

# 'Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow'

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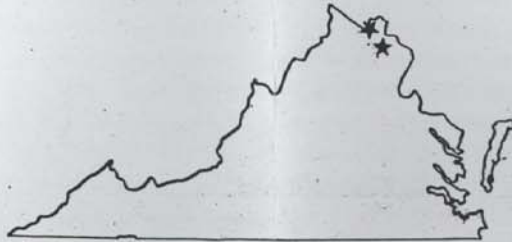
Pohick Church

takes great pleasure in presenting to  
GLOBE Readers  
a series of photographic articles

"Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow"

This series will explore  
"George Washington's Country"

and the historic landmarks of Virginia



★ Bel Air (1740) ★ Pohick Church (1774)

## Our American Heritage

### Twelfth in This Series

Spring in Virginia means Historic Garden Week and all over the Old Dominion State, historic houses and their lovely gardens are being opened to visitors.

This year, the annual tour of historic homes in Fairfax and Prince William Counties is being sponsored by the Garden Club of Fairfax on April 26, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

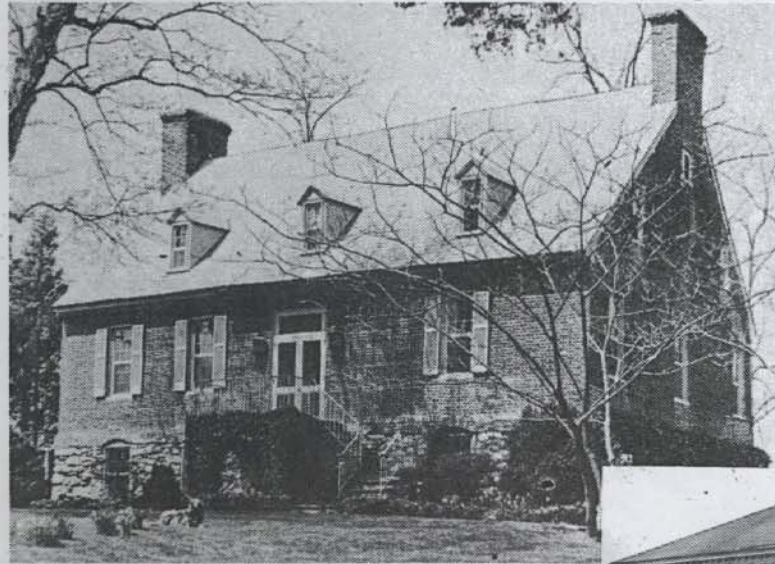
Visitors are urged to spend the entire day touring the several houses since the homes are located over a wide area. Four of these historic landmarks are being opened for the first time and the other has not been open for many years. The DAR has marked three of these homes as places of unusual historic interest.

Pohick Church is serving as the Information Center for this tour. Begun in 1769 and completed in 1774, this little brick chapel had a most distinguished building committee which included George Washington, George William Fairfax and George Mason.

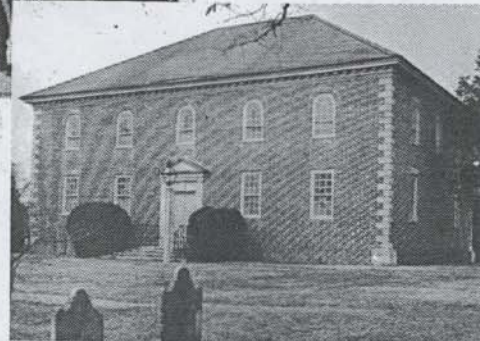
Bel Air is perhaps most famous for its connection with "Parson" Mason Weems, whose "biography" of George Washington is known to every school child. Built in 1740 by Charles Ewell, Bel Air is a handsome two and a half storied building of some 14 rooms. A mammoth 20 foot chimney is of special architectural interest and so is the large cooking fireplace on the ground floor.

The small sitting room to the right of the drawing room at Bel Air is known as the Washington Guest Chamber and on the upper floor, a small bedroom in the back was Parson Weems' study. Legend has it that the Parson selected the most remote room in order to secure a sanctuary from his mother-in-law!

Advance information concerning the other houses which will be open on the tour may be obtained by contacting Mrs. S. Gail Landon, Jr., at CR 3-2727.



PARSON WEEMS HAD A ROOM . . . in this house which he used as a sanctuary from his mother-in-law! The house is Bel Air, built in 1740.



HISTORIC POHICK CHURCH . . . is the Information Center for the April 26 House and Garden Tour sponsored by the Garden Club of Fairfax.

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