th century dwelling. A short distance south of Bloom Hill is Moor Green, another early 19th century house. A little further south by ~~on~~ the Lucasville Road and across Broad Run is Brentsville an early 19th century town that from 1822 to 1892 was the Prince William County seat.

This house is one of the few remaining 1½-story heavy timber-constructed, late 18th or early 19th century houses remaining in Prince William County. It is in good condition, having been restored by the previous owner. →

Its present setting, though ~~accidental~~^{new} development will probably change that, is peaceful, scenic and reminiscent of the County's rural past.